

Correction: The Johnstown *Tribune Democrat* DID report its verification of the Mecca-orientation of the Crescent of Embrace

My article in this space last Tuesday accused the *Tribune Democrat* of failing to publish its own fact checking of my claim that a person facing into the giant central crescent of the planned Flight 93 Memorial will be facing almost exactly at Mecca. That charge was incorrect. Kirk Swauger’s article the previous Sunday last DID report his verification that giant crescent is oriented on Mecca. Here is what Kirk wrote about my Mecca orientation claim:

His claims seem to be backed up by coordinates for the direction of qibla from Somerset that can be found on Islam.com. When superimposed over the crescent in the memorial design, the mid-point points over the Arctic Circle, through Europe toward Mecca.

The hijacker has gained control of the cockpit

At the Memorial Project’s public meeting last Saturday, I learned from Flight 93 Advisory Commission member Tim Baird that every member of the Advisory Commission knows that my Mecca orientation claim is factually accurate. Apparently they are just making excuses for it, as Project Superintendent Joanne Hanley did in an April 2006 conference call when she explained to me why she was not concerned about the almost exact Mecca-orientation of the giant crescent. “It is not exact,” she said to me: “That’s one we talked about. It has to be exact.”

One of the Advisory Commission members, a lawyer, offered a similar rationalization to one of my compatriots at the Saturday meeting. He said that the Mecca orientation of the crescent could not have been intended as a tribute to Islam because an inexact orientation on Mecca, if it were done on purpose, would be “disrespectful” to Islam. A lawyer should know better than to make assertions about what is and is not allowed in Islam when he is completely ignorant on the subject.

Any Muslim knows that a Mecca-direction indicator does NOT have to be exact. Traditional Islam follows the example of Muhammad, and every Muslim knows that Muhammad’s mosque was not exactly oriented on Mecca. It was originally built to face Jerusalem. Only later in his career did Muhammad order Muslims to change their direction of prayer to face the

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Advisory Commission member Tim Baird wants proof of Islamic and terrorist memorializing intent. Architect Paul Murdoch provides it in spades. Once his design is a *fait accompli*, Murdoch needs to be able to claim his victory, and somehow he had the insight to understand that victory would require thoroughly crushing the wilful blindness of people like Tim Baird.

To the right is one of the many proofs of intent in Murdoch’s design. Start with the almost exact Mecca orientation of the giant crescent, depicted by drawing a line between the two most obtruding tips of the crescent structure, then adding a perpendicular bisector (red arrow). Next draw a line across the most obtruding tips of the crescents of trees that surround the Tower of Voices portion of the memorial (blue line). Without rotating either graphic, lay these lines on top of each other, and you can see they have the exact same slope (red and blue make purple), proving that neither is a coincidence.

This is just a sample. There are entire multiply-Mecca-oriented geometric structures that are exactly repeated in Murdoch’s design.

What you can do to tackle the hijacker: ask the *Daily American* and the *Tribune Democrat* to fact check my claims

If the many easily fact-checkable geometric claims that I am making about Paul Murdoch’s memorial design are false, then I am a dispicable fraud who needs to be shamed out of public life. Patrick White, Vice President of Families of Flight 93, insists that my claims *are* false. So what are he and my other critics waiting for? Why are they yet to present any evidence to counter even a single one of my factual claims?

For my part, I want any statement of mine that is not properly qualified according to the facts to be immediately corrected. For your part, you just need to know the truth. It you want to help tackle the bad guy (whether it turns out to be Paul Murdoch or myself), please ask your newspapers to fact check a short list of my most explosive assertions:

How in the world I managed read past that paragraph, when it was the the one thing I was looking for, is beyond me. My efforts to expose the crescent design would have been strengthened considerably if I had cited Kirk’s verification of my Mecca orientation claim, instead of wrongly accusing the Trib-Dem of suppressing this crucial information. They came through for me, and I maligned them for it.

I am very glad to issue the sincerest apology to Kirk Swauger and to editor Chip Minemyer for wrongly accusing them last week. Everyone should know that, while it has been slow in coming, your local newspapers have come through for you in the end, and I trust they will continue to do so as the explosive story of Islamic and terrorist memorializing features in the planned

Kaaba in Mecca. In his own mosque, Muhammad just switched the *mihrab* (his prayer direction indicator) from one end of his mosque to the other, which had not been built to face Mecca. Thus when Muslims are looking for a suitable place to pray, they are allowed to face any wall that leaves them facing even very roughly towards Mecca. Practicing Muslims are well aware of this allowance because they have to avail themselves of it every day. Murdoch’s giant *mihrab*, facing 1.8 ° north of Mecca, is quite accurate by Islamic standards.

I asked Mr. Baird whether Advisory Commission members were aware of the factual accuracy of my other claims about Murdoch’s design. Do they know about the separate upper section of Memorial Wall, centered exactly on the bisector of the giant crescent? Do they know that the 9/11 date is inscribed on that wall, putting the date exactly in the position of the star on an Islamic crescent and star flag? Do they know about the 44 memorial glass blocks emplaced along the flight path, equaling the number of passengers, crew, and terrorists? "It's all in your report, right," responded Mr. Baird rhetorically. "Your report has been passed around at the meetings," he told me, suggesting that everyone had looked at it, and many if not all know what is in it. Apparently they are all just making excuses for what is

Flight 93 Memorial gets out to the wider world.

One thing that will be revealed is person after person who has in-effect been blocking for the hijacker, insisting to the press that my claims are false, even as they admit to me and amongst each other that my factual assertions are correct. Let’s just be clear. There is only one bad guy in this story: the Los Angeles architect who snuck a terrorist memorial mosque into our memorial design competition. Everyone else is a well meaning as can be, even as they do the bidding of a man who, Iago like, won their trust and uses it against them.

Anyone who is blocking for the hijacker, I have no choice but to throw them out of the way, however roughly I have to do it, but only Paul Murdoch is guilty of worse than human frailty.

in the design, including Mr. Baird.

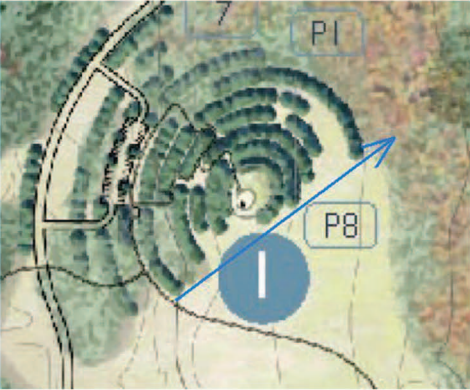
"I won't be concerned unless you can prove intent," Baird told me, "and it is *impossible* to prove intent." He presented this as an impenetrable redoubt, as it to say, "let's see you get past that defense." I looked at him like he was crazy. Did he not understand what he had just said: that he will *never* be concerned, no matter *what* is shown to be in the design?

The assembled commissioners announced on Saturday that Paul Murdoch’s design has been approved at the highest levels of delegated authority. Despite knowing the factual accuracy of my explosive claims, these commissioners convinced the regional director of the National Park Service that the chosen design is appropriate and should go forward. Thus the hijacker has now gained control of the cockpit. Construction blueprints are being drawn up as you read. In your own backyard, willing dupes are daily advancing Paul Murdoch’s plot to stab a terrorist Memorial mosque into the heartland of America.

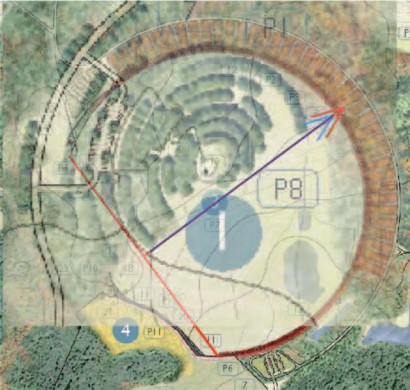
The whole country is now aboard this hijacked airplane. Most likely it will now take Congressional action to stop Murdoch’s Mosque. We need a full majority of the American people to stand up and say “no.” But unlike the heroes of Flight 93, we don’t have to give up our lives to tackle this hijacker. We just have to care.



Qibla line, from Islam.com, points to Mecca



The Tower of Voices, with crescent-tip line



Red and blue make purple

1. Does Paul Murdoch’s crescent design really have 44 inscribed memorial glass blocks emplaced along the flight path? *Tribune Democrat* reporter Kecia Bal already asked me to send her the official Crescent of Embrace design PDFs so that she can check this claim. She should also ask Project manager Jeff Reinbold if he actually said, as I claim in my *Crescent of Betrayal* book (temporarily available for free download at CrescentOfBetrayal.com): “If you are going to count the big glass block with the little glass blocks, then you have to count the windows in the Visitor Center too.” At the at the same time as Reinbold was admitting the 44 glass blocks on the flight path, and making excuses for it, the Project was telling the families of Flight 93 that my claims had been debunked. Ask him.
2. Is there actually a separate upper section of Memorial Wall, close to exactly centered on the bisector of the giant crescent, inscribed with the 9/11 date? Am I correct to assert that this puts the date in the position of star on an Islamic crescent and star flag?
3. Did the editors of the Pittsburgh *Post Gazette* really know about Mecca orientation of the giant crescent in September 2005, and decide not to report it because, as I quote *Post Gazette* reporter Paula Reed Ward in My book: “we decided that because the world is round, it didn’t make and difference: you can go *any* direction to get to Mecca.”
4. Did Tim Baird say what I claim in this ad that he said? Did the lawyer? Did Joanne Hanley? Please fact check this unknown accuser.