I’m going to begin with a testimony from a non-Muslim. I’m going to read the testimony. I’m not going to tell you who it is until the end, and I want you to guess who it is.

[Sits down, reads from a book with a few minor errors such as repeating “the highest standards of living”:

Added to this internal confidence was the fact that Muslims enjoyed outstanding success during their first six or so centuries. To be a Muslim meant to belong to a winning civilization. This pattern of success started right at the beginning: in A.D. 622, Muhammad fled Mecca as a refugee, then returned there in 630 as its ruler. By the year 715, Muslim conquerors had assembled an empire that reached Spain in the west and India in the east. Muslims boasted of some of the most powerful armies, the highest standards of living, the best health, the most impressive rates of literacy, and the highest standards of living, and the most impressive scientific and technical advances. In the words of Martin Kramer, a historian, “Had there been a Nobel Prize in 1000, they would have gone almost exclusively to the Muslims.”

A non-Muslim said this. You have any idea who he is? Give me a guess. Raise your hand and tell me who said this. Yes?

Audience member: David Hart?

Excellent, David Hart. Wrong. It was an excellent guess.

Audience member: George Bernard Shaw? …

Good guess, no. In fact, if you get it right, I’ll give you a thousand dollars. From the imam’s pocket. [laughter] Yes?

Audience member: Martin Luther King Jr.? …

Martin Luther King, no.

When I tell you who it is, I want you to Google and find out who this man is. This man is Daniel Pipes. If you know anything about Daniel Pipes you know he is a critic of Islam and Muslims. But yet he made this stunning admission about Muslims.