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Posted: Mon, 22 Nov 2021 by [Megan Manson](#)

A recent report on state-sanctioned killings of 'blasphemers' and 'apostates' suggests re-interpreting Islam as a solution rather than promoting universal human rights. Megan Manson argues this is the wrong approach. [Read More »](#)

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[Naz Shah's argument on blasphemy should be rejected](#)

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The Labour MP has effectively called for a blasphemy law as she highlighted the "emotional harm" caused by depictions of Muhammad. Freedom of expression on religion mustn't be up for negotiation, says Chris Sloggett. [Read More »](#)

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[Western liberals' weakness on blasphemy is letting down Muslim dissenters](#)

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The hand-wringing in the face of a vicious campaign against a teacher sends a demoralising message to those fighting for free speech on religion globally and in British Muslim communities, says Kunwar Khuldune Shahid. [Read More »](#)

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[Five years after the Charlie Hebdo murders, free expression on religion still needs promoting](#)

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[Why won't the government condemn the existence of Pakistan's blasphemy laws?](#)

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[European ruling that 'religious feelings' trump free speech is a dangerous development](#)

Posted: Fri, 26 Oct 2018 by [Stephen Evans](#)

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[Pakistan's elections will mean little for minorities and secularists](#)

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[It shouldn't be normal for pubs to conform to blasphemy codes](#)

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[Let's point out that the 'Je ne suis pas Charlie' brigade are helping the terrorists win](#)

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[De facto blasphemy laws are alive and well](#)

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[It should be politically impossible for universities to enforce blasphemy laws](#)

Posted: Thu, 30 Apr 2015 by [Benjamin Jones](#)

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[A strange case of blasphemy](#)

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Posted: Wed, 01 Oct 2014 by [Alastair Lichten](#)

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