



## Annual "Rays of Light in the Darkness" Dinner

Please Mark Your Calendars for Wednesday, May 6th for our Annual "Rays of Light in the Darkness" Dinner

EMET is pleased to announce that May 6<sup>th</sup>, we will be once again hosting our annual "Rays of Light in the Darkness" Dinner, where we will be offering our "Speaker of the Truth" Awards to those who have risked much in the struggle against radical Islam, while best representing the forces of democracy, pluralism and respect for human rights which form the core of our Western values. During this once a year event, we take time to honor a few outstanding voices who have risked much, including reputation, political standing, and sometimes their lives to tell the world the truth about radical Islam.

We urge you to make an effort to show these heroic individuals the appreciation and honor that they so richly deserve by joining us this May. We hope that we will be able to both recognize these courageous individuals in the manner they deeply deserve, while also providing encouragement for others, perhaps now in the shadows, to lend their voice to the cause of reform of the Arab and Muslim world.

Included among the honorees will be:



**Hon. Senator Jon Kyl-** Jon Kyl has served as Arizona's senator since 1994, and is the ranking Republican member of the Senate Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security. Senator Kyl has successfully battled for tough new anti-terrorism tools for our nation's law enforcement, including the vital "Lone Wolf" amendment to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) which allows law enforcement to obtain warrants when targeted non-state supported terror-suspects. This year, Senator Kyl lent his powerful voice to expose the Council on American-Islamic Relations' (CAIR) unsavory connections in a letter to FBI Director Robert Mueller and hosted embattled Dutch Parliamentarian Geert Wilders, after Wilders was denied access to the United Kingdom because of his film, "Fitna." Prior to entering the Senate, Kyl served in the House of

Representatives from 1987 to 1995. Kyl was born in Oakland, Nebraska, and graduated from the University of Arizona with his law degree in 1966.



**Hon. Senator Joseph Lieberman-** Senator Lieberman is a four-term U.S Senator from the state of Connecticut, and 2000 Democratic candidate for Vice President, Senator Lieberman championed the creation of the Department of Homeland Security to protect the nation from terrorist attacks after 9/11, and has led his committee in an investigation of homegrown terror and the radicalization of young Muslims in the United States, and has looked into the dangerous growth of internet recruiting among Islamist terror organizations. Senator Lieberman and Senator Kyl worked together to author and push through Congress an amendment which designated the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps a terrorist entity. In 2006, Senator Lieberman co-sponsored the "Palestinian Anti-Terrorism

Act," aimed at preventing U.S aid to the Palestinian territories reaching terrorists. Senator Lieberman was born in Stamford, Connecticut, and graduated from Yale with a degree in Law in 1967.



**Hon. R. James Woolsey-** Former Director of Central Intelligence (1993-1995), former ambassador to negotiations on conventional armed forces in Europe-Vienna (1989-1991), former Undersecretary of the Navy (1977-1979) and presently a co-chairman of the Committee on the Present Danger, James Woolsey is a clear voice in the struggle against the totalitarian Islamist movements which have dedicated themselves to the destruction of Western Civilization. A strong activist of energy independence for America, Woolsey speaks the uncomfortable but necessary truth that America's addiction to foreign oil funds the efforts of radical Islam and that America must stop paying the bills for those dedicated to our destruction. James Woolsey was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he graduated from Tulsa Central High School. In 1963 he received his BA from Stanford University and in 1965 his MA from Oxford University and an LLB from Yale Law School in 1968.



**Dr. Walid Phares-** Professor Walid Phares is a Senior Fellow and the director for Future Terrorism Project at the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies in Washington (2001-2009). He is also a Visiting Fellow with the European Foundation for Democracies in Brussels (2006-2009). He is Fox News Terrorism and Middle East Expert since 2007 and has been MSNBC-NBC Terrorism Analyst from 2003 to the end of 2006. Professor Phares has been an advisor to the US House of Representatives Caucus on Counter Terrorism since 2007 and to the Trans Atlantic Legislative Group on Counter Terrorism since 2008. He has served as an analyst to Governments, International Organizations, NGOs and media of the ongoing world conflicts, including the War on Terrorism and the War of Ideas particularly since September 11, 2001 with regards to al Qaida and Hezbollah's ideologies and strategies, regional and local Jihadist groups, as well as Islamist strategies within the West.

Born and raised in Lebanon, Dr Walid Phares was educated at St Joseph and the Lebanese Universities of Beirut where he obtained degrees in Law and Political Science as well as a certificate in Sociology. He obtained a Masters in International Law from the Universite de Lyons in France and a Ph.D. in International Relations and Strategic Studies from the University of Miami.



Dr. Tarek Abdelhamid

**Dr. Tawfik Hamid-** Former Islamic extremist Tawfik Hamid knows all too well the danger posed by Radical Islam. Originally from Egypt, and a former member of Jamaa Islamiya. Breaking with radicalism, Dr. Hamid now seeks a reform of Islam based on modern peaceful interpretations of traditional classic Islamic texts. Dr. Hamid has spoken on the subject of the Jihadi mindset both in academia and government, including the Pentagon, National Counter Terrorism Centre and the Joint Counter-Terrorism Taskforce for New York City. Dr. Hamid has a medical degree in internal medicine, in addition to a Master's degree in cognitive psychology and educational techniques. Currently Dr. Hamid is a Senior Fellow at the [Potomac Institute for Policy Studies](#) and President of [Global Movement Against Radical Islam](#).

**Please make every effort to attend. For more information, you can contact us at [info@emetonline.org](mailto:info@emetonline.org), or call us at (202) 772-4275.**