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*Atomic Jihad*, the title of Joel Gilbert's latest socio-political documentary, is an attention-getter all right, but it's the subtitle - "Ahmadinejad's Coming War for Islamic Revival and Obama's Politics of Defeat" - that will earn it the required-viewing status it deserves among anyone still in the dark about the global big picture.

While the media and politicians stalk such chimera du jour as the "swine-flu epidemic" and "climate change," the far more obvious and dangerous threat represented by the leader of Iran gets treated like a dog-bites-man story that will go away if only we ignore it long enough. *Atomic Jihad*, however, reminds us that it that it refuses to go away.

In *Atomic Jihad*, excerpts of speeches of Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad run through the documentary, speeches that show him promising, over and over, the imminent restoration of Islam to the global pre-eminence it enjoyed until the Industrial Revolution, a pre-eminence that was not only economic and military, but also religious and political.

What's even more troubling is that the documentary examines another Islamic country as well: the United States of America. Interwoven with the speeches of Ahmadinejad are those of President Barack Obama, speeches in which the Muslim-reared leader of the free world, amid effulgent praise for the glories of Islam, promises Ahmadinejad and Muslims worldwide that under his administration the U.S. will be as Islamo-friendly as it was Islamo-antagonistic under George W. Bush.

Ominously, *Atomic Jihad* ends with footage of Ahmadinejad declaring that the "hidden Imam" will soon emerge to inaugurate a new Islamic golden age. Gilbert suggests with even one nuclear weapon, Iran could bring the "Great Satan" to its knees. What Gilbert doesn't suggest, mainly because he doesn't need to, is that, in President Obama the Islamic powers already have, if not a hidden Imam, a 21st-century Neville Chamberlain eager to acquiesce to their every demand.