

# LEVITT LETTER

“Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved.” – Romans 10:1

Why do people hate Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon? Why do people hate the democracy of Israel? Why do reporters in a free country like ours, or in England, or in the rest of Western Europe take every opportunity to savage a successful sister democracy? Why do they favor a police state in its place? The writer below deals with these hard questions. — Zola



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# “Why Do They Hate Us?”

By Bruce S. Thornton, *FrontPage Magazine*

The distaste for Israel evident in coverage of the current crisis is a mystery to me. I’m not talking about the Arabs, who have their own obvious reasons for hating Israel, not the least being that Israel is a living reproach to Islamic civilization’s inability to adapt to the modern world. The weakness of Islam vis-à-vis a West it once terrified and dominated is exposed daily by the strength and confidence and prosperity of a tiny nation dwarfed by the population and resources and armies of its adversaries.



Zola with Prime Minister Ariel Sharon discussing current tensions in Israel

victims “of color” instead continue to be seen as the puppets of some Zionist conspiracy.

The answer to this disgust can’t be that Israel is as uniquely oppressive as it is claimed to be, setting aside

I’m speaking rather about Israel’s critics in Europe and the United States, where the media’s double standard in judging Israel, and their failure to acknowledge the historical circumstances that have created the current crisis and explain it, are so commonplace that it usually goes unnoticed. It is testimony to the bizarre mental universe of many in the Islamic world that an American media that has made the Palestinians their pet

for the moment the reasons why Israel has to do what it does. Given the bloodshed, violence, ethnic cleansing, seizure of territory, and genocidal rampages occurring daily across the planet, Israel’s offences, even if they were as horrible as their enemies claim, are pretty small beer, and certainly not as destructive as those of many Arab regimes in the Middle East.

## America vs. America

By Ellen Sorokin, *The Washington Times*

As part of the country’s war against terrorism, the Bush administration... wants to recruit a million letter carriers, utility workers and others whose jobs allow them access to private homes into a contingent of organized government informants.

The Terrorism Information and Prevention System (Operation TIPS, [www.citizen corps.gov](http://www.citizen corps.gov)), a national reporting pilot program, is scheduled to start...in 10 cities, with 1 million informants.

The program will allow volunteers, whose routines make them well-positioned to recognize suspect activities, to report the same to the Justice Department, which is running the project. The Justice Department will enter the information into a database, which will then be broadly available within the department, and to state and local agencies and local police forces.

The program has already alarmed several civil liberties groups, includ-

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For example, if seizing territory and interfering with national autonomy and self-determination are such a crime, why isn't the international community bombarding Syria, which controls Lebanon, with demands to end the "illegal occupation" and withdraw its thousands of troops? Or if killing Arabs justifies such criticism, why don't we have marches in solidarity with Saddam Hussein's Islamic victims, which must number in the hundreds of thousands? Or if abusing Palestinians is the specific charge, why aren't there movements to isolate Jordan, which has probably killed more Palestinians than the Israelis have?

And of course, what's ignored is that Israel's actions have all been reactions to unceasing attempts to destroy it. Israel does what it does to survive, rather than to create an empire or acquire more wealth for a ruling elite or gain access to precious resources. Some in Israel may dream of a return to the Biblical borders of David and Solomon's kingdom, but most Israelis think about the West Bank solely in terms of security. Just compare the number of Israelis killed when Israel controlled the West Bank to the num-

ber killed since the Palestinians have controlled it, and you'll see their point.

Yet this necessary context for evaluating Israel's actions is usually ignored or dismissed. Instead Israel is judged by some absolute standard of behavior never applied to any Third-World country that's not to the right of Attila the Hun. An obvious reason for this phenomenon is that Israel is a Western society, and so it is held to the same utopian expectations for behavior that all Western nations are subject to. That critics strain out the Western gnat and swallow whole the Third-World camels of oppression and violence is a continuing scandal. I suspect that such critics are in reality ethnocentric chauvinists, and believe the West is superior, more civilized and advanced, and so should be held to a higher standard. Westerners, in other words, should know better because they are better.

There's another dimension, though, to this unfair standard. Just imagine for a moment that Israel was a communist country like Cuba. Do you think they'd be the evil villains they've been made out to be? You can answer that question by con-

templating the relatively good press that Castro's regime enjoys. Compared to the obsessive attention paid to every move Israel makes in defending itself, we hear little outside of Miami about human rights violations in Cuba, which serve to maintain an autocrat's power rather than to prevent maniacs from blowing up children. Yet the same "progressive" Americans who sneak into Castro's island to gape at the socialist paradise join marches condemning Israeli "genocide."

So Israel is fair game because it's "capitalist," a client of the world's Great Satan, the United States, the premier colonial and imperial exploiter of the abused "other." We see here at work the same weird logic that allows right-thinking leftists to shrug off Communism's 100 million corpses at the same time they scream about the accidental killing of a civilian. Not all people's lives, it seems, are equally precious — just those playing the proper role in the Marxist historical operetta.

Israel is attacked, then, because it is a Western liberal democracy tarred with the brush of all the West's crimes

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against humanity. But let's not forget another obvious point — Israelis are Jews. A residual anti-Semitism has lately joined up with guilt-fatigue, particularly in Europe. As the generation responsible for the Holocaust dies off, I think we'll see more and more Europeans simply getting sick of the whole thing, sick of the guilt, the reminders of barbarity, the museums testifying to the insane depths to which presumably civilized people can descend.

In short, they'll want to forget, and the existence of Israel itself, its determination never again to be a despised and pitied victim, is a constant irritating reminder that won't let them forget. ■

**AMERICA VS. AMERICA**  
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ing the American Civil Liberties Union and the Rutherford Institute, which say the administration should not allow TIPS to become “an end run around the Constitution.”

Critics say that having Americans act as “domestic informants” is reminiscent of the infamous Stasi, the now-disbanded communist East German secret police service that snooped on dissidents and ordinary East German citizens for more than 40 years, compiling a huge catalogue of notes.

John Whitehead, executive director of the Rutherford Institute, said, “This is George Orwell's 1984.... It's making Americans into government snoops. President Bush wants the average American to do what the FBI should be doing. In the end, though, nothing is going to prevent terrorists from crashing planes into buildings.”

Anyone who has traveled in communist and post-communist countries has seen the devastating effects of enlisting citizen spies. Our editor served as a missionary in a former eastern bloc country during the early 1990s, and quickly observed how suspicious the local people were of one another.

One evening he was chatting with three of his neighbors, listening to their criticisms of the new president. One man remarked how in some ways the old communist regime was better than the current democratic government. Another retorted, “But if the communists were still in power, then we'd know that one of us was an informant for the secret police and the other three would be arrested for sedition.” One in four citizens in that country was a “citizen spy.” In reality, that meant that family members regularly snitched on one another.

President Bush is calling for one in 24 of our citizens — your neighbors and mine — to help the government fill dossiers on all of us. Will we become a nation of suspicious, uptight citizens, afraid to trust any maintenance worker or mail carrier? Will we keep our blinds closed and have fewer guests over? Will we be constantly looking over our shoulders? Will we remove bumper stickers from our cars that some neighbors would deem anti-government?

The goal of the old Gestapo, the KGB, the Stasi, and the secret police of many communist and fascist dictatorships was to always know what citizens were doing and saying against the government. This

system will eventually be resurrected worldwide when the Antichrist comes on the scene during the Tribulation, demanding absolute loyalty to himself and his regime.

How sad that America — the land of the free — would forsake the one overarching desire of our founding fathers: freedom from government tyranny. However gradual and benign it may seem now, sending domestic spies out into our neighborhoods will eventually pit American against American, rather than unifying our citizenry against a common enemy.

If America's goal is to prevent more terrorism, then we should use our resources not on a system of citizen spies that will undoubtedly lead to widespread abuse (Do you have a disgruntled neighbor?), but rather on searching out those who hate America enough to kill us. And September 11 gave us a pretty clear picture of our present enemy.

If we do not immediately watch, profile and, yes, “spy on” the Arabs and Moslems among us, we will truly lose this war. This is not discrimination; it is common sense. One of our minorities has a plan to overthrow our government and take over our country. — Zola ■



ED WAZNY, CABLE GUY and UNDERCOVER GOVERNMENT "OPERATION TIPS" AGENT, OBSERVES SUSPICIOUS, TERRORIST-RELATED ACTIVITY in the BATHROOM of the MCGILLICUDDY HOUSEHOLD.

# Land Without Peace

By Charles Krauthammer, *The Washington Post*



Whenever a massacre occurs in Israel, Palestinian spokesmen rush out to say: "Yes, this is terrible, but this is what happens when you have a people with no hope for an end to the occupation." Apologists in the West invariably echo this exculpation/explanation.

Of all the mendacity that pollutes Middle Eastern discourse, this one is the worst. It assumes that the listener is not only stupid but amnesiac. Two years ago at the Camp David summit, in the presence of the president of the United States, the Palestinians were offered an end to the occupation — a total end, a final end — by the prime minister of Israel. They said no. They said no because in return, they were asked to make peace.

Remember? The mantra thrown at the Israelis for decades was "land for peace." It turns out Arafat wanted the land, but at Camp David, as always, he refused to make peace. The reason innocents are dying every day is not because of the occupation, but because the Palestinians believe they can get (as Hezbollah got in Lebanon) land without peace.

And why should they not believe it? The State Department wants to give them exactly that. The way out of the Middle East morass, Colin Powell has urged the president, is to give the Palestinians a "light at the end of the tunnel" by giving them their own "interim" or "provisional" Palestinian state — even as the massacres continue, like the blowing to bits of 26 Jerusalemites in two consecutive suicide bombings.

This rewarding of terrorism is not just a moral scandal. It is disastrous diplomacy. What does this provisional state say to the Palestinians? You can reject the state you were offered two years ago, start a war, murder daily, and then be re-offered a state — this time without even having to be asked to make peace.

For an American foreign policy whose major objective is stability and nonviolence (if for no other reason than to give us freedom of action elsewhere in the region to fight terrorism), one could not devise a worse policy. If two years of blood-letting gives the Palestinians an interim state — without even a simple cease-fire, let alone a real peace — what possible disincentive do they have to continue the violence?

Statehood before peace is guaranteed to increase the violence. After all, what does "provisional statehood" mean? There has never been a "provisional state." Powell will have to make the concept up as he goes along. But if statehood means anything, it means three things:

**1. Territorial inviolability.** Today terrorism is reduced (Israel stops 90 percent of planned attacks) because the Israeli army goes into Palestinian territories to seize and stop terrorists. After statehood, this becomes an invasion of another country. The terrorists will now have sanctuary. Every time Israel pursues them, the Security Council will be called into emergency session and America will be censured unless it condemns this Israeli "invasion." The net effect will be more terrorism and increased resentment of American diplomacy.

**2. Arms.** The basic premise of American policy for 25 years has been that the only way to assure peace is to have a demilitarized Palestinian entity. Sure, in offering "provisional statehood" the United States will insist on limits to Palestine's buildup of weapons. These limits will be broken as surely as were the limits on the Palestinian "police" that were in the Oslo accords. But it will be worse. Once you have statehood, the Palestinians will say that every self-respecting state has the right to arm itself as it wishes. Why not Palestine? The West Bank will bristle not just with the weapons of guerrilla war (machine guns and car bombs), but the weapons of regional war: Katyusha rockets and anti-aircraft missiles. What do you think happens when civilian planes trying to land at Ben Gurion Airport come under fire from such an armed Palestinian state?

**3. Alliances.** A basic attribute of statehood is the right to contract alliances. Even before statehood, Arafat secretly allied himself with Iran and Hezbollah. With statehood, he will be able to do so openly. And what do we do when he declares alliance with Syria or Iraq and invites their tank armies into the West Bank to protect Palestine from Israeli "aggression"?

Provisional statehood is folly. For the United States to offer it constitutes a moral and strategic collapse. It is a way to give the Palestinians their goals without even the pretense of asking them to put down the gun.

Statehood for the Palestinians is a foregone conclusion. The only question today is whether they get it while they continue to massacre Jews or only after they have abjured massacres. Land for peace. Remember? ■



## Send in the Clowns

### —Part 3

By Joseph Farah, *WorldNetDaily*



When I heard an FBI spokesman try to dismiss the Fourth of July attack on El Al passengers at Los Angeles International Airport by Egyptian Muslim Hesham Mohamed Hadayet as “an isolated incident,” something about those words troubled me....

As a matter of fact, it was more than 10 years ago the FBI characterized the arrest of Sayyid Nosair, another Egyptian-American, as “an isolated incident.” Nosair was arrested for the assassination of Rabbi Meir Kahane in New York City.

When the FBI picked up Nosair in 1990, it found a treasure trove of evidence linking him with Islamic terrorists and plans to destroy skyscrapers in New York.... But none of it was translated until after the 1993 World Trade Center bombing...because the assassination of Kahane was considered just “an isolated incident.”

In 1995, when Ramzi Yousef was convicted of terrorism charges in the World Trade Center bombing, investigators learned of his plans to hijack multiple airliners and crash them into key U.S. buildings such as the Pentagon and CIA headquarters. What did the FBI think of the audacious plan? The agency characterized it as “farfetched.”

There's overwhelming evidence to show the FBI intentionally ignored dozens and dozens of compelling accounts by eyewitnesses to the TWA Flight 800 disaster who saw a missile strike the plane near Long Island in 1996. The cause of the disaster, concluded the FBI, was a “freak accident” — another term for “isolated incident.”

The FBI also found no suggestion of terrorism in the crash of Egyptair Flight 990 Oct. 31, 1999.... Despite the fact that co-pilot Gameel el-Batouty was at the controls of the plane and shouted in Arabic before it went into a dive, “I put my faith in Allah,” the FBI refuses to link the crash to Islamic terrorism.

When and how do a series of “isolated incidents” begin to show a pattern to the FBI? Does common sense ever play a part in FBI investigations? Or have they become so tied to the nation's foreign and domestic policies that they have lost all objectivity?

If the FBI can't see that, the agency should be disbanded as a useless, anachronistic band of plainclothes Keystone Kops doing more harm than good for the security of the United States. ■

## Discovering the Real Jesus

*Wall Street Journal*

An Ohio woman who says that a teacher prevented her son from writing about Jesus is suing the Brookfield School District...in Sharon, PA. Peggy Koehler says that when her son, whom the suit describes as “educationally challenged,” picked Jesus as the person who influenced him most for an essay assignment, his teacher told him that Jesus was not a real person and that he should pick another topic. In addition to asking for \$1.5 million in damages...the suit wants the school district to declare that Jesus is a real person. ■

## Terror Behind Bars

A letter to the *Washington Times*

Regarding the case of al Qaeda terrorist Jose Padilla, the possibility arises that Padilla may have first been exposed to Islam during his stint in Broward County's maximum-security jail. As a convicted felon myself with 20 years experience behind bars, what the public and law enforcement need to be aware of is that prison is the prime breeding ground and recruitment center for the militant Muslims in this country. There are two vastly different groups of Islamic studies here. One is comprised of “al-Islam,” who learn the Koran, teach nonviolence, accept the Old Testament and are peaceful towards Christians. The other group is made up of indoctrinated extremists called “the Nation of Islam,” who promote racism, hate all Jews and “blue-eyed devils” and advocate the overthrow of the U.S. government. — John Zurborg, Huntsville, Texas ■

## School for Islam

By Ellen Sorokin, *The Washington Times*

A group of parents in California is suing a local public school district where at least one middle school, after September 11, encouraged students to wear Muslim robes, adopt Islamic names and stage make-believe pilgrimages to Mecca to learn about the faith.

“While public schools prohibit Christian students from reading the Bible, praying, displaying the Ten Commandments and even mentioning the word ‘God,’ students in California are being indoctrinated into the religion of Islam,” said Richard Thompson, chief counsel and executive director of the Thomas More Law Center in Michigan. ■



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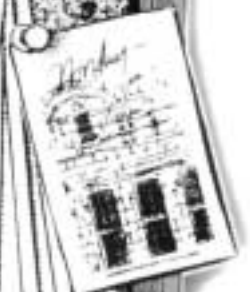
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Dear Friends:

Obviously, Saudi Arabia is our worst enemy in the war on terrorism. They are the people who educated, trained and financed the World Trade Center terrorists. But President Bush and his foreign policy advisors are pretending that they are our ally for reasons either of oil prices or just plain bribery. It is crucial that we write about this financial center of world terrorism, which regularly burns American flags, calls us “the Great Satan,” and shouts “Death to America.”

We will quote at length from a recent article in the *Dallas Morning News*. My wife and I have traveled extensively in Arab societies and observed their behavior firsthand. By his writing the reporter appeared to have never seen Saudi Arabia and doesn't know any Saudis, which would be typical of the *Morning News*.

Since I threw the *Morning News* out of my home for its anti-Israel, pro-Arab writing, I have virtually ignored my hometown newspaper. On the July 4 weekend, my wife picked up a copy of the Sunday paper to have the TV and movie guides. I found those sections to be the least biased in the paper.

In any case, in a front-page article titled, “Saudis Struggle with Traditions, Need for Reform,” reporter Jim Landers writes in such politically-correct gibberish that it honestly needs a translation. We use John Parsons to translate our Hebrew lessons, since he is practically a linguist in the Hebrew language. But I have worked with the English language for quite some time, and I will attempt to translate the gobbledygook of the *Morning News* into plain words.

### Still Stuck in the Sand

The first paragraph of the article needs rewriting. It says, “The people of this huge desert kingdom transformed their country in a genera-

tion from poor and ignorant to rich and literate, while remaining isolated by a religious view profoundly wary of the world.” Actually, the “people” of Saudi Arabia have transformed nothing,

and their country remains poor and ignorant. The only rich and literate are the Saudi royal family (30,000 members!), which has stolen the produce of the country's oil, its major and perhaps only successful business venture. Their religious view is not merely “wary of the world,” but viciously hostile to the world and to any other religious view.

In the next paragraph, reporter Landers tells us that “freedoms of speech and petitioning the government are expanding, while gender segregation grows more entrenched.” In truth, freedoms of speech and petitioning the government are punishable by execution in Saudi Arabia. Landers is truthful to say that the subversion of women is more entrenched; it is at a lunatic level at the moment.

### The Rich Get Richer

The *Morning News* writer reassures us in the next paragraph: “A population explosion has driven incomes down to the point where Saudi Arabia is no longer a rich country. Hundreds of thousands of Saudis graduate into an economy that offers little prospect of work.” Translation: Saudi Arabia's income is largely in the Swiss bank accounts of the royal family, who certainly remain fabulously rich. The rest of the Saudis might as well try to nourish themselves on air and sand in an economy that offers no prospect whatsoever of any useful work.

# A Note From Zola



The article goes on: “Since the 1979 Islamic revolution in Iran, securing the flow of oil from the region has dominated U.S. policy, at the expense of promoting democracy or other human rights.” Translation: Democracy and human rights go to the bottom of the list when oil bribery money is available and plentiful. The Washington bureaucrats who undermine our war on terrorism might rewrite the Psalm, “We look to the Saudis from whence cometh our help.”

### Washington Rhetoric

“President Bush has recently taken a different tack. ‘A truly strong nation will permit legal avenues of dissent for all groups that pursue their aspirations without violence,’ Mr. Bush told this year's graduating class at West Point. ‘A thriving nation will respect the rights of women because no society can prosper while denying opportunity to half its citizens.’”

Translation: “Read my lips.”

The following paragraph contains the interesting sentence:

**Saudi Arabia's income is largely in the Swiss bank accounts of the royal family.**

“...Saudi Arabia

needs to take another leap of economic, social and political reform to catch up with the 21st century.” Actually, Saudi Arabia hasn't caught up with the 10th century. And as far as “another leap” goes, it's reminiscent of Bush telling Arafat he has to do “even more” to stop terrorism.

The article quotes a Saudi official, “We have nothing against elections,

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# Letters to

From Zola to the *USA Today* Editor:

Your July 16 headline “Portrait of Israeli Rule Over Palestinians is Welcome” (page 12A) intrigued me until I read the two letters that followed. Normally, the letters in this box are opposing views of the topic. But the comments of both might as well have come from Palestinian mouthpieces, Saeb Erekat or Hanan Ashrawi.

The Arab letter is so typical. Palestinian suffering. Israel’s crushing military rule. Blame the Israelis for the homicide bombings. No hope for the future. Blah, blah, blah.

But then you run the letter by the “Israeli” Nathan East. This person is just as viciously anti-Israel as Mr. Ibrahim. His point of view probably does not represent one tenth of one percent of Israelis.

Arab civilian casualties are caused, not by Israeli “brutal inhumanity,” but as a result of the Palestinian people — who have as their mission in life the destruction of the Jewish nation — provoking Israeli military operations to root out terrorism. These are battlefield casualties, like those occurring in Afghanistan, although the Israeli army is much more careful than U.S. forces seem to be.

If your megaphone of Arab lies is successful, we will eventually be rid of our sister democracy and ally, Israel, and we will add one more police state to the 22 Arab dictatorships already making hundreds of millions of human beings miserable.

You printed no replies in your next day’s issue. Please discontinue my subscription as of now. I have read *USA Today* for some years, but I will not read it again and I will not have it in my home. — Zola Levitt

Dear Zola:

Again, in your recent publications there is this sarcastic, degrading, caustic rush of words against the suffering of the occupied Palestinians and your president, Mr. Bush. Please repent of this anger. — NL

Dear NL:

We received a number of replies regarding my comments on President Bush. I understood that I would get it for criticizing him, but lets go a level deeper. Can anyone justify his speech about his “vision” for a Palestinian state? Are the Palestinians really “occupied” as you contend? And isn’t their suffering self-inflicted?

Everyone has the right and duty — in this land — to hold our leaders accountable. Steady readers know that I supported the president until he announced his “vision” for



Dear Zola:

Recently, I tuned into the tail end of a show in which you listed several churches in America that donate money to Palestinian causes. One of the churches listed is the Episcopal (or Anglican) Church. I was not only shocked, but outraged! I immediately terminated my weekly offerings. I will not be part of, nor donate money to any organization that finances the enemies of my Israeli brothers and sisters. — BH

**“shocked and outraged”**

Dear BH:

A few years ago we detailed resolutions from Episcopal bishops that were totally anti-Israel and pro-Palestinian. We contacted Bishop Stanton of Dallas during that time and received no reply, even when we went through an Episcopal priest, who is a friend of this ministry.

The Episcopal church of downtown Jerusalem has a sign out front inviting “all” to Sunday services (Sunday is a Jewish school and work day in Israel). The sign is in English and Arabic only. The church is located in West Jerusalem in a totally Jewish neighborhood. Thank you for terminating your offerings. Perhaps you could contact Methodists, Presbyterians, Lutherans and the others of your community who give such comfort to the enemies of God’s Chosen People. — Zola

Dear Zola:

Why do your letters always slap us Christians in the face? In reading your letter of July 2002, I see the tone is still the same. As I watch Christian broadcasts and attend worship services locally, I see almost nothing but support of Israel. I personally pray for the peace of Jerusalem and for God’s Chosen People. I know the liberal media is anti-God and anti-anything that supports God’s position. We understand how you feel, but putting down those who are in agreement with you is not helping. — RC

Dear RC:

I’m not putting Christians down other than when they oppose the Scriptures. As for the media, they have it coming.

I tell the truth as I see it. I wasn’t raised in churches where nice pastors say nice things about everybody. This seems to be my voice. As the Lord said, “Let your yes be yes, and your no be no. All else is of the devil.” — Zola ■



## American Airlines Flying Higher By Zola Levitt

Many of you have responded to our call that American Airlines correct the offensive reference to “Held Territories” in its mailings to customers who live in Jerusalem. Because of this exposure and your determination to get involved, American has finally reversed itself.

From the beginning, American has been apologetic about what it termed a “computer glitch.” However, the explanations about misprints and internal codes, etc. just didn’t satisfy us that the airline was taking this error seriously. After correspondence and phone calls, American finally issued a statement on June 28, indicating that it would research a “globally recognized” source to determine the correct name for the nation of Israel in future mailings. This apparent backtracking from earlier statements was disconcerting at best. *WorldNetDaily*, an international news site with a daily readership of 2.5 million, posted a front-page article about this fiasco with American.

On July 15, we contacted American once more, requesting their response to the media coverage, as well as an explanation for listing the non-nations of Gaza, Held Territories, and West Bank in their country lists on the AA website. We received the following reply from American several days later:

The United States Postal Service advised us that addresses for cities in Israel should have Israel as the noted country. We have updated our Website and AADVANTAGE database accordingly.

Again, we apologize if we’ve offended anyone and thank you for bringing this to our attention. We consider this topic closed.

The Postal Service is apparently a good source of information, too, since it lists Bethlehem, East Jerusalem, Gaza, Jerusalem, Ramallah, etc. as cities in Israel. It reminds me of the courtroom climax in the classic movie, “Miracle on 42nd Street.” The Postal Service ultimately identified Santa Claus!

Now that some resolution has come about with American Airlines, we’ve recently been alerted that Marriott Hotels has joined those who cast dispersion on Israel’s right to exist. In a recent letter to a prominent Israeli travel agency, Marriott addressed the letter to “Jerusalem, Occupied Palestinian Area.” The representative for the hotel chain in Israel is a Palestinian; the Marriott family is Mormon. Whenever I have stayed in Marriott hotels during my travels, I have always found the book of Mormon in the nightstands. We simply don’t have space to write about every corporation who dishonors the Chosen People. You may wish to follow up on this yourself. For Zion’s sake, do not keep silent! ■

## PC Silverware Doesn’t Cut It

By William J. Murray, *WorldNetDaily*

The big three airlines, American, Delta and United have something in common, other than Boeing aircraft. All of America’s airlines, those that still serve food, give their passengers cheap plastic knives to eat with for “security” reasons. The plastic knives are “safe” by politically correct standards.

Then why does the most secure airline in the world, El Al, still give its passengers a full set of silverware including knives? During a full dinner service from New York to Tel Aviv each Business Class passenger is presented with a full complement of dinner utensils, which includes three metal knives.

What makes El Al managers so self-assured? El Al profiles its passengers.

El Al uses its limited security resources on individuals who profile as possible threats to the airline. El Al profiles by race, national origin, age, gender, religion and even politics. A young Arab man with a beard and the Koran in his hand is going to get far more attention from the airline’s security services than is the 70-year-old wife of a rabbi.

The very thought of these profiling techniques raises the hair on the head of every ACLU attorney. Civil libertarians cry out that just because an individual is a sworn enemy of our nation is no reason to refuse him the hospitality of our airlines.

If a plastic knife can cut an airline steak, it can cut your throat. ■

## Israel Vilified

By Jon Dougherty, *WorldNetDaily*

An Israeli counter-terrorism research group claims in a new study that Palestinian and Israeli death tolls from the “Al-Aqsa Intifada” are being grossly misrepresented, most likely for political gain.

“More meaningful figures show that Israel is responsible for around 568 Palestinian noncombatant deaths, while Palestinians have killed more than 420 Israeli noncombatants,” said the study. “Over 50 percent of the Palestinians killed were actively involved in fighting — and this does not include stone-throwers or ‘unknowns.’”

Furthermore, researchers found that “Palestinians are directly responsible for the deaths of at least 185 of their own number — one out of every eight Palestinians killed” in the conflict thus far. ■

## Moody Bible (?) Institute – Part 1

By Tom McCall, Th.D.



Would you send your son or daughter to a medical school that required only one course of study of the human anatomy? Or to a law school that required only one course of study in actual case law? Or even to an automobile mechanic's school that required only one course of working under the hood of a car? You would be shocked at such a sloppy education, and you would undoubtedly ask for a refund for the institution's claiming to be a specialized school under such false pretenses. Furthermore, would you trust your health, legal needs or even your car to graduates of such schools?

Yet hundreds of students are being sent each year to Moody "Bible" Institute, with only one course (3-semester hours) of actual chapter-by-chapter Bible study being required for graduation throughout the entire four-year curriculum, even for Bible majors!

It's true, and it is plainly stated in the catalog. Of course, there are Bible electives and theology courses that can be taken all along, which include a myriad of background courses. But, in fact, a student could graduate (even with a Bible major) from Moody, taking only one in-depth course in one book of the Bible. How could such a graduate be considered an expert in the Bible? Would you

trust your church pulpit to someone with such a limited education in the Word of God?

In contrast, I recall the dozens of semester hours we were required to take in chapter-by-chapter Bible study, not only in English, but in the original Hebrew and Greek as well, in the old days at both Dallas and Talbot Seminaries. In fact, the way we studied advanced Hebrew and Greek was through verse-by-verse studies in Genesis, Zechariah, I Thessalonians and Hebrews in the original languages. Such study was not easy at the time, but I thank the Lord for the privilege of studying the books of the Bible so carefully under distinguished teachers like Dr. Charles Feinberg, Dr. Walvoord, Dr. Ryrie, Dr. Pentecost and Dr. Bob Thomas, to mention but a few.

Reports we have received are that these intensive Bible study requirements have been similarly relaxed in Dallas, Talbot and other schools formerly known for their in-depth Dispensational Bible study. Moody has had a great reputation through the years among the churches for requiring intensive Bible study of all its students. Could it now be said that Moody Bible Institute is "Bible" in name only? It gives me no pleasure to ask such a question, but parents, students and church members must understand what is happening in many of our major evangelical schools. Why should we be surprised if there is so little teaching on the Second Coming of Christ, the Rapture of the Church and the restoration of Israel, when grad-

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## Hebrew Lesson

By John J. Parsons



וְכָל-לְשׁוֹן תִּשָּׁבַע כִּי יֵשׁוּעַ הַמְּשִׁיחַ הוּא הָאֲדֹנָי לְכַבֹּד אֱלֹהִים הָאָב:

And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Phil. 2:11 KJV).

Remember! Hebrew is read right to left...

הוּא	ה	כִּי	יֵשׁוּעַ	תִּשָּׁבַע	לְשׁוֹן	וְכָל
(1)	(4)	(3)	(2)	(1)	(3)	(2)
hu	ach	shl	mi	hu	a	shl
is	the Messiah	Jesus	that	will confess	tongue	and every
הָאָב	אֱלֹהִים	לְכַבֹּד	הָאֲדֹנָי			
(2)	(1)	(3)	(2)	(1)	(2)	(1)
av	hu	him	lo	e	vod	likh
the father	God	to the glory (of)	the Lord			

### HEBRAIC INSIGHT

In this *pasuk* (verse), the Apostle Paul quotes from Isaiah 45:23 ("I have sworn by myself...that unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall confess") and applies it to Jesus the Messiah. Notice that in Isaiah it is to *Adonai* (YHWH) alone we bow down in worship and confession: but Paul applies this statement directly to the Lord *Jesus*. The implication is clear: *Jesus is Adonai!* *Jesus*, being God's unique Son (and therefore equal to God) "humbled Himself" by taking on the form of a servant and was made in the likeness (*demut*) of man (*adam*) – going so far as to become the *Kapparah* (Sin-Bearer) of the world by offering Himself up on the execution stake. "Therefore God has also highly exalted him, and given him a name that is above every name: That at the name of *Jesus* every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that *Jesus Christ* is the Lord (*ha'adon*), to the glory of God the Father" (Phil. 2:9-11).

The Scriptures make it clear that the confession of God's Son as Lord is so vital to our correct apprehension of reality that without it we are literally lost, since we are told explicitly that there is salvation in no one else, "for there is no other name by means of which it is necessary for us to be saved" (Acts 4:12)... Call upon the Name of the Lord *Jesus Christ* and you shall be saved! (see Joel 2:32, Acts 2:21; Romans 10:9-10).

## The Founding of Anatot

By Stuart Arden

In 1980, a group of families began to discuss the establishment of a new settlement in Judea. Meetings were initially held with various religious and political groups, but eventually the charter members who remained did so without the financial backing of any of these groups. Fortunately, Uri Baron, an aide of Ariel Sharon, assisted in making organizational arrangements with various governmental departments and committees that regulated new settlements.

Of the three sites that were offered, Anatot was chosen because 1) it was close to Jerusalem, and 2) it was near a paved road. It was named Anatot because the area in which we settled is near the location of Jeremiah's village (see Jeremiah 32:9).

In April 1982, three caravans (trailers) marked the informal start of the new community. These trailers had no running water, so military showers and "toilets" were provided, and water was drawn from an outdoor tank. Furthermore, there was no electricity (and no refrigerators!) A 2-kilowatt generator provided power for just two hours each evening. An army tent was set up nearby to house soldiers who had guard duty during the day. The original settlers filled in with 12-hour shifts.

The cobblestone Roman-era road that ran to and through the settlement made it impossible to drive directly to the settlement. Cars were parked at the army base nearby. At that time the path to the settlement was cluttered with stones and rocks. But now, the cobblestone road is covered with dirt and winds its way eastward beyond the community to the bottom of the gorge.

Anatot, a community that our ministry has adopted, is situated on the northeast edge of Jerusalem, about 5 miles from Ramallah. You are welcome to contribute to the Anatot Fund as we uphold our commitment to sustain this growing community through tangible and spiritual support. Look for continuing stories of Anatot in the months to come. — Zola ■


## He is Risen Indeed!

A few months back we made you aware of the dire circumstances surrounding the Garden Tomb in Israel. It is one of the highlights of our tours and it saddened us to see it underfunded due to the severe drop in tourism. Let's face it. The Garden Tomb — the empty tomb — represents the hope of new life because Christ is risen.

Recently we received a note of appreciation from Peter Well, General Secretary of the Garden Tomb, after receiving your donations.

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uates of our large Bible schools are taught so little Bible? I think very few people in the pews of our churches realize this is happening.

The following material is a synopsis of this subject that has been put together by our very trustworthy sources who are close to what has been happening at Moody Bible Institute over the past several years:

Our investigations during the past three years into the theological problems at Moody Bible Institute brought us to an unexpected revelation. The standard curriculum for all undergraduate students in the Bachelors program contains scant requirements in courses of actual Bible. This is most disturbing when one is reminded of various public relations maxims used by Moody: "Bible is our middle name," "Every student is a Bible major," "Moody — the name you can trust." You will be surprised to discover how little of the Bible's 66 books are mandated for analytical study as a requirement for all students who would graduate.

Our source is Moody's 2001-02 undergraduate school catalog. A copy may be obtained from the Moody's admissions office for verification of our claims.

What Bible courses would you expect your daughter or son to be required to take as part of their Moody education? How about John's gospel or Matthew? Hebrews? Ephesians? Revelation? Sorry, none of these is required at Moody Bible Institute. In fact, you will find only one required course on a book of the Bible: Romans. Surprised? Shocked? Disappointed? We were. A look at the catalog itself will show you why.

Next month we'll continue this investigative report from our sources at Moody, detailing the specific courses that the school wants your son or daughter to learn instead of the Bible. And I want to urge each of you to write Moody for a catalog (MBI, 820 North LaSalle, Chicago, IL 60610). It's almost a duty to tell the school that we're watching them and want to check it out for ourselves. — Zola ■

#### A NOTE FROM ZOLA continued

if they bring the right people into place," said the governor of Asir Province. Translation: In a nutshell, that's what "elections" amount to in the Arab mind. The dictators don't mind voting as long as everyone knows exactly how they're supposed to vote.



#### Food Court Sermons

And now we visit a shopping mall:

*The shopping center that bears the king's name has a*

*McDonald's, a Baskin-Robbins and a Little Caesars among its 20 or so fast-food outlets. Each has separate serving lines for men and women.*

*Women have a separate dining area screened from view by opaque glass blocks, where they can remove their black veils and eat or drink Pepsis.*

*At 9 p.m. on a recent Monday, a cleric with the mutawwain — the Society for the Promotion of Virtue and the Prevention of Vice, commonly known as the religious police — stood before the food court and began a sermon. "Repent and prepare yourselves to die," he said. "Do not spend your time shopping and listening to music. Obey Allah and go to prayers."*

*Throughout the 45-minute oration, a regular policeman stood nearby. He was there not to enforce the cleric's words, several Saudis explained, but to protect him from men and women fed up with such intrusions.*

The policeman was there to enforce the cleric's words.

"The *mutawwain* have been warned to stay out of the fancier shopping malls in Riyadh. Prince Alwaleed bin Talal bin Abdul Aziz, whose \$10 million contribution to Sept. 11 relief was rejected because of his criticism of U.S. support for Israel, gave the *mutawwain* 100 GMC Suburbans to stay away from his shopping mall arrayed around Kingdom Center, Riyadh's tallest building."

Translation: Everybody has his price — 100 SUVs for the religious police in Saudi Arabia, and \$100 million or billion or whatever it takes to buy Senators or State Department officials in Washington. Tamar, Rahab and Mary Magdalene sold their favors also, but they were above selling out the land of Israel. Rahab, a Gentile harlot of Jericho, told the spies, "I know that the Lord hath given you the land..." (Josh. 2:9). Those same bought-off Senators and State Department officials solemnly advise the president on his Middle East policies.

#### The View from the Peanut Farm

Former President Carter ran a similar article in *USA Today* on June 30, weeping over "unoccupied Palestinian lands," by which he refers to the Judea and Samaria. The former president actually wrote this sentence: "With Israel's encouragement and later approval, Palestinians conducted a peaceful, transparent election in 1996." The only thing transparent about a Palestinian or any other Arab election is the fact that when the machine gunners are done with those who voted the wrong way, you can see right through them.

Revealing a want of basic Bible knowledge, Christian citizen Carter wrote, "Some Israelis believe their West Bank and Gaza settlements to be sacrosanct and try to

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# Understanding Operation Defensive Shield – Part 2

By Capt. Will King, U.S. Army

Last month we studied two militarily approved tactics the IDF (Israeli Defense Force) could have employed in Operation Defensive Shield. Doing so would have provided maximum protection for their forces. However, Israel chose a third COA (Course of Action): clearing with infantry.



This strategy ensures minimal physical danger to civilians and collateral damage to property. However, this COA is the most dangerous to IDF soldiers because it places them well within the maximum effective range of all of the terrorist's weapons, including mines, booby traps, and Molotov cocktails. Given the complexities of fighting in populated areas, this COA is the best and most effective way to positively identify terrorist bases and destroy them with the fewest casualties to civilians.



Prior to entering the Jenin camp, the IDF further endangered themselves by broadcasting their intentions to the camp. Can you

imagine the Palestinians, Iraqis, or North Koreans broadcasting their intentions to the enemy, then embarking on a COA which would put their forces further into harm's way?

Many people ask that if the IDF chose to clear the camp with infantry, what were the tanks doing there? The tanks were there for two very important reasons: deterrence and support. A tank makes quite a show of force, and a battalion of tanks should send a clear message to anyone staring down their barrels. Combined with the broadcast of Israeli intentions to the camp, the presence of the tanks should have only reinforced the message that the IDF was there to find the terrorists and their bases, and that they were very serious about their mission.

The tanks then transition into their secondary role: support for the infantry. This support could be in the form of providing a quick reaction force if the infantry gets into serious trouble, and also in helping to clear buildings inside the camp. After the infantry has identified a terrorist stronghold, they have to enter the building and arrest those inside. The most dangerous way to enter any building is through the door because it could be booby-

trapped (which many were), and because that is where the enemy expects you to enter. The preferred method of clearing a building is from the top down (which would require a helicopter), or entering through a window or side of the building. The quickest way to put a hole in the side of the building is with a tank round (rigging explosives is an option, however it is time consuming and provides the enemy better opportunity to discover your intentions). When the wall explodes, all of those inside will be knocked off their feet and temporarily disoriented, allowing the infantry to enter through the new hole in the wall and subdue those inside with a greatly reduced amount of risk to themselves. However, this method was only used after the IDF broadcasts, after the tanks' show of force, and after the terrorists refused to surrender to the infantry inside the camp.

After reviewing the COAs available to Israel, the actions leading up to the raid on the camp, and the tactics used in clearing the terrorists from the buildings inside the camp, the IDF clearly acted with restraint and moral responsibility in an effort to minimize the number of civilian casualties and collateral property damage within the refugee camp. Twenty-three IDF soldiers, including 13 in one bombing attack, were killed at Jenin as a result of these operations. And as a testament to their tactics and dedication to defending their homeland, Operation Defensive Shield was highly successful. The Israel Defense Forces says it detained 1,600 Palestinians — of whom 84 were wanted terrorists — and seized more than 1,300 assault rifles, 387 sniper rifles, 49 anti-tank grenades, 256 machine guns, 58 bombs and 65 pounds of explosives. The IDF also found 11 explosives laboratories (source: IDF). All of this weaponry and explosives from a people who just want "peace." ■

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Just before we went to press, Israel carried out another operation in its war on terror. In the face of the usual anti-Semitic condemnations, the IDF struck a home in Gaza and killed Hamas leader Salah Shehadeh. Remember these key points: 1) No one can argue with the target. Shehadeh was a terror mastermind and a mass-murderer; 2) Shehadeh chose to surround himself with women and children, as Palestinians often do, thinking that Israel would be too soft to risk collateral civilian casualties; and 3) this COA, an air strike with one laser-guided bomb, was Israel's best option in this instance. Going in with tanks and troops for one terrorist would have undoubtedly been labeled a massacre by anti-Israeli world opinion. Taking out this one man will save hundreds of lives. — Zola

justify the sustained subjugation of increasingly hopeless Palestinians.” And he went on, “...further progress is undermined by our almost undeviating approval of Israel’s demands and our refusal to deal with the Palestinian leaders who are apt to be re-elected in January.”

We must hope that January’s election will not be like the Egyptian parliamentary election in which sixty people were killed.

Unfortunately, most ex-presidents sound as wise today as they did when they were in office.

The problem here is a very important modern phenomenon, which is the idea of “evenhandedness.” No matter what the situation looks like, we must give the other fellow the benefit of his views, his society, his religion, etc., being just as valid as ours. And the fact is, evenhandedness just shouldn’t apply in a situation where Islam is actually attacking innocent, free people almost everywhere. And their society is so unconscionably behind the rest of the world as to testify loud and clear that something is terribly wrong with them. The Saudi Arabian discussion above, when translated, contains no mysteries. An extremely backward country run by thieving dictators is paying a terrible price for its primitive religion and its tribal hostility.

Blaming the United States or blaming Israel simply won’t explain away their troubles. They are the center of terrorism. And until we start a war on terror, involving the Saudi Arabians, along with Iran, Iraq and Syria, not to mention the PLO, we’ll make no progress on terrorism.

We have messes to clean up in our own backyard, let’s not forget. The scandals involving corporate America have taught us that unless we identify and pursue the real enemy — greedy corporate executives, not capitalism — then American investors will pull their hard-earned money out of the markets and thus send the economy into a further spiral.

And “spiral” is just the word to use for the condition of our Bible schools and seminaries today. Christians are losing confidence in institutions that are no longer credible. The executives at many of these schools have led us to believe that nothing is changed, that their doctrine is still pure, that the Bible is still paramount. But as Dr. Tom McCall writes in this issue, the Bible is just what’s being left out of places like Moody “Bible” Institute. See his article on page 10.

It’s time for the Christian public to wake up and pull their treasure from schools that no longer hold the Bible — the entire Word of God — as the single most important book to teach. Yank your children out of these places and stop sending money to Moody and its bank.

Instead, invest in the lives of people who desperately need physical and spiritual refreshment, like the people

in Anatot whom we have adopted (see page 11). Help ministries like Jews for Jesus or other Christ-centered organizations who invest in lives for eternity.

And, if you can take the time, visit the Chosen People for yourself in Israel. Walk with me along the cobblestone paths in Jerusalem and Galilee as we tour the Promised Land.

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In the meantime, I’ll be on the road speaking at congregations and churches from Colorado to California, proclaiming the Word of God and my love for Israel. I hope to see you at one of my stops. If not, then please do attend our next Eureka Springs retreat, the Great Passion Play tour, September 14-15. What a marvelous setting to join together in the Word surrounded by fascinating Biblical and Israel sites.

After our Fall Tour to Israel, I’ll be hosting another “Bless Israel-Solidarity Tour” at the Biblical Arts Center in Dallas, Saturday, November 16. An entire day of worship, teaching, and touring of an exquisite display of Israel sites.

And, of course, Thanksgiving through Christmas will find us in Orlando at the ever-popular Holy Land Experience. Choose from November 29-December 1, December 6-8 or 27-29. For questions on any of our tours, contact Tony or call 1-800-WONDERS anytime to request a brochure.

Please know my heart, friends. I want so much for our nation, our schools and our churches to turn back to the truth. If we fail to do so, we will not only lose our war on terrorism, but many will miss out on eternal rewards and on heaven itself. It’s time to redouble our efforts to sound the trumpet of truth in our land and in our churches. And pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

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