

LEVITT LETTER

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

As we were going to press, “Prime Minister” Abbas resigned. Since the US and Israel have pledged not to work with Arafat, the Palestinians are without a dictator. Abbas will stagger on as a “caretaker.” Israel’s Justice Minister observed that “The Palestinian tendency to commit suicide is now affecting their politics.” We will comment more fully in our upcoming Personal Letter.



ZOLA LEVITT

Previous to the resignation, Dr. Thomas McCall, our senior theologian, and I had brainstormed about some alternate peace plans which he outlines below along with a proposed Biblical plan which no one else, to my knowledge, has ever suggested. – Zola

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Plans for Genuine Peace



By Thomas S. McCall, Th.D.

There are two prophetic plans that the Scripture predicts for Israel in relation to its enemies. The first is the Satanic plan that will be confirmed with Israel by the Antichrist. This is the infamous treaty that begins the Tribulation after the Rapture of the Church. It will be a seven-year treaty, but will be broken by the Antichrist in the middle of the Tribulation. The second is God’s ultimate plan for Israel, which will be brought about by the Second Coming of Christ. It includes Armageddon, the national redemption of Israel, and the establishment of the Messianic Kingdom on earth for 1,000 years, with Jerusalem as the worldwide capital.

In the meantime, Israel miraculously exists again today, as a modern nation among the family of nations. It is a small Jewish nation in a sea of Arab-Moslem nations, most of whom are enemies of Israel. An uneasy peace exists between Israel



and Egypt, and a somewhat more cooperative peace has been established with the Kingdom of Jordan, but almost all of the other surrounding nations want Israel to cease to exist. They look upon Israel as a modern version of the European Crusaders, who occupied Jerusalem and the Holy Land for only about 100 years. The Arab nations believe they will ultimately remove Israel just as they removed the Crusaders 900 years ago.

What they do not take into account are the Biblical prophecies about the restoration of Israel in the end times!

“...an honor to slaughter”

Unfit to Print

By Zola Levitt

I’m dictating this during the week of the August double bombings of the UN headquarters in Iraq and of a bus of worshipers in Jerusalem. It has been a time of seeing how very difficult it is to deal with Muslims.

The newspapers seem to vie with each other to blame the terrorism against our troops in Iraq on the victims; likewise they wish to blame Israel for the bombing for which not one but two terrorist organizations of Palestinian thugs claimed responsibility (it must be an honor over there to have slaughtered men, women, and children on their way home from their prayers at the Western Wall).

Most discouraging of all were the comments of three leftwing Jewish

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Nevertheless, at the present time there appear to be four serious plans to solve the current conflict between Israel and the Palestinian Arabs.

1. The Road Map for Peace

This Road Map is the plan proposed by the “Quartet” which includes the Bush administration. This is a complicated step-by-step program that envisions the removal of many (if not all) of the Israeli settlements in Judea and Samaria (the so-called West Bank), the dismantlement of the terrorist organizations by the Palestinians, and the creation of a peaceful Palestinian State alongside the State of Israel. Such a plan has considerable international support, including from several of the Arab nations.

However, there are many problems with this plan, and certainly one of them is the threat involved in having a full-fledged Arab state next to Israel in the narrow strip of land west of the Jordan River. There are many Arab/Moslems who are committed to the destruction of Israel. They would consider any such arrangement an open invitation to launch ceaseless terrorist attacks against Israel across the long border. From their viewpoint, the creation of the Palestinian state would merely be a temporary cease-fire while the terrorists prepare for the long-term war against Israel from a protected terrorist state.

2. The Likud Plan

While the Sharon government (along with its Likud party) is trying to cooperate with the Bush administration in the early procedures of the Road Map, it has been implementing its own plan, which I am calling the Likud Plan. This consists of conducting surgical strikes to destroy the leadership of the various terrorist organizations among the Palestinians, as well as the construction of a wall between the Israelis and the Palestinians for the length of the populated part of the country.

This has been partly successful, but has been greatly attacked by many

nations and the press as being brutal and reminiscent of the Berlin Wall during the Cold War. Of course, the comparison to the Berlin Wall is ludicrous, because it was designed to keep people in, while the Israeli wall is designed to keep the terrorists out. Peace-loving Arabs can cross the wall at the gates with little trouble. The Israeli government has never shrunk from bad press, but in some ways the wall presents many of the same problems that the two-state plan has. If there is a continuing hostile population just on the other side of a wall, the terrorists may in time find ways to penetrate or overcome the wall. While it might have short-term benefits, the long-term benefits are questionable. The results might be similar to the two-state situation.

3. The Elon Plan

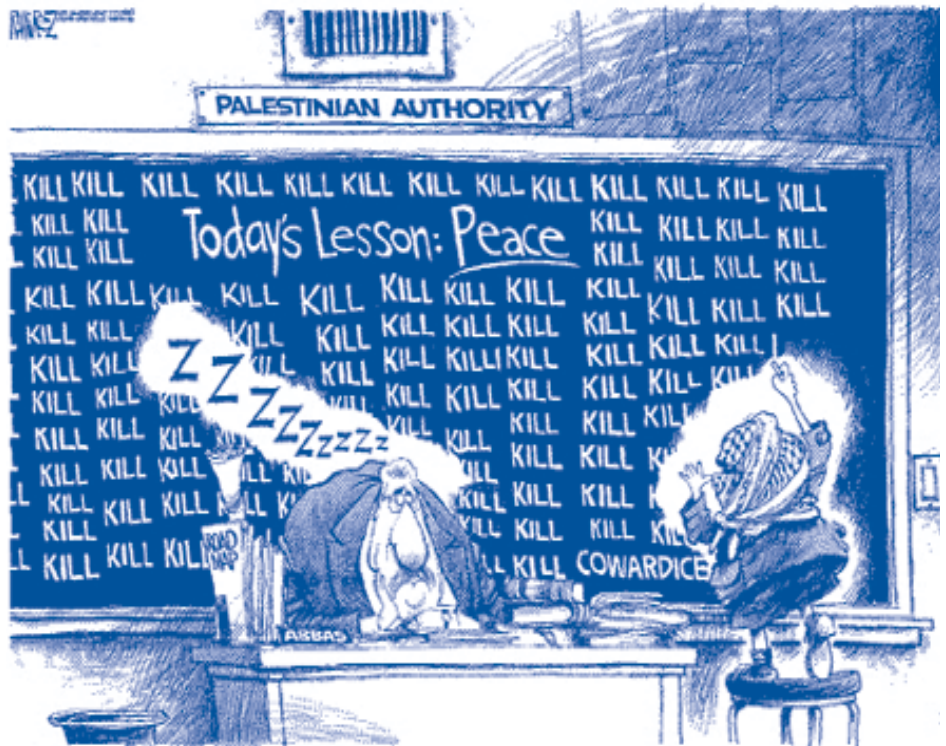
Benyamin Elon, a member of the Israeli Knesset (parliament), has proposed a plan that has seven steps. It includes the provision that Arab Palestinians remaining in Judea and Samaria would become citizens of a newly designated Jordanian/Palestinian state (current Kingdom of Jordan, with Amman as its capital).

The Arab Palestinians holding Israeli citizenship would be offered alternate citizenship in the Jordanian/Palestinian state.

If the Arabs of Judea and Samaria breach the terms of this plan, they will be expelled across the Jordan River to the Jordanian/Palestinian state. This is certainly a step in the right direction, because it provides for the physical removal of Arab Palestinians, who are hostile to Israel, from Israel. One problem is that it only moves the hostile Palestinians across the Jordan River. Some might consider having the terrorists right on the border with Israel too close for comfort.

Also, the Kingdom of Jordan is not nearly as wealthy as the Arab countries having oil reserves. It might be very difficult for that nation to absorb hundreds of thousands (or possibly millions) of Palestinians. One suggestion is that some of the foreign aid that the US is currently giving to Israel and Egypt (about \$5 billion per year) could be used to change the citizenship and/ or resettle the Palestinians.

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For those who believe the Bible, this plan would have the objectionable aspect of permanently recognizing what was part of Biblical Israel (Edom, Moab, Ammon, and Gilead) as an official Arab land.

4. Biblical Plan

The Biblical plan has been developed primarily by Israeli believers in Christ, represented by our friend and guide in Israel, Zvi Rivai. The plan relies entirely on Biblical instruction and precedent, rather than the current political situation. The story of the conflict between Isaac and Ishmael begins with the expulsion of Ishmael and his mother from the household of Abraham and Sarah. God told Abraham to expel Ishmael, but that He would take care of him, that he would settle in the East, and that he would become a great nation:

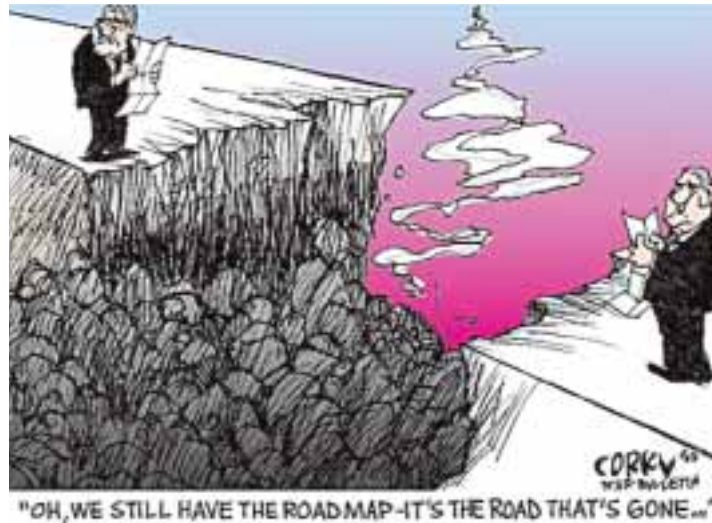
Genesis 21:12 And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac shall thy seed be called. 13 And also of the son of the bondwoman will I make a nation, because he is thy seed.... 20 And God was with the lad; and he grew, and dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer. 21 And he dwelt in the wilderness of Paran: and his mother took him a wife out of the land of Egypt.

Genesis 25:5 And Abraham gave all that he had unto Isaac. 6 But unto the sons of the concubines, which Abraham had, Abraham gave gifts, and sent them away from Isaac his son, while he yet lived, eastward, unto the east country.... 16 These are the sons of Ishmael, and these are their names, by their towns, and by their castles; twelve princes according to their nations. 17 And these are the years of the life of Ishmael, an hundred and thirty and seven years: and he gave up the ghost and died; and was gathered unto his people.

As time passed, Abraham died, and

Isaac requested Ishmael to return so that they could bury their father together at Hebron:

Genesis 25:9 And his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, which is before Mamre; 10 The field which Abraham purchased of the sons of Heth: there was Abraham buried, and Sarah his wife.



The land in which Ishmael's descendants settled was east of the Land of Promise given to Isaac. It extended from the Sinai Desert and the Gulf of Eilat through what is now known as Saudi Arabia toward Mesopotamia.

Genesis 25:18 And they [the descendants of Ishmael] dwelt from Havilah unto Shur, that is before Egypt, as thou goest toward Assyria: and he [Ishmael] died in the presence of all his brethren.

In effect, then, there was the true Promised Land given to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, while a subsidiary "promised land" to the east was given to Ishmael and his descendants. For many centuries, this is the way the populations remained, with the Hebrews in the west, from the mountains of Bashan to the Mediterranean Sea. The Ishmaelites or Arabs settled to the east in Saudi Arabia, mostly as nomadic tribes. The Koran indicates that Ishmael was involved in the

founding of the city of Mecca, which became sacred to the Arabs. Mecca. This would agree with the Biblical account of Ishmael's general location, and may have some basis in fact. The Hebrews and Ishmaelites were separated from one another by the Arabian Desert, according to the express will of the Lord.

The dispersion of the Jewish people from the Promised Land by Rome in the first century and the Arab Moslems in the seventh century changed the Biblical division of the two peoples. The Moslems, in one form or another, dominated both the Arabian lands and the ancient Land of Israel from the seventh century

to the beginning of the twentieth century (with a brief intermission by the European Crusaders). In the aftermath of WWI, England gained control of all of that land, and through Zionism and the Bal-four Declaration, the return of the Jewish people to their ancient home-land began, as Biblical prophecy predicted would happen in preparation for the End Times.

However, England also artificially carved out of their Protectorate of Palestine the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Kingdom of Jordan. As a result, there developed the modern nations of Israel, Jordan and Saudi Arabia. The Arabs in the West Bank and Gaza, now known as Palestinians, are in limbo, a people without a country, many of whom hate Israel and desire nothing more than to destroy Israel, mainly through terrorism. It is a no-win situation for everyone involved.

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The Biblical solution is to restore the ancient separation of the Jewish and Arab populations. Offer to the Arabs living west of the Jordan River the option of full citizenship in Israel or resettlement in an Arab nation, preferably one of the wealthy oil countries such as Saudi Arabia, which has great oil reserves and low population density. Use some of the billions of dollars currently given as foreign aid to Israel and the Arab nations as an inducement for those who are being resettled. The Arabs remaining in Israel must swear allegiance to Israel as loyal citizens. Any Arab promoting any kind of terrorism would be immediately deported. Considerable geography must be placed between Israel and the Arabs who hate Israel. This is the way God handled the problem in the original days of Isaac and Ishmael, and it

worked. Why not apply the same solution today?

Of course, there will be many objections to the Biblical plan. The world has always objected to God's plans, and considers them wrong or impractical. The world objects to the deity and Messiahship of Jesus Christ, the doctrines of substitutionary atonement and justification by faith, and the concept of autonomous local churches. Why would we expect the world to accept God's plan concerning Israel and the Arabs? They would say it is wrong and impractical to move vast numbers of Arabs from their homes to a distant land, even though there are several historical precedents in Moslem and European history. Nevertheless, God's ways are not our ways, and His thoughts are not our thoughts:

Isaiah 55:8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. **9** For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Believers in Christ and in the Bible ought to support a truly Biblical plan even if it appears to fly in the face of world opinion. What if believers got behind such a Biblical plan and promoted it among decision makers? Perhaps the Lord has called us to such a time as this. As believers, I think we should do all we can on behalf of Israel in our time, as we await the Rapture of the Church, the redemption of Israel, and the Second Coming of Christ to the earth. ★



To Prevent Mass Murder

By Charles Krauthammer,
The Washington Post



The State Department is proposing that the United States play hardball with Israel—reducing badly needed loan guarantees—if it proceeds with the barrier it is erecting between Israeli and Palestinian populations. With this, the State Department joins the latest Palestinian propaganda ploy—inverting cause and effect, and making the fence the issue, rather than the terrorism that made the fence necessary.

The Israelis are not happy with the fence. They love the land as much as the Palestinians, and scarring it with any barrier is so painful to Israelis that for years they resisted the idea. The reason they finally decided to build it is that they could no longer in good conscience refrain from taking the one step that could prevent Palestinian suicide bombers from sneaking into Israel to blow up innocents.

This is not speculation. There have been nearly 100 Palestinian suicide

bombings. All the terrorists came from the West Bank, where the barrier is being built. Not a single one has come from Gaza. Why? Because there already is a fence separating Gaza from Israel.

“The fence would not even be a factor if it were not for the violence in the last few years,” writes former chief US Middle East negotiator Dennis Ross. “Truth be told, those responsible for the fence are Hamas, Islamic Jihad, and the al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade.”

In America, we build stretches of fence along the Mexican border to prevent foreigners from coming in to take jobs. It takes a lot of audacity to demand that Israel stop building a fence whose purpose is to prevent foreigners from coming in to commit mass murder.

As part of the propaganda campaign



against the barrier, it has been called a wall. In fact, it is a fence, with electronics on either side to prevent infiltrators. It is wall-like for only about a tenth of its length—in just two places, both along the Trans-Israel Highway. Why? Because Palestinian gunmen had been shooting from Palestinian territory onto the highway and killing innocent Israelis.

In America, barrier walls are built along highways to keep neighbors from being inconvenienced by the noise.

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ZOLA'S BULLETIN BOARD

Last Call for Fall Holy Land Tour

Even if you wait 'til the last minute, we will try to help you join our group. But why wait?! The **Deluxe Tour**, touring Israel only, departs on Nov. 2nd and returns on Nov. 12th. Our **Grand Petra Tour**, visiting both Israel and Petra, departs on Nov. 2nd and returns on Nov. 16th. The **Grand Athens Tour**, cruising the Greek Isles and touring Israel, goes from October 29th through November 12th. Finally, our **Ultra-Grand Tour**, with everything — the Greek Isles, Israel and Petra — begins on October 29th. You will return on November 16th, leaving part of you heart right where it belongs, in the land of the Lord.



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"Tell a Lie Enough Times ...

and it becomes the truth." That was the strategy Joseph Goebbels, Hitler's propaganda director, used in his war against the Jews of Europe, and it worked. On May 10, 1977, Arafat declared, "The creation of Israel is 'Palestine Holocaust Day' and the Palestinian People were subjected to the worst Holocaust in history." www.masada2000.org/holocaust.html compares the Nazi's holocaust with the intifada and cautions, "Islamic Fundamentalism is ... far more insidious and dangerous than Hitler's Nazism."

Whistleblowers Wanted

Zola may publish a Stockbroker Alert for senior citizens, baby boomers who will inherit, and anyone else who is naïve about the conflicts of interest that lead brokers to mislead their clients. We are seeking the assistance of knowledgeable, Christian professionals from the brokerage industry who are willing to blow the whistle on how unlikely it is for investors to get a fair shake. We also seek evidence that taking a dispute before the National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD), which all brokerage contracts require, is like trying to win a used car lawsuit with a jury of used car salesmen. Please write to Mark's attention.



New Airtimes

KCFT-35 in Anchorage, Alaska has added cable channel 17 in Anchorage, Wasilla and Palmer, so please see Zola at 9:30 PM on Sundays. We are also considering expanding our airtimes to Sunday mornings. If the Lord leads you to help us reach shut-ins, who can't attend church, now is the time.

News Briefs

While some leaders lament the heavy population of African-Americans and other ethnic minorities in our [US] prisons, Muslims rub their hands together in glee at the prospect of converting them to Islam. And they're doing it.

In fact, Muslim organizations from other countries are spending millions of dollars each year to infiltrate our prisons and carry out a massive campaign to convert Christians and non-Christians to Islam. They're setting up Islamic Study Centers with extension activities in the prisons, and placing chaplains in our penal system.... A significant number of our [US] prisons already have Islamic chaplains and a plethora of outreach programs. — *Dr. Bob Morey, founder and president of Faith Defenders, Orange, CA, writing in a letter to his supporters*



New Palestinian Authority schoolbooks, paid for by the US-dominated World Bank, continue their hateful anti-Semitic propaganda, despite pleas from President Bush to "literally" turn over a new leaf. Among other things, the books show that the land of Israel, including Tel Aviv, Haifa, and Akko [Jewish cities on the Mediterranean Coast] is part of greater Palestine. The books hail the work of suicide bombers and call for an unending war to eradicate the "Zionist entity." — *Morris R. Beschloss, The Global Outlook newsletter*



One of the curious by-products of Iraq's liberation has been the discovery of ancient Jewish artifacts, dating back to the Babylonian exile more than 2,500 years ago. The artifacts, which had been protected by upstanding Baghdad citizens, have been secretly transferred to Jerusalem. Babylon (Baghdad), which had been the hub of Jewish activity in the first millennium, had lost practically all of its Jewish population (120,000) since the emergence of Israel in 1948. This included the *Exilarch*, sometimes called the Jewish pope, whose descendant lives in London and is making claims on the ancient title. — *Morris R. Beschloss, The Global Outlook newsletter*



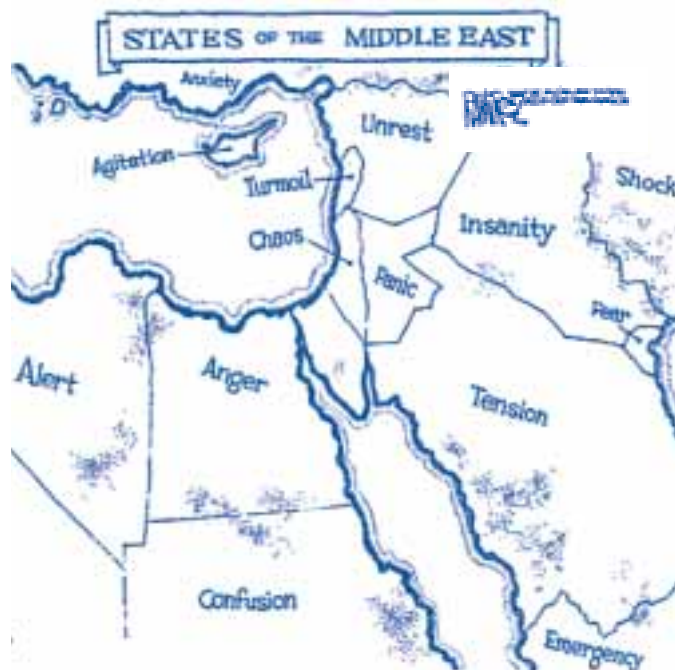
What's the number one item on the agenda of the Christian Right? Abortion? School Prayer? Believe it or not, what's most important to a lot of conservative Christians is the Jewish State. Israel: its size, its strength, and its survival. Why? There is the alliance between America and Israel in the war on Islamic terror. But it goes deeper. For Christians who interpret the bible in a literal fashion, Israel has a crucial role to play in bringing on the Second Coming of Christ. American Christian

Zionists say they are now a more important source of support for Israel than American Jews or the traditional Jewish lobby. — *"Zion's Christian Soldiers," CBS News*



We are told that Israel is faced with only two options: either continue to rule over millions of Palestinians or cede them full sovereignty over Judea, Samaria and Gaza. The greatest danger to peace and security in the world today is the notion of unlimited sovereignty applied indiscriminately. In many flash points around the world, the right to self-government must not include unlimited security powers. Otherwise, every ethnic group with a grievance will seek to establish its own army, its own weaponry and eventually its own weapons of mass destruction.

Do those in the free world calling for a Palestinian state really want unlimited sovereignty for the Palestinians? Do they really want to have a Palestinian state with its own army, free to dispatch suicide bombers all over the world? Certainly not. But unlimited sovereignty will produce just that: a fanatical, dictatorial, armed terrorist state in the heart of the Middle East. This state will threaten Israel, America and the entire free world. It will become a university for suicide bombers with departments for every terror organization imaginable—from Hamas to Hezbollah to Al Qaeda. — *Benjamin Netanyahu, "America Does Not Want a New Terrorist State," Jewish World Review*



While US violence dwarfs that of the Middle East, our cartoonists pass the buck. — *Zola*

The following is a letter from our chief guide whose English is sometimes so-so, but whose sentiments are beautifully expressed.

— Zola

Shalom Dear Zola and Sandra,

Again I was surprised by getting a letter with Good News From a Far Country fund, and there was a check for me and a check for Sarah. Sarah and myself thank you and everyone who is involved in this wonderful project. You may be far by miles, but your hearts are very close to us. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your kindness and generosity. This money sure helps us a lot. May God bless all of you in Yeshua name. See you in Israel. — Zvi and Sarah

Dear Zola:

I think President George W. Bush should have you in his cabinet.— PG

Dear PG:

Thank you—but considering the Road Map, I would be guilty of cursing Israel if I worked for him. — Zola

Zola:

Ever since we left the Catholic Church in 2001, my mode of thinking has been focused on... the Vatican. [European Catholics] have been major suppliers and sympathizers of the PLO.... My prayer is this: that as we lift President Bush in prayer, we must pray that the Devil will not brainwash the president's mind into thinking that the Moslems in Jerusalem should have a piece of the pie there, but rather that it belongs to Israel only. I'm asking you to agree with me on this in prayer and God bless you. — NA

Dear NA:

It is certainly a worthwhile prayer, but why should anyone have to pray that Muslims should not have a piece of Israel? The president doesn't seem to understand what any Jew or Christian in the United States understands. — Zola

Staff:

I want to thank Zola for being "politically incorrect" in the August newsletter when he mentioned the 9/11

Letters to



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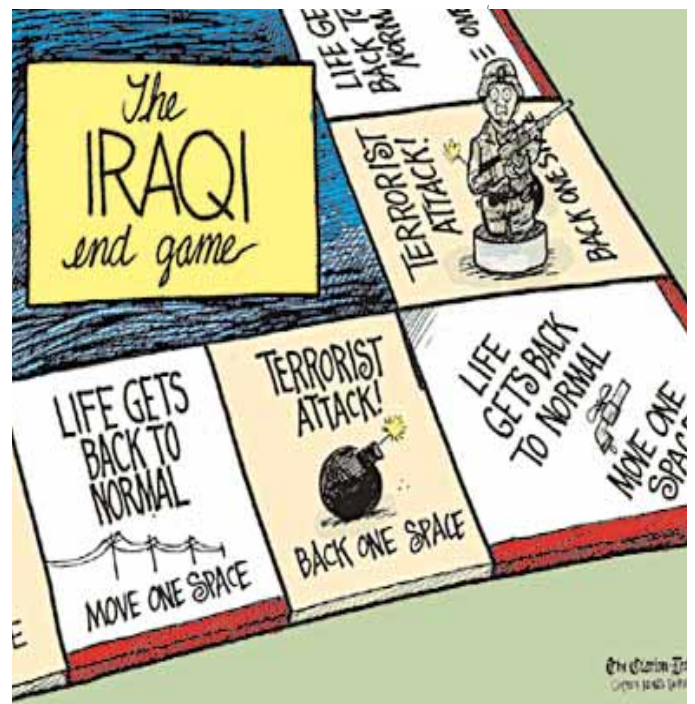
attacks. I was beginning to think I was the only one who recognized that the majority of the WTC terrorists were Saudis! I send my contributions by mail (and also support the Israel Defense Force) but needed to let you know how much the newsletter is appreciated for its candor and truth. — JY

Zola:

I recently saw your TV show on the ABC Family Channel. You shamelessly injected Israeli propaganda into the minds of viewers, feeding them such prodigious garbage that I could not believe what I was seeing. I know that you guys know better than that trash that you projected. You cannot honestly believe that all of the Arab countries from Iran to Libya are going to invade Israel and try to slaughter its people.

There is more between your people's ears than brain dust and it is an embarrassment to not only your own organization, not only to Israel, not only to the Palestinians, but also to the God and Holy Bible that you exploit to send this bizarre message. It is also ridiculous to use the Bible to stake claim to the land of Palestine. The Bible, even if it was an accurate document of the world's beginning, can be interpreted in so many different ways that it is impossible to use it to make any kind of claim.

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You know that the Palestinian death toll far exceeds that of the Israelis and yet you promote the fallacy that Palestinians are “faking” their hardship. Do yourself a favor and crack open a newspaper, an encyclopedia, a journal and reek [sic] the benefits of unbiased news media. But the image that you project on TV indicates that your brain is half idiot, and that’s the good half. Only complete jackasses would have heeded your message, and if that is the audience you’re after, you’re welcome to them. — KK

Dear KK:

OK, we jackasses will show your letter to Ezekiel when we come into our Kingdom. — Zola

Hi,

I accepted Christ in my heart when I watched Zola Levitt on TBN and I thank God for him and I pray God uses his ministry even more. Can you send me a Bible and Christianity information please? Thanks a lot. God bless. — AA (common Arabic name)

Dear AA,

This is certainly a heartening letter, if it is legitimate. But time and again we have received correspondence to this effect from Arabs and unsaved Jews who simply want to keep us busy and cause us expense. I call them “The Ministry of Distraction.” “Christianity information” is available in any good church, and in this country all bookstores stock Bibles. I wish you Godspeed in your new adventure with the Jewish Messiah! — Zola

Dear Zola:

I just discovered you and your wonderful website! I grew up in Plainview, NY (graduated HS in ‘74 there) and I was among 95 percent Jews. I love the Jews and feel so much a part of them. I am a believer, *goyim*, and have been witnessing to a few Jews for years! I only wish I had been a good witness for Jesus back then but was caught up in “teenagehood.” I pray for the Jews. I love them and you all so much.

I just wanted to say thank you so much for your ministry and your website. Thank you. Thank you. In Him, — DG

Dear DG:

Thanks for the kind thoughts. By the way, if you’re a believer, and a non-Jewish female, you’re a *goya* “*goyim*” is the plural, meaning two or more Gentiles. — Zola

Dear Staff:

My mother and I both wanted to thank you for taking the time and the effort to help arrange Zola’s appearance at GSU (Governor State University, Chicago) —we both enjoyed it immensely, and were wonderfully surprised to see what a fabulous sense of humor he incorporates into his speaking, which must certainly help diffuse discussion of oftentimes emotional subjects, such as the rightful claim of the Jews to the Holy Land, the falsehoods of Islamic doctrine, and the treachery of the Palestinian Authority—not very popular subjects these days, I’m afraid.

I have had opportunity to read the vitriolic emails posted in response to the community notice provided via GSU email as an extended invitation; how sad that hospitality should be recompensed with animosity, especially when such unpleasantness should be utterly avoidable in a polite and civilized environment of higher learning, and when such institutions are to be the vanguard of free exchange of ideas which may differ from our own.

When an undergraduate student, during the entire five years I attended there, my mother never once made the trip to my campus; I have been at GSU for four years now, and last night was the first time in all that period that she has ever been to my graduate campus. In all those years, she never bothered to make the 2-hour round-way trip for me, but she didn’t even have to think twice about making the trek to see Zola! — M

Dear Zola,

I watched your broadcast of “Whose Land Is It” and I find the truth of Israel’s ownership to be unarguable. Have you considered speaking before Congress? — BB

Dear BB,

Some of them wouldn’t want to hear me, but I am available. Congress however, hears from a wide variety of sources and, as the Lord admonished, “He that hath ears to hear, let him hear” (Mark 4:9). — Zola



God Save the King!

Prince Charles, the future king, who takes on the title of supreme governor of the Church of England when he assumes the crown... moved in with his longtime mistress, Camilla Parker Bowles... Camilla and the future supreme governor of the church now share a mansion—or as the old folks used to say, are “living in sin”—in London, in the late Queen Mum’s house no less. It would be inaccurate to say the two are “shacking up,” since the Queen Mum’s pad is worth millions. — *Colbert I. King, “When the Archbishop Calls,” The Washington Post.*

Dear Friends:

Once again our speaking tour of the Midwest has demonstrated that Christians are starved for prophecy teaching. But the seminars have distorted the subject, leaving people at churches so anxious to hear what I have to say, that they would sit still and listen until midnight (as a congregation once did with Paul — see Acts 20:7-12).

A joke which appeared in last month's *Readers Digest* captures the situation in the Middle East:

Dan Rather, Cokie Roberts (from National Public Radio), and a Marine are hiking through the jungle one day when they are captured by cannibals. They are tied up and told, "Before we kill and eat you, you may have one last request."

Dan Rather, a Texan, asks for and gets a bowl of chili; Roberts asks for a tape recorder so she can describe the scene right to her death.

Seeing it is his turn, the US Marine says, "Kick me in the backside."

Shrugging, the cannibal chief unties the Marine and kicks him. With lightning speed the Marine drops to one knee, pulls a pistol from his waistband, and shoots the chief and then proceeds to blast all the other cannibals.

As the Marine is untying Rather and Roberts, they ask, "Why didn't you just shoot them? Why did you ask them to kick you in the backside first?"

"What?" the Marine asks. "And have you reporters call me the aggressor?"

The joke is funny but it makes a serious point that can be applied to Israel. My hope is that Israel is saying, "Go ahead and kick me," planning to turn around to recompense the kicks properly one great day. The Road Map has been ex-

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posed as utterly hopeless, which the *Levitt Letter* has said from day one. And I assume the idea of continuing to call a routine terrorist "Prime Minister" in Ramallah has been seen as being totally counterproductive. Also it is utterly frustrating to make treaties or agreements with Palestinians; they do not keep their word, they lie every time.

My suggestion for our government is the same as it has been for the last 25 years: Please butt out. Take care of the increased violence in America (far greater than that in Israel, even with its terrorism) and either put enough soldiers in Iraq to defend themselves or bring them all home. We are making the mistake President Reagan did in Lebanon at this point (American military casualties continue to outstrip those in Israel, though our government would never admit that).

With all that said, there are still some very bright spots in this world. Utterly no one in the Biblical churches is fooled by what is unfolding in the Middle East. All regard it as relevant prophecy demanding to be studied. People are being saved because they understand that the Lord is coming and the Tribulation is very near.

The government leaders in Washington (and certainly in California) have been shown as increasingly ineffective and Christians everywhere are simply waiting to under-

take their citizenship in a new and better world.

To that end, we are going to hold our Israel Solidarity/Feast of Trumpets celebration, which will actually take place on the day of the Feast of Trumpets this year, September 27th, in Dallas at the Biblical Arts Center, and you are invited. There will be a very special display of some of the Dead Sea Scrolls there, and the speakers will include settlers from Anatot, the settlement in Israel that our ministry supports. Contact Tony at (214) 696-9760 for more information. Please note that should the Rapture come, we will continue the program on the way to Heaven! (Israel will still need our prayers.)

Terrorism happens and has happened in both Israel and America as well as elsewhere throughout the world because of Muslim hostility. But in Israel terrorists don't target

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Americans. For example, the bus that in August was being used by Orthodox Jews who were Israelis riding a municipal conveyance. It was not a bus full of tourists. If Palestinian terrorists were so crazy as to target a bus of Americans, they would lose the most valuable friends they have in the world, who are in Washington.

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That being true, we consider our tours of the area as safe as any place in America and we do not regard it as dangerous in any way. And we also have information from on the ground in Israel before we even leave the US. Nevertheless, should we cancel a tour (which would be a first for us in 30 years with 76 straight tours), all money would be refunded.

Due to the Road Map and so forth, this should be a safer time than other times when there has been no peace process going on. This means, of course, that there is a pent-up demand for traveling to Israel. We already have about a busload toward our November tour, and since the airlines are limiting international flights, those who put off scheduling their trip can miss out, so be sure to sign up early.

The Deluxe Tour, visiting Israel only, will depart on November 2nd and will return on the 12th. Our **Grand Petra Tour**, visiting both Israel and Petra, will depart on the 2nd and return on the 16th. The **Grand Athens Tour**, cruising the Greek

Isles and touring Israel, extends from October 29th through November 12th. Finally, our **Ultra-Grand Tour**, with everything—the Greek Isles, Israel and Petra—will begin on October 29th and end on November 16th.

Regardless of the tour package you choose, you can be sure that the memories will last a lifetime. For more information or the confirmation of tour dates, check with Tony at 214-696-9760 during business hours. You can also call 1-800-WONDERS (1-800-966-3377) anytime for a brochure on this or any of our other tours.

And if the Lord tarries, or you can't make it all the way to the real Israel, please join us in Orlando, Florida, at The Holy Land Experience where we will tour on the weekend after Thanksgiving (November 28—30) and the weekend after Christmas (December 26—28). This excellent site gives a very realistic picture of first-century Jerusalem with many Biblical attractions. Our people have loved it in the past and our package cost makes it less expen-

sive than doing the same trip on your own. There will be plenty of time for questions and answers with me and a next-to-the-best Israel experience.

We remain very grateful for your gifts to the Good News from a Far Country Fund, the Anatot Fund, To the Jew First Fund, and the new Our Man in Jerusalem Fund among others. These are truly good works. Please know that 100 percent of designated gifts go to those we support. We deduct nothing for 1-800 calls to our answering service, for credit card processing, or for our administrative expenses. (Also we are happy to furnish addresses for those who want to send their gifts directly to the recipients.)

As always, pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

Your messenger,



Letters to Other Editors

The Philadelphia Inquirer

Your depiction of the Israeli security fence as akin to the concentration camp fences used to hoard Jews, gypsies, gays and others waiting to be exterminated during WWII is an outrage. Are you suggesting that the Nazis had to build those fences because the inmates had committed atrocities against them? This is the first time I've seen anyone suggest the 11 million who died in the camps had been terrorists (or even "militants," in Inquir-ese). How dare you use the *Mogen David* [the Star of David], the symbol of the Jewish people, as a metaphor for barbaric cruelty?
—Lori Lowenthal Marcus, Narberth

The Baltimore Sun

Sherri Muzher's column "Tell Mr. Sharon to 'tear down this wall'" rests on false analogies and straw-man arguments. Ms. Muzher complains that Israel is building a security fence slightly east of the pre-1967 armistice line, compares this to Communist East Germany's Berlin Wall and urges President Bush to call on Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon to tear down the wall—as President Reagan demanded of Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev at the Berlin Wall.

But the Berlin Wall was built to keep East Germans from escaping to freedom. Israel's security fence is being constructed to stop Palestinian terrorists from murdering Israeli civilians. Rejection and terrorism also ultimately led to the security fence.

The Los Angeles Times

While we are used to the euphemisms used to describe acts of terror visited on Israeli civilians, it is unbecoming to absurdly write that "the Palestinians pledged to end what Israel calls terrorist attacks." What does *The Times* call these attacks?

The Times would be better off explaining the next paragraph, which quotes Hamas as saying it would not lay down arms "until the liberation of the last centimeter of the land of Palestine." It bears emphasizing for your readers that "Palestine" for Hamas and other terrorist groups includes the internationally accepted state of Israel. —Walter Rogoff, Valencia, CA ■

writers and broadcasters which I found in newspapers here and there. Amos Oz, an Israeli novelist who has always been precious to the media because of his left-wing views, defends all Muslims. (Oz claims that Christianity and Judaism are also plagued with the same type of fanaticism seen in Islam. I must have missed seeing Christians and Jews performing attacks like that on the World Trade Center or on the buses of civilians in Israel, etc., etc.)

He writes that there are moderates among Muslims that we must cultivate, and that it is our fault that their religion has been utilized by terrorists as an excuse for their killing. It puts one in mind of the accusations that American airport security personnel, immigration policy, foreign relations, or who-knows-what was responsible for the World Trade Center attacks.

Ted Koppel becomes increasingly disheartening on his *Nightline* program. He is a relatively uninformed individual, as far as Israel goes, who loves to hold what he calls "Town Meetings" between Palestinian liars and Israeli officials handpicked for their soft spot toward the Arabs. Koppel's August 21st program featured a Palestinian mother whose child was a collateral casualty during an Israeli attack on a Hamas leader, and an Israeli mother whose child was murdered riding the unfortunate bus from the Wall.

The ladies' losses were comparable and our heart goes out to both, of course. But there was no mention in the program that Palestinian casualties are invariably the result of self-inflicted wounds. No one mentioned that the Palestinian child was a collateral casualty in a necessary military operation, while the Israeli child was the victim of a homicidal lunatic (who murdered plenty others besides with his bomb).

The program ended desperately trying to accuse both sides, perpetrators and victims, as being responsible for causing the terrorism in Israel. This obnoxious doctrine of "equivalency" is a mainstay of the media and completely wrong-headed.

And we have the liberal Richard Cohen, a syndicated American columnist who simply makes up his facts. He claimed that Israel "unmistakably" is occupying Palestinian lands. (I guess if you refer to your mistake as "unmistakably" you can write what you please.) He accused the Israelis of

the entire unrest in the area, which is like accusing airplane passengers on a sabotaged flight.

I had a liberal Jewish friend tell me that 70 percent of Americans supported the idea of creating a Palestinian state. I was astonished since I've never met anyone in his right mind who thought that. But I came across the following paragraph in *Pre-Trib Perspectives* by Dr. Thomas Ice: "In February 2000, the Zionist Organization of America released extensive polling results from the polling firm of John McLaughlin and Associates, indicating rising support by Americans of the modern state of Israel, as against the Arab Palestinian state. The result: 71 percent of Americans were opposed to creating a Palestinian state. And by almost the same margin, Americans opposed any support to the Palestinian Arabs. Much of this current support is surely generated by those who are classified as Christian Zionists."

My friend objected that the poll he had checked was even more reliable than the one sponsored by the Jewish organization. My wife informed me that the poll that my friend was referring to was originally taken by John Zogby, brother of James J. Zogby, the founder and president of the Arab American Institute, whose ingratiating American ways provide Muslims one of their best weapons in the takeover of America.

As I mentioned in the last *Levitt Letter*, Dallas is a single city that outranks the entire nation of Israel in murders every year, despite Israel's trouble with terrorism. Yet the editor of the *Dallas Morning News* still feels competent to advise Israel in how to deal with terrorism. I don't know how your local newspaper is covering the situation in the Holy Land, but this is the sort of claptrap we're seeing from the *Dallas Morning News*.

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As noted previously, I quit taking this paper nearly ten years ago, not because it was biased against Israel (like *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, etc.), but rather because it would not even report the truth. When I went to this newsroom and confronted the editors of the paper, I was told by one that “There is no truth, there is only people’s opinions.” When I told them there was no Palestinian nation, that it has no history, the “Viewpoints” page editor shrugged and said, “Well, that’s your opinion.”

I said, “That is not an opinion, that is history. You learned it in high school. Think about it.”

And he works on the editorial staff! Little wonder we see “facts” like these (which appeared in the August 10th issue, in the editorial, “Altering Region’s Culture Is Tough But Necessary”):

“President Bush must keep pushing Israel to stop building West Bank settlements. The administration especially needs to press the Sharon government to stop constructing a wall through the West Bank. The White House has suggested linking Israeli loan guarantees to closing down the wall. It’s the first time the administration has put real muscle behind its demands, and it shouldn’t relent.”

As can be seen by the above paragraph, *The Dallas Morning News* never misses a chance to defame our ally and sister democracy, Israel. In this case they claim that the settlements are an obstruction to peace. I have traveled through Israeli settlements for 30 years. They are enclaves of green grass and flowers, homes and schools, in otherwise unoccupied wilderness land. It is impossible to fathom how they could be an impediment to peace. Perhaps the Arabs want a state completely free of Jews, as the Nazis wanted, but that could be the only way that settlements would get in the way of “peace.”

And only a complete idiot would imagine that the fence (which controls predators like any other fence) could be an impediment to peace.

Another paragraph in this same article stated:

“The Saudis, Egyptians, and Jordanians must help Palestinians modernize their economy. The mess that passes for one breeds chaos. These Arab states have the might to make it happen. And they must insist that their neighbors no longer harbor terrorists. The Hezbollahs are cannibalizing the region’s young, whose energy the Palestinians need to revitalize their economy.”

These three hopelessly weak and indifferent nations mentioned by *The Dallas Morning News* would have no influence whatever on the Palestinians. If only one

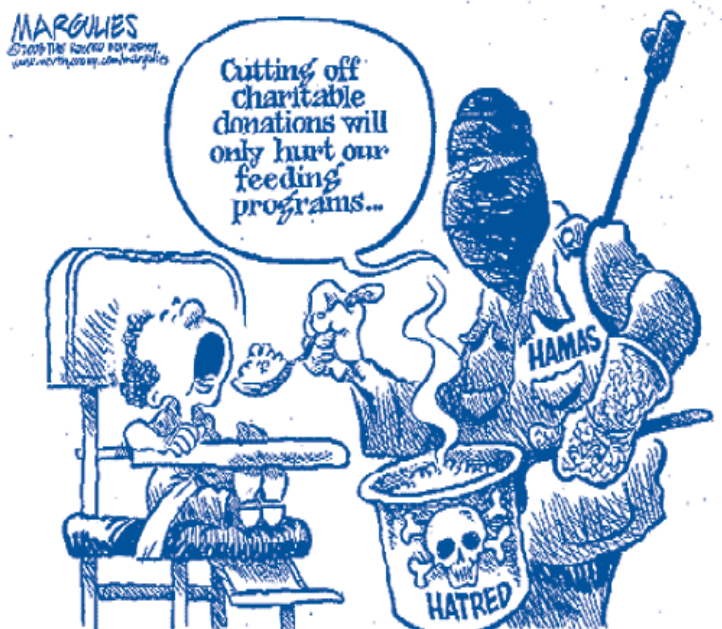
Morning News reporter would one time travel in the Middle East and talk with the people on the ground, we might actually get some intelligence out of this newspaper (and the same goes for *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, etc., etc.).

What needs to be done is exactly the opposite of what *The Dallas Morning News* advises. Bush and the rest of our government just need to leave the Holy Land alone. The Israelis have been working on problems like this for some four thousand years, and do not need to be told by a two-hundred-year-old nation what to do in a situation they’re quite familiar with.

Likewise, *USA Today*, in its Aug. 19, 2003 issue, on page 5A, ran an article listing terrorist-supporting nations. But there was something wrong with almost every listing. For example, Cuba, Iran, Iraq, North Korea, and Sudan were all included. But Cuba is almost no threat; Iran is targeted already and US forces and allies have surrounded it; Iraq is occupied; North Korea is just a black-mailer. Sudan is an odd choice if you leave out the other twenty-some Muslim nations not listed — why did they single this one out? In any case, if you’re going to pick on this pathetic nation, then its neighbor Libya is conspicuously missing from the list.

Syria was listed, but with a bewildering statement: “Syria also has helped US efforts to round up the Al Qaeda terrorist network in the aftermath of the September 11th attacks.” The same is said of Sudan. Neither statement has a true syllable in it, because neither nation has helped whatsoever. Syria provides headquarters for any number of terrorist groups, deals drugs, and supports Hezbollah in its constant attacks on Israel.

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The outstanding omission in the *USA Today* article was Saudi Arabia, which was and continues to be the financier of terrorism (if not the perpetrator of it, as at the World Trade Center). They don't even appear on the list. And yet they support, encourage, pay for, and in all ways make world terrorism possible. The odious Islamic doctrine of Wahhabism—the sort of Islam that murders innocents and takes over countries—was born and bred in Saudi Arabia. The love affair between the Bush family and the oil-rich Saudi terror masters is touching, but we can't afford it any longer.

In the August 13th issue of *The New York Times*, James Bennet, a constant critic of Israel, wrote in his "Letter from the Middle East" column that the founders of modern-day Israel were terrorists just like today's Palestinian terrorists. He totally ignores the fact that there is a difference between reestablishing a nation by its rightful heirs as opposed to a band of illegal immigrants trying to steal a nation. The Israelis were fighting uniformed British soldiers and Arab terrorists and in no way targeting innocent civilians as do the Palestinians who even murder, by choice, grandmothers holding babies. (For more on this differentiation between the two groups, see "One Man's 'Freedom Fighters'" on page 26.)

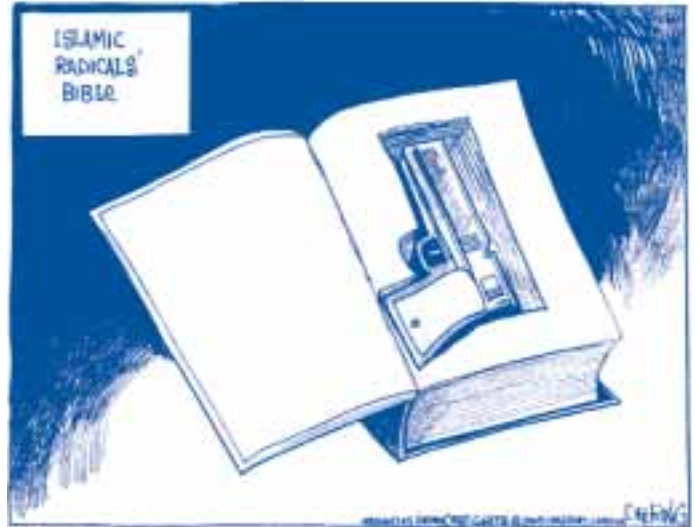
Another good example of distorted coverage was to be seen in *USA Today* and Associated Press articles on the mid-August story about an FBI operation that captured arms dealers trying to sell Stinger missiles to terrorists. In most of these stories, we never even see the word "Muslim" — except in reference to the FBI agents who the arms dealers "thought were Muslim terrorists." The stories don't mention that the arms dealer himself was a Muslim, and the first stories out didn't even give the man's name (which suggested he was a Muslim); he was just "a British citizen."

The second day, a story in *USA Today*, "Countries' Cooperation In Sting Unprecedented" by Toni Locy, "revealed" that one of the arms dealers "is of Indian ancestry." (I'm of Latvian ancestry; if I blow up a plane tomorrow, would the US blame Latvia and perhaps attack it?) The article has a postage stamp-sized picture of the accused (perhaps to keep it hard to identify him as a Muslim) and inside we have a picture of an American policeman guarding the courthouse, as if that had something to do with the story.

Have we been taken over already? This story represents an absurd control of the media, which becomes an enemy of both Israel and America through such coverups. In the same issue of *USA Today* was another story stating that we had lost 267 soldiers in Iraq and that 57 were killed in Afghanistan. Yet our total attention is directed toward the casualties in Israel (20 people) as if that is where world violence is going on. How long are we supposed to believe this hogwash that we need to be solv-

ing a problem in Israel that they almost don't have, while we're suffering far greater casualties in Iraq and Afghanistan?

At this rate, the US would lose around 800 troops in a year's time. Israel will have lost about that number in *three years* of the current Intifada. They are being assaulted by lunatic murderers while we are supposedly bringing freedom to a happy people who are glad to see us there.



This type of reporting is actually dangerous to our nation. We should demand the use of the term "Muslim" when it applies to terrorists. We should see news stories that say that the Saudis have funded and still are funding terrorist groups and spreading a hateful form of Islam.

We should demand that the news media name our enemies and call a Muslim a Muslim, or we will lose this war! ★

Editor's Note: Occasionally newspapers lurch into the truth. One of the above quotes from *The Dallas Morning News* appears to do just that: "The Hezbollah's are cannibalizing the region's young, whose energy the Palestinians need to revitalize their economy."

Such sacrifices are similar to the abominations of the past among non-believers in the Promised Land. The most obvious is the sacrifice of children to various religions that were practiced in Canaan before it was conquered by the Israelites, just as the Palestinians now sacrifice their young men and women as suicide bombers.

But also striking is the similarity of the statement to the Biblical account of the spies reporting to Moses about the Promised Land, "It is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof" (Numbers 13:33).

"The Hezbollah's are cannibalizing the region's young" is perhaps a curse placed on those who do not belong in the Promised Land at all.

Blame Syria, Not Hezbollah

By Ariel Natan Pasko, *Israel Insider*

The time has finally come for Israel to take the gloves off and start to hit back hard.... Why play Syria's and Iran's game? Why pretend that Hezbollah is calling the shots? Why give "immunity" to the real culprits? Put the blame squarely where it belongs, on Syria.... Israel needs to put the blame where it belongs; on the only power capable of reining in Hezbollah, of disarming them, of cutting off their flow of weapons from Iran, and of discouraging them from attacking Israel, i.e. Syria....

First, the Israeli government should make it a cornerstone of its foreign policy to raise the issue of Syria's continuing violation of UN Security Council Resolution 520, that calls on all foreign forces—including Syria—to leave Lebanon, at every diplomatic opportunity....

Second, in blaming Syria's dictatorial regime for Hezbollah's attacks on Israel, the Israeli government should announce a new policy, of retaliatory raids against Syrian military positions in Lebanon. Why should Syria be "immune" from the costs of its policies in support of Hezbollah? After announcing this change in policy, of holding Syria accountable for Hezbollah attacks, the Israeli government should begin a policy of "graduated escalation" beginning with hitting Syrian positions in Lebanon.

Israel and the United States have to support a free and independent Lebanon, free of Syrian occupation, free of Hezbollah terrorism, free to return to its former glory. It's in Israel's interest; it's in Lebanon's interest; it's in the United States' interest; and yes, it's even in the Syrian people's interest. ■

HebrewLesson



The Lord Who Heals

By John J. Parsons

Hebraic Insight

Only the Lord truly heals us of our sicknesses and diseases. We may take our medicines and visit our doctors – and the Lord may choose to use them as instruments of physical healing – but in the end, the Lord alone is our Healer and our Deliverer. As Spurgeon said, "I will heal thee of thy wounds" is a promise that could not come from the lip of man, but only from the mouth of the eternal God. Ultimately, however, our most desperate need for healing is spiritual: We need God to heal the spiritual sickness of our guilt-ridden and sinful condition before Him. But since this sickness concerns our relationship to God, unless God Himself cures it, we will never be truly healed.

Thankfully, the healing for our relationship is provided by the sacrifice of His Son Jesus as our personal Sin Offering before God. As the Tanakh puts it, "But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed." That is, Jesus took upon Himself our guilt-ridden and sinful condition – the shame of our broken relationship with God – and suffered this for us in order to heal our relationship with God. When we cry out to God saying, "Heal me O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved," we are calling upon the One who gave up His Only Begotten Son in order to

heal our relationship with Him. We can then experience newness of life as we receive the spiritual healing of our hearts. Have you put your trust in God's Healing for your life?

יְהוָה רֹפֵאֲךָ

Adonai rofe-kha

The Lord who heals you

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Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved...
(Jeremiah 17:14 KJV).

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The LORD is the Great Physician and the ultimate source of all genuine healing—physical, emotional, and spiritual. In fact, in Exodus 15:26 we read that a title for the Lord is "The LORD who heals you."

Be Careful Where You Give...

David Brickner, leader of Jews for Jesus (jewsforjesus.org)



Recently, I had a conversation with the pastor of a large church in California who called to discuss the merits of an organization his church is supporting, called the Holy Land Fellowship of Christians and Jews. The pastor had received an email from one of his congregants who had seen an article on our web site that was critical of this organization. He knew that Jews for Jesus is not in the habit of criticizing other ministries and so he was troubled. I explained to the pastor that friends and supporters ask us about this group so often we felt obligated to comment.

Many Christians believe that when they give to the Holy Land Fellowship of Christians and Jews (a.k.a. “Rabbi Eckstein”) they are giving to a Christian organization run by a “Messianic rabbi.” When I explain that Yechiel Eckstein is not a believer in Jesus, and that in fact he opposes the gospel going to the Jewish people, most Christians I meet are shocked, dismayed and hurt. They feel betrayed and deceived.

Others however, including the aforementioned pastor, know that Rabbi Eckstein does not believe in Jesus. They give, as one would to a secular agency, because of the relief and social services that this organization provides. These people love the Jews and want to bless my people. I understand that they desire to support “mercy ministries” that benefit Jewish people, even if those organizations don’t believe those whom they help need Jesus. What is more, this particular pastor pointed out to me, On Wings of Eagles (part of Rabbi Eckstein’s organization) offers to educate churches and individuals on subjects ranging from anti-Semitism to the Israeli/Palestinian conflict and much more. The pastor informed me that the quality of their information was such that they were happy to continue supporting Eckstein.

I left two thoughts with that pastor. First, Rabbi Eckstein’s organization has him in a position of middleman, disbursing funds as he sees fit to other organizations. He has no direct “mercy ministry” so donors are basically looking to him to choose organizations that are reputable. I am not questioning whether or not he chooses reputable organizations, but I believe that Christians would want to know this as a simple matter of stewardship so they can take knowledge of where their funds are going.

My second point has to do with the nature of mercy ministries themselves. I am for mercy ministries, but I like to view them in the context of what Jesus had to say: “And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward” (Mt. 10:42). I believe that mercy ministries are best and most meaningfully done in the name of Jesus or at least in the name of one of His disciples.

Yechiel Eckstein is very skilled at leading Christians to believe that the best thing they can do for my Jewish people is meet the needs that his organization tends to. He probably believes this himself but it is important to realize that Rabbi Eckstein is no follower of Jesus and actually opposes those Jews who do follow Him. Notice I say those “Jews” who follow Him. Eckstein is famous for building bridges with Christians, but only those Christians who are not Jewish and who do not openly advocate Jesus as the Jewish Messiah and the only way to the Father.

Eckstein’s book, *What Christians Should Know About Jews and Judaism*, was reviewed in 1987 by Ray Gannon for the Lausanne Consultation on Jewish Evangelism (LCJE). Gannon observes Eckstein’s persuasiveness and his agenda to limit Christian witness to the arena of formal dialogue (presumably limited to the religious “experts”) rather than Christians sharing their convictions on a personal level and offering Jesus as a viable option to their Jewish friends.

In addition, Gannon points out that, “Eckstein does not seem to allow for the sincere faith convictions of Jewish people who recognize Yeshua as Messiah and Lord. He fully disallows the rights of believing Jewish people to foster the continuation of their cultural experience as Jews. He seemingly demands that they despise and abandon Jewish culture as a punishment for their sincere faith... In his attack upon Messianic Jews and Jewish evangelism, he has the audacity to dub Messianic believers, ‘Judaizers.’ ... Is his purpose to incite a Christian theological riot against Messianic Jews? Could he really be so genuinely ignorant of our theological posture?”

Finally, Gannon points out that Eckstein suggests that “the rejection of Jesus as Messiah is the key to Jewish survival.”

Christians who seek to be educated by Eckstein concerning the Jewish people should understand that he would love to see Messianic Jewish groups and particularly Jewish missions “on the outs” with Christians whose prayers and support we need. Ultimately, it is not our needs, but the needs of our unbelieving Jewish people that we are talking about.

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What my people need more than a cup of cold water is the living water which Jesus promised: "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water" (John 7:38). Giving to mercy ministries is good. Yet, I question the wisdom (not the intentions) of giving a cup of cold water through those who would oppose efforts to offer the living water that Jesus wants us to offer to Jews as well as Gentiles. Thankfully, there are also Christian mercy ministries who give aid and support to needy Jewish people. If you are interested in supporting such ministries in Jesus' name, contact us and we will pass along their information.

To all those loving Christians who have given help to my people through On Wings of Eagles or other such groups, I know God still will bless the gift and the giver. But wouldn't it be better to give the help in Jesus' name, and with the understanding that Jesus has even more to give to those who will seek Him? I think of the words of Jesus to the woman at the well, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water" (John 4:10).

The Chicken Lady represents a charity we heard about in Israel and referred to you. You have been very kind in your giving, and her thank-you note is pictured here. If you wish to continue giving, you can send your gift to us to give to her or send money directly to her. God knows your good works. — Zola

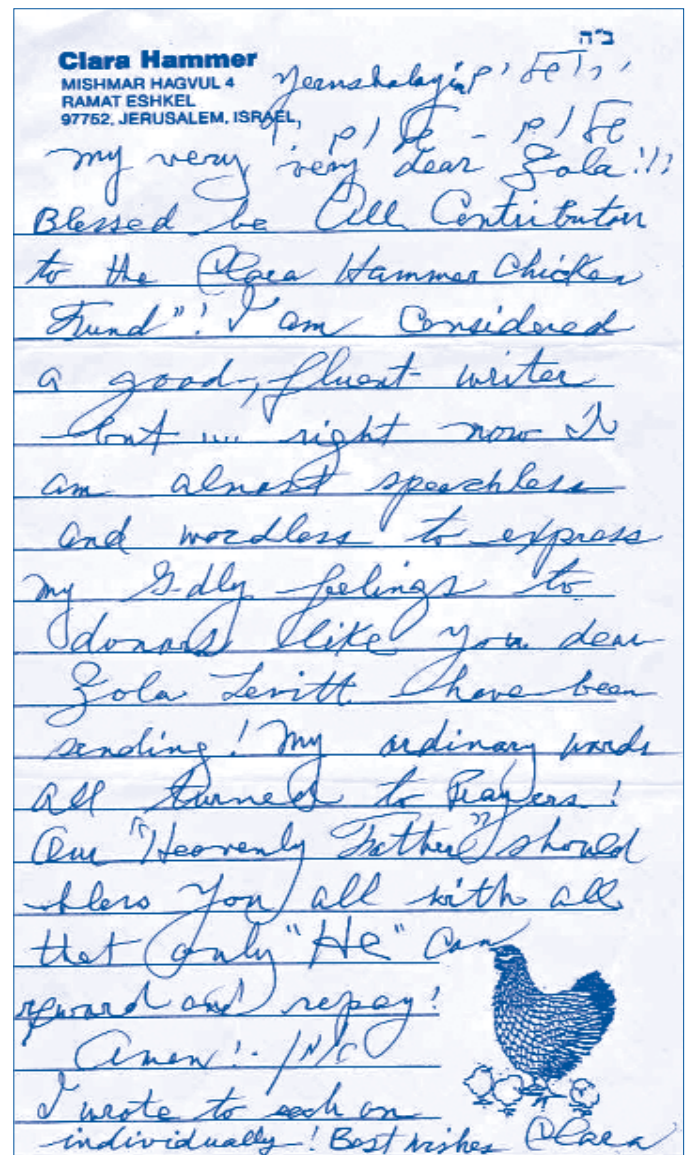
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The Chicken Lady, in her simple, charitable ways, is worth ten unbelieving rabbis who take "administrative fees" out of Christian gifts.

Arafat Recycled?

US State Department diplomatic efforts in the Middle East became absolutely Clintonesque last week. The occasion was a joint press conference by Secretary of State Colin Powell and UN Secretary General Kofi Annan. Powell, with a straight face, called on Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat to cooperate in bringing terrorism against Israel under control. After saying for months that Arafat was "history," that we would not deal with him, there we were begging the biggest terrorist of them all to help us control terrorism. [A day later], the US was reassuring Israel that our "boycott" of Arafat continues, but the damage has already been done... we had delivered an unmistakable signal that we are so desperate to save the "Road Map" we will deal with a man who has dedicated his entire life to killing Jews and destroying Israel. — Gary Bauer, *American Values*.



Denial

By Zola Levitt

Our nation is in denial.

We deny that we're being attacked by Muslims. It is hard to find a case where a terrorist bombing or other attack occurred in recent history, in which Muslims were not the instigators. Yet each time such an attack occurs, the press does its best to deny that those involved were Muslims.



Second, most Americans deny that Islam is a phony religion based on violence and takeovers of other people's land. And we deny that the Palestinians are terrorists, even though those words have been used together for 40 years.

Our government and news media also deny that we are a Judeo-Christian nation in which all religions are not equal (one of them is trying to overthrow our government). Hence, the recent controversy with the Ten Commandments in Alabama, as well as the tendency of our government to turn a blind eye toward the anti-American rhetoric undoubtedly coming from mosques that operate in most of our cities.

Every day, Americans deny that the Muslims are intent on taking over America the way they took over Egypt and as they are now trying to take over Israel.

The press and most politicians deny that Saudi Arabia is our enemy, and that it has been and is busy funding terrorists and teaching the most hostile and murderous brand of Islam.

Religious groups aren't much better. Many deny that Israel is important in prophecy. Such teachers as Jerry Falwell, James Dobson, Pat Robertson, Paul Crouch, etc., are "Christian leaders" who don't give the Holy Land the attention it truly deserves as the Tribulation approaches. Once in a while, they mention Israel, but their basic concern is with the American church and US politics, which are prophetically a blind alley. Our largest seminaries including Moody, Dallas, and Talbot deny that Israel is even part of God's plan today. They apply all the Lord's blessing to Israel in the future at best, and teach that the church has replaced Israel, at worst.

Most of us deny that our government has been fooling us, and we fail to appreciate the quote (from March 31, 2001) which has been attributed to George W. Bush and recently repeated in *USA Today* that "You can fool some of the people all the time, and those are the people we have to concentrate on."

From our leaders on down, our nation has become a people in denial. ★

See Colin Crawl



By Gary Bauer, American Values

US State Department diplomatic efforts in the Middle East became absolutely Clintonesque last week. The occasion was a joint press conference by Secretary of State Colin Powell and UN Secretary General Kofi Annan. Powell with a straight face called on Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat to cooperate in bringing terrorism against Israel under control. After saying for months that Arafat was "history," that we would not deal with him, there we were begging the biggest terrorist of them all to help us control terrorism.

[A day later] the US was reassuring Israel that our "boycott" of Arafat continues, but the damage has already been done... we had delivered an unmistakable signal that we are so desperate to save the "Road Map" we will deal with a man who has dedicated his entire life to killing Jews and destroying Israel. ■



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Unfair, Unbalanced

From HonestReporting.com

Journalists covering the Israeli-Palestinian conflict aim to provide readers with a balanced picture by quoting official statements from both sides.

But with Palestinian spokesmen issuing increasingly disingenuous and mendacious statements, Honest-Reporting asks: Do all official statements merit uncritical coverage? When spokespeople utter statements that directly contradict established facts, hasn't a news outlet that amplifies such statements stopped reporting "balanced" news, and crossed the line into disseminating lies and propaganda?

A recent case in point: After the IDF killed Hamas leader Ismail Abu Shanab, a Hamas spokesman announced to reporters: "The Zionist enemy has assassinated the truce," so therefore "we consider ourselves no longer bound by this cease-fire."

It truly stretches the mind to imagine how the horrific bus bombing in Jerusalem — perpetrated by a Hamas terrorist shortly before this — fits any definition of an ongoing cease-fire.

Even before the Jerusalem bus bombing, there was no shortage of bloody terror from Hamas, which claimed responsibility for the suicide bombing in Ariel two weeks before. Additionally, the IDF has reported no less than 300 terror attacks throughout Gaza, the West Bank, and Israel proper since the beginning of the supposed "cease-fire."

One TV reporter, Michael Holmes from CNN, did provide due comment on Hamas' spurious claim on Thursday: "Hamas called CNN's Gaza office and said that the cease-fire was over...if you were near West Jerusalem the other night, you would wonder what sort of cease-fire was it in the first place anyway."

Yet many other media outlets felt compelled to report the Hamas spokesman's statement as fact:

The Chicago Tribune headlined

its Aug. 22 report: "Hamas Abandons Truce After Israel Kills Leader."

The LA Times headlined: "Truce Ended After Israeli Airstrike."

The (London) Independent stated: "Palestinian militant groups suspended their two-month-old ceasefire last night after Israel assassinated a Hamas leader in Gaza and sent tanks and infantry back into West Bank cities." By disseminating the Hamas statement while omitting contradictory facts, news outlets provide a mouthpiece for terrorists to brazenly deny their murderous acts, and falsely frame Israel as the "anti-peace" force in the conflict. ■

Traitor!

According to Robert D. Novak (Middle East Shambles, Opinion, Aug. 25), Israel "overreacted" by hunting down the leaders of Hamas, the organization that claimed credit for the bus bombing. I assume that Novak felt that during the Holocaust, the Jews "overreacted" by cursing Hitler before they were incinerated in the gas chambers.

I "overreacted" to Novak's column by sending a donation to the Israeli Defense Force in his name. I hope others will do the same. — *Jocelyn Jayson, Port Washington, letter to The New York Post.*

Novak, a Jewish convert to catholicism, is one of the most virulent critics of Israel. — Zola





I love the cavalier carelessness of *The New York Times* telling us that this scene is on the Muslim Temple Mount platform when there's a picture of a gas station in the background with Hebrew writing on its sign. They didn't even bother to ask the photographer where he was standing when he snapped the photo, but

published it as is with the most dishonest caption I suppose I've ever read. We ran the picture when it came out, but there's more to say at this point since the Muslims have taken full advantage of a heart-breaking scene.
— Zola

A Picture Worth a Thousand Lies

Communique, HonestReporting.com

On the day the Intafada broke out, Tuvia Grossman was riding a taxi to visit the Western Wall. He was unwittingly thrust into the international limelight—and nearly killed in the process.

On September 30, 2000, *The New York Times*, Associated Press and other major media outlets published a photo of a young man—bloodied and battered—crouching beneath a club-wielding Israeli policeman. The caption identified him as a Palestinian victim of the recent riots—with the clear implication that the Israeli soldier is the one who beat him.

The victim's true identity was revealed when Dr. Aaron Grossman of Chicago sent the following letter to *The Times*: "Regarding your picture on page... that Palestinian is actually my son, Tuvia Grossman, a Jewish student from Chicago. He, and two of his friends, were pulled from their taxicab while traveling in Jerusalem,

by a mob of Palestinian Arabs, and were severely beaten and stabbed. That picture could not have been taken on the Temple Mount because there are no gas stations on the Temple Mount and certainly none with Hebrew lettering, like the one clearly seen behind the Israeli soldier attempting to protect my son from the mob."

In response, *The New York Times* published a half-hearted correction which identified Tuvia Grossman as "an American student in Israel"—not as a Jew who was beaten by Arabs. The "correction" also noted that "Mr. Grossman was wounded" in "Jerusalem's Old City"—although the beating actually occurred in the Arab neighborhood of Wadi al Joz, not in the Old City.

In response to public outrage at the original error and the inadequate correction, *The New York Times* reprinted Tuvia Grossman's picture—this time with the proper caption—along with a full article detailing his near-lynching at the hands of Palestinians rioters. The photo of a bloodied Tuvia Grossman became a symbol in the struggle to ensure that Israel receives the fair media coverage that every nation deserves.

In April 2002, a District Court in Paris ordered the French daily newspaper *Liberation* and the Associated Press to pay damages to Grossman in the amount of 4,500 Euros. The Court condemned the Associated Press for "misrepresenting [Grossman] as a member of the Palestinian community," while the court censured *Liberation* for "publishing the litigious picture with a comment edited the same faulty way, giving the picture a meaning and a scope it could not have."

Even more remarkable is that Arab groups have adopted Grossman's photo to use in their own propaganda campaigns, cynically using a bloodied Jew as a symbol of the Palestinian struggle.

An official Egyptian government website is using the Grossman photo on its "Photo Gallery". And the Palestinian Information Center, www.islam.net, incorporated Tuvia's photo onto its homepage banner. (The graphic was recently removed from the site.)

Additionally, some Arab groups have called for a boycott of Coca-Cola, for doing business with Israel, and have circulated a series of posters to state their case. One poster shows Grossman's bleeding face juxtaposed with the Coca-Cola logo, and the tag line: "By supporting American products, you're supporting Israel."

Snopes.com reports that, ironically, since Ramallah is home to a Coca-Cola bottling facility that employs about 400 local residents (and indirectly creates employment for hundreds more), and Coca-Cola industries throughout the Middle East are operated as local businesses,

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and boycott of Coca-Cola in Middle Eastern countries is likely to cause more monetary harm to Arabs and Palestinians than it is to Americans or Israelis.

Snopes.com notes another irony: Pepsi is also on the Arab boycott list with claims that the name “Pepsi” is an acronym for Pay Every Penny to Save Israel or Pay Every Penny to the State of Israel. As the Associated Press once noted, “Calling Pepsi a ‘Jewish product’ is ironic, given that Pepsi was one of many multinationals that wouldn’t do business in Israel during the 40-year Arab commercial boycott of the Jewish state.”

And of course the biggest irony of all is that the image chosen in the poster to represent a Palestinian suffering was none other than Tuvia Grossman [a Jewish student] who was nearly beaten to death by a Palestinian mob. ■

Ask any palestinian about our corporate color
& he'll tell you!

Drink Coca Cola. Support Israel.
By supporting american products,
you're supporting Israel.

Haven't we had enough humiliation? Israelis are killing Palestinian children and the US economy is supplying the bullets. Is there anything you can do to stop this? Yes! There are 1 billion Muslims and 5 billion humans around the world. If we all unite together and boycott the attached American product, we will send a strong message to the U.S. that is supporting the killing of innocence. We have nothing against the American people. We just want Israel to stop the killing. This is only the beginning! More products to come. Please make an impact. Boycott this product and spread the word. Together, we can make a difference.

▲ The Muslims don't mind utilizing the photo of their Jewish victim to represent a Palestinian casualty and to boycott an American product. These are the people Israel is expected to trust in negotiations about peace.

The Times staggers on. — Zola

Complete Coverage?

A special *New York Times* section on world terror omits Palestinian terror and Israeli anti-terror efforts. *The Times'* homepage promotes it as “Complete Coverage.” This new section collects *Times'* articles from the past ten days that address terrorist attacks worldwide and official responses to quell them.

Conspicuously absent from *The Times'* “complete coverage” are reports on terror and counter-terror in Israel.... Why do none of these articles make their way onto *The Times'* anthology of recent terror reports? Why do *The Times* editors believe that terror against Israelis and IDF responses “don't count” for a special section on world terror? At this sensitive early stage in the renewed Israel-Palestinian talks, such omissions undermine Israel's critical insistence upon the uprooting of Palestinian terror. *The Times*, after all, would have its ten million readers believe that anti-Israeli terror simply doesn't exist. ■

Source: Communique

We predicted this pent-up demand for Israel tours, as reflected in the story below. Please do not delay in registering for our upcoming tours. Reserving airline seats is a very real problem this time. (For more information, see the “Note From Zola” on page 10.) — Zola

Tourism Surges in Israel

Tourism to Israel continues to surge, says Rami Levi, Tourism Ambassador of Israel to North and South America. Close to 100,000 visitors came to the country in June, a 44 percent increase over June 2002. 1.2 million visitors are expected to come to Israel in 2003.

“This news gives us great confidence that things are on the mend,” observed Levi, who noted that every month this year, tourism has risen sharply. Tourism from North America makes up approximately 25 percent of the total number of tourists to Israel, a 20 percent growth in share since 2000.

“The new optimism in our part of the world is making a significant difference,” Levi observed, “and we see it daily, as more and more tourists arrive.” ■

Source: Israeli Ministry of Tourism

"...Not Publicly"

By Rachel Neuwirth, ChronWatch.com (Note: ChronWatch.com is a media watchdog and news site on the Internet.)

In late July, I contacted Ibrahim Hooper, spokesman and director of communication at the Council of American-Islamic Relations (CAIR). When he returned my call, he presented his point of view about the Arab-Israeli conflict and militant Islam. When I reminded him about CAIR's record of openly supporting Hamas, Hezbollah, and other organizations deemed by the government to be terrorists, he replied by telling me that "CAIR does not support these groups publicly." But Hooper must have realized that he had said too much: He lost his composure and I suddenly found myself listening to a dial tone!

To make sure that I had not misunderstood him, I called him back. His response? "Call me tomorrow morning." Then he hung up the phone again.

Instead of calling Mr. Hooper the next day, however, I sent him an e-mail and told him that his comment kept haunting me and that I believe I was owed an explanation. In my quest to comprehend CAIR's position regarding the Middle East peace process, I posed the following six questions, hoping for a clear response:

Does CAIR accept the right of Israel to exist as a Jewish state in its historic, Biblical homeland?

Does CAIR condemn Hezbollah as a terrorist organization?

Does CAIR deem Hamas, Islamic Jihad, Tanzim, Al-Aqsa Brigades, Fatah, and other such groups as terrorist organizations, without making a distinction between their political and military wings?

Does CAIR unconditionally condemn suicide/homicide bombing?

Does CAIR condemn all violence against civilians?

After a few days, there was still no response from Mr. Hooper; so I called him again to clarify what he meant about not publicly supporting terrorist groups and to get his reaction to my six questions. However, all he said was that he will have peace when I quit calling him!

CAIR was founded in 1994 by two former officials of the Islamic Association for Palestine, a group that former FBI counter-terrorism chief Oliver Revell acknowledged was formed as a front for the Palestinian Arab terrorist group, Hamas. One of CAIR's official founders and its executive director, Nihad Awad, openly expressed sup-

port for Hamas, Hezbollah, and numerous other Arab/Islamic terrorist organizations.

Mr. Hooper has defended Saudi financial support of Palestinian suicide bombers. In spite of this, much of America's present political establishment embraces CAIR as a legitimate, mainstream, Muslim-American organization.

FBI Director Robert Mueller and other top FBI officials have met with CAIR, even though CAIR seems to be more opposed to the FBI's efforts to fight terrorism than to the terrorists themselves, as reported by Michael Waller in *Insight* magazine: "Taking a closer look at the facts, CAIR can be characterized only as an extremist group."

On June 26, Senator Jon Kyl chaired hearings on "Terrorism: Growing Wahhabi Influence in the United States" before the US Senate Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology, and Homeland Security. According to the testimony of Stephen Schwartz, director of the Islam and Democracy Program at the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies, CAIR is financed by, and maintains open and close relations with, the Saudi government whose goal, we now know, is to spread the autocratic Wahhabi brand of Islam which aims to rule the world. CAIR has claimed that some 70 percent of American Muslims want the Wahhabi teaching in their mosques.

CAIR also claims to be a (Muslim) civil liberties organization. As CAIR's spokesman, should Mr. Hooper not, then, offer an explanation as to why militant Islamists appear to be indifferent to the civil liberties of non-Muslims? If CAIR truly stands for equality, freedom, tolerance, and democracy for everyone, it should be calling for the dismantling of terrorist groups. But never have I heard any CAIR spokesperson denounce terrorism except in a twisted, elusive manner that seeks to blame those who speak out against the terrorists' militant brand of Islam.

It is apparent, from our interaction, that Mr. Hooper may not really believe in the American system. This was indicated by his infamous statement in a 1993 interview with *The Minneapolis Star Tribune* in which he declared, "I wouldn't want to create the impression that I wouldn't like the government of the United States to be Islamic sometime in the future."

Hopefully, Mr. Hooper will take a few minutes out of his busy schedule to respond to my very simple questions and explain his comment that CAIR doesn't support terrorist groups "publicly." Surely my questions are not that difficult to answer—unless, of course, CAIR actually supports terrorist organizations and he simply doesn't want the public to know it.

That's my hunch. — Zola



Ibrahim Hooper

This article claims that Bush's faith compels him to "revive the Middle East peace effort." But there has never been a legitimate peace effort. He isn't trying to revive anything; he's trying to divide the Promised Land. There's no way this man can read and truly believe the Bible and do what he's doing. — Zola

Faith and "Great Comfort"

By Laurence McQuillan, *USA Today*

President Bush says his religious faith is helping him deal with the challenges of the presidency, and he credits the Bible with inspiring him to push for federal funding to fight AIDS.

In an interview appearing next week in the October issue of *Ladies' Home Journal*, Bush says it is possible to function in the presidency without believing in God, and probably some of his predecessors did not believe in God, but he finds that faith helps.

"When you realize that there is an Almighty God on whom you can rely, it provides great comfort," he says. "That's why I read every morning, the Bible and scriptures and Charles Stanley devotionals. It matters a lot to me personally." Stanley, a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, is a TV and radio evangelist and author of books on Christian living.

Bush, a Methodist, often refers to his faith in public

remarks but does not link it to government policy. "You shouldn't fear a religious person," Bush says. "The Bible talks about love and compassion. ... That's really a lot behind my passion on AIDS policy, for example." Bush surprised some conservatives in January when he asked Congress to raise the five-year budget on fighting AIDS in Africa from \$5 billion to \$15 billion.

In the interview, Bush cited no other positions influenced by his faith. White House advisers say there are other examples: his stand against abortion, his opposition to legalizing gay marriage, his efforts to make it easier for religious organizations to receive federal funding for programs that offer community services, and his attempt to revive Middle East peace efforts.

A survey during the 2000 presidential campaign by the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press found that 70% of Americans wanted their president to be strongly religious, but 50% felt uncomfortable when politicians discussed their faith publicly.

"The spirit of religion is a strong one in the United States," says presidential scholar Stephen Hess of the liberal-leaning Brookings Institution. "But politicians need to walk a fine line. Religious talk is always going to anger some people."

"Religious talk is always going to anger some people"? If it is this sort of religious talk, count me angry. — Zola



NewsBriefs

Three years ago, as Bill Clinton prepared for his Camp David II summit.... Arafat, a creature of exile politics.... walked away from peace and into insurrection. And he got no pressure or criticism from the Arab leaders who have refused to take the politically risky steps of integrating the Palestinian refugees into their own societies. These leaders continued to put their interests and safety before those of peace. No one can dispute that Palestinian refugees lead existences of daily suffering and humiliation.

They deserve not only sympathy but also compensation for their dispossession, and a fresh start outside those awful camps. For that to happen on the basis of an Israeli-Palestinian peace, Arab leaders will have to display courage and toughness that have been absent for half a century in dealing with their own publics about the Palestinian refugees and workers in their midst. Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Lebanon, and, in the first instance, the Palestinian Authority, will have to abandon the fiction that the Palestinians in diaspora have an absolute and unlimited "right of return" into Israel. — *Jim Hoagland, "The Price for a Palestinian State,"* The Washington Post



A leader of the Palestinian militant group Hamas called President Bush an enemy of Islam because the US government froze the assets of Hamas leaders in response to a suicide bombing of a bus in Jerusalem. Speaking to Dubai-based Al-Arabiya TV, Abdel Aziz Rantisi called the action "a theft of Muslim money by the Americans" and said the frozen money doesn't belong to Hamas. "Hamas does not have any money in the US, Europe or even in the Arab states. President Bush has become Islam's biggest enemy," Rantisi said in the interview. — *"Hamas Calls Bush 'Islam's Biggest Enemy,'"* The Washington Post

A group operating openly in Britain that regards itself as a front line for global Islamic conquest, is planning a conference to celebrate the anniversary of America's "comeuppance" on Sept. 11, 2001. Two years after the attacks on New York and the Pentagon, "Muslims worldwide will again be watching replays of the collapse of the Twin Towers, praying to Allah to grant those magnificent 19 Paradise," says the group, Al-Muhajiroun, on its English-language website. Al-Muhajiroun was founded in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia in 1983 by a Syrian cleric, Sheikh Omar Bakri Mohammed, who was expelled from Saudi Arabia and has lived in London since 1986 despite an unsuccessful appeal for asylum. — *"Group Celebrates 'Magnificent 19' Hijackers,"* WorldNetDaily.com

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But Get Rid of Those Ten Commandments

Buddhism and the Badge

By Debbie Howlett, *USA Today*

An internationally known Buddhist monk who teaches non-violence will lead a five-day retreat for police officers and others in public service here to help them handle job-related stress.

At least 12 city police officers are among more than 500 workers and their families scheduled to attend the retreat. The retreat will include meditation, silent meals and instruction in the practice of “mindfulness,” a basic tenet of Buddhism to be aware of the consequences of one’s actions. The retreat will also offer golf, swimming and hiking.

Zen master Thich Nhat Hanh will lead the retreat, which is called “Protecting and Serving Without Stress or Fear.” It is billed as a health and wellness event for those in “community service ... desiring a more peaceful, non-violent way of life.”

Capt. Cheri Maples, the Madison Police Department’s director of training and recruiting, organized the retreat. She says it is nonsectarian. “This is not about converting anyone,” says Maples, a practicing Buddhist. “This is just about giving people another coping tool.”

Madison police officials say the retreat is secular and is not sanctioned by the city. Police officers will be given leave to attend, but they must pay the \$600 cost.

Organizations such as Americans United for Separation of Church and State have objected. “Just as the city may not promote Christianity, Judaism or Islam, it may not advance Buddhism,” Barry Lynn, executive director of Americans United, says in a letter to the city. “Encouraging (officers) to go to a religious retreat doesn’t pass constitutional muster.”

Nhat Hanh, an exiled Vietnamese monk, is among the most respected Buddhist leaders and is nearly as revered as the Dalai Lama, the spiritual leader of Tibetan Buddhists. He was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in the 1960s by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. ■

You may remember that the “respected Buddhist leader,” the Dalai Lama, has contracted to make a TV commercial for an American company. — Zola



“Your Tax Dollars...”

Source: Julie Stahl, CNSNews.com

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat’s Fatah faction has honored a 17-year-old female suicide bomber for the second year in a row by naming a children’s summer camp after her, the Palestinian Media Watch reported on Friday. Ayyat al-Akhras, the youngest suicide bomber at the time, killed two Israelis when she blew herself up in a Jerusalem supermarket in March 2002. In the eastern Gaza Strip, the youth wing of Fatah organized the camp, called Ayyat al-Akhras, for 150 children aged nine to 15.

The phenomenon of naming camps, schools, and sporting events after terrorists is not new. The Arabic-language, PA-run newspaper *Al Quds* mentioned a graduation ceremony at the camp attended by a PA deputy minister. “Dr. Ahmad al-Yazji, PA deputy minister of youth and sports, attended a graduation ceremony of a summer camp named after the *Shahida Ayyat Al Akhras* [a woman who died for Allah],” *Al-Quds* reported. “Al-Yazji stressed the role of the struggle fulfilled by the Palestinian National Liberation Movement Fatah and saluted the *Shahids* [martyrs], the wounded and the prisoners,” it added. Palestinian Media Watch Director Itamar Marcus said that memorializing terrorists in this way encourages children to emulate them.

Last year it was revealed that funds from the United States Agency for International Development were going to be used to renovate a high school named after a Palestinian terrorist, Dalal Mugrabi, who participated in a bus hijacking in 1978. That attack killed 36 Israelis and an American nature photographer, Gail Ruban. ■

Healing, Purifying Thought

On the same day Palestinian suicide bombers in Ariel and Rosh HaAyin murdered two Israelis (18-year-old Erez Hershkovitz and 43-year-old Yechezkel Yekutiel) and wounded more than ten. Hamas perpetrated the Ariel attack, and Fatah's Al-Aksa Brigade carried out the Rosh HaAyin killing.

The most egregiously biased report on the terror attacks came from *The Christian Science Monitor*, whose homepage headline read: "Suicide attacks jolt Mideast peace hopes; Bombings may hurt Palestinian effort to stop Israel's barrier." The bulk of the article then continues to address not the bloody terror attack itself, but the damage it caused to the Palestinian anti-fence campaign.

Apparently, the warped moral compass of *The Christian Science Monitor* determined that the most serious injury the twin suicide bombings inflicted was not to actual human victims, but to the "hurt" Palestinian political goals. Beyond this grave insensitivity, *The Christian Science Monitor* twists this story 180 degrees. The attacks illustrate the clear need for the security fence, whose very purpose is to prevent suicide bombings. Instead, *The Christian Science Monitor* tries to use the attacks to arouse sympathy for those opposed to the fence.

How ironic that *The Christian Science Monitor* prides itself on following the mandate: "To injure no man, but to bless all mankind...to reach many homes with healing, purifying thought." We doubt the families of Erez Hershkovitz and Yechezkel Yekutiel are gaining much "healing" or "purifying thought" from *The Christian Science Monitor's* insensitivity toward their victimhood. ■

Source: Communiqué

One Man's "Freedom Fighters"

By Louis Rene Beres, Women For Israel's Tomorrow (Women in Green)

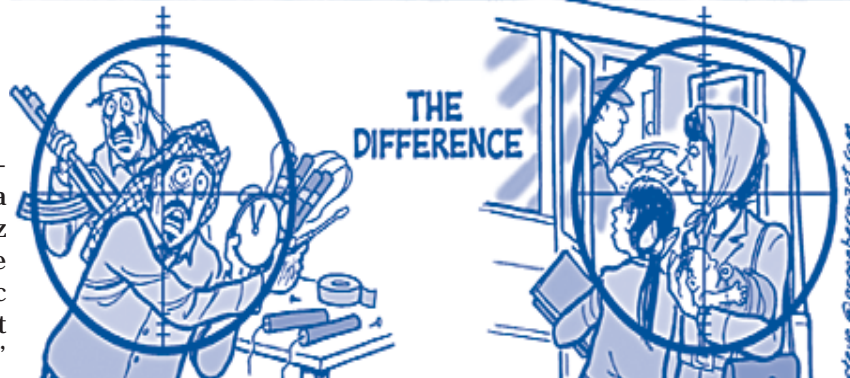
Even now, even after repeated Hamas suicide-bomb attacks on Israeli buses, pizza restaurants, ice-cream parlors, kibbutz nurseries and preschools, some still argue passionately that the ends of barbaric Palestinian violence justify the means—that an end to the so-called Israeli "occupation"

justifies premeditated murder of any and all Israelis.

Leaving aside both ordinary ethical standards (by which this argument is manifestly indecent) and the uncontested fact that Israel came into inadvertent control of the West Bank and Gaza in 1967 because of undisguised Arab aggression, the ends can never justify the means under authoritative international law. On the contrary, for more than two thousand years, binding legal rules of world politics have stipulated that intentional violence against the innocent is always repugnant and always prohibited.

From the standpoint of international law, one man's terrorist can never be another man's freedom fighter. This empty witticism, although now repeated ritually by various unschooled newspaper reporters and by smooth radio and television pundits seeking to appear clever, is jurisprudentially meaningless. It is true, to be sure, that certain insurgencies can indeed be judged lawful (a judgment without which the USA would never have been properly constituted), but even these permissible resorts to force must always conform to the laws of war.

Wherever an insurgent group resorts to unjust means, its actions are unambiguously terroristic. The rules of war bind all belligerents, insurgents as well as states. It follows that even if Hamas claims of an Israeli "occupation" were correct rather than concocted, their corresponding claim of entitlement to oppose Israel "by any means necessary" would remain unsupportable. International law has determinable form and content. It cannot be invented and reinvented by terror groups merely to accommodate their own adversarial interests. ■



We support the settlement of Anatot and other projects in Israel and have done so for many years. We're glad that other Believers are participating with similar projects. — Zola

US Evangelicals helping Israelis

Associated Press

Digging into the West Bank soil, Christians from suburban Denver plant seedlings in a vineyard as a blessing for the 18,000 Jews who have built a town here on land the Palestinians claim for their state. The 24 visitors are from a congregation that gives about \$100,000 each year — much of it raised from selling Christmas fruit baskets — to this settlement, believing that the Old Testament obliges them to support the Jewish people's return to lands from which they were exiled 2,000 years ago.

Christians mainly belonging to America's evangelical Protestant churches are among the most outspoken opponents of a new US-backed peace plan that would uproot many Jewish settlers and establish a Palestinian state. Through rallies, Internet-based letter writing campaigns and visits to Bush and his staff, evangelical leaders have made it clear to the president, himself a Protestant, that they oppose the "Road Map" plan.

There's no estimate of how much money going to Jewish settlers comes from evangelicals because contributions don't filter through a central body. Instead, hundreds of churches offer regular donations to about 50 West Bank settlements to buy school equipment, playgrounds, medical supplies and bulletproof buses. In May, a group started "Adopt a Settler," a drive aimed at giving \$55 each to 14,000 settlers. ■

The Islamic takeover of Europe is more advanced than its takeover of the United States. — Zola

Don't Offend Your Local Muslim

WorldNetDaily.com

The draft European Union's proposed constitution leaves out mention of God and Europe's Christian roots, despite strong pressure from conservatives and the Vatican, and amid fear of alienating Islamic immigrant populations, reports the Italian news agency ANSA.

All current members are formally Christian states, but most make no reference to their Christian roots in their respective constitutions and keep church and state separate. But many of the 10 countries due to join next year, led by the largely Roman Catholic Poland, wanted "Christian values" mentioned in the constitution.

Secularist countries, led by France, contend pluralist modern Europe is beyond the need to reference religion, according to ANSA. Leaders also stressed a reference to "Christian values" would make it more difficult to accept a mostly Muslim country such as Turkey.

Giscard d'Estaing, a former French president and the head of the Convention on the Future of Europe, the body charged to draft the constitution, earlier indicated a compromise was possible by having the preamble mention religion. There is no mention of God or religious values in the main body of the text. Penning the article himself, Giscard dashed the hope of compromise he had raised. ■

Since those bringing this lawsuit admit to the Exodus, and since the Exodus ended in Israel, then here are Muslim Arabs admitting that the Jews went to their Promised Land as early as 3,500 years ago. — Zola

Suing the Slaves!

Middle East Media Research Institute, Special Dispatch 556.

The Egyptian weekly *Al-Ahram Al-Arabi* featured an interview with Dr. Nabil Hilmi, Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Al-Zaqaziq who, together with a group of Egyptian expatriates in Switzerland, is preparing an enormous lawsuit against "all the Jews of the world... [for stealing gold and cooking utensils during the]... 'Great Exodus of the Jews from Pharaonic Egypt.' At that time, they stole from the Pharaonic Egyptians gold, jewelry, cooking utensils, silver ornaments, clothing, and more, leaving Egypt in the middle of the night with all this wealth, which today is priceless....

"If we assume that the weight of what was stolen was one ton, [its worth] doubled every 20 years, even if the annual interest is only 5 percent. In one ton of gold is 700 kg of pure gold — and we must remember that what was stolen was jewelry, that is, alloyed with copper. Hence, after 1,000 years, it would be worth 1,125,898,240 million tons, which equals 1,125,898 billion tons for 1,000 years. In other words, 1,125 trillion tons of gold, that is, a million multiplied by a million tons of gold. This is for one stolen ton."

Editor's Note: The logic in the above story is false and full of lies. Gold, as a commodity, unlike money, tends to hold its value over time, fluctuating up and down slightly, according to demand. Thus, today a ton of gold would actually be worth about what it was at the time of the Exodus rather than accumulating value over the years like money in a bank. But the real problem with the logic in this lawsuit is that the gold in question was a gift, freely given to the Jews leaving Egypt. Worse, the Arabs are not the people who lived in Egypt during the time of the Exodus. They slowly conquered powerful Egypt, just as they are conquering the US now. ■

In Israel, barrier walls are built along highways to prevent passengers from being killed by bullets. Yet the State Department wants to punish Israel with sanctions for building a defensive barrier designed to prevent motorists from being shot while traveling inside Israel itself.

What is scandalous about the State Department's joining this Palestinian propaganda campaign is that the department has for months been campaigning to implement its "Road Map" for peace, published on April 30. It has three phases. We are now in Phase I.

In which phase is Israel supposed to stop work on the fence? In none. There is nothing in the Road Map about the fence. In any phase.

In Phase I Israel is supposed to dismantle settlement outposts, which it has begun doing. Ultimately, Israel is required to freeze old settlements, which it is prepared to do when the Palestinians fulfill their part of Phase I. And what is that?

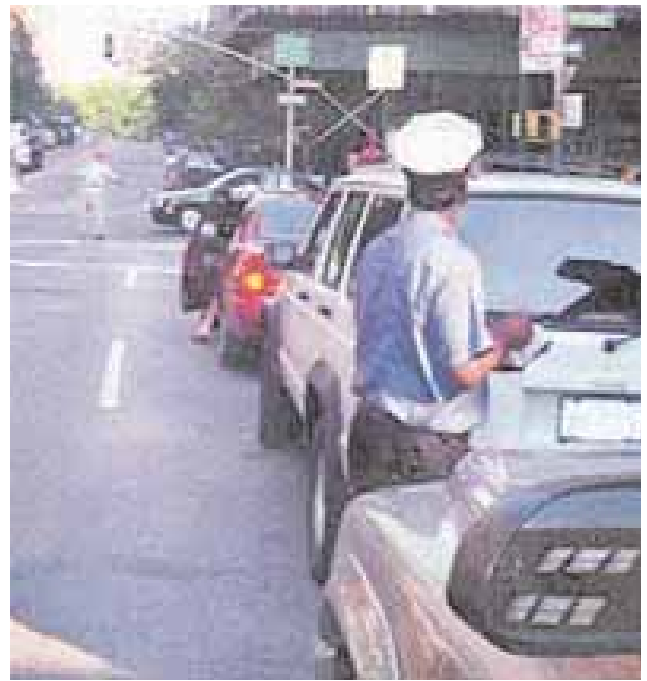
The Road Map is explicit: The Palestinians must begin "sustained, targeted, and effective operations aimed at . . . dismantlement of terrorist capabilities and infrastructure." They have done none of this. None. A three-month truce has been declared. But Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas has not just delayed cracking down on the terrorist apparatus; he has said that he will not do so at all because of fear of a Palestinian civil war.

How has the State Department reacted to this open renegeing on the Palestinians' central obligation in Phase I? At first it said it would simply give Abbas a short time to begin dismantling the terrorist infrastructure. Now it appears quite satisfied with a temporary truce that allows Hamas and the other terrorists to rearm and regroup, and that can and will be broken at the time and place of their choosing.

This is a direct contradiction of the Road Map. It is a contradiction of the central requirement of Palestinian compliance. It is a contradiction of the Middle East policy announced by President Bush in his June 24, 2002, speech that promised the Palestinians their own independent state—but only if they first ceased the violence and dismantled the violence machine.

The State Department is ignoring, indeed excusing, the Palestinians' violation of their central obligation under Phase I of the Road Map. At the very same time, the State Department is threatening Israel with sanctions over a fence that is nowhere mentioned in the Road Map.

This kind of amnesia and one-sidedness is not new. We have been here before. It was called Oslo. And we know how it ended. ■



"To Serve and to Protect"

By William J. Gorta and Philip Messing, *The New York Post*

About a half-hour into [the blackout in August], Dr. Robert Richter and two other New Yorkers took it upon themselves to ease the traffic jam at West 79th Street and Amsterdam Avenue. Then, 15 minutes later, an NYPD traffic-enforcement car rolled up, but instead of directing traffic, the policeman tagged a pair of cars on West 79th Street, Richter said.

"When I saw the flashing lights and the cars pull up, I said, 'Oh, relief is here,'" Richter told *The Post*. "Then they got out of the car and started writing tickets. After they finished writing tickets, they drove away—I couldn't believe this. I was just amazed." ■





IDF (Israel Defense Force) mess hall. This is the first picture I've ever seen of the Last Supper where all the characters were obviously Jewish.
-Zola

Photo courtesy of Israel Today



From Babylon (Baghdad) To Jerusalem

In a dramatic, secret airlift from Baghdad to Tel Aviv, Israel brought six elderly Iraqi Jews home, part of the last remnant of the ancient Jewish community that began when the Israelites were exiled to Babylon after the destruction of the first Temple in 586 BC. There are now only 28 Jews left in Iraq.

Iraqi immigrant Ezra Levy (81) gets first glimpse of the Promised Land and kisses the Western Wall.

Photo courtesy of Israel Today



Struggle For The Land: Tens of thousands protest against the 'Roadmap.'

Photo courtesy of Israel Today

Enough Peace Talk

By Joseph Farah, Women In Green (womeningreen.org)

What will it take for Israelis and Americans to understand you can't negotiate with terrorists? How much innocent blood needs to be spilled before we acknowledge the "peace process" has failed? How many more little children and old people have to be blown up by evil suicidal maniacs before we say, "Enough is enough!"

These are the questions going through my mind a day after the latest terrorist attacks in Jerusalem and Baghdad. Since the beginning of the Oslo Accords in 1993, Israel has fulfilled all of its commitments to peace:

It has given the Palestinian Authority control over territories in the West Bank and Gaza Strip; It has dismantled Jewish communities on historically Jewish lands; It has released prisoners who have been convicted of committing terrorist acts against the Jewish state; It has used its schools and its media to promote peace and harmony with the Arabs, even long-time terrorist adversaries such as Yasser Arafat; It has provided arms and ammunition to the Palestinian police force (really an army sworn to destroy Israel;) It has continued to negotiate in good faith with its adversaries despite an increase in terrorism; It has placed itself in a position, through land concessions, where its own military authorities are no longer certain it can defend its national security; It has proposed, for the sake of peace, even greater compromises, even offering part of its own sacred capital city to the Arabs; Long before that, Israel even gave administrative authority to its enemies over the holiest site in Judaism, the Temple Mount.

What has Israel received in return? Bloodshed. Nothing else. The more Israel gives, the more violence it experiences at the hands of its enemies. This is the truth about the so-called "cycle of violence" we hear about from Washington. Israel concedes, Israel bleeds.

It's time to stop this madness.

The US has sent troops around the world to answer terrorism that came to its shores Sept. 11, 2001. The US has overthrown two governments and occupies two nations halfway around the world in its war on those who attacked it.

Meanwhile, the US continues to demand Israel show

restraint in the face of these continuing, unrelenting attacks from terrorists amidst its civilian population, identifiable enemies operating within the country, and from the neighboring territory Israel gave its enemies in a desperate search for peace.

There are no two sides to this story. Not any longer. This is right vs. wrong. The only solution now is to put a stop to the terrorist violence once and for all.

Mahmoud Abbas, sometimes known by his "war name," Abu Mazen, told a US senator this week that Arafat is undermining him as prime minister of the Palestinian Authority. He admits he doesn't have control. This proves we're back to where we've always been in the conflict — Arafat the terrorist is calling the shots.



It's time for Washington to unleash Israel.

Israel's only real leverage with its enemies is its war machine. It is what has kept Israel alive for the last 55 years. It is the one thing that can preserve the tiny bastion of real freedom in the Middle East.

I say this not because I love Israel, but because I love freedom because I love America.

This country is in a fight for its life against the forces of darkness in this world. We can prevail only with consistency, fortitude and by doing what is right.

The right thing to do is to be consistent, to be strong. That means abandoning the failed policies of the past. That means having one standard that applies equally to the US and to Israel, which is in a far more precarious and desperate fight for its life. ■

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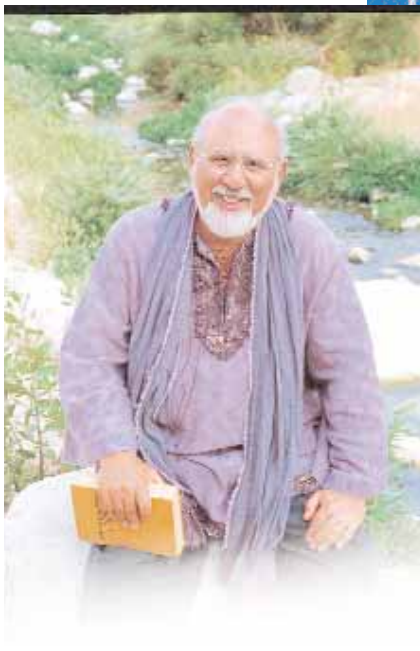
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