

# LEVITT LETTER

“BRETHREN, MY HEART’S DESIRE AND PRAYER TO GOD FOR ISRAEL IS THAT THEY MIGHT BE SAVED.” – ROMANS 10:1

This writer, the leader of CAMERA (the Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America), watches our media carefully for bias against Israel. Unfortunately, it’s not very difficult to find. In this article, she takes on THE NEW YORK TIMES, our “newspaper of record.” The TIMES, deteriorated as it is, is very influential in our nation, since many newspapers reprint its stories and accept its liberal point of view. Our ministry supports CAMERA in its ongoing efforts – not for favoritism toward Israel, but for fairness. – Zola



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## The Worst of Times

By Andrea Levin, www.frontpagemag.com

**ISRAEL’S RIGHT TO EXIST IS NOW DEBATABLE**, according to op-ed page editors at *The New York Times*, where, it seems, no column excoriating Israel is too extreme or factually flawed to pass muster.

Michael Tarazi’s recent piece entitled “Two Peoples, One State,” calling for the dissolution of the Jewish state, was particularly shrill and mendacious.

Certainly, as a legal advisor to the PLO, Tarazi’s argument in favor of terminating Israel is of interest. The problem is that the argument relies on patently false assertions. In a publication that claims to be committed to accuracy, not only in its news coverage, but on its opinion pages as well, the falsehoods should never have gotten by editors — and would not normally do so.

Invoking the most odious comparison in the modern lexicon — to apartheid South Africa — Tarazi’s premise, stated and restated, is that Israel is a racist country that oppresses non-Jews, blocking them from citizenship rights, and, as such, is morally illegitimate and should be done away with and transformed into a bi-national state. There, presumably, all people would be treated equitably.



Tarazi

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At press time...

## “A Great Day!”

We were greatly heartened by the positive results of the Iraqi election. The *Levitt Letter* long ago specified that we invaded Iraq and Afghanistan in order to surround the more dangerous Iran. Now, democratic elections have succeeded in both countries.



The left-wing media, unfortunately, are trying to make a bad thing of what’s happened and haven’t distinguished themselves, but it was altogether a great day in Iraq for democracy.

I can only caution that the situation in “Palestine,” where the dictator died, and a new dictator campaigned virtually unopposed, is quite different. It remains to be seen what will become of that “election.” — Zola

The South African smear is a standard trope among European Israel-bashers and radical campus agitators, but has generally remained in the fever swamp fringes of American debate. Its recent emergence in opinion writing in *The New York Times*, *The New Yorker*, the *Los Angeles Times*, and other mainstream publications is a matter of note.

So receptive are they to the Israel-as-South-Africa allusion that *Times* editors ignore such obvious refutations of the slur as the fact that 23% of the country is non-Jewish, mainly Arab Muslims and Christians, that they are the freest “non-Jews” of the Middle East, and that members of these communities serve in the Israeli parliament, the armed forces, and the Supreme Court.

In his indictment of Israel, Tarazi makes various false statements, including the following:

More than 400,000 Israelis live illegally in more than 150 colonies, many of which are atop Palestinian water sources.

Israel is offering ‘independence’ on a reservation stripped of water and arable soil...

[West Bank and Gaza] Palestinians must drive on separate roads, in cars bearing distinctive license plates, and only to and from designated Palestinian areas. It is illegal for a Palestinian to drive a car with an Israeli license plate. These Palestinians, as non-Jews, neither qualify for Israeli citizenship nor have the right to vote in Israeli elections. In South Africa, such an allocation of rights and privileges based on ethnic or religious affiliation was called apartheid.

All these statements (and others) should have raised alarms for *Times* fact-checkers, but none did. Beginning with the first, “colony,” of course, is another modern curse word implying an alien community established in

foreign territory by an imperial power. None of this applies historically, legally, or logically to the Israeli presence. Yet the *Times* apparently believes it does, and concurs that the Old City of Jerusalem — including the ancient Jewish Quarter, the Western Wall and the Temple Mount, as well as the Mount of Olives, Hebrew University, and Hadassah Hospital on Mt. Scopus — are part of illegal Israeli “colonies,” for all are in areas of eastern Jerusalem whose residents are encompassed in Tarazi’s reference to 400,000 Israelis living in illegal “colonies.”

Tarazi’s various references to water use are also factually erroneous, including his charges that Israeli communities in the West Bank and Gaza sit “atop Palestinian water sources” and that Israel is “strip[ping]” Palestinian areas of water.

Jewish settlements, which have been built almost without exception on uninhabited land, are not “atop” private or town wells belonging to Arabs. The PLO writer evidently refers here to a familiar propaganda charge that Israel is appropriating Arab water from aquifers under the West Bank.

The geological facts and Israel’s actual policies, which were of no interest to the *Times*, are relevant. Rain water that falls on the mountains of the West Bank and percolates through porous surface rock into the aquifer far below then naturally flows downwards toward the Israeli coastline. There, as has been the case for generations, water collects, rising close to the surface in natural springs, such as Rosh Ha’ayin, inside Israel. Even in the 1950s — before Israel controlled the West Bank — it used 95 percent of the Western Aquifer’s water, and 82% of the Northeastern Aquifer’s water, because it was in Israel that the waters were easily accessible.

Nor is there a rationale on legal grounds to suggest Palestinian ownership of such West Bank water. Israel’s development of the water resources, including the draining of swamps where such water accumulated at ground level, and its long prior use of the water give it rights in the same way Egypt has internationally recognized rights to the

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# Scripture and Israel

Review of Paper Presented  
by Dr. David Hocking  
at the Pre-Trib Study Group Conference  
December 6 – 8, 2004

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The Pre-Trib Study Group led by Dr. Tim LaHaye and Dr. Thomas Ice had its recent annual meeting in Dallas, and the theme was “Israel in Prophecy.” The conference has always been interested in Israel as it relates to the Rapture of the Church, the Tribulation and the Millennium, but this is the first time Israel has been the primary subject, and all the presentations were very pro-Israel. Is this an indication that the pro-Israel forces are gaining momentum in the battle for the hearts and minds of evangelical Believers in Christ?

Leading Biblical and prophetic scholars and authors from around the world gathered to present papers on the theme of the conference. This year, one of the speakers was Dr. David Hocking, leader of the Hope for Today Ministries. His title was “The Importance of the Modern State of Israel.” In making his case, Dr. Hocking presented a study of the word *Israel*.

Some people think that either the church has replaced Israel or that Israel will have no significance until Christ returns to establish His kingdom on earth. Therefore, they relegate the current State of Israel to a position of little importance in theology or eschatology. However, Hocking shows that the Biblical promises make the current Israel necessary and important in God’s prophetic plan.

**The Promise of a Land.** Hocking argues that God promised to the

Jews a specific Land which they would own for all time.

(1) The word “Israel” refers to a new name for Abraham’s grandson — Jacob — Genesis 32:28; 35:10.

(2) The word “Israel” refers to the twelve tribes who descended from the sons of Jacob — Genesis 49:28.

(3) The Bible refers to the “children of Israel” 644 times, of which 14 usages are in the New Testament.

(4) The word “Israel” refers to the “nation” that was given the 613 commandments of God — Deuteronomy 4:1, 7-8.

(5) The word “Israel” refers to the “Land” which was promised to the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob — Genesis 17:8; 26:3; 35:12; Psalm 105:8-11; Ezekiel 37:11-14.

(6) The term “Israel” is used for the ten northern tribes that separated from the tribes of Judah and Benjamin in the days of King Rehoboam, the son of Solomon — I Kings 12:16-24.

(7) The term “Israel” is also used in the New Testament to describe those

Jews who became Believers in the Messiah; they are called “the Israel of God” — Galatians 6:16. Interestingly, God refers to Himself as “the LORD God of Israel” 108 times and as the “God of Israel” 203 times.

Thus, there are many uses of the term “Israel” in the Bible, but one of the uses of the term Israel includes a reference to the Land, which has been given to the people of Israel, as long as the earth stands. This Land is part and parcel of the grand Messianic program, which involved not only the death, resurrection and ascension of Christ, but also His glorious return.

**The Problem of Unbelief.** Just because the nation of Israel was unfaithful and did not believe in Jesus as the Messiah/Redeemer, Hocking states that God has not cancelled His promise of the Land.

One proof of this is the future resurrection of the nation Israel described in Ezekiel 37:1-14. Some interpreters believe that the Dry Bones resurrection of Ezekiel is identical with the resurrection of Old Testament individual Believers mentioned in Daniel 12, and not to the nation. However, the con-

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text and the terminology demonstrate that this is the restoration of the nation described in Isaiah 66:8.

Hocking points out that the phrase “the whole house of Israel” is used 5 times including *Ezekiel 37:11* — cf. *Leviticus 10:6*; *Jeremiah 13:11*; *Ezekiel 39:25*; *45:6*. The simple phrase “the house of Israel” is used 152 times (6 in the New Testament) — and refers repeatedly to Israel as a nation and as an unbelieving and rebellious nation.

Another argument is the national **REPENTANCE** of Israel — *Ezekiel 39:29*; *Zechariah 12:10*. If Israel referred to saved people in this instance, then Israel would not need to repent. The fact is that the covenant nation remains largely in unbelief until very near the time when the Lord Jesus returns as the Savior Redeemer of Israel.

**The Prediction of Israel’s Survival**  
 God has predicted Israel’s survival throughout all time and through the worst time in its future, until its ultimate redemption and inheritance of the Land. Jesus Himself predicted the survival of the nation of Israel through the horrible holocaust of the coming Great Tribulation — *Matthew 24:34-35*, cf. *Jeremiah 31:35-3*. Hocking reasons that the generation of Israel that sees the Great Tribulation will survive to the Second Coming, and therefore Israel must survive until then. He presents two interpretations of the prophecy about “this generation.”

1. A reference to those who were listening to this prophecy of Jesus (preterist view) and saw the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD. However, it is clear that whoever is meant by the words “this generation” — they will exist until “all these things” are fulfilled. That cannot refer to the destruction of Jerusalem because some of “these things” did not occur at that time.

2. A reference to the nation of Israel during the future Great Tribulation. *Luke 11:50-51* — Why would the words “may be required of this generation” apply to first century Jews who were not responsible for the death of the prophets mentioned? It would make sense if they apply to the nation of Israel.

**ISRAEL’S SURVIVAL IS BASED ON THREE MAJOR ISSUES:**

- 1) **GOD’S FOREKNOWLEDGE**  
*Romans 11:2*
- 2) **GOD’S FAITHFULNESS**  
*Deuteronomy 7:9*; *Psalms 89:30-37*
- 3) **GOD’S FORGIVENESS**  
*Jeremiah 31:31-37*; *Ezekiel 39:22-29*;  
*Romans 11:25-2*, cf. *Isaiah 63:7*

The following is Dr. Hocking’s conclusion on all of the above, with which we heartily concur:

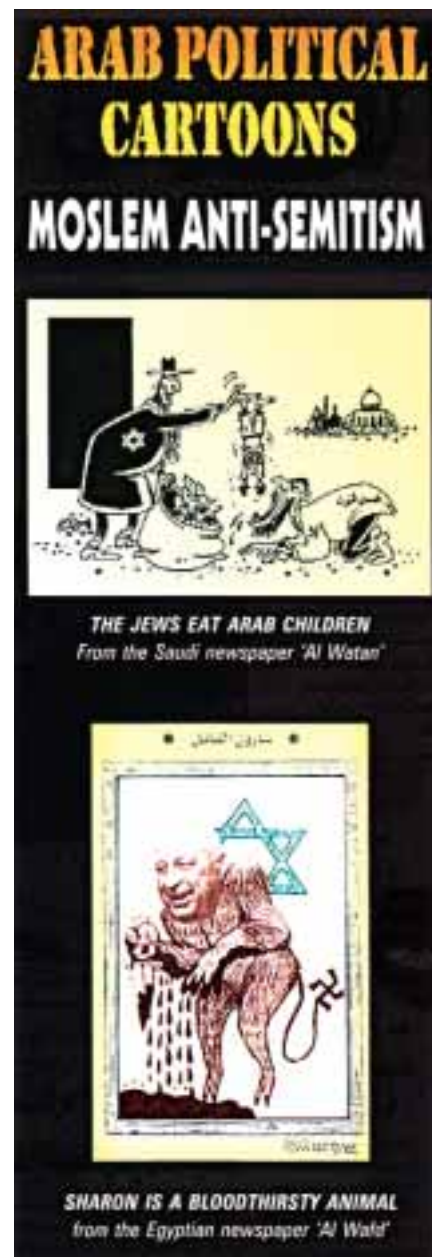
**CONCLUSION:** It is clear from the Biblical evidence that the modern State of Israel is a fulfillment of Bible prophecy. The Bible makes it clear that God will NEVER cast away or forsake His people — the nation and its land will exist forever!

Dr. McCall represented our ministry at this important conference while I was speaking out of town. He was effusive when he gave his report to me. It seems that our ministry and others have made some headway against the odd prophecy teachings prevalent in many of the seminaries today.

Tom was delighted with a wonderful presentation on the book *Hosea — The Story of God’s Unending Love for Israel* — presented by none other than Dr. Mark Bailey, President of Dallas Theological Seminary. This newsletter had strongly objected to an article by Dr. Bailey advising Christians not to get involved with Israel’s problems.

Another change was the appointment of Dr. Paige Patterson, a fine dispensational Bible professor as president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. Taken together with the resignation of Joseph Stowell from Moody Bible Institute, we are starting to suspect that the theological pendulum could be swinging back toward real scriptural accuracy and real Christian love for Israel.

I would like to think that our programs and articles played a small part in these encouraging developments. Stay tuned. We will keep you posted. — Zola







## “Covenants of God” Video Series, Music Tape and CD

The covenants made by God with men and nations throughout the Bible are guideposts for understanding scripture. This series illustrates, through testimony of expert teachers and analysis of the actual verses, the great covenants of God. We now live under the last of them, the New Covenant, which will be totally fulfilled at the time of the return of our Lord.

### Edenic Covenant

Zola explains the meaning and significance of covenants. He then deals specifically with the Edenic Covenant made with Adam (mankind) in innocence before the fall. Zola interviews physicist Gerald Schroeder in Jerusalem regarding his theory that the biblical six days of creation do not conflict with the scientific view of a 15 billion-year-old universe.

### Adamic and Noahic Covenants

The Adamic Covenant is God's covenant made with Adam after the fall that conditions the life of fallen men and gives the promise of a Redeemer. The Noahic Covenant is God's covenant with Noah establishing the principle of human government. Zola interviews Dan Hendrickson, an Orthodox Jew, about the specific rules in the covenant and how they apply to the Gentiles.

### Abrahamic Covenant

The Abrahamic Covenant founded the nation of Israel and confirmed, with specific additions, the Adamic promise of redemption. Zola interviews Gary Cooperberg, an Orthodox Jew, and Chuck Cohen, a Messianic Believer, about the relevance of the Abrahamic Covenant today.

### Mosaic Covenant

This program explores the Mosaic Covenant of commandments, judgments and ordinances given to Israel: “For all have sinned.” Zola interviews Dan Hendrickson, Gary Cooperberg and David Tel Tsur, a Messianic Believer, about the significance of the Mosaic Covenant.

### Land Covenant

Zola teaches about the Land Covenant, which secures the final restoration and conversion of Israel. He interviews former Prime Minister Shimon Peres about the peace process. He also talks with David Bar-Illan, media adviser to then Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

### Davidic Covenant

The Davidic Covenant established the perpetuity of the Davidic Kingdom and furthered God's plan of redemption through the future Messiah. Zola interviews Uzi Landau, Israel's then Minister of Foreign Affairs, about the threat Muslim fundamentalists pose to the security of Israel.

### New Covenant

The New Covenant rests upon the sacrifice of Christ and secures eternal blessedness for Believers. It is absolutely unconditional. Zola interviews Rabbi Henri Noach, Gary Cooperberg and Rev. Benjamin Berger, a Messianic Believer, regarding the relationship of Jews and Christians.

### Review

Zola reviews the eight major covenants and explains the outworking of God's purposes with man. A deeper understanding of God's covenants with man enriches our faith and expands our knowledge of the great Creator we have the privilege of calling “Father.” To Him be the glory forever.

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Dear Friends:

**T**homas Friedman recently reported in *The New York Times*: “When the fascist insurgents are forced to confront the fact that their tactics have not only failed to prevent the elections, but have also dug the Sunnis of Iraq into a deeper hole...” Friedman is making the assumption that Muslim terrorists think reasonably and logically and realize that if things are getting worse for them, they are on the wrong path. That is not true of Muslim radicals and not of Muslims in general.

An example would be the Palestinians, who, given the opportunity to live in a democracy in 1948, resisted the Israelis with everything they had, and in 1967, and 1973, when they (with Egypt, Syria and Jordan) were soundly defeated in shooting wars by the modern, well-equipped army of Israel. Although their fortunes continued to get worse and worse, they sank into the “Children’s Intifada” in 1987 — simply an exercise in throwing rocks at armed soldiers until the soldiers had to respond. Then, with their society in utter disarray and poverty, they declared “Arafat’s Intifada” (September 2000) and reduced themselves to utter paupers.

All they got for their efforts was the murder of about 1,000 innocent civilians out of an Israeli nation of five million people and total degradation, poverty and misery for themselves. (With 80,000 Americans murdered during the same period, we should ask the Israelis to bring us a peace process.)

But they have not yet changed their tactics one iota. Friedman is wrong. Fanatic Muslims do not think reasonably or logically, and that goes for the whole of their societies in their continuing war against the United States.

A book entitled *The Sword of Islam*

## A Note From Zola

says that Islam is an “international psychosis.” Author Serge Trifkovic gives a very thorough history of the Muslims, very bloody, I’m afraid, and at times very advanced, and brings us to the present day where Muslims seem very hostile.

Now our government and many people around us tell us that there are moderate Muslims. I honestly have dealt with Muslims for some thirty years. It’s hard for me to apply the word “moderate” to them. Muslims are very intense and passionate in their feelings, and when their feelings, run counter to an idea, a person or a nation, they seem edgy and hard to handle. I don’t have to develop that point beyond the fact that we have been attacked already by Muslims.

There are fields in the Golan Heights where land mines left over from the wars of 1967 and 1973 still remain in the soil. Marked by an internationally understood symbol, an orange triangle, they are fenced carefully, so that people and animals don’t walk into them and get blown up. When one drives past one of those fields, it seems like peaceful farmland — green, fertile and pleasant to see. It’s too bad it would take such trouble and expense to clear those land mines, as the soil would otherwise be quite usable.

And that makes an analogy for me with Islam.

The people can seem quite peaceful and moderate (like those pretty fields). Mohamed Atta, who flew an airplane into the World Trade Center, seemed



previously to that day a good citizen — clean shaven, handsome and an inoffensive taxpayer. But when called by his homeland to murder thousands of innocent Americans, he responded instantly, like a land mine that is stepped on.

I’ve said it and said it: We must take these people very seriously. The two wars coming up are obvious to political observers: The whole Islamic world vs. democracy and then the Chinese (“Kings of the East”) vs. the United States in a final showdown over who is the real world power.

Prophecy is written exactly that way. The upcoming Tribulation begins with the (Islamic) invasion of Gog and Magog (Ezekiel 38, 39), and ends with the enormous army of the Far East attacking the Western world in the form of the Antichrist’s administration of Israel. China, and perhaps other allies, will march 200 million men to the Middle East for that ultimate showdown with what will survive of democracy under the Antichrist, ostensibly to decide the new superpower.

So we see it all forming before our very eyes. I wish I could say better for Islam, but I don’t see that it will be in any way helpful or constructive in the future. We have made an election happen in Iraq and perhaps that will cause the people to feel

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as though they have a voice in their government. But the terrorists will still exist, they will still be angry, and I don't think things will get much better. Maybe over a long period of time we can influence that nation toward at least a little more peace and perhaps an absence of terrorism. But if the election in "Palestine" is any example, there will be ongoing unrest.

It should be borne in mind that Egypt and Jordan have both pretended to be democracies for decades, but both remain under the thumbs of despots. It bears noting that in a recent Egyptian parliamentary election, sixty people were killed at the polls because of whom they did or didn't support.

The elections don't exactly free the people, but they at least demonstrate to a society that they can have some small voice in their government. The American election was an encouraging message that Believers have some clout, and when pushed to the brink, are able to use it. That bodes well for the future, but unfortunately, the Rapture is going to really split this country. When the Believers leave, the rest of America will be not

worth talking about and probably will join a NATO-like alliance with the Antichrist. Unfortunately there will probably be unbelieving American soldiers attacking Jerusalem at Armageddon. The Americans left behind in the Tribulation will probably be in a Muslim dominated society by then.

See Israel before all this comes to pass! It is peaceful now, perhaps even more peaceful than I used to tell you when CNN and *The New York Times* were insisting that it was dangerous (and we took dozens of tours with no problems whatever). At present, some Palestinians have fallen back, and are beginning to at least comprehend that terrorism is doing no good.

Back when supposed danger in Israel was daily fare in the American media, you still would have had a better chance of being hit by a meteor than harmed in a terrorist incident. As it is now, there is virtually no chance of that.

In any case, every Believer who possibly can, should take a look at Israel in this age, because when you're there for the thousand year Kingdom, you'll

be able to make a comparison!

Please make your plans early for our upcoming spring tours to Israel. Our **Deluxe** tour of Israel is scheduled from March 13-23 and the **Grand Petra** tour to Israel and Petra, from March 13-27. A special feature of our March tour will be a Volunteer Day of visiting and helping pack up lunches for the boys and girls serving in the Israeli Army. You'll have a chance to view real soldiers at a real army base. If you can't make the March tour, please plan to be with us on our next tour, June 14-24. For more information on tour dates, please check with Tony at (214) 696-9760 during business hours. You may also call 1-800-WONDERS for a brochure on any of our upcoming tours.

Stay tuned for programs with Walid Shoebat, a converted Palestinian terrorist, on the upcoming Tribulation. I believe these programs are very important.

Please pray for the Peace of Jerusalem,



## A Jewish Joke

*Israel Today*

An old Jew hurries through a train station, toting heavy suitcases. After hesitating a moment, he asks a fellow traveler, what do you think about Jews?"

The man replies, "I am a big admirer of the Jewish people."

The old Jew asks the same question to another traveler, who answers, "I'm fascinated by Jewish achievements in culture and science."

The Jew thinks for a moment and then poses his question to one more traveler, who tells him, "I don't really like Jews, and I'm happy if I have nothing to do with them."

"You're an honest man," says the elderly Jew. "Will you watch my luggage while I go to the men's room?"



# Letters to Zola

Some letters have been edited for space.

## Same Unscriptural Club?

Dear Staff:

I just read the January, 2005 letter from Zola. In it, he made this statement at the bottom of the front page: "As to the Episcopalians, Lutherans, etc., etc., they are in the same unscriptural club, being prepared to serve the Antichrist."

Would someone please explain what this means? I have been a lifelong Lutheran and am a Born-Again Christian. The statement was disturbing to me as I feel my Lutheran congregation is Bible based. Thank you for any clarification you can give.

— B.

Dear B.:

Of course, I'm not addressing born-again Christians who belong, for whatever reasons, to these churches. But in view of the fact that salvation doctrine is so lacking in those denominations I mentioned, I assume that they will act as I stated in the Tribulation. Unbelievers are simply going to stay here on earth, no matter what church affiliation they prefer.

As I have said right along, I am well aware that whole churches of born-again Believers belong to even the Presbyterian Church USA, as well as other mainline denominations. I'm just not sure why.

— Zola

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Dear Zola:

I recently heard that men like Hal Lindsey, Billy Graham, Chuck Colson, Jack Van Impe, and many others are starting to follow the Pope and Catholic beliefs.

Can this possibly be true?

— P.H.

Dear P.H.: No.

Dear Zola:

Happy Birthday and Bless you.

You are in my prayers as you are the one who led me to believe in the Messiah.

Thank you, — B.N.J.

## You're Dead Wrong

Dear Zola:

My wife and I visited Israel and the Holy Land Experience in Florida. I enjoyed both. There's one thing I don't understand about you. If Israel is so great, why don't you live there? You have said that God is calling all of his people back to the Promised Land. I ran this by some Jewish friends. They looked at me as if I were crazy.

I do believe that Israel will be the center of the world someday! But you're dead wrong about all those Jews coming back to Israel. Also, all the Jews who don't believe in Jesus, what will happen to them? Will God forgive them and take them all to Heaven?

We do enjoy your program — about us living in the Endtimes. Be prepared and pray for those who do not believe.

God Bless you, — F.P.

Dear F.P.: I live where the Lord directs me to live, but I know that once the Kingdom begins, all Believers will live in Israel forever (including Eternity in the New Jerusalem). — Zola



**Dear Zola:**  
**Thanks to G-D for your ministry to TRULY unite Jews and Christians in the true scripture from the Jewish people and the Jewish Messiah, Yeshua.**  
**If it were not for this ministry, I wouldn't know the truth in the true scriptures through ZLM.**  
**Many blessings, favor and prosperity in the new Year and always to ZLM and all it supports.**  
**In His mercy and grace,**  
**— MM**



Israeli doctor at work on a tsunami victim



Dear Zola Levitt Ministries:

Please remove my name from your mailing list.

The *Levitt Letter* has become more political and no longer reflects the major focus of a ministry serving the Lord.

Thank you for the previous publications which I really admired and enjoyed.

Y. E.

## “Go back to your first love.”

Dear Zola:

Please remove my name from your mailing list.

Your ministry and message have changed from when I first heard you several years ago. Your focus now seems more on “hating your enemies” than on teaching Christians our Jewish roots, which is what drew me in the first place.

Your anti-Catholic statements in the last *Levitt Letter* were the last straw. Go back to your first love.

In Christ, — P.M.

**My Dear Brothers and Sisters:** I regret as much as you do that we live in a world today where politics so distracts us from much sweeter thoughts of our Lord. But He predicted all of this. I have not changed this ministry; the world that I must describe has radically changed over the years.

**Don Quixote’s servant, when criticized on the same point, replied:** “My eyes don’t make the world, I just report what I see.” — Zola

### You Shocked Me!

Dear Zola:

I’m going to be candid here. I truly apologize if I hurt your feelings, but I wanted to write this.

I have watched your show. I receive your newsletter. Some of your opinions I have found abrasive and so I didn’t read your newsletters. I guess I thought you to be — well, I’m not sure really. Maybe grumpy? Maybe just another Jewish zealot? Anyway, I was very unsure of you. (One article, “Can Islam be Fixed?” for instance, I assumed would be spiteful and I just tossed it.)

I will tell you truthfully, that where I have no great love

for the Arabs, I’m also not sure that stirring dissension, as I felt you were doing, is a right or good thing either. I have known, as we all have, some Arab people who were real liars from birth. I have also been blessed to know some that were humble and God loving men. In any case, I remained unsure of you.

My apologies.

Long story short — I still ended up watching your TV program last week. I am deeply committed to Israel, being Jewish myself. I am also interested in your travels. My best friend, a sister really, lives in Kfar Saba and I am desperate for news of her country. Even a great doubter can be intrigued!

Watching your program, I was touched by the gentleman talking about his heart surgery and you speaking of yours. Something changed in me, dear Zola. You shocked me!

First, I’ve never heard you ask for money before (I was not offended. I’ve worked for Billy Graham here in Minneapolis for two years. I KNOW how much it costs to run a ministry!) Then you did something truly most astonishing. You looked right into the camera and made this statement — “I’m not trying to sugarcoat this. I’m not trying to be politically correct!”

Perhaps I misquote you a bit, but I cannot say how much I appreciated your candor! A breath of fresh air! How nice it is/was to see a Godly man call a spade as it is and not apologize for it. I understood THEN that perhaps what I initially perceived as avarice was just your way of not pulling punches.

Now I am one who can smell B.S. at 100 paces. I lived in Germany as a Jew and an American. I’ve touched insincerity in ways you cannot imagine. I’ve dined with people so famous legend is too small a word. I’ve had a homeless, starving man offer me his last piece of pizza. Yes, I’ve heard and met all kinds. What I saw from you on the screen that day was sincerity. I applaud your willingness to step up and say what you think on national TV, regardless of public opinion. This led me to a decision.

I am going to begin sending my monthly tithe to your ministry. The money will not only support Israel, but also it will continue to support a person whom I find to be honest. God honors covenant. I make mine with Zola Levitt Ministries. You may count on hearing from me again.

Godspeed and good health my friend! Next Year in Jerusalem! In Christ’s name,

— K.P.

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# “Very Interesting Times”

By Patrick Cox, Contributing Editor



Patrick Cox

Months after the Indian Ocean rose up to inundate the Southeast Asian rim of the seismological “Ring of Fire,” the enormous geopolitical and historic importance of the disaster is only beginning to be felt and understood. To garner a glimpse of the future impact of the disaster that has taken the lives of approximately a quarter million mostly Muslim people, we need to look backward in time.

Ironically, it was an earlier geological event that is credited by many historians for the dominance of Islam in the region today. In 1883, the Dutch controlled much of the region and Christianity was steadily growing. Then, the volcano Krakatoa, located off southern Sumatra, erupted with such force, it was heard in Australia and India. Approximately 40,000 people died from waves as high as 120 feet, and so much ash was thrown into the atmosphere that the entire global climate cooled noticeably for several years.

One superficial, though fascinating, indicator of the enduring impact of the Krakatoa eruption is “The Scream” — Edvard Munch’s iconic painting of a panic-stricken face beneath a crimson sky. Art historians tell us that the image, associated today with the fright mask in the Wes Craven “Scream” slasher movies, was inspired by the spectacular blood-red sunsets and the dread they inspired internationally for several years after the eruption.

The most profound long-term impact came, however, from the successful efforts by Muslim leaders to convince local peoples that the eruption and resultant killer waves were divine punishment for accepting Dutch Christian rule. This first historical appearance of radical Islamism in the region led to a wave of assassinations aimed at administrators and Christians that virtually ended the Dutch presence.

Today, of course, the area is overwhelmingly Muslim, which has made the interpretation of the recent undersea earthquake and resultant tsunami problematic for Islamists. Still, a high-ranking adviser to Saudi Arabia’s justice minister quickly stated, on government controlled Al-Majd TV, that the affected countries were being punished for their sins. “There is one reason,” he said, “They lied, they sinned, and [they] were infidels.”

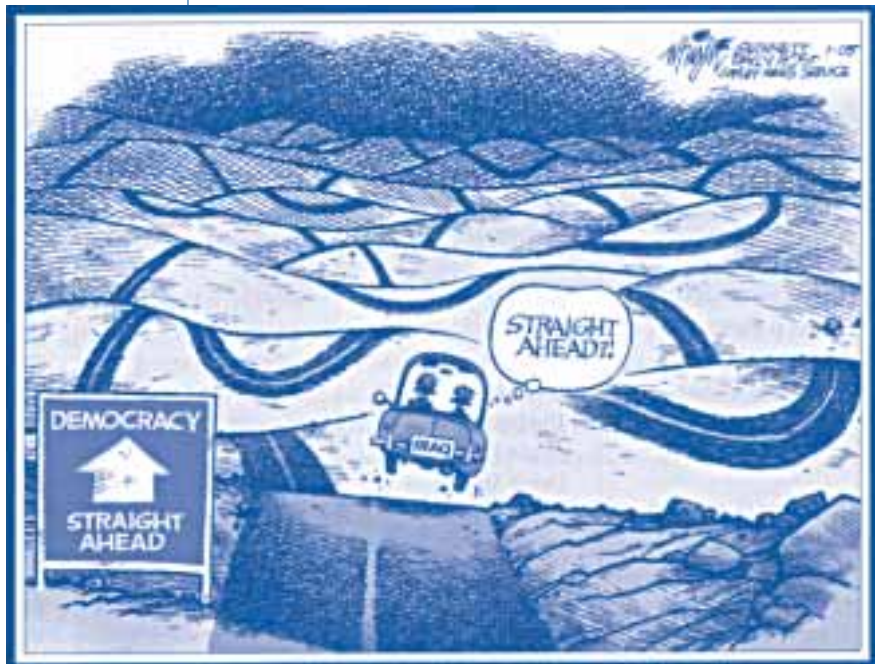
This explanation did not sit well with many Muslims, as the earthquake was centered just offshore of Indonesia — the world’s most populous Muslim country and the hardest hit of all the nations affected. Many Southeast Asian Muslims begrudged the idea that Islamic countries, full of and ruled by Muslims, are more sinful and deserving of a Sodom and Gomorrah type cleansing than kaffir, or non-Islamic, countries.

A slightly more palatable interpretation arose, voiced by many clerics and scholars, but put forth succinctly by Sheik Mudeiris in the official Palestinian Authority TV Friday Sermon. In a word, he blamed the tragedy on “tourism,” which he believes is a Zionist conspiracy, despite the fact that the vast majority of foreign vacationers who frequent Indian Ocean resorts are European, as are the sources of international investment there.

“The oppression and corruption caused by America and the Jews have increased,” Sheik Mudeiris proclaimed to the Palestinians in the name of their government. “Have you heard of these beaches that are called ‘tourists’ paradise?’ You have all probably heard of Bangkok. We read about it, and knew it as the center of corruption on the face of this earth. Over there, there are Zionist and American investments. Over there, they bring Muslims and others to prostitution. Over there, there are beaches, which they dubbed ‘tourists’ paradise,’ while only a few meters away, the locals live in hell on earth.”

This explanation, as well, failed to thrill the Muslim masses who chafe at the notion that the lives of more than 200,000 of their fellow believers, and the livelihoods of millions, were acceptable collateral damage

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in the otherwise admirable goal of killing off several thousand beach-goers and shutting down their resorts for less than week.

Another inconvenient complication for those who hold this view is that the Indonesian province hit hardest is also the most zealously Islamic. Aceh, located on the northern tip of Sumatra, is about 80 miles from the epicenter of the sub-oceanic earthquake, and suffered between 80,000 and 100,000 deaths. Christians have long been persecuted there and churches regularly burned. Only two years ago, Aceh officially adopted Islamic shari'a law.

Moreover, many of Aceh's most radical jihadists, separatists who support the complete Islamization of the Indonesian government, were hiding out in island bases along the coast, that were even closer to the center of the tsunami. Few, if any, survived the deluge. As the Muslim world began to understand the details of the tsunami, an entirely new explanation began to spread throughout Muslim communities around the world — showing up even on American streets.

**“...a secret experiment involving Indian nuclear weapons, facilitated by Israel and the United States, caused the earthquake and tsunami.”**

Out of Egypt and onto the Web came the theory that a secret experiment involving Indian nuclear weapons, facilitated by Israel and the United States, caused the earthquake and tsunami. There are, of course, Muslims who are mortified by the bizarre, science-fiction conspiracies coming out of the official media of the Middle East's tyrants. Given the risks entailed in speaking out against these forces, we probably should not be too harsh in our judgment of their silence.

The most irritating development for those who want to blame geological activities on the Jews and their American accomplices, however, is the ongoing and overwhelming domination, by these “Zionist conspirators,” in the rescue and relief efforts. While the UN twiddled its thumbs and Middle Eastern leaders maintained their focus and spending on supporting anti-democratic terrorists, the American and Australian militaries acted immediately — bringing lifesaving aid to millions of survivors who would have otherwise died of starvation and disease.

These were already trying times for Muslim tyrants and their enablers. Then, however, the President of the United States put forth, in his inaugural speech, the most radical, revolutionary policy declaration in modern history. Here are just two paragraphs from that speech:

“We are led, by events and common sense, to one conclusion: The survival of liberty in our land increasingly depends on the success of liberty in other lands. The best hope for peace in our world is the expansion of freedom in all the world.

“America's vital interests and our deepest beliefs are now one. From the day of our founding, we have proclaimed that every man and woman on this earth has rights, and dignity, and matchless value, because they bear the image of the Maker of Heaven and earth. Across the generations we have proclaimed the imperative of self-government, because no one is fit to be a master, and no one deserves to be a slave. Advancing these ideals is the mission that created our nation. It is the honorable achievement of our fathers. Now it is the urgent requirement of our nation's security, and the calling of our time.”

Without question, history is on the move and Muslim tyrants know that another sort of tidal wave is headed even now toward the Middle East. We live in very interesting times. ✨

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### Shocked Again

Dear Zola:

On my recent visit to Canada, I was shocked to learn how Jewish hatred is so rampant in that country. Sadly, even members of my own family have expressed that the world's problems are because of the Jews, and how they hate Bush because of his compromises with the Jews! I had not seen these family members in over twelve years, and I cannot even tell you how shocked I was at their attitude. How times change and how people change!

I defended the Jews and let them know they are the descendants of Isaac, whereas the Arabs are the descendants of Ishmael and the Lord referred to them as a race of “wild asses.” My Canadian relatives are staunch Catholics! Now what does that tell you?

Anyway, I was deeply disappointed, but it made me realize how deep the chasm truly is between us.

I enjoy the *Levitt Letter*, and find it most enlightening.

Sincerely, — V.M.

Dear V.M.: The Lord said that He came to divide families in some cases and nothing seems to divide Christian people more than Israel. — Zola

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# A Conference on Window Dressing

By Will King, [www.NewsInIsrael.com](http://www.NewsInIsrael.com)



Will King

On February 5, Saudi Arabia opened a four-day international conference on counter-terrorism. According to the Saudi Embassy in Washington, the aim of the conference will be to “develop specific proposals for improving bilateral, regional and international cooperation on counter-terrorism,” while also focusing on “improving capabilities to combat terror financing, money laundering and drug trafficking.”

There are some 50 nations participating in the conference, including Syria, Egypt, Sudan, Pakistan, and Iran. Several international organizations will also be represented, including the EU, the UN, INTERPOL, and League of Arab States.

The official conference website outlines why Saudi Arabia decided to organize and host this conference, saying, “The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is concerned with mobilizing international efforts to confront and uproot terrorism, prevent its growth, and stop its funding sources.”

## Conference themes include:

- Origins, sources, culture, and ideology of terrorism.
- Relationship between terrorism, money laundering, arms and drugs trafficking.
- Lessons learned from experiences in combating terrorism.
- Terrorist organizations and their compositions

For the Saudis to be hosting a conference on counter-terrorism is like putting prisoners in charge of the jail. This is merely a window dressing act for the Western world, an attempt to convince them that Saudi Arabia genuinely isn't involved with terror support and financing. However, documents captured by the IDF in Operation Defensive Shield, the closure of several Saudi based “charities” in the U.S., the 9/11 hijackers, and Saudi-born Osama bin Laden speak otherwise.

What exactly is counter-terrorism? To know this, you would have to define what terrorism is, which the UN still has failed to do. Nations cannot reach a consensus on what terrorism is because the Muslim and nonaligned nations block any wording which condemns “national resistance movements.” By blocking this language, the Syrians, the Palestinians, and some African nations can continue to slaughter

civilians wholesale without being officially branded as terrorists. The conference will undoubtedly turn into another world forum for Israel bashing, and Israel, one of the most experienced nations in fighting terrorism, won't be there to defend herself.

Visit Will King's website: [www.NewsInIsrael.com](http://www.NewsInIsrael.com)

## Hypocrites of the Month

The Saudi Crown Prince has called for an International Anti-Terror Center and the same Saudi Arabians are currently hosting a conference dedicated to fighting terrorism.

This would be like the Mafia putting out a boycott on spaghetti. The Saudis are the world's first and most effective purveyors of terrorism, through the awful doctrine of Wahhabism, which emanates from their country. In addition, the Saudi royal family pays for mosques around the world, certainly including those in the U.S., which continue to teach “death to America” and call us The Great Satan. Mosque services on our own soil have been infiltrated and seem to be completely anti-American.

The *Levitt Letter* has, for twenty-five years, advocated regime change in Saudi Arabia. I honestly have no idea why we continue to put up with this corrupt royal family, a huge mob of some 30,000 thugs, who have over the years simply stolen the wealth of that nation and left millions of their citizens to suffer without even adequate food or shelter. In addition, the Saudis certainly favor a world dominated by radical Islam, and continue to export this doctrine.

If the truth were told, they would be the last nation on earth to oppose terrorism. But they somehow remain “friends” of the U.S. government, and we continue, for unknown reasons, to buy their act. — Zola ♦



## Can She Get a Job With CNN?

An Arab writer with the Associated Press, Donna Abu-Nasr, reported what may be the quote of the month about the Iraqi election:

“This election is an American movie made to convince Iraqis to go to the polls so that the United States will stay in Iraq and control its oil,” said Jordanian Mohammed Fakhri, 28, owner of a mobile phone shop. “There will be a government with Iraqi stooges serving American and Israeli interests.”

If that were our purpose, “to control Iraqi oil,” we would never have had an election. Obviously, we would simply perpetuate the occupation, overcome the resistance and stay there. In fact, President Bush has already said that in view of the election, we can now start thinking about leaving Iraq.

As to Israeli interests, I’m not sure if Israel has less interest in Iraq or the Dallas Cowboys. So far as I can discern, Israel has no interest in Iraq, or any other Arab country, except to see them become democracies like Israel itself and lessen tensions in the region. As to Iran, which has so far remained untouched by our forces, Israel has

been closely monitoring its nuclear development program, having the capacity to eliminate it on their own. — Zola

## Targeting the Poor

A viewer sent in a letter received from one of the “evangelists” who particularly target the poor. It asks for a gift, sizable for poor people, and states that they should send in the gift, “even if they have to scrape the bottom of their food barrel.”

While our ministry has been attacked for commentary on those who misappropriate charitable donations, we feel it’s a duty to point them out from time to time. People need to use discernment when giving these days, and giving should not include the taking of food from the poor.

Our audited financial statements are available to anyone by return mail and all of you are welcome to visit our offices and examine our procedures. I would hazard to say that in twenty-five years of ministry, none of our office people has taken a nickel from our donations, let alone from the poor. — Zola

# HebrewLesson



## The Lord’s Prayer -Part 6

By John J. Parsons

### The Concluding Doxology

Jesus taught us to pray in an entirely Jewish manner. The first three phrases of the so-called “Lord’s Prayer” mirror the Jewish Kaddish and the sanctification of God’s Name. The middle phrases summarize the essential petitions of the ancient Jewish Amidah prayer, and the climactic conclusion mirrors the praises King Solomon offered at the dedication of the first Temple (1 Chronicles 29:11-13). All in all, this is an entirely Jewish prayer given to us by our Jewish Lord and Savior.

Like most other Jewish prayers, this one ends with the adverb “amen” meaning “truly” or “surely.” Amen comes from a root word (*aman*) meaning to nourish, support, and to make sure and strong. The Hebrew word for faithfulness, *emunah*, comes from this same root.

The Jewish sages teach that “amen” can be thought of as an acronym for *el melekh ne’eman*, “God is a faithful King,” a phrase said every day before the Shema is personally recited. And indeed the Lord Jesus is “the Amen, the faithful and true witness” (Revelation 3:14) who has shown us the power and the glory of the One who is to be worshipped forever in Spirit and in truth.

**“It is much safer, from Satan’s point of view, to vaccinate a man with a mild case of Christianity so as to protect him from the real disease.”**

—CHAD WALSH

כִּי לֵךְ הַמְּמֹלָכָה וְהַגְּבוּרָה וְהַתְּפָאֵרָה לְעוֹלָמֵי עוֹלָמִים אָמֵן  
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen. (Matthew 6:13b)

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(1)	(2)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(2)	(1)	(5)
ki	le-kha	ha-mam-me-le-kha	ve-ha-ge-vu-rah	ve-ha-tif-e-ret	and the glory	and the power	the kingdom

The very first word of Scripture is *b'reishit* (Genesis 1:1) and the last word is amen (Revelation 22:21).

אָמֵן	עוֹלָמִים	לְעוֹלָמֵי	עוֹלָמֵי
(2)	(1)	(3)	(2)
a-mein	o-la-mim	le-o-le-mei	forever and ever

Putting these words together we obtain, “In the beginning was Amen.” Likewise, putting the very first and last letters of the Scriptures together yields the word *ben*, meaning “a son.” From beginning to end, then, we see that the Scriptures point to the Lord Jesus as the Faithful and True Son of the Father, the rightful King of the Kingdom of God.



**“Remember Them Which are in Bonds”**

By Gary Bauer, *End of Day Report*

Most Americans know quite a lot about the Sunnis, Shiites and Kurds of Iraq. But chances are you may not know much about the “ChaldoAssyrian Christians.” By some estimates there are one million ChaldoAssyrians in Iraq — the world’s oldest Christian communities. They speak the same Aramaic language spoken by Jesus and they are pro-Western and pro-democracy. For all these reasons, they are facing a deadly wave of Islamic persecution that could drive them out of their ancestral home just as Iraqi Jews were driven out in the last century.

The position of these beleaguered Iraqi Christians could improve as a result of the January 30th elections, but they are desperately underfunded and our State Department seems oblivious to their plight. If you want more information, there is an excellent article by Nina Shea and James Rayis that can be found at the Center for Religious Freedom’s website at:

[www.freedomhouse.org/religion/](http://www.freedomhouse.org/religion/)



**Tsunami Lies**

By Gary Bauer, *End of Day Report*

The conspiracy theorists of radical Islam are working overtime right now to blame the deadly Indian Ocean tsunami on — you guessed it — the U.S. and Israel. One prominent Egyptian weekly, *Al-Usbu*, has alleged that the earthquake that created the tsunami was caused by underwater nuclear tests conducted by the United States, Israel and India. Saudi clerics are alleging that the countries suffering the worst destruction were being

**RIGHT BY NATURE** by Thom Bluemel



The least we can do is apologize...

punished by Allah for not living under Islamic law. Other clerics said people were killed because they were “infidels” or because they were celebrating Christmas. Of course, these are the same Islamofascist imams who are encouraging young Muslim men to strap on suicide belts and blow up women and children.

While I hope the generosity of the American people and other Western nations might cause some Muslims around the world to reconsider their attitudes toward the West, it’s naive to assume that foreign aid and disaster relief alone will cure the ideological “fever” causing this type of delirium. ✦

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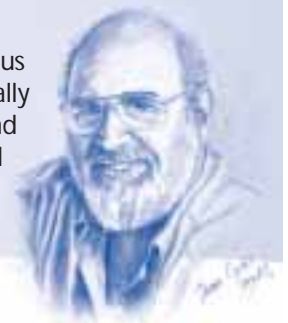
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## "Add a Little Salt and Olive Oil"

Israel Today

The swarms of locusts that invaded Israel threatened gardens and crops, but one man's plague is another's pleasure. Foreign workers from Thailand tossed some locusts into a frying pan bubbling with oil and ate them whole. Supposedly, they taste like French fries.



That may sound disgusting to us westerners, but as it turns out, locusts are even *kosher*! According to Leviticus 11:22, locusts are among the swarming insects that can be eaten. And Jews in Morocco, Algeria and Egypt have been enjoying this doubtful delicacy for centuries. In fact, locusts were a main staple in the diet of John the Baptist (Matthew 3:4).

The lighter side of the locust plague became the talk of the town with newspapers and TV shows offering recipes. "Roast them gently on the grill, turning occasionally, until they become yellow," said a smiling TV chef. "Add a little salt and olive oil." *Bon appetite!*

## Israel Beats Russia!

By Atarah Haber, *Jerusalem Post*

British people rate Israel as the country least deserving of international respect, as well as one of the world's "least democratic countries," according to a recent survey.

Research Company "YouGov" carried out a survey for the British *Telegraph*, asking Britons to rate almost two-dozen countries on the basis of 12 different criteria.

The online survey was carried out with 2,058 adults across Great Britain in December. The respondents were required to rate the three best and three worst countries according to those criteria.

Israel was ranked the number one country where British people would least like to live or visit on holiday. Out of several other criteria measured, Russia alone scored lower overall than Israel.

Israel gained the title of the world's least beautiful country and New Zealand the prettiest.

In addition, Israel was rated the most unfriendly country after France and Germany.

Australia, New Zealand and Canada were among the most favored countries.

I have traveled around the world and have never seen any country as beautiful and friendly as Israel. Viewers of our program experience this beauty for themselves every week. British anti-Semitism is fueled by their media and their growing Muslim population. — Zola

## Calling Good Evil



Kathy Lee Gifford said recently on Cal Thomas' *After Hours* program on Fox News: "The person who has a problem with that is the person with the problem." She was referring to vicious criticism by Tom Shales of *The Washington Post* of her absolutely clean, new musical show which has offended some critics. It occurred to me that we have many people who are against good things.

Wal-Mart is a case — running like a watch and doing a great service for many people. President Bush is another case. The United States in general, benefactor to the world — a smooth running democracy, superpower of the world that restrains its strength, being accused high and wide of Heaven knows what.

And finally, there's Israel, my heart's desire and my life's work. Israel is a peaceful, democratic, productive, constructive nation which takes in immigrants from all over the world. They are kind to everyone, including their enemies (as kind as possible), yet Israel is criticized far and wide and the answer must finally come down to Biblical Prophecy.

"Ye shall be hated of all Nations" the Lord told his Israelite disciples.

I'm afraid it's coming true. — Zola.



# Briefs

## “An Ugly Description”

[www.cnn.com](http://www.cnn.com)

A middle school teacher has been suspended with pay while officials investigate a report he told his students that Bedouin Arabs used the Quran as toilet paper.

The teacher is on the faculty of Woodworth Middle School in Dearborn, a Detroit suburb of 100,000. About 30,000 Dearborn residents are Arab-American.

Bedouins are members of historically nomadic tribes and make up about 10 percent of the population of the Middle East. The Quran is the Muslim holy book.

Parents complained to the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee and the Council on American-Islamic Relations. Imad Hamad, Michigan director of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee said the teacher should apologize.

“I only wonder what was in his mind when he looked into their eyes and stated such an ugly description and such painful words,” he said.

Superintendent John Artis transferred the unnamed teacher to a different school.

This doesn't describe Bedouins as I know them. They are fair-minded and equitable — and most of them are Muslims. — Zola

## Return of the Sanhedrin

*Israel Today*

It's been nearly 1600 years since the Sanhedrin, the highest court of Jewish Law which used to meet in the chambers of the Temple, last convened in 425 AD. An attempt to revive the tribunal in the ancient Galilean city of Safed several centuries ago was rejected by many of the leading rabbis of that time.

Now, the Sanhedrin has finally been revived in Tiberias, on the Sea of Galilee. According to the Talmud, the Sanhedrin was convened in ten separate cities after the destruction of the

Second Temple. Because the last city was Tiberias, it's appropriate that the Sanhedrin has been reinstated there. Later, the court will move to Jerusalem, according to Rabbi Yisrael Ariel, head of the Temple Institute.

The Sanhedrin is composed of 71 rabbis from all streams of Judaism.

In the Talmud (Oral Law), it is written that the prophet Elijah will appear before the Sanhedrin to announce the coming of the Messiah: “The Messiah will be a king of Israel, and as such, he can only be recognized by a duly ordained Sanhedrin” (Tosefta, Sanhedrin 3:2; Yad, Sanhedrin 5:1). We are living in prophetic times!

## Only One Percent

Many Americans believe that because of our generous help toward Muslims after the tsunami, they will think well of us. That may be true. Out of 200,000,000 Indonesian Muslims, 199,990,000 may say: “Those Americans are pretty good people, we shouldn't bother them.”

The other 10,000 want to kill us, and will if they can.

I always tell the story of the evangelist who taught that only 1% of Muslims are terrorists. If that is true, there are over 10 million Muslim terrorists. We should remember that it only took 19 terrorists to bring down both World Trade Center towers and crash a plane into the Pentagon. You don't need a high percentage of terrorists to cause utter chaos and mayhem wherever they strike. — Zola

**Q:** IF AMNESIA IS THE SUDDEN LOSS OF MEMORY, WHAT IS INDONESIA?

**A:** THE SUDDEN LOSS OF GRATITUDE ...



A verse to the wise...

# “Today Is The Day of Salvation.”

The evidence for the soon return of Jesus Christ is overwhelming. It could be at any moment. One scholar lists 167 converging clues just in the last few years of the last millennium. Here are eight:

**1. Israel’s rebirth.** As Jesus prophesied, the Jews were scattered during the Jewish-Roman war of A.D. 70 (Luke 21:24). Also prophesied to occur before Christ’s return, the nation of Israel was miraculously reborn on May 14, 1948. Israel is called “God’s time clock.”

**2. Plummeting morality.** Studies show a shocking breakdown just since 1948 (2 Timothy 3:1-4).

**3. Famines, violence and wars.** Jesus said the signs before His return would come as intensifying birth pangs, seeing increased famines, violence and wars, a clear picture of our planet (Matthew 24: 6-8). One of six people on earth suffers from hunger. Violence is epidemic. A study of wars since 500 B.C. shows a recent dramatic increase. More than 100 conflicts erupted in the 1990s, about twice the number for previous decades.

**4. Increase in earthquakes.** Also prophesied to be as birth pangs (Matthew 24:7), a recent study shows a dramatic increase in earthquakes worldwide, just since the decade of Israel’s rebirth. In the 1940s there were 51 above Richter 6.0; the 1950s, 475; the 1980s, 1,085; and the 1990s, 1,514.

**5. Explosion of travel and education.** Two key conditions described about 2,500 years ago for the Second Coming are that “travel and education shall be vastly increased” (Daniel 12:4, Living Bible). In all of history, the vast increase in travel has come just since 1948, with the explosion of both ground and air transportation; in education, with the advance of science and computers.

**6. Explosion of cults and the occult.** Counterfeit spirituality is everywhere, with cults and false Christs (Matthew 24:24), psychic phenomena, spiritism, Satan worship, witchcraft, nature worship, and the New Age movement (1 Timothy 4:1).

**7. The New World Order.** Increased centralization of world financial and political power is a prelude to the soon-coming world power system in the hands of “Antichrist,” who will be the incarnation of Satan and who will deceive most of the world (Daniel 7-12, Matthew 24-15, and Revelation 13).

**8. Increase in both apostasy and faith.** The Bible predicts in the last days, “A form of godliness, although they have denied its power” (2 Timothy 3:5). Today many churches deny the eternal truths of Scripture and power of the Holy Spirit, replacing them with ungodly, temporal and “politically correct” values. But also, a prophesied outpouring of God’s Spirit is causing hundreds of millions worldwide to come to true faith in Christ in record numbers, virtually unnoticed by the media. ✨

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Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day	9:30 am Thurs	8:30 am Thurs	8:30 am Thurs	9:30 am Thurs

ABC-FAM Airing Day & Time by Zone				
Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day	1:00 am Mon	11 pm Sun or 2 am Mon	12:00 am Mon	1:00 am Mon

TBN Airing Day & Time by Zone				
Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day	5:00 am Mon	6:00 am Mon	7:00 am Mon	8:00 am Mon


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Dish/DirecTV Airing Day & Time by Zone				
Dish—Channel 181		DirecTV—Channel 255 (PAX Network)		
Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day	9:30 am Thurs	8:30 am Thurs	8:30 am Thurs	9:30 am Thurs

DirecTV—Channel 371 (The Church Channel)				
Zone	All Pacific Times			
Day	9:30 pm Mon	7:30 am Wed	2:00 pm Thurs	10:30 pm Sat



## Guiding the Jews to the Righteous Path

[www.cnsnews.com](http://www.cnsnews.com)

It is better to convert Jews and Christians to Islam than to kill them, Saudi Cleric Aed Al-Qarni said recently on Saudi Iqra television. “The Prophet Muhammad, as is said in the Hadith, sent Ali to the Jews — to the Jews, the brothers of apes and pigs — to fight them,” Al-Qarni said, according to a translation provided by the Middle East Media Research Institute. “Ali, being so brave and daring, thought he was sent to behead them. The Prophet Muhammad told him that it was better to guide them to the righteous path than to kill them... By Allah, if you guide a Jew or a Christian to the righteous path, it is better than slaughtering one or two thousand of them on the battlefield,” he said. Islam considers all non-Muslims to be infidels.

## Prayer Book for Rent

by Yrachmiel Tilles, [www.chabad.org](http://www.chabad.org)

Simon Wiesenthal, the famous Nazi-hunter, once spoke at a conference of European Rabbis in Bratislava, Slovakia. The rabbis presented the 91-year-old Wiesenthal with an award, and Mr. Wiesenthal, visibly moved, told them the following story.

It was in Mauthausen, shortly after liberation. The camp was visited by Rabbi Eliezer Silver, head of Agudat Harabanim (Union of Orthodox Rabbis of North America),

on a mission to offer aid and comfort to the survivors. Rabbi Silver also organized a special service, and he invited Wiesenthal to join the other survivors in prayer. Mr. Wiesenthal declined, and explained why.

“In the camp,” Mr. Wiesenthal said to Rabbi Silver, “there was one religious man who somehow managed to smuggle in a *siddur* (prayer book). At first, I greatly admired the man for his courage — that he’d risked his life in order to bring the siddur in. But the next day, I realized, to my horror, that this man was ‘renting out’ this siddur to people in exchange for food. People were giving him their last piece of bread for a few minutes with the prayer book. This man, who was very thin and emaciated when the whole thing started, was soon eating so much that he died before everyone else — his system couldn’t handle it.”

Mr. Wiesenthal continued: “If this is how religious Jews behave, I’m not going to have anything to do with a prayer book.”

As Wiesenthal turned to walk away, Rabbi Silver touched him on the shoulder and gently said in Yiddish: “*Du dummer* (you silly man). Why do you look at the Jew who used his *siddur* to take food out of starving people’s mouths? Why don’t you look at the many Jews who gave up their last piece of bread in order to be able to use a *siddur*? That’s faith. That’s the true power of the *siddur*.” Rabbi Silver then embraced him.

“I went to the services the next day,” said Wiesenthal.



Christian missionaries hope to spread the Word of God along with relief supplies in South Asian nations devastated by the tsunami. But the religious outreach isn't going over well with some Muslims.

"We need to get past the death toll and get focused on the living — because that's where our ministry is going to be," the Baptist Press quoted its disaster relief coordinator in Aceh, Indonesia, as saying.

The coordinator — whose real name was not given for security reasons — told the Baptist Press: "We've got an opportunity to reshape the people's perception of Christianity. They've got us categorized in just one box [together with all Westerners]... We can reshape that."

The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), in a recent email to supporters, said Christian missionaries are "exploiting the tsunami suffering."

In its January 7 "American Muslim News Briefs," CAIR included a report from the Agape Press, which noted that a Virginia-based missions ministry has sent teams to South Asia "to fulfill disaster victims' needs even as it works to fulfill the Great Commission."

"When they're passing out a bottle of water, a blanket, a lantern, a candle, they're passing out gospel tracts with them," the Agape Press quoted that ministry spokesman as saying.

The spokesman said missionaries are seizing the opportunity "to be a witness of the love of Jesus Christ to the Hindus, to the Muslims, to whomever was affected, certainly fulfilling the commandment to take the gospel to everybody."

CAIR's newsletter also linked to a second report, this one in *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, saying that evangelical Christian groups plan to bring the Gospel to tsunami victims along with relief supplies.

The *Inquirer* quoted one missionary as saying that the tsunami disaster "is one of the greatest opportunities God has given us to share his love with people." ❖

When disaster strikes anywhere in the world, Israelis can be counted on to help. So it's no surprise that within hours of the devastating tsunami in the Indian Ocean, the following humanitarian missions all departed from the tiny Jewish state:

An IDF rescue team to Sri Lanka. The Israeli organization *Latet* ("To Give") filled a jumbo jet with 18 tons of supplies.

A medical team headed by four doctors from Jerusalem's Hadassah Hospital arrived in Sri Lanka on December 27, carrying medicine and baby food. The doctors specialize in rescue operations, trauma and pediatrics.

An IDF rescue team to Sri Lanka with 80 tons of aid material, including 10,000 blankets, tents, nylon sheeting, and water containers, all contributed by the IDF.

A ZAKA rescue-and-recovery team arrived in the disaster areas on December 27, armed with its specialized equipment for identifying bodies.

A Health Ministry contingent left for Thailand on December 27 to aid in rescue efforts. The group included doctors, nurses and four members of the IDF.

Israel has also offered its assistance to India — a search-and-rescue team from the Home Front Command, as well as consignments of food and medicine.

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Yet, with the exception of UPI, none of the major news outlets dedicated an article to this remarkable Israeli humanitarian effort. This, despite the fact that the IDF sent all Israel-based journalists a press release on December 27 inviting them to the airport to cover the departure of one IDF group.

This is all the more surprising given the fact that the major news agencies have entire teams of reporters in Israel, who submit at least one “Israel-article” each day.

So what did the Associated Press send out December 29 to its 15,000 subscribing news agencies? A dreary story about the construction of a new IDF base near Jenin. AP sarcastically remarked in this “news” story that the base’s “elaborate color scheme and landscaping shows that the army is not planning to pull its forces out of the area anytime soon.”

The lack of media interest in this Israeli humanitarian effort means that Israeli benevolence toward other peoples is not fairly conveyed to the western world. Perhaps if it were conveyed, observers would come to understand something else — that Israel’s response to Palestinian violence is also motivated by the highest ethical concern for all human life, and is not (as the media so often portray it) driven by an oppressive, mean-spirited national ethos.

The Israeli help is in contrast to the negligible financial donations of the wealthy Arab states and their inability to help medically. — Zola

**“The Parthenon Code”**

[www.religionews.com](http://www.religionews.com)

Those ancient Greek “myths” we learned about in school, it turns out, weren’t myths at all, but rather the

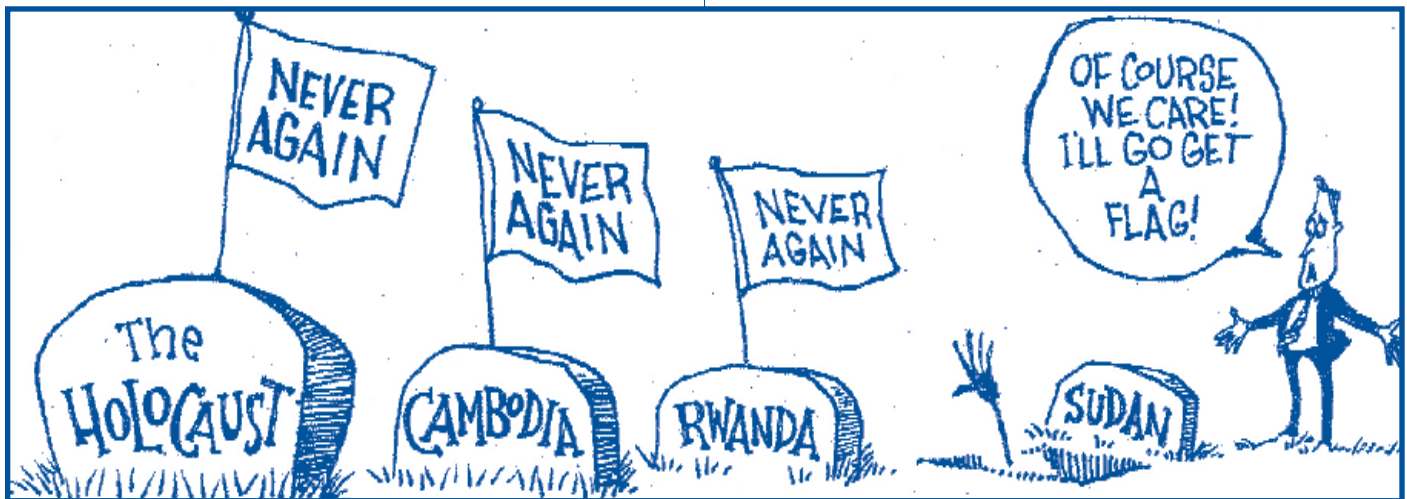
history of the human race told from the Greeks’ unique religious standpoint. *The Parthenon Code: Mankind’s History in Marble*, a new book by Robert Bowie Johnson, decodes Greek myth and deciphers the meaning of the sculptures from Athena’s ancient temple, the Parthenon.

The author shows that Greek myth/art tells the same story as Genesis except from the standpoint that the serpent enlightened Adam and Eve in Eden rather than deluding them. “In their vase-paintings and sculptures, ancient Greek artists take us back through Noah and the Flood to a woman, a serpent, and an apple tree in an ancient paradise,” Mr. Johnson said. “Greek artists tell us who they are and where they came from. Once you see the Genesis connection, Greek myth/art becomes easy to understand. Greek artists meant for us to understand it,” he added.

Six ancient vase depictions of the Greek version of Eden and five sculptures relating to Eden appear in the book.

According to the author, an authentic ancient Greek artists’ code, designed to clearly portray Greek religious history to the masses, first appeared in about 600 BC and reached its highest form with the sculptures of the Parthenon, the national symbol of Greece, completed in 432 BC.

*The Parthenon Code* reveals that the ancient Greeks rejected the Creator God of Noah in favor of “man as the measure of all things.” Thus, Greek myth/art celebrated the re-emergence of the way of Kain (Cain) after the Flood, and the rebirth of the serpent-friendly Eve, whom the Greeks worshiped as Athena. The Greeks called Noah “Nereus,” the “Wet One,” and dated the beginning of their contrary religious outlook from the latter years of his life, depicting the patriarch’s image on many vases, seventeen of which appear in the book. ★



# French Toast

(From a circulating Internet e-mail)

“France has neither winter nor summer nor morals. Apart from these drawbacks, it is a fine country”  
— Mark Twain

“I would rather have a German division in front of me than a French one behind me.”  
— General George S. Patton



“Going to war without France is like going deer hunting without your accordion.” — Norman Schwarzkopf

“We can stand here like the French, or we can do something about it.” — Marge Simpson

“As far as I’m concerned, war always means failure” — Jacques Chirac, President of France. “As far as France is concerned, you’re right.” — Rush Limbaugh

“The only time France wants us to go to war is when the German Army is sitting in Paris sipping coffee.”  
— Regis Philbin

Next time there’s a war in Europe, the loser has to keep France. — author unknown

An old saying: Raise your right hand if you like the French. Raise both hands if you are French.

“You know, the French remind me a little bit of an aging actress of the 1940s who was still trying to dine out on her looks but doesn’t have the face for it.”  
— John McCain, United States Senator.

“You know why the French don’t want to bomb Saddam Hussein? Because he hates America, he loves mistresses and wears a beret. He is French, people.” — Conan O’Brien

“I don’t know why people are surprised that France won’t help us get Saddam out of Iraq. After all, France wouldn’t help us get the Germans out of France!” — Jay Leno

“The last time the French asked for ‘more proof’ it came marching into Paris under a German flag.”  
— David Letterman

## “The Report is False”

By Eva Cahen, [www.cnsnews.com](http://www.cnsnews.com)

French state-owned television is using intimidation and threatened libel lawsuits to quiet calls for an investigation of TV images that showed the alleged shooting of a Palestinian boy by Israeli soldiers in 2000.

The video from the TV channel France 2 has become famous around the world as a symbol for the current Palestinian uprising and shows a boy trying to take shelter behind a man during a gun battle in September 2000 between Palestinians and Israeli soldiers at the Netzarim junction in the Gaza Strip.

Independent media analysts in France and Israel have provided what they call conclusive evidence that the video of the incident was staged and at least one member of the French Assembly has called for an official investigation of the episode, but France 2 has so far refused to undertake a comprehensive inquiry.

France 2 Television did not respond to numerous requests for interviews by Cybercast News Service in Paris, choosing instead to provide copies of articles reporting it was filing a libel suit against unnamed individuals for defamation.

But Stephane Juffa, editor in chief of the Metula News Agency based in Israel, said he and two other colleagues carried out a thorough investigation, which included scores of interviews and scene-by-scene analysis of the video and other material filmed in 2000.

Juffa said he had no information about how the child in the morgue was killed, but doctors there said the boy arrived hours before the actual Netzarim gun battle described in the video took place.

According to France 2 Television reporter Charles Enderlin, the boy, 12-year old Mohammed al-Durra, was killed in the end by Israeli bullets and the father was severely wounded.

Enderlin was not present during the incident, but his Palestinian cameraman, Talal Abu Rahma, was the only cameraman to record the images of what Enderlin described as the killing of the child by Israeli bullets.

France 2, which is state-owned, distributed the video in a 55-second story to television stations worldwide at no cost, saying it did not want to make money on such a sad incident. But the report remains suspect as journalists investigating the video have uncovered evidence that the scene was staged by actors, hours before a real gun battle took place at the site.

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# “Bribes to Journalists”

TTP Intelligence Bulletin, [www.tothepointnews.com](http://www.tothepointnews.com)

Liberal media journalists are all aflutter about columnist Armstrong Williams being paid \$240,000 by the Department of Education to promote the No Child Left Behind program. They are whipping themselves into a moral dudgeon over a conservative black writer besmirching his journalistic ethics. TMS, the outfit that syndicates Armstrong’s column to papers throughout the country, canceled him.

While they are so morally incensed, maybe now these folks can start investigating their brethren who are taking bribes from Saudi Arabia.

A year ago last January, the editor-in-chief of the prominent Saudi newspaper *Al-Riyadh*, Turki Al-Sudairi, disclosed that *the Saudi government dispenses millions of dollars a year in bribes to journalists around the world to write articles sympathetic to Saudi Arabia and to attack Israel.*

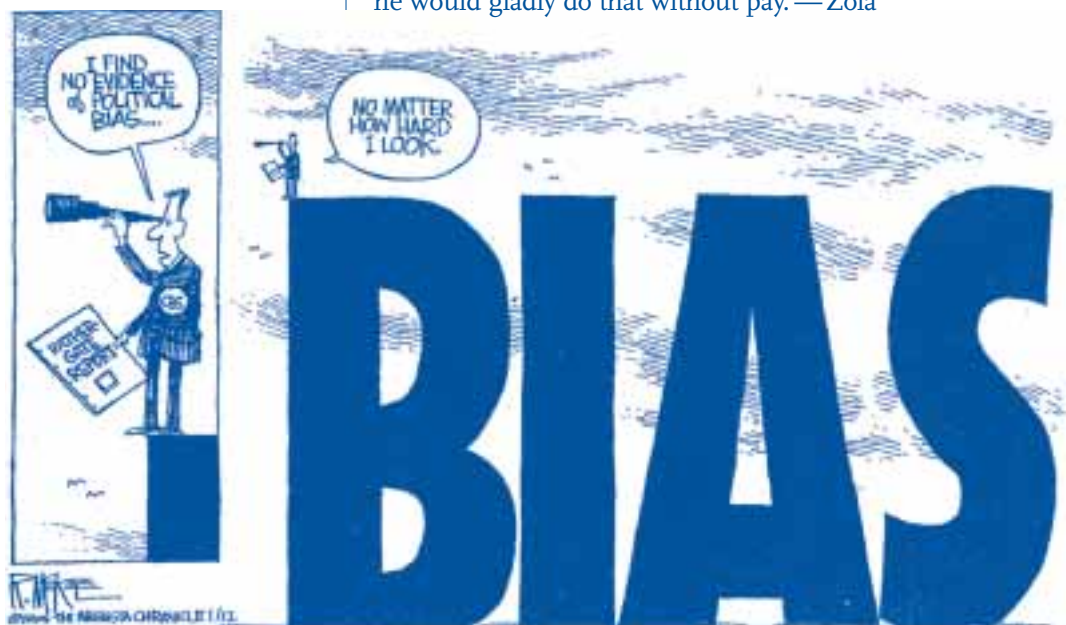
French newspapers are virulently anti-Semitic as it is, but Saudi money insures they stay that way. Hundreds of journalists, reporters, commentators, and talking heads from scores of publications and media outlets in dozens of countries are on the Saudi payroll. It’s a very sophisticated operation, and worldwide in scope.

## “The Report is False” continued

Among the elements that reveal the forgery are a director ordering retakes of scenes, ambulances appearing within two seconds in an unedited shot after a Palestinian is said to be wounded, the child hoisting himself on his elbows after he is said to be dead, and no blood or bullet wounds on any of the victims.

French media have united in refusing to publicize the evidence by pressuring journalists who fear for their careers in a country where most television and radio journalism jobs are in the state media.

“The child we see during the shooting is not the same child that we see in the morgue in other footage, who has bullet wounds and is identified as Mohammed al-Durra by hospital staff,” said Juffa. ❖



That scope includes America — especially America. How many American reporters and columnists — liberal and conservative — are on the Saudi payroll? The best person to investigate this would be legendary journalist Arnaud de Borchgrave, whose deep contacts in both Saudi Arabia and throughout the entire global media community go back decades.

No one would be better than Arnaud at determining whether or not such prominent columnists as Robert Novak and Georgie Anne Geyer, who write consistently fawning columns on Saudi Arabia and blistering attacks on Israel, are beyond suspicion.

It would also be an excellent opportunity for Arnaud to dispel the persistent belief among a number of otherwise knowledgeable people in Washington that, given Arnaud’s own rabidly anti-Israel columns, he himself is on the Saudi payroll — which I am sure could not possibly be true.

The Saudi press has acknowledged that the Saudi government is bribing journalists all over the world. The Armstrong Williams scandalette should be a springboard to find out who the Saudis are bribing in the American media. After all, Armstrong’s being on the take is of little consequence, while Saudi bribes materially endanger our national security.

Dive in, Arnaud. We’re waiting to learn what you’ve discovered when you surface. ❖

With reporters being bribed, one has to wonder about those who constantly and irrationally criticize Israel. Such seemingly anti-Semitic journalists like Robert Novak or Peter Jennings certainly come to mind. Pat Buchanan, on the other hand, always strikes me as a man born to hate the Chosen People and the Promised Land. I think he would gladly do that without pay. — Zola

# Why 265 Million Arabs Have So Many Problems

F.L.A.M.E. [www.factsandlogic.org](http://www.factsandlogic.org)

*FLAME is a Jewish website that contributes many factual clarifications concerning Israel. — Zola*

You may have seen articles in newspapers recently on the Arab-US summit held in Morocco. The event, co-chaired by former US Secretary of State Colin Powell, featured speech after speech by Arab spokesmen blaming Israel and the United States for Arab nations' failure to fight terror, failure to democratize and failure to eliminate corruption. The problem, the Arabs contend, is Israel's conflict with the Palestinians and U.S. support of Israel. This Arab position displays consummate *chutzpah* on two counts: First, tiny Israel has no influence on the internal politics and policies of any of the 20 Arab nations in attendance; and second, the stated goal of most Arab states and organizations is the total destruction of Israel. Nonetheless, however implausible, Arab politicians have for decades blamed Israel for the ills of the Arab world.

Here's an example of how it works: In October 2002 a massive study commissioned by the United Nations — a body that is virtually never sympathetic to Israel — on the social, political, economic, educational, and democratic progress in the Arab world was carried out by twelve Arab sociologists. They documented the Arab world's massive human rights abuses, wide-sweeping and brutal oppression of women and minorities, gut-wrenching child abuse, and whole populations subsisting in grinding poverty while Arab elites live in obscene luxury. In addition, a dozen wars throughout the Arab world have caused the deaths of millions and made millions more homeless. In most Arab countries, literacy and education opportunities remain at a lower level than most sub-Saharan countries, many have legalized slavery both for labor and sex, and their levels of technological achievement are lower than almost anywhere else in the world.

And to what does this U.N. study attribute such a massive failure of Arab governance and such deplorable levels of human rights, education, freedom, and opportunity? According to the study, the misery, poverty and suffering, from Mauritania through North Africa, to Egypt and "Palestine," Syria and Iraq, Yemen, Saudi Arabia — throughout all 21 Arab nations and all 265,000,000 Arabs living in those nations — are ALL due to "...the occupation of Moslem lands by Israel" — a country the size of Rhode Island with only about five million people.

So why should anyone expect any other explanation from Arab statesmen for the lack of freedom and democracy in the Arab world? Colin Powell, to his credit, exhorted Arab countries at the conference to stop stalling reforms. "Political and economic freedom go hand in hand," he said. "All of us confront the daily threat of terrorism. To defeat the murderous extremists in our midst, we must work together to address the causes of despair and frustration that extremists exploit for their own use." Amr Moussa, the head of the Arab League, replied, saying that while extremism must be fought, any reforms must be linked to a resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Just so we don't forget what the Arabs are talking about when they discuss "resolution of the conflict," Hamas spokesperson Moshir al-Masri underscored it for us again in his comments following the killing of five Israeli soldiers in a Gaza tunnel explosion: "This sends a message to everybody who tries to seek a peace settlement: Resistance is the only option for the Palestinian people."

The goal of Hamas, as of most Arab nations — and as it has been for decades — is not "peace," but the absolute destruction of Israel.

Thankfully, the current U.S. administration seems to understand the duplicity of the Arabs, and it will not let Israel's existence or its right to self-defense stand as an excuse for Arabs failing to clean up their act. ❖

The point taken by those who say the Israel situation is to blame for all the problems in all those unsuccessful nations is absurd. Israel's five million people outperform the entirety of the Muslim world, let alone hundreds of millions of Arabs.

The irony is that the Palestinians are better off than any other Arabs. Egyptians are not permitted visas to visit Israel, because their dictator does not want them to see how well off the Palestinians really are.



After all, Israel has brought clean water, modern medical care, good roads, automobiles, computers, video technology, medicines for the whole world, and a democratic society to a land that was destitute. Palestinians, by simply living next to a successful, progressive democracy like Israel, prosper even though they hate the Israelis and try to murder them.

Most Arabs would find themselves better off if Israel were to *really* occupy their country, just as the Iraqis are better off with Americans in their land. In any case, Israel will finally take its place as the "head of the nations" in the coming Kingdom. — Zola



# Politically Incorrect

By Fred Jackson, [www.Agapepress.org](http://www.Agapepress.org)

An Indiana congressman is warning that an Iraqi-style democracy may not make much of a change there. Why? Because the Judeo-Christian ethic is critical to the success of such a venture, he says.

Republican Mark Souder was one of the speakers at a bipartisan prayer service before the opening of the 109th session of Congress. He told the audience that religious faith is the conscience of democracy.

“The United States was at its founding, and still is, not only a religious nation, but largely a Christian nation,” Souder said. “Through Judeo-Christian beliefs that anchor our legal, our economic, our military, and our political system, the balance of powers and constraints upon the state — and thus upon the majority — assume the sinful nature of man and one that is not perfectable.”

Without a faith grounded in such beliefs, the congressman said, democracy as it is known in the United States cannot work — and he believes that could well be the case in Iraq.

“John Adams said, ‘Our Constitution is made for a moral and religious people,’” Souder noted. “Does democracy in Iraq mean the majority Shia, upon winning, can deny rights to women and to religious minorities, not to mention exact revenge upon the Sunni? Why *not* do these things if the only standard is democracy?”

He offered a recent demonstration of the nation’s morality, whose “premises rest at least upon the echoes and remnants of Judeo-Christian teaching,” he says.

“Over 75 percent of the American people profess to be Christian, and an even higher percentage believe that they were created by God — not some randomly evolving blob of amoeba,” Souder stated. “So when a tragedy hits Asia, we don’t say ‘Tough luck. It’s social Darwinism. The fittest will survive.’”

He continued: “They are fellow souls, each one fearfully and wonderfully made by God. Our hearts ache; our hearts cry out at the pain and suffering we see; our hearts bleed.”

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# Harry’s Nazi Shame

By Paul Robinson, *Leeds Today*

England’s Prince Harry is facing a furious backlash after being pictured in a Nazi uniform at a fancy dress party.

The photo, published on the front page of *The Sun* newspaper, shows Harry wearing the desert uniform of Rommel’s ruthless German Afrika Corps, complete with swastika armband.



The badge of the German Wehrmacht is also clearly visible

on his collar. Harry, 20, issued an immediate apology after learning of the existence of the damning snap, saying he realized it was a “poor choice” of costume. But the move has failed to quell mounting anger at the latest in a series of high-profile gaffes by the party-loving Prince.

His blunder comes during the run-up to Holocaust Memorial Day as well as the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz.

Questions were also being asked about whether the Prince should be allowed to enroll at the elite Sandhurst military academy later this year to train as a British Army officer.

Andy Pike, from “Unite Against Fascism,” said: “One would be very surprised if he were not aware of the significance of wearing the swastika and the amount of offense that would cause.

“We believe it will offend the whole of the Jewish community and many others. It is very disrespectful to the millions who fought against fascism.”

If we appoint little gods on earth, like the overwhelmingly agnostic British have, we will always be disappointed.

— Zola

waters of the Nile, which flow from and through Ethiopia, Rwanda, Eritrea, Sudan, and a half dozen other nations before reaching Egypt. Is Egypt stealing Ethiopian water? By Tarazi's reasoning, yes.

Equally ludicrous is Tarazi's charge that Israel is offering Palestinians "independence" (he mocks the notion with scare quotes) on a "reservation stripped of water..."

Not only has Israel not stripped the West Bank and Gaza of water, it has greatly augmented water for the Palestinian Arabs, connecting hundreds of villages to the Israeli water system, digging or authorizing the digging of wells and directly pumping millions of cubic meters of water from Israel into both areas. In the period from 1967 to 1995, West Bank Palestinians increased their domestic water use by 640%, from 5.4 MCM to 40 MCM.

When the Palestinian Authority gained control of the territories, rampant uncontrolled well-drilling ensued, severely damaging water resources in Gaza and the Jenin area. While it is understandable that Tarazi would be silent about the dereliction of the Palestinians, preferring to blame Israel, the question is why *The New York Times* was a partner in this.

Just as false as Tarazi's allegations of Israeli colonizing and theft of natural resources was the brazen claim of apartheid-like discrimination against Christian and Muslim Arabs of the West Bank. The argument is breathtaking.

In a column offering not a hint about the Palestinian terrorist onslaught originating from the West Bank that prompted Israel's erection of checkpoints and intensified screening of Palestinian travelers, the PLO writer claims the differing license plates of citizens of Israel compared to those of Palestinian residents of the West Bank demonstrates racist separation of non-Jews from Jews.

The *Times* was untroubled by conflicting information,

## "reservation stripped of water..."

such as the fact that, except in emergencies, Palestinian Arabs moved freely in the West Bank on virtually any road and even across the Green Line prior to September 2000, which marked the launching of the new terror campaign against Israel.

Nor did the paper see a contradiction in the fact that Muslim and Christian Israelis driving vehicles with Israeli license plates have been among the victims of attacks on West Bank roads since 2000.

But the nub of Tarazi's charge regarding Israeli apartheid is the claim that Palestinians of the West Bank live in a "de facto" state with Jews yet, "as non-Jews," cannot vote and receive citizens' benefits.

Of course, they are denied these rights, not because of their religion or ethnicity, but because they are not citizens. The territory on which West Bank Palestinians live remains in dispute pending negotiations and agreement on "secure and recognized boundaries" under the terms of UN Security Council Resolution 242. Extending citizenship to the Palestinians would constitute annexation of the territory.

Israelis living in the West Bank, most of whom moved there in the context of bolstering Israel's claim to particular strategic locations, which tended to be locations sparsely populated by Arabs, retain their citizenship rights just as Israelis do who move to Rome or Los Angeles.

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If and when an agreement is reached, including on borders, Palestinians living in Israeli areas might opt for Israeli citizenship or choose the status of resident aliens who are citizens of the Palestinian state. Jews living in areas that fall under Arab control would likely move to Israeli territory. In an ideal world, they would also have the option of remaining in their present homes as either citizens of the Arab state or resident aliens, but the Palestinians have made clear that in the context of a two-state solution, all Jewish residents would have to leave, just as all Jews were expelled (or killed) in areas that came under Arab control after the 1947-48 war.

**“...all Jewish residents would have to leave”**

Yet, notwithstanding the gravity and falsity of Tarazi’s accusations, his ultimately genocidal prescription for the Jews of Israel, and the many letters sent to the *Times* editor, expressing outrage, the paper initially ran only four replies. Of these, just one brief letter rebutted Tarazi, while the others were laudatory or non-responsive to the errors, half-truths and distortions in the piece.

Nor, when contacted by this author, would the newspaper itself correct the false statement that “as non-Jews” the Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza were denied the rights of Israeli citizenship.

When a letter was then submitted citing just a few of the factual problems, the *Times* refused to publish it if the words “error,” “distortion,” “deceptive,” or “incendiary” were not removed. These were words, a *Times* editor argued, that were not “in accord with the tone of the letters page.” However, in the weeks immediately preceding, numerous *Times* letters had included many examples of these adjectives, as well as other strong criticism. Most of these were directed at the Bush administration, corporations or other entities.

A letter submitted without these words was then scrutinized closely by the *Times* letters department for accuracy, with particular focus on my verifying the percentage of Israelis who are “non-Jews.” The scrutiny continued even after the letter was published, when the *Times* responded to a reader’s request by asking me for proof that Palestinians had been allowed to use the roads of the West Bank along with Israelis.

The contrast in fastidiousness about the facts is striking. Why is a piece by Michael Tarazi that overflows with unfounded and extreme accusations against Israel readily published, while a letter responding to only a few of his falsehoods is subjected to rigorous “fact-checking”?

The answer seems all too obvious, especially in light of the *Times*’ readiness to publish other op-eds of similar virulence. Noam Chomsky’s tirade against Israel in February 2004 flung the apartheid charge and repeated similar claims about alleged Israeli water policy. Although Chomsky has long been favored in radical circles, his appearance in the *Times* is a troubling barometer of anti-Israel extremism on the opinion pages.

A piece by Jimmy Carter in November 2004 contained various factually absurd, anti-Israel distortions, including the claim that after the Oslo Accords there was “an absence of serious violence by either side” until “a Jewish nationalist assassinated Mr. Rabin.” This would come as quite a surprise to the many families of Israelis slain in bombings and other acts of unprecedented terrorism between September 1993 and November 1995, families that considered the slaughter of scores of innocents “serious” indeed.

Carter’s statement was patently false and should have been challenged, but the error was never corrected by the *Times* and was only addressed — without mention of the word “error” — in a reader’s letter.

It’s true the *Times* has in the last year published columns by Israel’s defenders and former officials, such as Benjamin Netanyahu. But none of these were venomous and fallacious. There can be no claim that accurate commentary in defense of Israel “balances” propagandistic and false commentary assailing that nation.

The pattern is obvious: the *Times* has chosen to suspend the norms of fact-checking in op-eds attacking Israel, and in doing so has all too often allowed its editorial pages to be used as a crude anti-Israel propaganda sheet. ❄

## Politically Incorrect continued

According to Souder, almost all social change in the history of the United States has been driven by people whose deep commitment to moral views is based upon their personal religious beliefs. “To take religion out of the public arena would leave us with the mean-spirited, survival-of-the-fittest, social Darwinism of evolution,” he said.

He concluded by urging his fellow lawmakers to let faith guide their service in Congress. “We should not abandon faith at the door to the House floor. We should not leave the Holy Spirit in the cloakroom. We need to reflect upon this.”

He then asked: “Do you really want a world dominated by a United States not anchored in a moral view?” ❄



### Moshe and Avi *Israel Today*

The commander of an Israeli tunnel search unit, Captain Moshe Taranto, 23, of Ashod, Israel, died in a tragic accident during an operation in the volatile Rafah area of the Gaza Strip. Taranto was searching a tunnel, one of many used to smuggle weapons from Egypt to Palestinian terrorist groups, when it collapsed and buried him alive.

Taranto took command of the unit in May of 2004, after the former commander, Avi Hakani, was killed along with four other soldiers during a search for tunnels in Rafah. Moshe and Avi had been close friends since the second grade and served together in the same unit.

“Now Moshe and Avi are together again,” said Moshe’s mother. “This was a deep friendship, like the friendship between David and Jonathan.”

### Better Bone Marrow Transplants

*Israel Today*

Dr. Samuel Fuchs, chief cardiologist at the Sharon Hospital, and his colleague, Professor Ran Kornovsky from the Rabin Medical Center, have developed a new and improved method of bone marrow transplants. The new procedure has already produced very good results with heart patients.

In this procedure, bone marrow cells from the patient’s hipbone are scrupulously examined to ensure cell purity and suitability for transplant. If the results are positive, the number of cells is then reduced to prevent clot formations, after which they are injected where needed.

The new bone marrow cells produce healthy blood cells instead of the sick bone marrow cells. The procedure’s advantage is twofold: there’s no limit to the number of times it can be carried out and no danger that the body will reject the new cells.

### Wall Street Journal Awards

(From a circulating Internet e-mail)

The winners of *The Wall Street Journal’s* 2004 Technology Innovation Awards competition have been announced. Innovators worldwide were considered.

The Gold Award went to Sun Microsystems, Inc. of California for a wireless approach to chip design.

The Silver Award went to Given Imaging, Ltd. of Yoqneam, Israel for “PillCam,” a tiny camera that patients swallow so that doctors can see their digestive tract.

The Bronze Award went to InSightec Image Guided Treatment, Ltd. of Tirat Carmen, Israel for “ExAblate 2000,” a non-surgical way to destroy tumors by focusing ultrasound waves on them.

This is a wonderful achievement for Israel. From a worldwide search, Israel took two of the top three places. This should be celebrated by us and brought to the attention of the press worldwide. Israel often receives undeserved bad press. Let us counter this with some positive images. Well done, Israel!

### Virtual Bypass Surgery

In another first at Tel Aviv’s Rabin Medical Center, cardiologists “performed a virtual bypass operation” in a simulator. The simulator allows “operations” to be performed on a scale of 1:1, offers varying levels of difficulty and provides the surgeon with a report that lists any mistakes and how to correct them.

Professor Ran Kornovsky, who developed the concept, wants his team of cardiologists at peak performance so they’ll be able “to carry out such operations in their sleep.” Personnel who assist in bypass surgery also tested their skills with the simulator to get a feel of how complex the operations can be.

With an average of 4,000 surgeries annually, the bypass department of Rabin Medical Center is the largest and most professional of its kind in the country. Even by international standards, it is one of the most state-of-the-art departments in the world.



# Of All Nations

## Brilliant Biotech

*Israel Today*



Professor Ehud Shapiro of the Weizmann Institute recently received one of 30 World Technology prizes, awarded by the World Technology Network in San Francisco.

Shapiro's work, which involves the creation of bio-molecular computers based on DNA and other biological molecules, is known throughout the scientific world. These molecules are so small that more than one trillion can be found in a single drop of water!

## Israeli Invention Provides Early Warning of Earthquakes

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This home device is as small as a shoebox and will cost consumers less than \$200.

Israeli inventor Meir Gitlis developed the system, which has received much attention in the wake of the disastrous earthquake which caused tsunamis to devastate much of Southeast Asia's coastline. Gitlis told Israel21c that he doesn't claim his early warning system could have made a massive difference — but clearly even the saving of one life makes it worthwhile.

"Since the disaster occurred in the Far East, we've gotten requests from companies to take our sensor technology and develop an instrument against tsunamis," Gitlis said.

Gitlis's "Earthquake Alert" is based on the same seismological principles as earthquake monitoring systems used by weather centers and government agencies worldwide. It contains an array of pendulums that naturally react to vibrations, sending a signal through an electronic circuit to a chip. After analyzing the frequency, the computer chip determines — and notifies the user — whether the movement was caused by a sonic boom, or a bomb, or if it is indeed the tremors of an earthquake.

"An earthquake is like lightning or thunder," Gitlis said. "First comes the primary wave which runs through the ground very quickly. The instrument can sense the primary wave, which occurs tens of seconds before the secondary, destructive wave. The pre-warning of a half minute enables people to find cover."

Gitlis said that the Azrieli Towers in Tel Aviv — the country's tallest buildings — have installed the Earthquake Alert in the skyscrapers' elevators. In the event of a quake, the system will stop the elevators at the nearest floor, allowing people a chance to escape.

Researchers at the State University of New York (SUNY) at Buffalo tested the sensor recently and concluded that it is reliable and does not react to false alarms. ✨



## Baby Friendly

*Israel Today*

The Israeli firm Baby's Breath has developed a "children's hood" that makes it easier to administer aerosol-based medication to infants, even while the baby is asleep. This tent-like hood fits comfortably over the baby's head, without disturbing the infant.

It is ideal for treating asthma, bronchitis, tuberculosis, and other lung diseases, along with other illnesses. It replaces the face mask that's been used until now, which had to be in place for 15 minutes, exceeding the tolerance levels of most babies.

Dr. David Kotashevski of Ben Gurion University's Department of Biotechnology headed the research team, which included medical student Tal Shaked, Dr. David Broday from the Technion in Haifa, and Dr. Israel Amirav from Ziv Hospital in Safed.

[The world still awaits any comparable scientific or medical achievements from the 265 million or so Arabs who surround this tiny nation of five million inhabitants.](#)

— Zola

## From the “Zionist Conspirators”

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In the Gulf War in the early 1990s, US soldiers fighting on the Middle Eastern battlefield sometimes found themselves using dressings dated from World War II to patch up their wounds. In the present Iraqi conflict, however, American forces are now using an advanced new bandage, developed in Israel, which can save lives by stopping traumatic hemorrhaging wounds, and can also be used as a tourniquet, or a sling.

The new bandage, called the Emergency Bandage, was developed by First Care Products, a tiny four-man Jerusalem start-up. The bandage marks the first major alteration to field dressings since the 1940s, and has already established its worth.

One of the major causes of death for soldiers at war is not the injury itself, but loss of blood on the battlefield. In the Vietnam war, for example, one in four soldiers killed in action died from hemorrhage bleeding or injuries to their extremities. In the current Iraqi war, only one in 10 deaths are attributable to this. One of the main reasons for this is that the US military has changed tactics. In the past, soldiers were taken off the battlefield and then treated for their injuries. Today, they are treated on the spot, which improves a victim's chances of survival. Often it is the soldier himself who takes responsibility for dealing with his wounds.

The Emergency Bandage fits well into the new philosophy of military medicine. In the past, soldiers or medics treating wounds would have to use three or four different dressings to bandage a wound. It was time consuming and often it was difficult to achieve the right pressure on a wound to stop the bleeding.

Ofer Molad, First Care's VP of marketing in the US, remembers how he and fellow soldiers serving in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF), would wrap a rock into the

bandage to maintain the right pressure.

The Emergency Bandage, however, is an elasticized bandage with a non-adhesive bandage pad sewn in. The bandage has a built-in pressure bar, which allows the soldier to twist the bandage around the wound once, and then change the direction of the bandage, wrapping it around the limb or body part, to create pressure on the wound. Aside from this, the pressure bar also makes bandaging easier. A closure bar at the end of the bandage means that it clips neatly into place and will not slip.



*In the Vietnam war, one in four soldiers killed in action died from hemorrhage bleeding or injuries to their extremities.*

The pressure bar also enables a soldier to use the bandage on complicated injuries like the groin and head, which require wrapping in different directions.

The bandage can be put on with one hand. “It’s a very versatile bandage,” he says. “It can be applied quickly and easily by an injured soldier or non-medical personnel for immediate hemorrhage control. It saves time in an emergency situation where every second is crucial.”

Certainly the US military thinks so. In 2003, the US Army purchased nearly 200,000 bandages for its troops. In 2004, the US Army purchased 800,000.

The Emergency Bandage, nicknamed the Israeli bandage by US troops, was created by American-Israeli Bernard Ben-Natan, a former combat medic in the IDF, who was located for some time at the Jerusalem

Software Incubator (JSI), which is now owned by Jerusalem Venture Partners (JVP).





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