

LEVITT LETTER

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

We seldom place a letter to this ministry on the front page, but this one is well worth it. — Zola



ZOLA LEVITT

Dear Zola:

I just finished reading your January 2005 issue of the *Levitt Letter*. They just keep getting better and better. They are so full of truths that we never read in the newspapers.

I am very worried that Americans are going to continue to remain asleep until it’s way too late to do anything to stop Muslims from getting exactly what they are after—“Death to nonbelievers.” We seem to be oblivious to the fact that, as Christians, we fall under their definition of “nonbeliever.”



I’ve asked this question of many, but no one seems to know the answer. Perhaps you can shed some light on it. How many Muslims perished in the World Trade Center, other than those who were in the airplanes? Also, does anyone know if any Muslims were employed at the WTC at that time, and if there were some, how many showed up for work on 9-11-01? In the newsreels taken of the people running from the choking dust coming from the

Twin Towers, I don’t remember seeing any women wearing the traditional headgear of a Muslim female.

Are we to believe that all the terror in the world is just the work of Muslim radicals, or is it time to pull the scales from our eyes and notice that perhaps the diabolical plan is that the whole Islam nation is out to kill us? I’ve already made my decision on that matter.

“...out to kill us?”

I listened for a long time, during the 9-11 memorial service, to the names being read, one by one, of those who perished that day in the WTC. I heard the names of hundreds of Irishmen, but during the time I listened, I didn’t hear any name which included a Mohammed, an Akmed, or an Osama, and the like.

What an underground of communication they must have!

Sincerely, — D.S.

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8,000 Years!

An outrageous editorial appeared in *The Washington Post* on February 20. Writer Robin Shepherd specified that anger in Europe toward Israel is reaching “new and disturbing levels.” A recent poll of 3,000 Germans showed more than 50% responded equating Israel’s policies toward the Palestinians with Nazi treatment of the Jews. 68% of those polled specifically thought that Israel is waging a “war of extermination against the Palestinian people.”

Well, let’s examine that thought. Israel is obviously policing



the Palestinian murderers in the manner that we Americans police our drug dealers, the Los Angeles gangs, etc. We have said that many times. But the comparison to the Holocaust—that the Israelis are “exterminators”—is a new and dizzying low point in this propaganda.

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Let's assume for the moment that the Israelis maliciously caused every single reported Palestinian casualty. And let's accept the Palestinian figure of something like 3,000 people killed since their self-imposed intifada began four years ago. And let's suppose that everyone killed was an innocent civilian, not a terrorist, not a suicide bomber, not someone shooting rockets out of his yard at schools and synagogues in a neighboring settlement. And finally, let's ignore the hundreds of "collaborators" killed by their own people. Let's, in short, assume the Israelis are trying to exterminate the Palestinian people, as two-thirds of the Germans believe, and let's examine whether that compares to the Holocaust.

At this rate of "extermination," it will take the Israelis another **8,000 years** to accomplish the casualty figures of the Holocaust! Work it out for yourself. The Germans killed six million people in two or three years in their concentration camps. The Israelis are just beginners at extermination, if you believe that they are conducting extermination.

The truth is that the ongoing Muslim influx into Europe has caused the typical Islamic lies to prevail. It's remarkable that with only 5% of the population being Islamic, two-thirds of them believe a whopper like this one. The article goes on to point out, unfortunately, that "Germany is not alone in these shocking sentiments. They have been expressed elsewhere and often by prominent figures." In 2002, the Portuguese Nobel Prize winning writer Jose Saramago said, "What is happening in Palestine is a crime which we can put on the same plane as what happened at Auschwitz." Mairead Corrigan, the Irish winner of the 1976 Nobel Peace Prize, compared Israel's suspected nuclear weapons with Auschwitz, calling them "gas chambers perfected."

This lunacy, given by Nobel Prize winners, shows how far anti-Semitism can go. Obviously, there's no correlation whatever between Auschwitz, a concentration camp in which millions of people were methodically gassed and burned in ovens, and Israel, where terrorists are eliminated in exactly the same manner as we eliminate them in Iraq, or in the US, for that matter.

The article goes on: "Moreover, in a poll by the European Union in the year 2003, a majority of Europeans named Israel as the greatest threat to world peace." This notion—that a tiny democracy of five million Israelis, less than the population of a large European city, and allowing freedom of the press and of assembly for all, including the Palestinians—is a threat of any kind, is inexplicable. But it's vintage Muslim stuff.

Because they hate the Jews and want them out of the Middle East, the Islamists never stop preaching that the world would be peaceful if only Israel were gone. Actually, the opposite is much more true. If the only

freedom-loving and peaceful nation in the Middle East were eliminated, things would simply get worse, and that's obvious.

The article continues: "Perceptions of Israel in the United States meanwhile contrast sharply. A poll... taken in December 2003 for the Anti-Defamation League, had Americans putting Israel tenth place on a list of countries threatening world peace, just ahead of the United States itself." Are Americans becoming a bunch of Ward Churchills, the loony fake Cherokee professor fuming at his fellow citizens from the University of Colorado? (see page 24) Our country is no threat to peace whatsoever. Our country *promotes* peace, and that's all there is to that. I'm amazed that even one American could say such a thing about America, let alone Israel.

The article goes on concerning the Holocaust: "This faltering awareness of the most vivid example of racist mass-murder in the 20th century is accompanied by enduring anti-Semitism... The left-leaning apathy toward Israel is moreover buttressed

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by deeper and wider pathologies in Europe's collective memory."

At least the writer refers to belief in such propaganda as "pathologies," or diseases, because that's what they are. It's actually a mental sickness to believe something so opposed to reality. Establishing that "under some conditions, war is necessary to obtain justice," stated by a minority of Europeans, the writer concludes "such attitudes do not mesh well with TV pictures of Israeli gunships firing missiles at militant targets in the Gaza Strip, whatever the justification for Israel's actions."

Is the writer puzzled about the "justification for Israel's actions"? Let me try to help. The justification for Israel's actions is that the "militants" the Israelis were eliminating were mass murderers all. They have continually fired rockets into neighboring settlements to kill innocent civilians, and they have received their just reward. The same thing goes on in every American and European city, day after day, in the case of murderers.

Be assured that if the Israelis wanted to "exterminate" the Palestinian people, they could do just that. The irony is that they have handled these vicious enemies with such kid gloves as to receive some sort of Nobel Peace Prize themselves.

I honestly think, without any personal bias, that Israel is exactly the opposite of what they say, a peaceful nation promoting world peace, a democracy in the midst of an ocean of Arab dictatorships, and a brave and loyal ally of the United States — the world's leading hope for peace.

— Zola

Protecting the Palestinians

In the past year, since Israel constructed its protective fence, there has not been a single suicide bombing where the fence is standing. It works perfectly for its purpose, despite all the hue and cry against it.

Those organizations, like the court in The Hague, who would like the fence taken down so that more Jews can be killed, are failing to protect the *Palestinians*. The simple fact is that when there are no Palestinian bombings, there are no Israeli retaliations. People who say that Israel is trying to exterminate the Arabs should notice that no Arabs are dying when they stop attacking Israelis.

As the *Levitt Letter* has stated many times in the past, there would be a thousand years of peace and prosperity for the Palestinians if they simply would stop murdering Jews.

— Zola

Stringers Who String Us Along

On the occasion of the recent car bomb in Lebanon, the front page of the *Orlando Sentinel*, and probably any number of other newspapers, had a dramatic photograph by Muhammed Muheisen and a story by Mohamad Bazzi, both of the Associated Press. It occurred to me, as a former newspaperman, that we should lay some stress on the idea of using "stringers" — local "newsmen and photographers" — to get our facts.

You see, the Associated Press, an American news agency, pretends that its reporters are everywhere at once and that they cover all news personally, but the fact is they rely on local suppliers, especially in countries where freedom of the press is limited.

And, obviously, these local news people come with local biases. The story of the car bomb is objective enough, but what really happens in Iraq or in Israel is open to some interpretation.

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Those areas contain American news people, since Israel proper and occupied Iraq have freedom of the press. But areas within those countries where the press is shackled, say Fallujah or areas outside of Baghdad and certainly “Palestine,” have to be covered by locals.

All news from Palestine is originally submitted by Palestinians, along with their views, which usually include a carefully schooled hatred of Israel.

In Egypt, a supposedly moderate Muslim nation, the press is rigidly controlled by the dictator. All that we have said here applies to television networks as well, so that the news we watch from any Muslim nation carries with it the personal prejudices of whoever happens to be broadcasting.

And it gets worse. There are a lot of areas in the Muslim world from which there is practically no news at all. There is little press, free or otherwise, in Sudan, Indonesia, Saudi Arabia, Iran, and on and on. I mention places that happen to be in our news because of world-shaking events going on where information slips out via UN workers, foreign medical helpers, or occasional government dissidents. But as to day-to-day coverage in Muslim nations, you might as well cross out over a billion human beings—20% of the world—from accurate news reports. Add to those the same number of souls controlled by communism, including all of China, and we have nearly half the world under at least “managed news.” Some borderline democracies also suffer from control of their news, as do certain mature democracies like our own.

If I mention a list of Muslim nations, most Americans have hardly heard any news of them. What’s going on today in Tunisia, Bangladesh, the United Arab Emirates, etc.?

We complain about American reporters being biased, and some of them surely are biased. Reports from *The New York Times*, CNN, the major networks, and probably your hometown newspaper are almost laughable. *The Times* always requires special mention, since its fabrications are copied by other newspapers far and wide, and even read on television by folks with handsome faces who we are supposed to believe are real news reporters. That’s bad. But it’s a whole lot worse when newspapers are closed or utterly suppressed as in Muslim and communist dictatorships throughout the world.

We reported last month that the king of Nepal had deposed his entire government and shut down the press in his nation (where he owns all the land and all the people). Most tyrants are smarter than that. But know that in this world there are despots who arrogate to themselves this kind of power over their fellow human beings.

We may as well count among them some clergymen, including some Catholic priests, some rabbis, and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian USA Church. While they don’t

close down media outlets, they are all, in their own minds, little kings of Nepal riding roughshod over whatever flock they can control.

As to born again Believers, we have a certain amount of this problem from pompous seminary professors and famous Bible teachers, but it is generally understood that the True Church has no hierarchy. After all, there are only two levels of Christians: one Who was perfect went on to His father some 2,000 years ago, and the rest of us are works in progress. — Zola

Palestinian “Insiders”

www.honestreporting.com

The AFP and AP employ reporters who also receive paychecks from the Palestinian Authority.

One of the cardinal rules of responsible journalism is the independent status of the journalist—while journalists may belong to political parties, they cannot actively work for a party relevant to the sphere they cover, lest their independence and neutrality be jeopardized.

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The Blessing. From The Holy Land Experience theme park in Orlando, Zola presents Abraham's child of the promise, Isaac, and his son Jacob. We look at the lineage of these famous patriarchs and the impact of choice. Zola interviews Yitzhak Navon, former president of Israel and former personal secretary for David Ben Gurion.

Sons and Tribes. The twelve sons of Jacob formed a nation set apart from the world. Zola goes to the Upper Room where

the Lord met with His twelve disciples who would change the nations of the world with His message. Anthropologist Nili Wazana discusses tribal culture and its historical context in ancient Israel.

Out of Exile. From the Holy Land Experience in Orlando, Zola teaches on Moses, the reluctant leader who set aside his place in Egypt's royal court to lead the Hebrews to the Promised Land. We interview former President of Israel Yitzhak Navon about his experiences and memories of David Ben Gurion.

A Nation Ruled. With the Knesset in the background, Zola chronicles the time of the Judges and how Israel needed a political system to keep order. Two experts discuss Theodore Herzl, the founders of the modern state of Israel, and how Biblical mandates influenced its development.

A Desire to Be Like Others. In view of David's Tower in Jerusalem, Zola teaches on Israel's desire for a human king that resulted in Saul, David, and ultimately Jesus. We interview Messianic Pastor Avi Misrachi on the day he invited an Arab Christian congregation to a joint worship service. These two groups are separated by politics yet united in Christ.

A Promise of What is to Come. From the Holy Land Experience in Orlando, Zola reviews how the prophets guided the people of Israel to become what God had called them to be. Archaeologist Steve Pfann explains how the law went from oral to written form at Qumran, the site of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Free at Last! Zola teaches on the Messiah, what Israel was looking for and why the majority of the Jewish people did not recognize Him when He came the first time. We also talk with Neil Cohen, the Vicar of Christ Church, about how far the Church has come from its Jewish roots.

Unto All Nations. From the ruins of Emmaus, Zola chronicles how the gospel spread through Paul, Peter, and the other disciples. From Abraham to Christ, the legacy of a nation and its people continues. Modern-day Jewish evangelist Yacov Damkani is hard at work spreading the Good News to modern Israel.

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Dear Friends:

We all know the song, “Chicago, Chicago, That Toddlin’ Town,” but Chicago is a city where liberal churches give their sanctuaries to Muslim congregations to hold their Friday services, and where both local newspapers viciously criticize Israel. It is also the nation’s murder capital, having something like the same number of murders per year as those who suffered under Arafat’s four-year intifada.

In their coverage of the “summit” where Sharon and Abbas met in Cairo, the *Chicago Tribune’s* Joel Greenberg and Cam Simpson submitted a masterpiece of gibberish in a February 8 article. Utilizing wishy-washy words does reporting a great deal of damage. I’m going to go through the article below and correct all the weasel words.

In their first paragraph, the reporters say that Sharon and Abbas are expected to declare a halt to violence, after more than four years of fighting. That expression is rather biased. There hasn’t been any “fighting” in Israel, but merely the policing of murderers. I’ve said it a thousand times and people in Chicago should certainly know the difference. Does the *Chicago Tribune*, when their reporters submit stories about the policing of Chicago’s drug dealers, call it “fighting?” In Israel, Palestinians murder Israeli civilians. That’s not “fighting.” The Israelis attempt to stop the onslaught. That’s not “fighting” either.

The *Tribune’s* next paragraph contains the innocent-sounding words cease-fire and truce. Again, there’s no cease-fire in the sense of two armies calling an armistice. The Israelis will never fire another shot if the Palestinians stop the murders. It’s that simple. A “truce” is not necessary, as there is no war.

The article goes on to specify that the two sides are expected to “declare a halt to violence.” Once again, there’s

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no “violence,” there are murders, just like in Chicago, except there are far fewer of them. The next paragraph talks about a similar summit in 2003, where “several weeks later a ‘cease-fire’ fell apart.” Cease-fires don’t “fall apart,” they are broken, and in every case they have been broken by the Palestinians, who cannot resist killing innocent civilians, even when they have signed an agreement not to do so.

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Another paragraph of the story states that Abbas has persuaded “militant” groups to suspend attacks until the declaration of a formal truce. This awful word “militant” is used for these murderers, and any declaration of a truce is, of course, meaningless when Palestinians are involved. The Israelis, on the other hand, are prepared to “release Palestinian prisoners.” In other words, what the Palestinians say they want in return for stopping the murders is the release of previous murderers. I wonder why they want them back. What work do they have for them to do?

The *Tribune* supplies that “militant groups” have killed “hundreds” of Israelis during the current conflict. The newspaper knows very well that there have been over 1,000 Israelis murdered, but it’s nicer to minimize casualties caused by the Palestinian murderers.



At least it’s nicer in Chicago.

The story quotes a Palestinian “Cabinet Minister” saying that “the violence is a product of the occupation and settlement expansion.” This is the Big Lie on which the Palestinians hope to get rid of all the Israelis. If the world would believe that the Jews—who were given Israel 4,000 years ago and who have occupied it continuously since the time of Abraham—are occupiers and settlers, then I guess the illegal aliens called Palestinians (since 1964) get the land.

It’s a good thing that the Native Americans haven’t utilized the same argument against us immigrants to this continent. After all, we really *were* occupiers, and we really *were* settlers. We won the land in a battle, fair or foul, but there’s no question of who the original natives are.

The only difference between the Indians and the Palestinians is that the Indians wouldn’t be lying if they claimed all that. It’s good to remember that in Israel, the Israelis, and not the Arabs, are the “Indians.”

The article goes on to say: “The Bush administration has backed Israel’s demand to an end to violence first...” Obviously, the Israelis would like to have fewer of their people killed as they’re sitting in peace negotiations.

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What a silly idea—the people are only Jews, after all—but it is distracting to have to leave the negotiating table for repeated funerals.

It is well that we notice that in past negotiations, the Palestinians, other than for a few periods of quick rearming, have never stopped murdering innocent Israeli civilians.

The point is to get the murders stopped.

Toward the end of the story, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice is quoted as calling the present time “the most promising moment for progress in recent years.” That, of course, is because of the death of the dictator Arafat. But this moment is no more promising than any previous one. The point is to get the murders stopped.

I can't say it enough times, but that is the only problem in Israel. The irony is that if the Palestinians would simply accept the Israelis as neighbors and cooperate in their democracy, they would be far and away the best-off Arabs in the whole world. As it is now, the Palestinians are richer in terms of possessions and 21st-century conveniences like medical care, clean water, good roads, automobiles, telephones, etc., than nearly any other Arabs in the Middle East (well, the Saudi “royal family” with its billions probably has a few of those conveniences, but they usually leave their country to visit doctors—or prostitutes, for that matter).

Rice, appearing with Abbas in Ramallah, said: “It is time for both parties to make their maximum efforts to give this chance for peace a real chance.” It's not necessary for the Israelis to do anything at all. If the murders would stop, they would stop policing the Palestinians. If the Palestinians would cooperate with them, the above paragraph would apply.

The Chicago newspapers, like *The New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Washington Post*, and probably your hometown newspaper, use “iffy” words to keep a pot boiling in Israel, and the reasons are several: there is, of course, anti-Semitism, the mindless hatred of the Chosen People and the Promised Land; there are liberal politics, which, for some reason, always tout Muslim causes and denigrate Israeli ones; and there's just good old garden variety ignorance. Since these reporters are products of our pitiful school systems, they don't know anything about Israel or its enemies. I'm afraid we really are rapidly approaching the moment when the Lord's prophecy “Ye shall be hated of all nations,” will be applied to those it was spoken to—the people of Israel.

Not much for our money

Reporter Joel Greenberg followed up on February 11 with a story called “Abbas Fires Security Chiefs over Violence.”

After promising to spend 350 million

dollars in an enormous gift to the “new” “Palestine,” we've received very little. The world celebrated a silly meeting we ordered up in Cairo where folks in suits shook hands for cameras, as always, and promised a new truce. But I was informed from Jerusalem, in a story with only spotty coverage in this country, that on the day of and the day after that conference, Hamas fired fifty-six rockets on settlements near Gaza, followed by an Islamic Jihad suicide bombing in Tel Aviv. It seems that we forgot to make the peace treaty with the real combatants, the lunatic Palestinian terrorists of Hamas, Islamic Jihad, Hezbollah, etc.

Mahmoud Abbas, the new Palestinian “president,” recently fired three top security chiefs, an irrelevant move since they don't belong to these terror groups or have any control over them. This was a gesture, I suppose, ordered up in Washington, and is supposed to make you think that the terrorists will now desist. However, his spokesman said, “The group is not bound by the truce declaration of Tuesday's summit,” in the Joel Greenberg article.

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The cartoonist draws a ferocious monster, but labels the rider a “militant” rather than a terrorist or killer. How politically correct! — Zola

"Palestinian Christians?"

Dear Zola:

Shalom. I am not surprised at the divestiture from Israel by this denomination. I read an article in *The Atlanta Journal Constitution* on a Dr. Fahed Abu Akel, Moderator, Presbyterian Church USA, and he claims to be a Palestinian "Christian" and when he was 4 years old and Israel attacked their neighborhood his mother stood on the rooftop of their house screaming the Israelis would have to kill her in order to destroy their house. Dr. Akel did not give an ending to the story so I have no idea of the outcome, however he was on a TV program in the Atlanta area and said he was going to go around the USA teaching churches on how the Israelis treat the Palestinians, throwing them out of their land. He also said he had met with Arafat and Arafat revealed he was wearing a cross around his neck (wearing a cross does not make one a Christian any more than wearing a Star of David makes one a Jew).

Are there any true "Palestinian Christians"? By that I mean are any really "born again"? To me, a "born again Christian" loves Israel and the Jews.

Also, the two Presbyterians that met with the terrorist have been fired. I have the article from *The Atlanta Journal Constitution*, but have misplaced it.

— Capt. D.

Dear Capt. D.:

I am not surprised at the Palestinian Christian's views. Please know that "Christian" is more of a social designation than a religious one in Israel. It merely designates that an Arab is not a Muslim. Nearly all Arab Christians are sacramentalists, including principally Greek Orthodox, Catholic, etc. There is a handful of real Believers, but the others are "political Christians," like their friends in the Presbyterian Church USA. — Zola

Stop Criticizing

Dear Zola:

The last time I wrote such a letter was just before Jimmy Swaggart was publicly exposed. I don't mean to put you into the

Letters to



Zola

Some letters have been edited for space.

same category as him, but I am concerned about the same problem. Criticism.

Let me tell you that I appreciate your ministry much that I am a regular

tremendously, so much that I am a regular contributor. No, I am not threatening to stop supporting this very vital ministry. I am a retired Methodist minister who believes in the fullness of the Spirit and have been blessed with several spiritual gifts. I know it seems almost unbelievable that a Methodist minister can be Spirit-Filled. Believe me, I fought the Lord all the way as He directed me to the Methodist Church.

"It seems almost unbelievable"

My wife and I have been to the Holy Land several times and find the experience one of the highlights of our lives. We love the Jewish people and have helped bring some to the Holy Land from their countries of incarceration.

Zola, everything that you have said I agree with and the Bible backs up what you say, but I have a problem with so much anger and criticism about other denominations. I have personally experienced fellow pastors' lack of love for Israel and I also question their claim to be saved, but that is our Lord's job.

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We have such an enormous commission given to us by Jesus to go into all the world and tell the GOOD NEWS, that it seems a shame to waste so much energy in criticism.

If I stepped out of line or failed to hear God, please forgive me, but if not, perhaps this letter will help you to work more prosperously for the Kingdom of our precious Lord Jesus.

Your fellow servant in Christ, — R.P.R.

Dear R.P.R.:

You write with a good spirit, but what about the well-known saying “The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing?” Frankly, I was raised in east Pittsburgh and often settled arguments with my fists. I still have that tendency, I suppose, but I try to say what our Lord (who was occasionally also a fighter) would have me say. — Zola

2 Mites... \$2

Dear Zola:

I am writing you today to express my gratitude for your program and to say thank you for confirming something that I've thought for quite some time. In a recent *Levitt Letter*, you responded to one writer that if everyone who listened to your program sent in a dollar, that would take care of your ministry needs. I am a truck driver and I don't get to watch your program as often as I would like, but my wife watches you each week, and we both enjoy the *Levitt Letter*.

So on top of my automatic monthly giving, I am sending in what I have left in my wallet at the end of the week. I know that this \$2.00 isn't much, but money is pretty tight around here. I plan to do this at the end of each of my pay periods. I was going to save it up and buy myself something at the end of the year, but you are doing God's work and you could put it to much greater use than anything that I would have bought for myself.

Just a suggestion, but if you were to mention once in a while, either on your TV program or in the *Levitt Letter*, that even if we were to send in as little as a dollar, your needs would be met, maybe more people would send in their dollar.

Anyway, keep up the good work and keep on telling the truth about what is going on in the Middle East, because there are very few programs that tell it like it really is.

One last question. Though I don't mean to sound stupid, why do some of the Jews wear the skullcap and some not? I know it has something to do with the Jewish religion, but I'm not sure what.

Sincerely, — D.G.

Dear D.G.:

I certainly thank you for your generous giving. Your \$2.00 is calculated by God on a scale established by the widow's two mites, and likewise honored in Heaven.

The skullcap is not Biblical, and I have to agree with your final statement. I'm not sure what it has to do with anything either. — Zola

Do Jews Pay Taxes?

Dear Zola:

I am a partner with your ministry. A few years ago, I ordered a bumper sticker from you that says “America must not abandon Israel” and then it has the word “Jerusalem” spelled out with the USA in the middle in red, white and blue. I have had many opportunities to talk to people about Israel because of this bumper sticker. But last month, something happened that still has me confused, so I thought I would ask the person that would know—you.

A woman pulled up next to me (I was in New Mexico) and started yelling about the bumper sticker. She was actually holding up traffic! She said that if the Jews want to be a part of the U.S., they should pay taxes like the rest of us do. This is not a subject that has come up before, so I did not have a comeback. I said that as far as I knew, Jewish people paid taxes the same as anyone else. She then started getting angry and yelling about tax breaks—that Jews didn't have to pay as many taxes as other Americans.

I have never heard anything like this and need to know what this is about, in case it ever comes up again. I appreciate you and your ministry and I thank God for you.

Your Sister In Christ, — P.R.

Dear P.R.:

Anti-Semites aren't rational. Frankly, you met the devil at that traffic light and you defeated him with the truth. — Zola

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If anybody needs to understand Sharon's reason for moving settlers out of rocket range, this is certainly a great big hint. There's no way to stop these fanatics from shooting rockets out of their own yards and landing them willy-nilly on peaceful settlements that have never given them a moment's trouble. And so, once again, Israel has to protect itself by moving off of territory that no one in the world could contest is completely Jewish land.

We have a situation of false peace, which is the theme of the upcoming Tribulation period. On a grander scale, the Antichrist will hold a worldwide peace conference and claim to have pacified all nations, and indeed there will be little shooting for the moment as the kings of the east and others mobilize for the final battle. And, after seven years, those armies will march on Israel in Armageddon, but will fail to overcome it, since our Lord will arrive when they attack Jerusalem. As He said: *Except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved.* Matthew 24:22.

These are the subjects I normally take up when speaking in the churches, and the question/answer periods are most exciting. If you are in north Texas, I am able to speak in your church during the months of April, May, June, September, and October. Please note that Sandra and I will visit the eastern Midwest during our upcoming summer speaking trip, which will begin just after July 4. We intend to drive our trailer through Branson, Mo., St. Louis, Indianapolis, and Chicago.

Apparently, these lessons are badly needed in Chicago. If your church is located anywhere close to the route I have described, please contact Claudia immediately at 817-417-0059. Often churches are disappointed when they wait too long, because we have a very busy schedule and it fills up quickly. Also, we have to make advance plans for driving and parking our RV.

Please make plans now for our upcoming tour of Israel, June 14-24 and for our regular fall tour this November. For information on these and all tour dates, please call Tony at (214) 696-9760 during regular business hours. You may also call 1-800-WONDERS for a brochure on any of our upcoming tours.

And, please pray for the Peace of Jerusalem.



Waves of Red Ink

By Mark Levitt



I have reported that we were breaking even on PAX, and that was true for a couple of months. But my son, Mark, an experienced business comptroller, sees the day-by-day expenses and anticipates problems ahead.

All I can add to his definitive conclusions is that we just need better support from more of our audience.

Please ask the Lord what He would have you do about this ongoing need. — Zola

The December tsunami's first wave, though notable, was not a major destructive force. If only its subsequent waves had come days or weeks apart rather than within minutes of each another! If only the tsunami's victims had known beforehand how many waves were coming. Though the tsunami killed many times more innocents than the WTC attack, it is easier for some of us, on this side of the planet, to forget the force that took so many more lives than the savages who murdered 3,000. A force that came in waves.

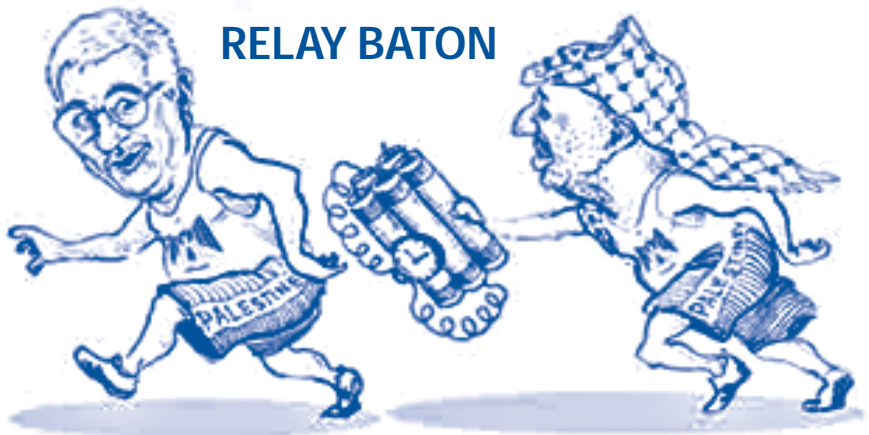
Question: What 30-minute TV airtime could compare to the force of a tsunami?

Answer: PAX on Thursday mornings – 8:30 or 9:30, depending on your time zone.

Since November 2003, 17 monthly invoices for PAX broadcasts have rolled in and hit our checking account. They added an extra two-thirds of the amount that we already were paying for TBN, ABC-FAM, INSP, plus about a hundred independent full-power stations—*combined*. Throughout 2004, our ministry ran deeper in red ink than we ever had before. Not a week went by

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RELAY BATON



OLEG for Women in Green

But, *The Jerusalem Post* has reported that two of the largest wire services—Agence France-Presse (AFP) and Associated Press (AP)—have employed journalists with inappropriately close ties to the Palestinian Authority. Majida al-Batsh was a Palestinian affairs correspondent for AFP for many years, while simultaneously being on the payroll of the Palestinian Authority as a reporter for the PA's official organ, *Al-Ayyam*.

If this is not evidence enough of impropriety at AFP, last year Batsh announced she would actually run for the presidency of the Palestinian Authority. *The Post* reports:

"Her colleagues claim that shortly before she joined the race [for PA president], Batsh resigned from the news agency, saying she wanted to devote her time to the election campaign. However, they add, this did not prevent her from seeking the agency's help in her campaign."

"One day she showed up and asked to use the fax machine to send some documents," reports one coworker. "The agency did not object."

Batsh isn't the only AFP reporter receiving a PA salary on the side:

One of the agency's correspondents in the Gaza Strip is Adel Zanoun, who also happens to be the chief reporter in the area for the PA's Voice of Palestine radio station.

The AFP bureau chief in Jerusalem, Patrick Anidjar, refuses to discuss the issue, saying: "I don't understand why you have to have the name of our correspondents." Pressed to give a specific answer, he says: "I don't want our correspondents' names to go into print. I don't want to answer the question. What is this, a police investigation?"

Meanwhile, Muhammad Daraghmeah—who turns out near-daily reports from Ramallah or Jerusalem for the Associated Press—also works for the PA's *Al-Ayyam*, according to *The Jerusalem Post* (and a pro-Palestinian website).

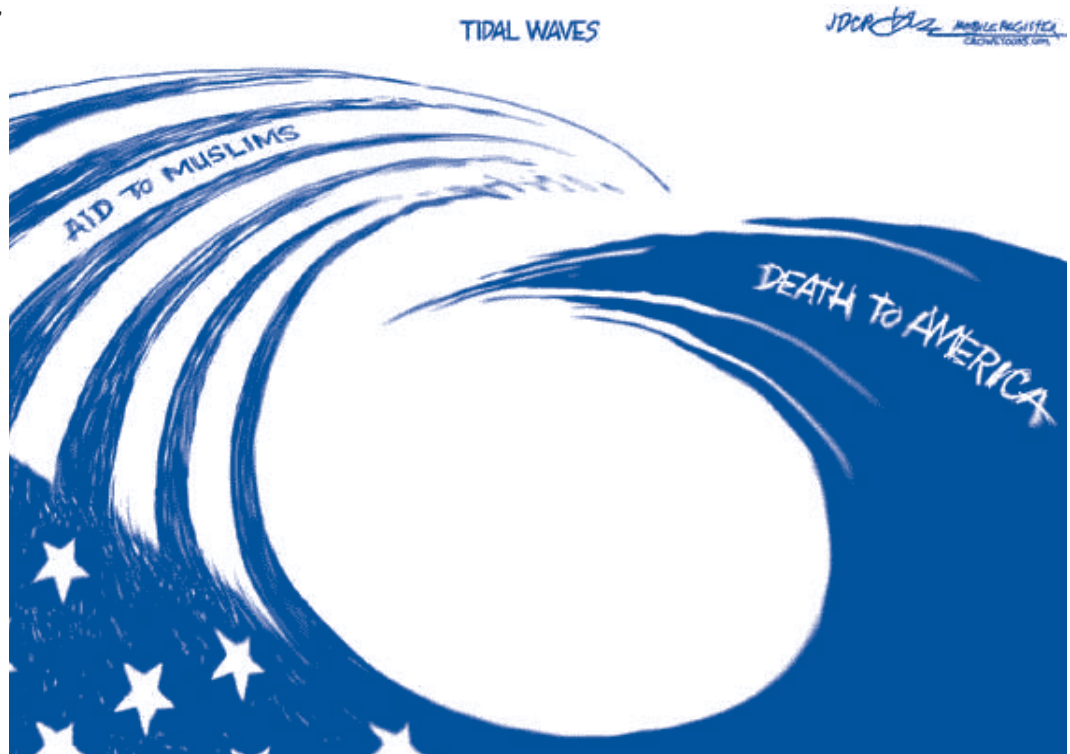
This is the equivalent of a network's Washington correspondent getting paid on the side by the Democrats or Republicans. Imagine the scandal that would produce. Yet with their coverage of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, AFP and AP don't seem to have a problem with it.

HonestReporting has repeatedly demonstrated that the local staff employed by western news outlets contributes in no small way to the problem of anti-Israel media bias. The major media outlets rely on Palestinian cameramen and stringers to tell the tale from the West Bank and Gaza, as *The Jerusalem Post* reports:

"AFP is not the only member of the international news media to employ 'journalists' who see themselves as 'foot soldiers' serving the Palestinian cause. Other parts of the foreign media frequently allow their stories to be filtered through such fixers-consultants."

"I will never work on a story that defames my people or leadership," boasts a Palestinian "fixer" (mediator/guide/translator) who works on a regular basis with many foreign journalists. "It is my duty to protect my people against Israeli propaganda."

All this calls to mind the declaration by Fayad Abu Shamala, the BBC correspondent in Gaza for the past 10 years, at a Hamas rally in May 2001: "Journalists and media organizations [are] waging the campaign against Israel shoulder-to-shoulder together with the Palestinian people." ❖



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Less Terror

According to data published by the Israel Defense Forces, there was a 40% decrease in terrorist attacks this past year from the previous year. Of 2004's 118 terror victims, 75 were Israeli civilians and 43 were soldiers. In 2003, there were 116 suicide attacks, while in 2004 "only" 14. The number of terrorist attacks in areas where the security fence is already erected decreased by an impressive 94%.



without our staff at least briefly revisiting: “Was this a wise move? Can we stay on PAX until the Rapture?”

So far, we believe we can. But we couldn’t have come this far without some unexpected concessions from PAX, some breaks they may not be able to give us this year. It is risky to test the water with suppliers or vendors, who already have cut their prices to the bone, because they might conclude that we have asked too much and decide to move on to customers who can pay full price. Other organizations would offer a pretty penny for our PAX timeslot—which alone costs us, each month, the total price of a decent house in the suburbs. We have comparatively analyzed our other stations and networks and made sure that PAX is giving us the best value we can reasonably ask.

Now our ministry is facing ripple effects from the PAX airtimes—increased mail, telephone calls, customer service issues, and administrative challenges. We have added two full-time mail clerks, replaced our telephone system, upgraded our computers, and better trained our employees. We are out of space in our office and may have to start a second shift. These are healthy problems or challenges to have. But meanwhile, the waves—the monthly airtime invoices—continue coming and eroding our cash on hand.

You know your weekly expenses are high when you become uniquely aware of which months have five weeks. If only there were fewer than four five-week months every year! Those powerhouse five-week months hit us, airtime-expense-wise, with 25% more force than four-week months. Just our January ’05 airtime costs alone surpassed our total budget of a few years ago—including television production, newsletter printing, product duplication, postage, personnel, rent, answering service, long distance, office equipment, maintenance/repairs, supplies, etc.

Our traditional spring slump has the impact of a little wave compared to what we can expect this summer. We really need to shore up our reserves now, before the ebb and flow of our regular supporters’ contributions drops through the summer until fall. I sincerely wish that I could project reliably that sufficient PAX viewers will catch up with us to carry us until August, but I can’t. We are still

adding them, but they stay on our mailing list awhile before lending a hand.

Human nature requires that our ministry must be patient through the process of *Zola Levitt Presents* viewers becoming *Levitt Letter* readers. Then it takes months, and sometimes years, for those readers to become supporters. We never hear from many readers. Others make a single purchase and then disappear. After a year, we enclose a note with our newsletter plus a postage-paid envelope that offers to continue their subscriptions free for the asking. Some, who love this outreach, believe that small purchases alone should suffice to keep us going. If only that were true!

Still, this is not an emergency plea. Just a reminder to remember us. There are no victims here—unless you count Satan’s objectives. We are warriors in the midst of a battle. We are making our needs known. We *knew*, seventeen months ago, that if we could make it this far, we would be fine. We are fine. But the waves keep hitting. So please stay with us. Thanks. ■

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“Don’t Say Jesus”

Recently, at a Messianic congregation which I have visited before, I was censured for using terms like Jesus and Church instead of Yeshua and Assembly, or whatever. These terms automatically came out of my mouth since I teach all the time about these things.

I also noted that certain Messianics were keeping rabbinical laws that run counter to Scripture, both Old and New Testament alike. Galatians 2:16 says: “Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.”

I was invited to one Messianic congregation on a Friday evening, but was told that I had to be there by 4:30 pm in order to give people time to prepare for the Sabbath before dark! Colossians 2:16 admonishes us: “Let no

man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of a holy day, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days...” Now that we have Christ with us, we do not hold to the Old Covenant laws. In fact, we have “credit” for having kept them with belief in Him. (We can keep any Biblical law that we wish to keep, but we should understand that there is no special reward for that behavior. Our salvation is complete with simple faith in the Messiah, and not any performances we may do. On the other hand, keeping rabbinical laws, unless they happen to be Biblical, is no different than keeping any other unbelieving tradition.)

One Messianic rabbi asserted that Scriptures like those given above “have been changed.” When we are willing to defame the Scriptures and give them meanings of our own, we are simply leaving the Word of God.

It breaks my heart, but I’m going to have to study each Messianic congregation as invitations come, because some are very difficult for me to deal with. — Zola



Hebrew Lesson



Transgressions Forgiven

By John J. Parsons

Hebraic Insight:

The Hebrew word most often translated as “sin” in our English Bibles is the word *chata’ah*, which means “missing the mark,” as an archer might miss his target when shooting an arrow. *Chata’ah* is an error, a mistake, or a case of “missing the target.”

There are other words in Hebrew that convey more serious misdeed than *chata’ah*. One of these words is *pesha*, a will-

ful transgression done to spite God. This word suggests defiance, rebellion and a casting off of God’s authority. In most Bibles, *pesha* is translated as “transgression,” meaning “going beyond the limits” of God’s Torah (law).

Another such word is *avon*, usually translated as “iniquity” in our Bibles. *Avon* is connected with the idea of perversion, or a willful twisting and distorting of the will of God for selfish ends. In this verse, King David describes the happiness of the one whose *pesha* is “forgiven.”

Interestingly, the word translated “forgiven” comes from a root word (*nasa*) that means “to lift up, to take up, or to carry.” In other words, happy is the one whose rebellion against the Lord has been “taken up” and whose *chata’ah* has been covered. Happy is the one whom the Lord does not hold guilty of selfish perversion (*avon*).

Isaiah chapter 53 tells us more about how our transgressions were “taken up.” The Lord Jesus was wounded for our transgressions (*pesha*), crushed for our iniquities (*avon*), and bore the sin (*chata’ah*) of many. For those of us who are trusting in His sacrificial death as a sin offering (*asham*) before the Father, we are indeed made happy and given His shalom.

אֲשֶׁרִי נְשׂוּי־פָשַׁע כְּסוּי חַטָּאָה:

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. (Psalm 32:1)

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whose sin has been covered			whose rebellion is forgiven			Happy is the one				

Whoever commits sin transgresses also the law (Torah),
for sin is the transgression of the law. 1 John 3:4

Wake-Up Call

By Gary Bauer



February 16 wasn't a good day on Capitol Hill for Americans hoping that September 11th was the first and last time our nation will be attacked by the Islamofascists who have declared war on us. New CIA Director Porter Goss told a hushed Senate Intelligence Committee that: "It may only be a matter of time before al-Qaeda or another group attempts to use chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear weapons," in an attack against the United States. FBI Director Robert Mueller added to the anxiety by admitting that there are al-Qaeda operatives inside the United States and his agency is having a difficult time tracking down these "sleeper cells."

By the way, several liberal commentators suggested that the dire testimony was just an effort by the CIA and the FBI to scare lawmakers and the public into increasing their budgets! These are the same critics who blame President Bush for not warning us before September 11th, but now attribute dark motives to his administration for trying to warn us that the worst may still be ahead! Politics anyone?

For me, the lowest point of the hearing was when government witnesses told the committee that al-Qaeda has considered infiltrating the United States through our almost nonexistent "border" with Mexico.

"Considered?" Since thousands of illegals are entering the country unimpeded every day, it is virtually certain that al-Qaeda and other murderers have gone way beyond considering using the border with Mexico as the point of entry.

On every trip to Capitol Hill, I am delivering the message to House and Senate members that we have to get serious about stopping illegal immigration. ✪

"More Dark Days in the Newsroom"

By Gary Bauer

For days, a controversy has been raging, mostly in Internet chat rooms, about comments made by Eason Jordan, the news director at CNN. Jordan's name may ring a bell with you. A few years ago he set off a firestorm when he admitted in an article that CNN held back on reporting about the brutalities of Saddam Hussein's regime because they wanted to protect CNN's staff from reprisals! He survived that controversy. This time he wasn't as lucky.

Recently, at a meeting in Switzerland, Eason Jordan alleged that U.S. soldiers had intentionally killed journalists in Iraq! When other shocked participants in the meeting challenged his assertion, he reportedly tried to backtrack. But within hours an account of Jordan's obscene allegation had already been posted on the web by an audience member. The controversy continued to build and, shortly thereafter, Jordan had stepped down at CNN.

First Dan Rather runs with a Bush-bashing story based on false documents in the middle of an election. Now a top CNN official is willing to suggest that U.S. soldiers are murderers—the very same official who was complicit in not reporting on real atrocities committed by Saddam Hussein.

And these guys still think they are the "mainstream press"! ✪

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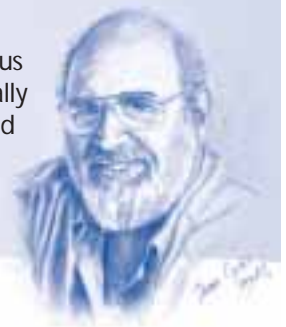
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Zola's Monthly Gift Program

Who is the Bravest Man in the World?

National Review

Ali Fadel is certainly in the running. The new mayor of Baghdad—his predecessor was assassinated by terrorists—wants to memorialize George W. Bush. “We will build a statue of Bush. He is the symbol of freedom... We are especially grateful to the soldiers of the USA for freeing our country of tyranny.”

Of his own safety, Fadel said, “My life is cheap. Everything is cheap for my country.”

Cheap, or priceless.

BBC's Upside Down World

From Fox News, Special Report with Brit Hume

The BBC has aired a report so one-sided that even the BBC itself is now issuing an apology.

They began a story on the February 25th deadly suicide bombing outside a Tel Aviv nightclub with footage of the suicide bomber's family in mourning. The victims' families were never shown. The BBC received dozens of complaints and now says:

“It was inappropriate to begin the report with [that] footage. It was also inappropriate to include this footage without coverage of the suffering of the victims' families. Using this picture sequence in this way was a mistake.”

— BBC News head Roger Mosey.

Mosey cannot even apologize without telling a lie. The issue was not about picture sequence, but about the fact that the Israelis were not covered at all. “Picture sequence” reminds me of the term “wardrobe malfunction.” — Zola

Palestinians Included

National Review comments on the troubles of Harvard President Larry Summers over his remarks on women's abilities in math and science. — Zola

There are favored groups in university life: women, blacks, gays, increasingly Palestinians. They are like “special” children; they must be segregated wherever possible, and everyone must praise their crayon drawings of flowers... It is an excellent system for maintaining order and equilibrium: bad only for freedom, the mind and self respect.

Duma & Dumber

Orlando Sentinel

A group of nationalist Russian lawmakers called for a sweeping investigation aimed at outlawing all Jewish organizations while punishing officials who support them. They accuse Jews of fomenting ethnic hatred and say they provoke anti-Semitism. In a January letter, about twenty members of the lower house of Parliament, the state Duma, asked Vladimir Ustinov to investigate their claims.

Imagine such a rule applied to blacks, or any other minority. — Zola



Who are the Murderers?

It's so tiresome to listen to the gathered brains of the world meeting in places like Cairo or Saudi Arabia discussing ways to deal with terrorism, especially the Israeli-Palestinian situation. In Israel, some 1,000 people have been murdered in the four-year intifada invented by Arafat and now continued by Hamas and other terrorist groups. I remarked in a recent *Levitt Letter* that during the same period, some 80,000 Americans were killed in our streets. The violence in America far overwhelms that of Israel.

But there is a finer point to make, and that is that if one compares murders of citizens by other like citizens—Americans killing Americans, or Israelis killing Israelis—we in America lose to Israel by about 80,000 to 0. Other than the assassination of Rabin, I simply have not heard of an honest to goodness Israeli-Israeli murder. While there are a few crimes against persons in the way of burglaries, etc., one does not hear of Jews killing other Jews. All of that killing is done by outsiders, basically the Palestinians.

So, as the intelligentsia gather and try to work out what is supposed to be a grave problem in Israel, I wonder if we in America could get the Israelis to come here and figure out a way for us to get some peace in our streets. They are experts at peace, despite the world's unceasing condemnation. — Zola

Afraid to Die (From a circulating Internet e-mail)

What a wonderful way to explain it...

A sick man turned to his doctor as he was preparing to leave the examination room, and said: “Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side.”

Very quietly, the doctor said, “I don't know.”

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Briefs

“You don’t know? You, a Christian man, do not know what is on the other side?”

The doctor was holding the handle of the door, from the other side of which came a sound of scratching and whining, and as he opened the door, a dog sprang into the room and leaped on him with an eager show of gladness.

Turning to the patient, the doctor said: “Did you notice my dog? He’s never been in this room before. He didn’t know what was inside. He knew nothing except that his master was here, and when the door opened, he sprang in without fear.”

“I know little of what is on the other side of death, but I do know one thing—I know my Master is there and that is enough.”

A False Friend

Douglas Wead, a false friend of President Bush, secretly taped telephone conversations with him during the 2000 campaign for the presidency and has now released the contents. He is writing a book about Bush and has betrayed his friend by quoting exactly from those audio tapes.

Unless the whole thing is a plant, however, President Bush comes off rather well, especially where faith is concerned. He says that he is going to tell people that he has received Jesus Christ because “it is true.” He ostensibly said that in private without knowing that it would be quoted, and thus has testified to a personal friend of his faith. *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.* Romans 10:9.

News commentators such as Brit Hume and Bill Kristol remarked candidly that they themselves would not come off so well as President Bush if their private conversations were released in public. — Zola

The Rest of the Story

Janiane Zacharia, *The Jerusalem Post*

69%

Sixty-nine percent of Americans have a favorable view of Israel, according to a new Gallup poll. The figure is 10 percentage points higher than it was in February 2004, but shy of the 79% who had a favorable view of Israel during the 1991 Gulf War. Twenty-five percent of Americans said they had an unfavorable view of Israel.

A large majority of Americans—62%—said they viewed the Palestinian Authority unfavorably. Twenty-seven percent said they had a favorable opinion of the PA, the highest recorded by Gallup since it began measuring the item in 2000.

Fifty-two percent of Americans said their sympathies were with Israel in the dispute with the Palestinians, while 18% said they were more sympathetic to the Palestinians.

The survey of 1,008 adults was conducted by phone in early February and had a margin of error of 3 percentage points.



Reaching Out To Presbies

Dear Zola:

I happened to visit a PC USA presbytery office yesterday.

I mentioned their anti-Israel position and showed the former Executive Presbyter the Dennis Miller article, to which he replied, "It's a lie." (He is a pastor by training, too.)

Then he said something about an American family inviting Israelis into their home and the Israelis kicking them out (and taking over their home). He claimed that his uncle was involved in the UN in 1948 and dastardly things went on when Israel became a nation.

To my knowledge, I am the only person to speak up for Israel among the 13,000 in 35 congregations, however, I quit the denomination in January 2003, when I caught wind of their anti-Israel position.

No matter what you say, it seems impossible for the people to even listen or want to see the Israeli side. One thing that does seem to run through the vocal anti-Israeli folks is their "intellectual arrogance"—a sense that "they know" and you do not.

I give you credit for being on the front line and dealing with these people. I find it absolutely frustrating.

Come to think of it, could you possibly do a special video to address "converting" these people? You could give the Bible verses and your personal commentary.

Start out with buying the land for 30 pieces of silver and go from there!

This situation is probably going to get worse as more of the world turns against Israel.

God bless you and your staff for fighting the good fight (2 Timothy 4:7).

May God bless you now and always,

— J.S.

Dear J.S.:

We make every attempt to reach out to these misinformed members of mainline denominations, but very rarely make a convert. — Zola

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Do as We Say...

CNN announced on March 6 that US forces have decided to put up a "security barrier" along the border between Syria and Iraq. It seems that "insurgents," or in plain words, terrorists, are slipping across that border in mostly uninhabited land from Syria, and causing a lot of deaths in Iraq.

Now let me see, would that be like the security fence that Israel has built to keep terrorists out?

It's a wonder that we have time to even put up a security barrier while we're so busy condemning Israel for putting up a security barrier.

Do as we say, not as we do. — Zola

Zola Levitt Presents TV Airing Schedule

PAX Airing Day & Time by Zone				
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—Channel 181		DirectTV—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

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Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day	9:30 pm Mon	7:30 am Wed	2:00 pm Thurs	10:30 pm Sat

The Earth Moves, Thousands Cheer

By Wesley Pruden, *The Washington Times*



George W. Bush promised he could make the earth move, and everyone would wake up satisfied on the morning after.

The wise guys, a quart or two low on studly charisma and always ready with reasons why not, only laughed at the cowboy enthusiasm. No one is laughing this morning, and a lot of Arabs are cheering.

An Iraqi election and a big blowout in Beirut do not an Islamic revolution make. A crackdown could cool the sudden ardor for democracy in the flash of an exploding canister of tear gas (or worse). But there's enough going on in the most miserable corner of the world to give a mullah misgivings, to make an ayatollah anxious. If those aren't the sounds of the tectonic plates of the old order breaking up, the suspicious tremor is enough to send the rich and corrupt evildoers of the old order, long accustomed to ignoring the cries and whispers of everyone, to start looking through the real estate classifieds for retirement villas in France.

The Lebanese masses have taken up the cry for democracy, just like the masses in the Ukraine a fortnight and more ago. A tent city grows in Beirut's Martyrs Square at the tomb of Rafik Hariri, the former Lebanese prime minister who was slain by a person or persons unknown—believed by nearly everyone to be a person or persons of sinister Syrian ancestry and citizenship.

The demonstration has taken on the air of fiesta, with thousands vowing not to budge until the Syrians pull their 14,000 troops out of Lebanon. Troops assigned to keeping a semblance of order have given up trying to keep the crowds away, and waved the demonstrators on. Demonstrators handed long-stemmed red roses to cops and soldiers.

"Tell Bush to come here."

"I love America," one of the demonstrators at Martyrs Square told reporters and anyone else who looked even vaguely American. "Tell Bush to come here. Thank him."

Heady times. For once there was an administration in Washington that ignored the clearing of throats in Foggy Bottom and the counsel of the Nervous Nellies who are always frightened more by rufflers of the status quo than

by disturbers of the peace. The White House, blithely ignoring such fears, put another log on the pyre.

"We are closely watching developments with great interest," the president's press spokesman said. "The resignation of the Karami government represents an opportunity for the Lebanese people to have a new government that is truly representative of their country's diversity."

Lebanon, perhaps more than any other country in the Middle East, deserves a lot better than what it's got. Once a gem of a city (if not necessarily "the Hong Kong of the Middle East," as it sometimes called itself), Beirut hummed and crackled with commerce and culture, a place where nearly everybody got along. Lebanon was traditionally governed by a Christian president and a Muslim prime minister, a happy acknowledgment of what everyone agreed was fiction, that the country was equally divided along religious lines. That was before militant religionists demanded that the Muslim majority get the whole country. The civil war lasted 15 bloody years.

But it's not only what's happening in Beirut. The Israeli government summoned ambassadors in Tel Aviv to a meeting to listen to the evidence that Syrian-client Hezbollah, the Palestinian terrorist cartel, was responsible for the February 25th bombing that killed five Israelis in Tel Aviv. For once, the Israelis had an audience that was not necessarily hostile to facts. In Damascus, Bashar Assad finally understands what it feels like to buckle under pressure. He looked through the inventory of available bad guys, and threw up one of the scurviest of the lot, one Sabawi Ibrahim al-Hasan al-Tikriti, Saddam Hussein's half brother, and as a director of the Iraqi insurgency, the author of a list of evil deeds as long as his name. There was speculation in Beirut that he was captured to order, perhaps inside Iraq, as a sacrifice to the Americans. Assad and the Syrians are scared.

Democracy can do that to tyrants, and this is what George W. has been trying to say over the tumult of an election campaign at home and the static of the media noise machine everywhere. Official Washington has been abuzz in recent days over a commentary in *Der Spiegel*, a German newsmagazine of some repute. "Germany loves to criticize George W. Bush's Middle East policies," writes Claus Christian Malzahn, "just like Germany loved to criticize former President Ronald Reagan. But Reagan, when he demanded that Gorbachev remove the Berlin Wall, turned out to be right. Could history repeat itself?"

Only a radical cowboy like George W. Bush could come up with an idea like that.



Understanding Osama

By James Taranto
www.opinionjournal.com

We'd never heard of Augsburg College, which turns out to be a Lutheran institution in Minneapolis, until we got wind that it recently had a "Nobel Peace Prize Forum." On the program was the following seminar:

Fighting Terrorism with Empathy: a Model for Peace Amy Nell, Concordia College

The word terrorism strikes a deep nerve among Americans today—having sparked an entire nation to the defense of its country and the subjugation of those who stand in opposition. One of these men who stand in opposition is the man who planned the September 11 attacks. In November 2004, Osama bin Laden released a tape giving his recipe for a healthy nation. This seminar would dissect his message and use audience participation in doing so. Discussion points would include counterterrorism methods, the possibility of peace, empathy, etc. The aim of this seminar would be to help understand the position of Osama bin Laden as presented in the video and explore in what ways the origins of terrorism are to be found, not in some foreign citizen, but in the actions we take out of fear, hate and retribution.

Notice that these idiots have "empathy" only for mass murderers, never for their victims. Anyway, who is this Amy Nell character who blames America for terrorism, and what are her academic credentials? There are several institutes of higher education called Concordia, including one in Montreal that is known for various anti-Semitic outrages, but Nell seems to be from the one in Moorhead, MN, where she is—we kid you not—a photographer for the student newspaper.



EditorialNotes

We're of two minds about nonsense like this. On the one

hand, the whole thing is silly and inconsequential. If America can survive *Fahrenheit 9/11*, it can withstand the blatherings of Amy Nell. Indeed, one of the great benefits of free speech is that the very exposure of such flapdoodle discredits it—and, if you have a dark sense of humor like we do, often in quite entertaining ways.

On the other hand, higher education is at least arguably a serious and important institution, and inasmuch as a college degree is a necessary credential for many jobs, it is also a powerful institution. In some ways society would be better off if colleges and universities were run by serious people. ✪

Little Orphan Boy

By Dr. Jerry Falwell, Founder, Liberty Univ.



On February 4, to the surprise of thousands of Liberty University students, I arose in a convocation service to announce that Dr. Ergun Caner, a converted Sunni Muslim and son of an ulema (Muslim scholar), was to be the first former Muslim to become the dean of an evangelical seminary in the United States. In fact, he will become Dean of Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary on the campus of Liberty University, the school I founded in 1971.

Dr. Caner, 38, has been a very popular professor in the School of Religion of Liberty for two years, and has become known for his humorous and pointed preaching and his national profile, as well as his large classes.

He is today one of the most electrifying speakers and defenders of the faith that I have ever heard. I am proud to call him a friend and so thankful that God has sent him to Liberty to lead what I believe will be a revolution in seminary education on this campus. Dr. Caner has also become a voice for evangelical Christianity in the national media, debating Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus, and Bah'ai leaders on more than 50 college and university campuses.

A Turkish immigrant who converted to Christianity in 1982, Dr. Caner immigrated with his family to America to build mosques in the Midwest. It was while he was in high school in Ohio that a young friend invited him to church and led him to Christ. He was subsequently disowned by his family.

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In 1994, he received his Masters of Divinity from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C., and in 1995, he completed his Masters of Theology at Southeastern. In 2000, Dr. Caner received his Doctor of Theology from the University of South Africa in residence in Johannesburg.

Prior to coming to Liberty University as professor of Theology and Church History in 2003, Dr. Caner taught for two years at The Criswell College in the same field. He came to national attention in 2002, when his book *Unveiling Islam* (Kregel) became a best-seller. Writing in tandem with his brother, Dr. Emir Fethi Caner, he has written 11 books in the field of world apologetics and history.

As the students cheered at the announcement, perhaps no one was more stunned than Dr. Caner himself. “I still see myself as that little church orphan boy, sitting in the pew in a country church outside of Columbus, Ohio,” Dr. Caner stated. “I cannot imagine how such a thing could come about.”

Dr. Caner and his wife of 11 years, Jill, are the parents of two sons, Braxton (age six) and Drake, who was born last November. ❀

Department of Fairy Tales

www.msnbc.com

Television personality Bill Maher, host of HBO’s *Real Time with Bill Maher*, says Christians and others who are religious suffer from a neurological disorder that “stops people from thinking.”



Appearing as a guest on MSNBC’s *Scarborough Country*, Maher told host Joe Scarborough: “We are a nation that is unenlightened because of religion. I do believe that. I think that religion stops people from thinking. I think it justifies crazies. I think flying planes into a building was a faith-based initiative. I think religion is a neurological disorder. If you look at it logically, it’s something that was drilled into your head when you were a small child. It certainly was drilled into mine at that age. And you really can’t be responsible when you are a kid for what adults put into your head.”

The former host of *Politically Incorrect* said the lack of enlightenment of so many Americans means the nation actually has more in common with its enemies than one might think.

Said Maher: “When you look at beliefs in such things as, do you go to Heaven?, is there a devil?, we have more in common with Turkey and Iran and Syria than we do with European nations and Canada and nations that, yes, I would consider more enlightened than us.”

Maher explained that he was not singling out evangelicals, but was targeting all “religious” people.

“I think the vote in Missouri [rejecting same-sex marriage] and a lot of other states is because people are religious,” Maher said. “They don’t have to be evangelical, but they’re religious. They believe in religion, which as—I think it was Jesse Ventura who had that quote about religion is a crutch for weak-minded people who need strength in numbers.”

The television host told Scarborough he was convinced evangelicals’ influence will wane.

Said Maher: “When people say to me, ‘You hate America,’ I don’t hate America. I love America. I am just embarrassed that it has been taken over by people like evangelicals, by people who do not believe in science and rationality. It is the 21st century. And I will tell you, my friend, the future does not belong to the evangelicals. The future does not belong to religion.”

“I think that religion stops people from thinking.”

Later in the interview, Maher returned to the childhood-religion theme, comparing fairy tales to Bible stories: “When you were a kid and they were telling you whatever you believe in religion, do you think if they had switched the fairy tales that they read to you in bed with the Bible, you would know the difference?

“Do you think if it was the fairy tale about a man who lived inside of a whale and it was religion that Jack built a beanstalk today, you would know the difference? Why do you believe in one fairy tale and not the other? Just because adults told you it was true and they scared you into believing it, at pain of death, at pain of burning in hell.” ❀

Persecuted! 80 Million Christians

National Review magazine recently ran an article about the situation of Christianity in Red China, which is not good, to say the least.

While we see Christians murdered in Darfur, Sudan pushed around in Iraq, despised by Muslims around the world (and by most every type of government), China may suffer worst of all. It is a nation containing some 80 million Christians, all of whom have to operate more or less underground (and therefore are probably full of true faith).

The article begins by saying how Believers keep their emails short and vague and use initials for the words Christian and Bible because the communist government screens computer messages for those words deemed politically sensitive. There are house churches among the Protestants and Catholics in China, and in view of the fact that they have more Believers—real Believers—than the United States, the fact that they are persecuted is something to think about. The verse (Matthew 24:9) which I usually apply to Israel, applies, of course, to Christians as well. *You will be hated of all nations for my name's sake.*

The article states that because China's communists remain hostile to anything that posits a source of authority higher than the political, they carefully control what is taught in these official churches to assure that the realm of the divine is subjugated to the "authority of the Party."

The article states that some Christians have been treated with a kind of benign neglect. "The government knows where our church meets. They leave us alone" claimed a Mr. Yang, a Christian. If they put everyone in prison, there won't be enough room in the jails." That's a heartening testimony for Christ!

The government ignores those who keep a low profile.

"If we go to Tiananmen Square and preach that Jesus Christ is coming, they'll give us trouble. But we don't do that." Last September, the pastor of Yang's church, Cai Zhuohua, was arrested. Police from China's security bureau discovered that some people in the church's neighborhood had a printing press. The owners of the press had cooperated with Cai to print up 230,000 Bibles and religious tracts. There were arrests, obviously, and in some cases severe punishments, including one instance of several young women being beaten to death by the police.

But such persecution does not defeat the spirits of China's Christians. Remarkably, Cai's church continues to meet under the direction of Yang Jie, who says that he is not intimidated and that Cai's example is a motivation for his service. If anything, the crack-down seems to have strengthened Yang's faith: "That we are able to continue under these circumstances shows that God is with us."

One can't help but be reminded of the Christians of Rome, who suffered so under the emperors and, of course, the Christians in our own country, being persecuted by the media, by the liberal opposition to everything we believe, by Hollywood, and by the ongoing Islamic takeover of the United States.

On that last matter, it occurred to me that one reason the United States is ineffective in End Times prophecy, is that after the Rapture, it will be probably something like a Muslim nation in the Tribulation period. Muslim nations are notoriously ineffective and unimportant in world affairs. They do a lot of protesting, yelling and murdering, but as to their effectiveness in commerce, battle and in world

affairs in general, they fall far behind. I'm afraid the United States, heavily burdened by the immigration of Muslims to this country, will become an Islamic-controlled society by that time.

This world is due for another "flood," and the only hope is for another "ark." As our Lord once said: "It will be as it was in the days of Noah." ✦

— Zola



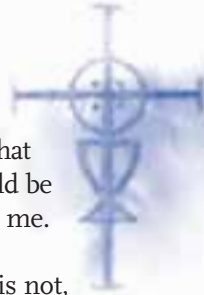
A Christmas card from China

We received a very formal letter from what I initially thought was a Catholic priest (by all the letters after his name, etc.). Actually, we learned that this priest was Episcopalian. I run his letter below, interspersed with comments on most of what he said. — Zola

Letter from a Priest

Dear Dr. Levitt:

Recently, a parishioner gave me several copies of your *Levitt Letter* and asked me what I thought of the contents... I decided it would be better to ask you the questions that trouble me.



As you know, the majority of the Church is not, by any means, given to excessive interest or entanglement with Dispensationalism or Fundamentalistic interpretations leading to Millenarianism or a chiliastic view of the time I am told is called “the eschaton.” For us the Creed (“...and He shall return to judge the living and the dead and of His Kingdom there shall be no end...”) is sufficient.

The way I read your paragraph, you are simply saying that you and your church are unfamiliar with Scripture and you have decided to do away with the study of prophecy. Applying fancy theological terms is not an excuse for being ignorant of the stuff. As to the rest of your letter—the anti-Israel statements and the support of the Palestinians—I would say I’ve heard it all before. I’ll deal with certain statements point by point.

It is popular to assume as you do that “the expulsion of thousands of Palestinian refugees in 1948” was the fault of Israel, but to the extent that it occurred, it was caused by the invading armies. You could at least report that five nations attacked the fledgling country of Israel virtually on the day of its independence. Truly, it was an act of God that the European refugee Jews were able to hold off these armies. As to the refugee camps you write about, they are UN sponsored and administrated. No one, least of all the Israelis, prefers them.

You go on to say, Our parish has helped the Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem over the years and the horror stories we hear about the difficulties some of the patients have even getting to the facility because of Israeli obstructions is heart-rending. I’m sure you hear even worse horror stories, but it’s better to go to the Holy Land and see if they are true. I’ve spent about 20% of my time there for the past thirty-two years, and am very familiar with the situation. I’m aware, for example, that Bethlehem is entirely in Palestinian hands, and there are no Israeli

obstructions in that city. The nearest presence is on the road to Jerusalem to try to “obstruct” the parade of suicide bombers that have murdered so many civilians in the Jewish capital. I’m sorry you didn’t mention the slightest Palestinian contribution to the unrest in your entire letter.

We know that St. Phillips church in Gaza (it also has an eye hospital which treats everyone needing its care) was strafed and attacked by IDF missiles three years ago. That violation of international law hurt many people and the pain was compounded by the fact that the airship and the missiles were both gifts of the American government. None of this (or other events like it) feature in any of your material. This is troubling.

America gives Israel necessary military aid, not gifts, just as we do for Egypt and Saudi Arabia. Israel has not strafed anyone, let alone a hospital, nor have they attacked any medical facility with missiles or anything else. How do you account for the fact that Israel has always been first to send doctors and field hospitals to Muslim areas like Bosnia, Kosovo, and Turkey, not to mention the recent tragedy of the tsunami? Is it even reasonable that the same people kill stricken Muslims in their own nation? The fact is, Palestinians receive free medical care from Israelis at any of their hospitals and always have. When you say “This is troubling,” what is really troubling is your misinformation and your willingness to lash out at the Chosen People and the Promised Land.

If your story were true in any way, it would have been featured on front pages across the world and on CNN daily since then. Israeli Army rules of engagement certainly forbid any attack on civilians. While there are collateral casualties in any armed operation, the situation with the Palestinians amounts to a self-inflicted wound.

I was amused by your Hebrew lesson in some of the material. Seminary for me was a very long time ago and I am hard-pressed to remember Latin, let alone Greek or Hebrew.

You might be more than just amused by a knowledge of Hebrew. My own readings in the Hebrew Bible have contributed to my understanding of Israel and prophecy. You might even come on one of my tours. It is not like a liberal Christian tour that goes from church to church; it really looks at the places where the prophets and our Lord visited. (Israel is offering a generous discount to pastors at the moment, if you qualify.)

Finally then, in light of *Nostra Aetate*, what is your group’s plan for the Holy Land if you could have your “wish come true?”

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Not Crazy Horse, Just Crazy

By Ann Coulter

University of Colorado professor Ward Churchill has written that “unquestionably, America has earned” the attack of 9/11. He calls the attack itself a result of “gallant sacrifices of the combat teams.” That the “combat teams” killed only 3,000 Americans, he says, shows they were not “unreasonable or vindictive.” He says that in order to even the score with America, Muslim terrorists “would, at a minimum, have to blow up about 300,000 more buildings and kill something on the order of 7.5 million people.”



Ward Churchill

To grasp the current state of higher education in America, consider that if Churchill is at any risk at all of being fired, it is only because he smokes.

Churchill poses as a radical living on the edge, supremely confident that he is protected by tenure from being fired.

“College professors are the only people in America who assume they can’t be fired for what they say.”

Tenure was supposed to create an atmosphere of open debate and inquiry, but instead has created havens for talentless cowards who want to be insulated from life. Rather than fostering a climate of open inquiry, college campuses have become fascist colonies of anti-American hate speech, hypersensitivity, speech codes, banned words, and prohibited scientific inquiry.

Even liberals don’t try to defend Churchill on grounds that he is Galileo pursuing an abstract search for the truth. They simply invoke “free speech,” like a *deus ex machina* to end all discussion. Like the words “diverse” and “tolerance,” “free speech” means nothing but: “Shut up, we win.” It’s free speech (for liberals), diversity (of liberals) and tolerance (toward liberals).

Ironically, it is precisely because Churchill is paid by the taxpayers that “free speech” is implicated at all. The Constitution has nothing to say about the private sector firing employees for their speech. That’s why you don’t see Bill Maher on ABC anymore. Other well-known

people who have been punished by their employers for their “free speech” include Al Campanis, Jimmy Breslin, Rush Limbaugh, Jimmy the Greek, and Andy Rooney.

In fact, the Constitution says nothing about state governments firing employees for their speech: The First Amendment clearly says, “Congress shall make no law... abridging the freedom of speech.”

Firing Ward Churchill is a pseudo-problem caused by modern constitutional law, which willy-nilly applies the Bill of Rights to the states—including the one amendment that clearly refers only to “Congress.” (Liberals love to go around blustering “no law” means ‘no law!’) But apparently “Congress” doesn’t mean “Congress.”)

Even accepting the modern notion that the First Amendment applies to state governments, the Supreme Court has distinguished between the government as sovereign and the government as employer. The government is extremely limited in its ability to regulate the speech of private citizens, but not so limited in regulating the speech of its own employees.

So the First Amendment and “free speech” are really red herrings when it comes to whether Ward Churchill can be fired. Even state universities will not run afoul of the Constitution for firing a professor who is incapable of doing his job because he is a lunatic, an incompetent or an idiot—and those determinations would obviously turn on the professor’s “speech.”

If a math professor’s “speech” consisted of insisting that 2 plus 2 equals 5, or an astrophysicist’s “speech” was to claim that the moon is made of Swiss cheese, or a history professor’s “speech” consisted of rants about the racial inferiority of the n——s, each one of them could be fired by a state university without running afoul of the Constitution.

Just because we don’t have bright lines for determining what speech can constitute a firing offense, doesn’t mean there are no lines at all. If Churchill hasn’t crossed them, we are admitting that almost nothing will debase and disgrace the office of professor (except, you know, suggesting that there might be innate differences in the mathematical abilities of men and women).

In addition to calling Americans murdered on 9/11 “little Eichmanns,” Churchill has said:

“The U.S. Army gave blankets infected with smallpox to the Indians specifically intending to spread the disease.”

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Not only are the diseased-blanket stories cited by Churchill denied by his alleged sources, but the very idea is contradicted by the facts of scientific discovery. The settlers didn't understand the mechanism of how disease was transmitted. Until Louis Pasteur's experiments in the second half of the 19th century, the idea that disease could be caused by living organisms was as scientifically accepted as crystal reading is today. Even after Pasteur, many scientists continued to believe disease was spontaneously generated from within. Churchill is imbuing the settlers with knowledge that in most cases wouldn't be accepted for another hundred years.

"Indian reservations are the equivalent of Nazi concentration camps."

I forgot Auschwitz had a casino.

If Ward Churchill can be a college professor, what's David Duke waiting for?



Ann Coulter

The whole idea behind free speech is that in a marketplace of ideas, the truth will prevail. But liberals believe there is no such thing as truth and no idea can ever be false (unless it makes feminists cry, such as the idea that there are innate differences between men and women). Liberals are so enamored with the process of free speech that they have forgotten about the goal.

Faced with a professor who is a screaming lunatic, they retreat to, "Yes, but academic freedom, tenure, free speech, blah, blah," and their little liberal minds go into autopilot with all the slogans.

Why is it, again, that we are so committed to never, ever firing professors for their speech? Because we can't trust state officials to draw any lines at all here?

Because... because...because they might start with crackpots like Ward Churchill—but soon liberals would be endangered? Liberals don't think there is any conceivable line between them and Churchill?



How to Lose Your Audience

www.honestreporting.com

CNN.com offers a list of websites relating to the Middle East. Under the heading of "General Information Sites," all 12 sites are Arab-related, including one specific Palestinian site. There are no Jewish or Israel-related sites listed in this category.

The same CNN page recommends websites within each Middle Eastern country. For example, five sites are listed for the tiny underdeveloped country Yemen, and five sites are listed for Palestine. The Israel category lists four sites.

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Let's face it: Jesus is Jewish. He always was, and He always will be. He never "converted" to anything. But it almost seems as though this fact is something to be spoken of in whispers. How could God's Son be one of *them*? How could the very founder of Christianity, that great "non-Jewish" religion, get away with being Jewish? Zola's first book about his heritage and his faith. An unvarnished look at the peculiar world of Jewish Christianity, a witness to the Chosen People and the author's unique testimony. An excellent gift for a Jewish friend.

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400 Million “Christians” Curse Israel

By Will King, www.newsinisrael.com



Will King

The World Council of Churches Central Committee, meeting in Geneva, has encouraged its members to economically divest from multinational corporations which continue to support the “occupation.” The World Council of Churches (WCC) represents some 340 churches in over 100 countries, and approximately 400 million Christians, mainly in Europe and North America.

According to WCC official statements, they encourage members to use economic means as a weapon against perceived Israeli crimes. “Notable among these are initiatives within churches to become better stewards of justice in economic affairs which link them to ongoing violations of international law in occupied territory. The Central Committee takes note of the current action by the Presbyterian Church USA which has initiated a process of phased, selective divestment from multinational corporations involved in the occupation. This action is commendable in both method and manner, uses criteria rooted in faith, and calls members to do the ‘things that make for peace’ (Luke 19:42).”

They explain the rationale for targeting multinational corporations by saying:

“Multinational corporations have been involved in the demolition of Palestinian homes, and are involved in the construction of settlements and settlement infrastructure on occupied territory, in building a dividing wall which is also largely inside occupied territory, and in other violations of international law being carried out beyond the internationally recognized borders of the State of Israel determined by the Armistice of 1949.”

In case one might perceive the Council as being anti-Semitic because of their statements, they remind you that: “In 1992, the

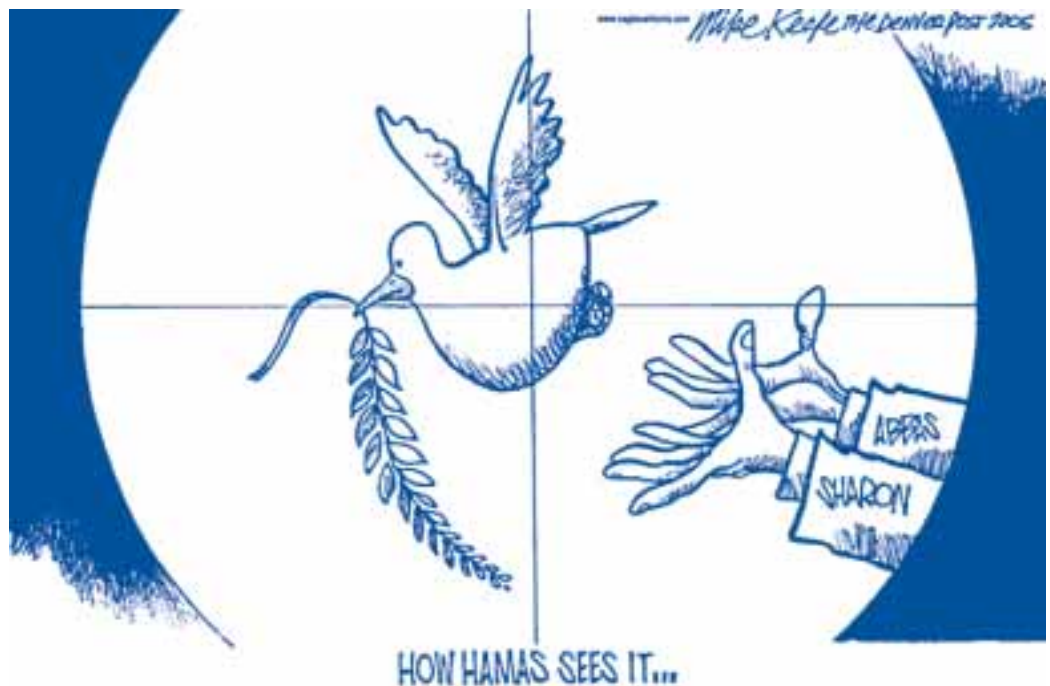
WCC Central Committee stated that ‘criticism of the policies of the Israeli government is not in itself anti-Jewish.’”

While there is nothing wrong in criticizing the Israeli government, it is interesting which policies of the government the WCC chooses to criticize. When speaking of the borders of Israel, they talk of the 1949 Armistice Line (Green Line) and not of the lines that God mandated in the Bible. The WCC, supposedly a Christian organization, chooses to side with the secular world in legitimizing the claim of God’s enemies to His Land.

This policy is most certainly “anti-Jewish,” and beyond that, is anti-God and totally un-Christian.

Yes, as children of God, the Israelis need to treat the individuals sharing the land, the Arabs, with decency and human respect, which I believe that they try to do. However, the WCC refuses to recognize that the Land does indeed belong to Israel, making in their eyes all Israeli actions there illegal. The WCC quoted a Bible verse as part of their justification for divestment. Well, I have for them a few to support my position that God made an eternal covenant with the Jewish people, giving them the Land of Israel to reside in: Genesis 12:1-7; 13:14-17; 15:18-21; 17:4-8; 26:1-5; 28:3-4, 13-15; 35:10-13; 48:3-5; 50:24. And all of these are only in the first book of the Bible—there are many more!

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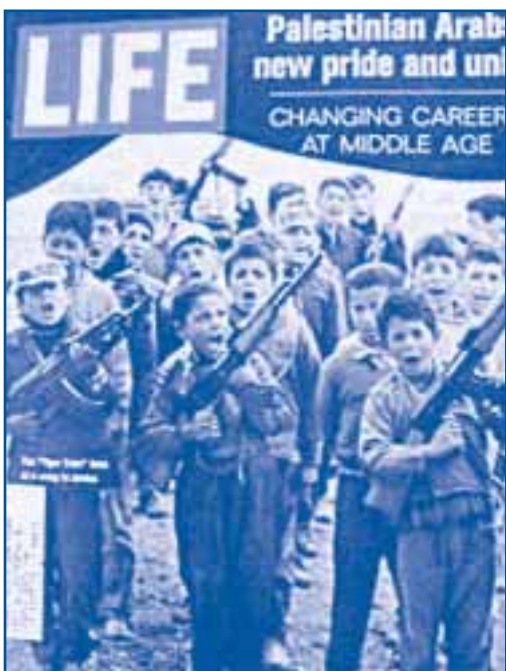


The cartoonist imagines that Sharon and Abbas reach out for peace in the same manner. Actually, only Abbas needs to be shown. Without his terrorists, there would be perfect peace in Israel. — Zola

In addition to decrying Israel, the WCC also went after the US in full force. They praised the International Criminal Court and urged the US to join, which we have refused to do because of the potential for the court to be used as a political weapon against US political leaders, soldiers and businessmen. If the US agreed to join the court, then any citizen of another member nation who doesn't like George Bush (and I understand that there are a few of those) could file a case against him for human rights violations. The court allows people with political grievances to allege serious crimes, and is therefore totally irresponsible and unsuited in its current form to perform the role of a genuine world court of justice.

The WCC also criticized the US for its execution of the War on Terror, particularly in regard to Iraq and the Guantanamo prisoners. "Leaders who used the false pretexts of terrorist connections and weapons of mass destruction in Iraq to bolster their case for war will be judged by history. Time will also bring acknowledgements of the actual loss of life in Iraq and record how democracies respond appropriately to acts of terrorism."

For a "Christian" organization, it seems that the WCC is playing out of their sandbox. They should refocus their efforts on matters of church and spirituality, not leftist, secular world politics. If they were to focus on these subjects, perhaps even read their Bibles, then maybe they would realize their "oversight" when it comes to God's Land. Perhaps then, instead of suggesting that divesting from Israel would be good stewardship, they would find the verse that says: "As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." (1 Peter 4:10). ❀



Palestinian brain-washing of children has not changed in 35 years as noted in this old LIFE magazine.

— Zola

Fascinating Philosophies vs. Scripture

Dear Zola:

I have tapes made by a messianic Jew who moved from Michigan to Jerusalem. He says he's corrected the Jewish calendar by planting barley on the Mount of Olives and when the sighting of the new moon and the barley was "Abib" is how God determined the beginning of the new years, months, etc.

Also, he shows where the golden altar was hidden by Jeremiah and the priests so Nebuchadnezzar couldn't take it to Babylon along with all the other temple treasures. He says that Jesus' blood ran down the cross, through the cracks in the ground caused by the earthquake, and fell on the west end of the golden altar to sanctify it, and the blood of bulls and goats was always sprinkled on the east end.

He says the spring feasts are a shadow picture of Christ's first coming and the fall feasts are shadow pictures of Christ's second coming.

In his archaeology tapes, he shows where the land bridge is that the Israelites crossed the Red Sea, has pictures of Pharaoh's chariots still there, pictures of the mountain where Moses got the Ten Commandments and the rock he hit to get water. They've carved their footprints in the rocks to prove they had been there and that this is part of the land God promised to Abraham.

His information makes the Bible come alive and more meaningful. I wonder if you've ever heard these teachings.

I just thought I'd tell you about them and maybe you'd like to check them out. (Like you're not really busy, anyway!)

— S.B.

Dear S.B.:

Not so fast. The problem with this kind of teaching, as fascinating as it all is, is a lack of real evidence. Scripture does not back up any of these philosophies, as interesting as they are. We must draw a distinction between Bible teachers and those who simply entertain us. No man has spiritual "secrets," no matter what he claims. ❀

— Zola



Does Congress Meet in New York?

The Washington Times

In last month's Personal Letter I found it necessary to cite *The Washington Times* for a careless paragraph of misinformation and bias. I believed that that was an anomaly because that newspaper is one of the fairest where Israel is concerned.

But in its National Weekly Edition, Feb.28-Mar.6, a front page story by Rowan Scarborough starts this way:

"Israel has been privately pressing Washington to solve the Iran nuclear problem, in a hint that Tel Aviv may be left with no choice but to bomb Iranian nuclear facilities, defense officials say."

In fact, defense officials cannot have said that since Tel Aviv is not Israel's capital and its government does not meet in that city.

The only other place where I hear an insistence on Tel Aviv replacing Jerusalem as the seat of Israel's government is in the most vulgar Muslim propaganda. The childish lie is designed to reserve Jerusalem as the coming Palestinian capital. The distortion is so heavy-handed that normally no reader is fooled.

Scarborough goes on to write: "*Tel Aviv's* concerns—and finally—Members of the Israeli parliament publicly have called for preemptive strikes now, which *Tel Aviv* used in 1981 to take out a nuclear reactor." I could not stand to read any further in the article, but I must say this deterioration in an otherwise accurate and fair newspaper is very sad.

Possibly reporter Scarborough could be forgiven for the ordinary ignorance of Israel so rampant among our reporters. It's hard to believe any American would be that hostile toward an ally like Israel.

It's not so much some bias I may have toward Israel as a sincere regret that there are American reporters who write lies. I was a *New York Times* subscriber for some twenty years, and I absorbed a lot of propaganda on all sorts of subjects, but I finally gave it up when I realized that they were willing to simply lie about facts on the ground. I certainly hope that these two instances do not signify a similar deterioration in *The Washington Times*.

They have received a copy of this letter, as they did last month's Personal Letter. I have, so far no reply. — Zola

"Enough Rope"

I have been racking my brain as to why reasonably informed people like Condoleezza Rice and George Bush would favor the creation of a Palestinian state. Obviously, there are no people in the world less qualified than the Palestinians, who basically have no economy, no trade, and almost no skills to operate a new nation.

Palestinians are very dangerous people. The majority of them have committed themselves to murdering their Israeli neighbors



whenever they can. The Israelis have restrained them by building the protective fence, but presenting them with new borders, plenty of space, possibly air and sea depots, and the like, obviously is not a reasonable plan for peace.

But then an idea occurred to me. Sharon and Bush are both notably clever tacticians, and the Israeli Prime Minister, an experienced general, certainly understands the inherent dangers in our Roadmap. What if the two of them have tacitly agreed that they will cause this new state to happen in order to give the Palestinians "enough rope." They may mean to provoke a premature attack instituted by a new sovereign state from within its own borders.

It's like a sacrifice in checkers. You allow your opponent to jump one of your men so that you can jump two of his.

The Israelis, then arrayed along the Mediterranean coast, would have no recourse but to defend themselves with all they have. They will certainly not, as Golda Meir put it, "commit suicide so that the world will speak well of us."

They will wipe out the attacking Palestinians, and that should take care of the problem once and for all.

And how then could the world complain? At this point, they accuse the Israelis of an occupation, bad treatment of a minority, etc., but when the Palestinians have their own country, they certainly can't accuse the Israelis of those things.

And perhaps that's the "real" peace process. — Zola

News Events

“Look Up!...”

A major donor to this ministry recently made the following observation:



“As of the last week of February, Russia has officially declared that it will supply Iran with nuclear materials and knowledge. Russian President Vladimir Putin claims that Iran will not use nuclear materials to build weapons.”

Everyone in the world doubts that, especially Israel, which is keeping a close eye on the situation. Iran has promised publicly that it intends to destroy Israel. It’s not the first nation to make such a declaration, but the others in Biblical history —Babylon, Persia, Greece and Rome — all those empires are extinct. The Biblical punishment for assaulting Israel is extinction.

The most interesting feature of Russia’s new declaration is that it establishes an expected link between Gog and Persia, in effect Russia and Iran (see Ezekiel 38). Should Israel eliminate Iran’s nuclear weapons, as they did the Iraqi reactor in 1981, that will be considered a provocative act justifying an invasion led by Iran.

In view of the fact that the Gog and Magog invasion happens at the beginning of the Tribulation period, and the fact that all other signs of the End seem to be in line, we could possibly be watching the oncoming “Day of the Lord.”

Israel has nothing to fear from either Russia or Iran. God states plainly in Ezekiel 38:19: *In my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken. Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel.*

Israel will survive the invasion, with God’s help, as Amos 9:14-15 states: *And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the Lord thy God. — Zola*

Syria Out! Syria Out!! *The Washington Times*

“Tens of thousands of protesters—Muslims, Christians and Druze—flooded Beirut on February 21st in an anti-government demonstration unprecedented in the Middle East, but reminiscent of the human waves that toppled governments throughout Eastern Europe,” *The Washington Times* reports from Lebanon’s capital.

“Syria out. Syria out,” they shouted as Arabic pop music blared, amid calls for a “peaceful intifada” or “uprising” against a government that was put into place and remains controlled by neighboring Syria.

“We are with the Muslims, the Druze, together for a free Lebanon,” said one member of a Christian militia. “Tell America we are waiting for them to invade, all of us.”

The assassination of former prime minister Rafiq Hariri, widely blamed on the Syrian regime, was the proximate cause of the Beirut demos, but these aren’t the only Arabs taking to the street to protest a dictatorship. Agence France-Presse reports that “more than 500 people rallied in Cairo to protest against a new term in office for Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and against moves to enable his son Gamal to succeed him afterwards.”

“That’s enough” and “Down with Hosni Mubarak” shouted protestors who gathered in front of Cairo University, while around 50 trucks packed with police were deployed nearby.

Organized by the Egyptian Movement for Change, the demonstrators also included Marxists, Nasserites, liberals, and Islamic dissidents from the Muslim Brotherhood.



One is tempted to view the Iraqi election as the equivalent of the Berlin Wall’s fall and hope that freedom spreads rapidly in its wake. Of course, in the same year the wall fell, the Red Chinese government crushed a freedom movement at Tiananmen Square, and today it remains one of the few remaining communist regimes. Except in Iraq and the Palestinian areas—liberated from dictators by America and God, respectively—the Middle East has regimes that presumably will fight back to maintain their power, something Mikhail Gorbachev decided not to do in 1989.

One difference between China in 1989 and the Middle East today, though, has to do with the George Bushes. The administration of “41” took a conciliatory approach to China’s bloodstained octogenarians, whereas “43” is giving moral support to Middle Eastern democrats. Bucking up dissidents may or may not prove sufficient to topple dictators, but it will certainly make their lives more difficult. ✦

My group is the Christian Church, and our plan for the Holy Land is God's plan. I wish I could give you some simple Bible instruction from which you would see that all of the unrest, including the propaganda you repeat, is a part of that plan in a way. But unless you read Scripture, you cannot understand the future.

What proposal do you have for the return to their ancestral lands of the many numbers of Palestinian refugees cruelly driven from them in 1947/1948? What about compensation to their families for the years spent in refugee camps? I do not see much concern for the indigenous people of the Holy Land in your *Levitt Letter*.

Ancestral land in Israel belongs to the Jews, according to God, Who gave it to them. They are "the indigenous people of the Holy Land." The ancestral lands of all Arabs are in Arabia.

Holy Scripture tells the ancient Hebrews that they are to "pray for the peace of Jerusalem," and many Christians over the years have not without good heart joined in that "orison ad altare dei."

The Scripture intends you, too, to make this prayer, not just the "ancient Hebrews." You're not actually helping the Holy Land very much, it seems to me. When you call the subjects of Israel's targeted assassinations "leading Palestinian figures," you betray the fact that you admire these terrorists. Do you also admire the Muslim terrorists who destroyed the World Trade Center?

You remonstrate further on in your letter about "great sums of money" given to the Israelis and "a small amount of money (with strings attached)" given to the Palestinian Authority. The fact is that Arafat was able to steal amounts estimated at 3 billion dollars, while the rest of "Palestine" lived on pocket change that he dropped. The strings we attached to gifts to the Palestinian Authority were that they would stop murdering their neighbors. They never did and have not to date.

Have you heard about those murders? Over a thousand Israeli civilians were blown up by lunatic Palestinian suicide bombers. Those innocent civilian casualties—women and children, passengers on buses, etc.—have escaped your notice.

Then you make a statement which, after half a lifetime of listening to bigoted liberal Christians, is still amazing to me. Let me quote you: "The Palestinian mainstream has tried within the limits of their ability to work towards a peace with justice in their homeland. They have reached out over and over again, but have usually been harshly rebuffed. Even the Church has been persecuted in the

way that she has been treated, and the settlement long overdue for the ancient rights of the Church to be recognized and protected formally by the Israeli authorities remains unsigned after many years. This too is very troubling to many of us."

The statement takes my breath away, but I'll deal with the part about the Church. The Israeli authorities have honored and protected rights of Episcopal and other churches in the Holy Land since 1948. There has been no damage to a single site in all that time. As to Palestinians, I can tell you that in most Muslim villages you would be lucky to live through a single night as a Christian. Christians are so detested by the people you are championing, that if they had their way, there would be none left in this world.

I will await with interest your response to these questions. The late Pope Paul VI said that the way to achieve peace was to work for justice. Few can disagree with that sentiment. Do you think that your *Levitt Letter* aids that end?

Typed with my own hand,
The Rev GDV Wiebe SSC., PhD
Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes 2005

Honestly, I don't think you can understand the *Levitt Letter* or any other publication that is Biblical. Your disdain for the Jewish people, your exaggerations and outright lies, and your embracing of a nation of terrorists is absolutely appalling. I have known for a long time that your church was not friendly to my people, but in all candor I just didn't know that it got this bad. ❀

Casting Stones

"The U.S. Episcopal Church and the Anglican Church of Canada must cease ordaining homosexuals and conducting blessings of same-sex unions by 2008 or withdraw from the Worldwide Anglican Communion," the denomination's archbishops ruled February 24. (I can't wait for their ruling on divesting from Israel!)

It's sort of fun to watch learned councils of important unbelievers hashing out what they imagine to be matters of faith. One is almost reminded of the Muslim *mullahs* and their incredible *fatwas*.

When sinners argue among themselves over which of them is so bad as to not belong in a Communion with other sinners, it's time to come to the Lord for forgiveness of all sins. Would anybody know how to get this through to the Episcopalians? — Zola ❀

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