

LEVITT LETTER

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

The NATIONAL REVIEW is one of my favorite publications. It is sharply written, truthful, and seldom fooled by liberals, Muslims, etc. The following is an examination in depth of the present situation with Israel. – Zola



ZOLA LEVITT

“Hitler Has A Son”

The campaign to delegitimize Israel has smelly historical roots.

By David Pryce-Jones, *National Review*

Various Arab armed forces these past decades have resorted to military means to eliminate Israel from the world’s map. All have failed. More than that, the wars each time strengthened Israel, and the Arabs have thus achieved the very opposite of their ambitions. This opens the way to the alternative approach of psychological warfare, a familiar element in all modern wars. PW, in the shorthand the experts use, mobilizes allies and undermines enemies. What is required is a master idea, and people to propagandize in words clever enough for the general public to accept it as the truth.

The master idea in this case is simplicity itself: Jewish nationalism, or Zionism, is an absolute evil, Palestinian nationalism is an absolute virtue. To establish this, the Jews must be shown to be wicked and wrong in every matter great and small, so that the Palestinians appear victims through



no fault of their own — innocent people in special need of redress and rescue. With skill and persistence, the Palestinians and their Arab supporters have built up a worldwide PW lobby with helpers in the United Nations, the European Union, the Red Cross, the churches, the universities, and so on. One step at a time, they are subverting the legitimacy of Israel. Their multiple voices and pressures have persuaded the worldwide Left to believe that Israel is a state that ought to be dismantled forthwith. At the very least, they sap Israeli will to survive, and fortify Palestinian will to prefer armed struggle to the necessary compromises of peace.

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Appeasement's Fatal Attraction



By Hal Lindsey
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I recently reported President Bush's shocking change in attitude toward Israel. Now I want to show you why this should be of great concern to Americans.

According to the dictionary, the word “appeasement” means “to prevent further disagreement in arguments or war by giving to the other side an advantage that they have demanded.”

Perhaps the pressure from Bush's domestic enemies has been too intense. Or maybe he has been receiving bad advice. For whatever reason, some of the Bush administration's policy reversals fit the definition of “appeasement” so closely that it's the only accurate way to describe them.

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Like much else, the Palestinian master idea is rooted in the Cold War. Backing the Arabs, the Soviet Union suffered a major defeat in the Six Day War of 1967. Trying to recover, the Soviet leadership immediately began to equate Israel with Nazi Germany, its deadliest foe. Hitherto tending to sympathize with Israel, the Left everywhere and unanimously swung against it. Here was a manipulation of opinion of the kind immortalized by George Orwell in 1984 as a "Two Minute Hate." The Marxist lexicon — "imperialism," "colonialism," "occupation," "settler society" — was deployed to curse Israel. By 1975, the United Nations was declaring that Zionism is racism, and a state built on racism can only be a focus of outrage, the proper target of sanctions and boycotts. Successful American pressure on the United Nations rescinded that resolution. The Left's inherent anti-Americanism then joined forces irrevocably with the pro-Palestinian PW.

It has been commonplace to portray Israeli leaders like Moshe Dayan and Menachem Begin as Nazis. Self-appointed bodies, including the BBC, have proposed — and sometimes staged — a trial of Ariel Sharon as a war criminal. Posters in Paris today declare, "Hitler has a son — Sharon." Over half of those questioned in a recent poll in Germany equated the Israel Defense Force with the Nazi army. José Saramago, winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature, considers that Israelis are treating Palestinians as Jews were treated in Auschwitz. A Nobel Peace Prize winner, Mairead Maguire, compares Israel's nuclear arsenal to Hitler's gas chambers.

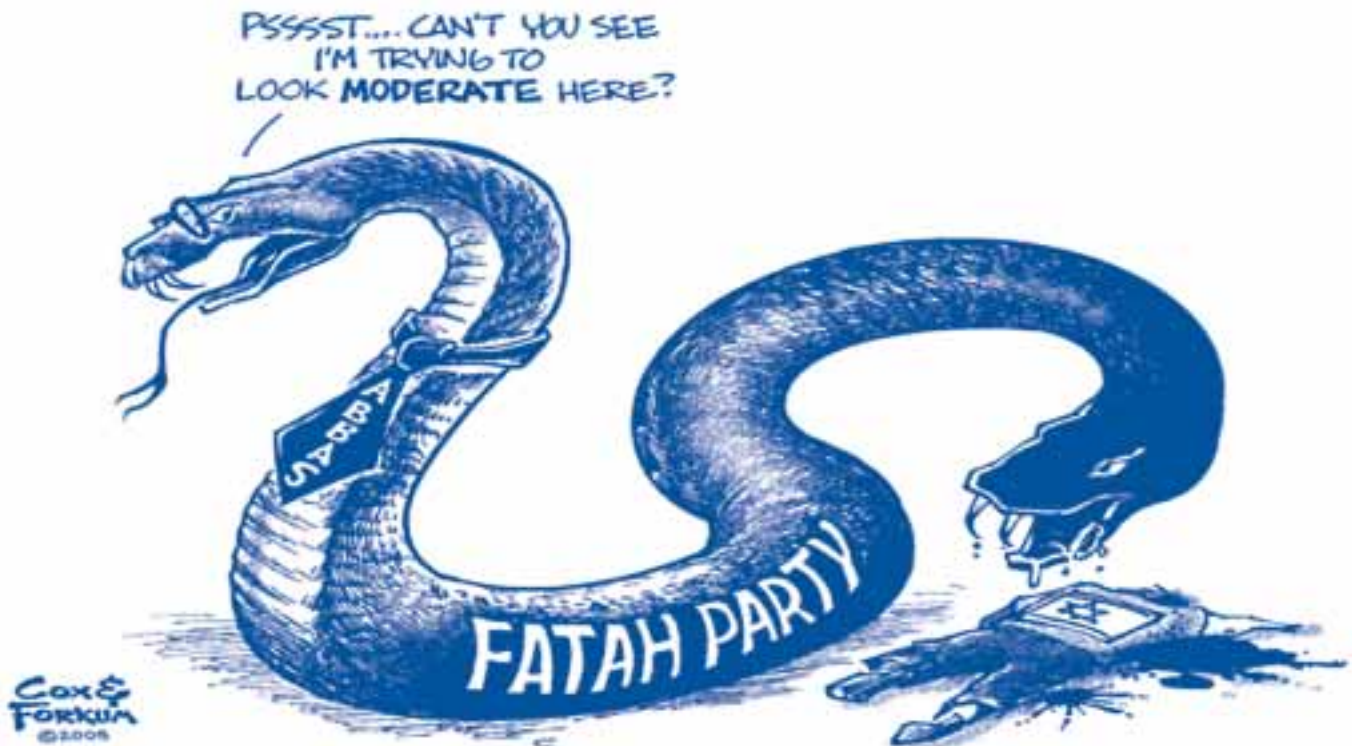
Smearing Jews by attaching to them the label of their chief persecutors and ultimate murderers is not as recent

a phenomenon as one might think. The very first person to compare Zionism to Nazism seems to have been the French ambassador to Warsaw in the Thirties, when the government there was already practicing an anti-Jewish policy. Jews then and after tried to emigrate to what became Israel in the hope of surviving the Holocaust, but Gen. Sir Edward Spears, Churchill's wartime representative in the Levant, and the historian A. J. Toynbee were among prominent British personalities who blackguarded these unfortunates as Nazis.

The deadlock between Palestinian nationalism and Zionism led from the 1980s onward to a new set of comparisons, this time between Israel and South Africa. This was PW of a malign brilliance. Politically and socially, the two countries had nothing in common.

Apartheid does not exist in Israel, where Arabs are represented in parliament and in the Foreign Service; Druze and Bedouin serve in the army; there are no pass laws or anything like them, and all Arabs enjoy freedom of speech and assembly, indeed more political rights than Arabs anywhere else in the Middle East, except possibly for the new Iraq. Visiting Israel in 1989, Bishop Desmond Tutu secured this new comparison in all its falsity, saying that what he had seen was "much like what happened to us black people in South Africa." Its triumph was the U.N. gathering at Durban in September 2001, when 3,000 assembled non-governmental organizations passed a resolution calling Israel "a racist apartheid state."

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The white population of South Africa could see no way either to reform or to stay in power. To significant numbers of Palestinians, including both Fatah and Hamas, the simple and unconditional surrender of power by South African whites is an example for Israel to follow. Nelson Mandela always made a point of supporting Yasser Arafat, and excusing Palestinian terror.

Once their will is sufficiently sapped, runs the argument, the Israelis will disappear on the ships that once brought them and a pristine Palestine will rise up in their place. More than anyone else, Edward Said, the prominent Palestinian spokesman, fashioned this wish-fulfillment into a PW weapon with the claim that Palestinians have a moral monopoly, and therefore are bound to be the ultimate victors. Less sophisticated than Said, other Palestinian publicists, preachers, and educators incite violence directly when they describe Jews as bloodsuckers, descendants of pigs and apes, treacherous, and much else of the sort. Israelis are held to be masters of America, and simultaneously its hiring tools, just as once Jews were simultaneously capitalists and Bolsheviks. When they defend themselves against terror, they are accused of crime and even of committing a massacre at Jenin when no such thing occurred — a PW coup if ever there was one, given that gullible Western journalists were spreading the fiction.

The burning of books and the boycott of Jewish businesses organized by Hitler and Goebbels are models of PW designed to rally supporters and intimidate enemies.

The approaching violence was evident, and so was what Einstein at the time called the "psychic illness of the masses." Under cover of the Palestinian cause, irrationality toward Israel is diffusing into irrationality about Jews generally, sweeping one country after another. Palestinian psychological warfare has already created conditions for a fresh eruption of the psychic illness of the masses. ❄

Appeasement's Fatal Attraction continued

History demonstrates that appeasement does not bring peace—it simply defers war. It leaves the problems for a future administration. Worse, appeasement only encourages the aggressor to reach for more. The most famous case was that of British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain. His appeasement of Adolf Hitler in 1938, left his successor, Winston Churchill, to fight a war for which his country was unprepared and ill equipped.



During the 1967 Six Day War, Israel captured the West Bank from Jordan, and the Gaza Strip from Egypt. During the 1973 Yom Kippur War, Israel chased Egypt back across the Suez Canal and captured and annexed the Sinai all the way to the canal. That was a territorial gain larger than Israel itself.

Using foreign aid as a lever, former President Jimmy Carter was able to persuade Israel to return the Sinai to Egypt in exchange for "peace." To get Egypt to sign the peace treaty with Israel, he made Egypt the second largest recipient of U.S. foreign aid in the world, after Israel. Israel got nothing it didn't already have, except an essentially meaningless piece of paper. The Carter deal created a new foreign policy term—"cold peace."



Then, President Clinton launched the "land for peace" initiative between Israel and the Palestinians with the signing of the 1993 Oslo Agreement. The "land for peace" initiative was a textbook example of appeasement in action.



To appease the first Palestinian uprising, Clinton convinced Israel to accept Yasser Arafat as a "peace partner." As with Egypt, Israel got nothing it didn't already have. Arafat got whatever he wanted.

By 1998, the Clinton administration had brokered a deal whereby Israel would give up virtually all of the territory it gained in 1967 in exchange for peace with a future Palestinian state.

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Dry Bones



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By 2000, the deal collapsed into what Israel calls the "Oslo War." The constant drumbeat of appeasement has now apparently infected the Bush administration, although it took a second term in office to accomplish it.

President Bush's recent pronouncement that the final status in Israel will be based on the 1949 armistice lines was essentially an appeasement offer to Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas. Abbas has not dismantled or disarmed terror groups. He has not ended incitement. He has not closed bomb factories. He has not disarmed or arrested terrorists. And all of this was to be done before peace negotiations even began.

The Palestinian foreign minister wasted no time taking advantage of Bush's declaration of the 1949 armistice lines being the base from which all negotiations must proceed. He announced on Palestinian TV that "Israel must withdraw from all occupied territories before anyone will be disarmed." The "occupied territories" refer to all land outside the 1949 armistice lines, including East Jerusalem.



On the other hand, Israel has made one unreciprocated concession after another.

At a recent meeting in the White House, Mahmoud Abbas demanded that Israel stop all building in the territories. He demanded that Israel stop constructing the security fence and hand over Jerusalem to the Palestinian Authority. President Bush backed virtually all of Abbas' demands despite the fact that Abbas and the Palestinians have done nothing in return. Even the alleged ceasefire that prompted Abbas' invitation to the White House was totally phony.

Hamas and Islamic Jihad met in Gaza recently to discuss ending "the ceasefire." Hamas leader Khaled Mashal brazenly referred to the ceasefire as a "rest for the warriors." Peace was never seriously contemplated.

Mahmoud Abbas appeared on Palestinian television to promise Hamas, "If everything falls apart, they (Hamas and Islamic Jihad) can return to the path of armed struggle." On this tenuous basis, the Bush proposal to increase aid and establish a Palestinian state is the ultimate in appeasement. So is the incredible turnaround in which President Bush promised Abbas that the final status would be based on the 1949 armistice lines.

Abbas has apparently agreed to an arrangement to share power with Hamas. So the Bush administration now finds itself indirectly aiding Hamas itself.

Winston Churchill, describing his opposition to the appeasement policy of predecessor Neville Chamberlain, famously observed, "Those who appease the crocodile

will simply be eaten last." Churchill also had some clear advice for future leaders — advice that both the White House and the appeasers on the Left would do well to take to heart before it is too late.

He said,

"You must look at the facts for the facts are looking at you."

This country was born under the blessing of God. Great Divine light was given to America because it became a base for spreading the Gospel to the world. America also protected both the Jews here and the Israelites' right to exist within the secure borders of Israel. Now that we are removing that protection and abandoning public acknowledgement of God, His protection is being removed from America. "Unto whom much is given, much is required." ■



Jewish Heritage Calendar

THIS is the best time to order our new Jewish Heritage Calendar for the year 5766, which, on the Jewish calendar, begins in September. You'll have the dates of Biblical feasts and Sabbaths and the names of the months, the Holy Days, etc. You will also become acquainted with many fascinating artifacts through colorful pictures and descriptions you may wish to save for years to come. Caution: buying this year's will make you want next year's as well!

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The Secrets of the Scrolls TV Series –

Seven 30-minute programs
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In 1947, a Bedouin boy in search of a lost goat threw a stone through the narrow opening of a cave. Hearing the sound of breaking pottery, he entered the cave and happened upon a 2,000-year-old treasure. He had discovered the Dead Sea Scrolls.

These seven *Secrets of the Scrolls* half-hour TV programs give an historical account of these treasured manuscripts and present some remarkable new revelations. The Scrolls' authors were intensely messianic and documented, it appears, the actual fulfillment of prophecy in the person of the Messiah. Such terms as "Son of God," "branch of David," "stripes or piercings," "being put to death," and "raising the dead" all ring a familiar chord. Quite possibly, these incredible Scrolls represent the first extra-Biblical revelation of Jesus Christ in history. (Please order the 7 program series on page 31.) 2 Videotapes

The Scrolls - A New Revelation. We quickly produced this program after the initial Associated Press news release. Zola quotes from it extensively and emphasizes its significance.

The Scrolls - Part 2. Within days of our first program's broadcast, Dr. James Tabor phoned Zola to initiate a series of interviews that would unveil one of the 20th century's most dramatic revelations. This program is the first of these interviews. Dr. Tabor is a Professor of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, and he delivers an incredible lesson.

The Scrolls - Part 3. During this interview, Dr. Tabor refers to several books about the Dead Sea Scrolls, including *The Dead Sea Scrolls in English* by Vermish (Penguin Press), *The Dead Sea Scriptures* by Gaster (Doubleday Press) and *The Dead Sea Scrolls* published by the Biblical Archaeology Society. The latter book is in Hebrew only.

The Scrolls Special. Offered individually at right, this program consolidates the first three programs and delivers a powerful message in only thirty minutes. New discoveries

in the Scrolls research inspired the three following programs.

The Wilderness Group. Michael Baigent, an English author, lectures in Qumran about the Scrolls. Dr. Tabor describes various approaches to excavation and how they pertain to the Scrolls. Dr. Robert Eisenman, a professor of Middle East religions at California State University at Long Beach, discusses the fascinating history of the Scrolls.

In Search of Answers. Dr. Eisenman discusses his quest to gain access to the Scrolls. Dr. Tabor describes his archaeological team and how they map the caves in Qumran.

Prof. Michael Wise. An in-depth interview with a professor of Aramaic, the language of Jesus. Prof. Wise, from the University of Chicago, helped translate the fragments when first released. The New Jerusalem text, telling how the future will be, is discussed enthusiastically.



The Secrets of the Scrolls Special & Transcript

This program is so vital and so exciting that we aired it on The Family Channel and other major networks at prime time. Included as the fourth program in the *Secrets of the Scrolls* series, it shares film footage taken in Israel during an actual archaeological dig at the very site of the finding of the scrolls! Both Dr. James Tabor and Prof. Michael Wise, a translator of the fragments, contribute to the edifying commentary. Please see page 31 to order either the 30-minute video-cassette or the transcript.

Please see the *Messianic Prophecy Scroll* on page 25.



'Til death do us part...

Mormons & Muslims

By Patrick Cox
Contributing Editor



A couple of recent news stories caught my eye. One concerns the Fundamentalist Church of Latter Day Saints, a sect that broke with the better-known LDS, or Mormon, church in 1890 over the issue of polygamy,

In heart-rending detail, Utah state officials are speaking about the thousand or so teenaged boys who have been forced out of their homes by the polygamous elders of the FLDS. As young as thirteen, many of these unfortunate adolescents have been abandoned along roadsides in Arizona and Utah — ordered never to return.

The explanations given to these traumatized teenagers are typically vague, generally involving adolescent, though unremarkable behaviors. According to the British *Guardian*, an investigator in the Utah attorney general's office describes the banishments as "part of the ruthless sexual arithmetic of a polygamous sect." Only by increasing the ratio of females to males, after all, can FLDS men marry the three to four women required by their church.

The effects of banishment on these "lost boys" are profound, ranging from an understandable rage to a hopeless, confused pining for the mothers who rejected them. One young man, expelled in large part for having attracted the affections of a girl apparently intended for a church elder, told a reporter of his unsuccessful attempts, after expulsion, to understand why his mom had refused his Mother's Day gift.

Despite the emotional anguish inflicted on these poor kids, their integration into normal society brings with it the hope, and even the expectation, that they will one

day find a wife and family outside the reach of the FLDS.

The other story is of a twelve-year-old Ethiopian girl who was kidnapped by seven men and held for a week in the wilds, during which she was beaten repeatedly in an attempt to force her to marry one of the group. Eventually, if the pattern typical in the predominantly Islamic region held true, she would have been violated in front of the group by her "suitor." Then, thus spoiled, she would be shamed into marrying the rapist, as no one else would marry her.

According to news reports, the whimpering girl's tormentors were driven away by three female lions, who stood by her until rescuers came — at which time the big cats simply wandered away. Though similar stories of maternally-based interspecies behavior have been documented by scientists, there is no way to know if the story is true.

What is beyond doubt, however, is that many fundamentalist Islamic societies accept various forms of forced marriage. As I've written here before, Egyptian Copts have frequently appealed to the world to help end the abduction, with forced marriage and conversion to Islam, of Christian girls. The hallmark, in

fact, of these societies, is the practice of polygamy.

Imagine how it must be for boys growing up in a society where the richest, most powerful ten percent of men take as many as four wives. In reality, however, many men have far more women at their disposal, as easy Islamic divorce often leaves ex-wives completely at the mercy and disposal of their former husbands.

It doesn't take a mathematician to understand that, for all men but those with substantial wealth or political power, the prospects of having even one wife fall rapidly as economic and social status decrease. For many, the choice is to submit to a deprivation of affection and family, or find some way to break into the ranks of theocracy.

The privileged and powerful minority who run fundamentalist Islamic societies have developed the perfect means, expertly exploiting this imbalance between single men and available women. They have built a system that rails against any threat to the sexual exploitation of women, while offering those who heed their call at least a chance to join their polygamous ranks.

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The Story You Didn't See

Gary Bauer's
End of Day Report



If you don't get the Fox News Channel, then you didn't see any of the dramatic footage of the Israeli army's recent arrest of a 21-year old female Palestinian homicide-bomber, strapped with 25 pounds of high-explosives, just moments before she was to commit mass-murder by detonating herself inside an Israeli hospital. No other television network featured the story.

Utterly ignoring the extraordinary video of the homicide-bomber's arrest, both the BBC and CNN focused extensively on how much "damage" Israel's early morning arrest—for which there was no video—of 55 Fatah and Islamic Jihad terrorists, described by CNN as "Palestinian activists," would cause to the June scheduled "summit meeting" between Israeli Prime Minister Sharon and Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas.

That only one network would air incredible footage of the seizure of a ticking human-bomb, just moments before she tried to murder hospital patients, means this story was not

simply ignored by the mainstream media—it was boycotted by the mainstream media. Since nearly every aspect of this remarkable story contradicts everything the mainstream media has been trying to tell us about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, they just opted for the easiest way to handle it—denying it ever happened.

Not covering it meant not having to show that Israel's planned unilateral withdrawal from Gaza will not decrease terror—it will increase terror. Had the Israeli army not been in Gaza, dozens of Israelis would have been killed and hundreds wounded at Beer Sheva's Soroka Medical Center.

Ignoring the story meant the networks didn't need to tell viewers that the homicide-bomber was not sent by terrorists of Islamic Jihad or Hamas, groups opposed to President Abbas, but was in fact working for the Al Aksa Martyrs Brigade, which is controlled by the political party Fatah, whose chairman is none other than President Abbas himself!

Ignoring the story meant not having to reveal that the would-be-murderer had been traveling regularly to Israel for years on a valid medical pass, which granted the woman free treat-

ment for burns she received in a home cooking accident, and was thus ruthlessly exploited by depraved terrorists whose shameless capacity to cynically manipulate goodness, in their pursuit of murder and death, knows no bounds.

Granted, none of this prevented the ultra-left wing terrorist coddlers at the UN-supported "Physicians for Human Rights" to warn Israel against using what it called "the unfortunate incident" as an excuse to toughen restrictions on the issuance of medical passes. Terrorists target Israeli hospitals, and UN support-groups respond by admonishing Israel.

Ignoring the story meant not having to cover comments the female-terrorist made in a rare army supervised press conference in which she revealed what her mission was and who sent her. "I believe in death," she said on Israeli TV. "All my life, I have been preparing to be a martyr. Mother, please forgive me for failing in [my] mission." Sentiments not exactly consistent with the line long peddled by the liberal media, and more recently even by the Bush administration, that Israel is the obstacle to "peace."



Mormons & Muslims cont.

Frustrated young men, the very group most likely to rebel against such a society, are urged to wage war against non-Islamic democracies, especially those in the Middle East. Israel, of course, is the nearest and most dangerous example of a nation in which women have full legal rights.

Today, Muslims from many nations are doing their elders' bidding, fighting "the Jews and Crusaders" in Afghanistan and Iraq. If the jihadists succeed in defeating or even delaying the forces of democracy and equal rights, Islamofascism's polygamous perquisites are protected. If the young men who fight for that system

happen to die in the process, they've still done their bit to increase the ratio of women to men anyway.

The whispers of discontent have, in fact, been growing louder as Islamic women have learned, despite the best efforts of their leaders, that women in the modern world have full legal rights, including the freedom to choose their own husbands and reject the indignity of polygamy.

Today, Middle Eastern women are speaking up, often at great personal risk, against the customs of forced marriages, honor killings and polygamy. Nawal Al Saadawi, perhaps the most vocal of these critics, is an Egyptian writer who was imprisoned during President Sadat's tenure for suggesting that sex, rather than God,

is behind the practice of polygamy. Though careful to maintain her distance from America and other Western nations, her entry into the first Egyptian election for presidency has infuriated much of the Islamic world, and threats against her life are routine.

I am not suggesting, of course, that all the problems of Islam are caused by polygamy. Rather, I am only noting that Western journalists have no problem pointing out, and properly, the human tragedies engendered by polygamy when it exists, illegally, in Utah, Nevada and, most recently, Texas. It is interesting that we have seen few such exposés and condemnations of polygamy as it is widely and legally practiced in the world of Islam. ✨



Letters to Zola

watching your program—especially, your talks hosting Mr. Shoebat.

And, speaking about Mr. Shoebat and your most recent program with him, this morning, I was reflecting on the notion that the Antichrist will be Muslim...and it occurred to me: Now, it makes sense when Jesus

said, *“They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service.”* Clearly, Muslims would think that, by killing Believers in Christ, they were rendering a service to Allah.

Sincerely, — T.A.I.

Diamonds in the Sand

Dear Zola:

I want to express my appreciation for being a part of your 2005 Kibbutz Tour. This was my fourth trip to Israel, but my first with your ministry. I was traveling with my son Chris, who will be starting divinity school in the fall.

From the very first stop on the first day, I learned a new perspective on a familiar Bible verse. Someone called it a “diamond in the sand.” And it just kept going that way, more diamonds every day, more to ponder and take hold of.

I occasionally teach in our messianic congregation and these new teachable moments will be shared with many back home.

Please extend my thanks to your dear wife Sandra, our tour leader Tony Derrick and our guide Zvi Rivai who supplied those diamonds of wisdom. They were a blessing to me and my son.

May G-d bless you and your ministry, — J.A.

Greetings from Norway

Dear Zola:

Just want to say that you are all doing a great job! I’m watching your programs every day, some of them I keep watching again and again (the ones with Joan Peters and Shoebat are extremely great, please make more shows with them). Keep up the great work, God bless you!

With Greetings from Norway, — L.L.

Dear L.L.: It’s good to have a blessing from Norway, home of the disastrous Oslo Peace Plan. —Zola

Another Shoebat Fan

Dear Zola:

Although you and I disagree re: soteriology (Free Grace v. Lordship Salvation) and re: eschatology (Post- v. Pre-), nevertheless, I’d like you to know that I do appreciate

Homeless Animals?

Dear Staff:

I’m sorry that Zola, like so many millions of the confused hominids on this planet, thinks that knocking a little ball into a hole in a lawn is fun or interesting. Thousands of God’s animals are made homeless every year so that knock-the-ball-into-the-hole-golf courses can be built. I’m in hopes that when the Messiah comes, he will make sure that no animal is evicted from its home, so that aimless, silly humans can knock balls into holes in lawns.

— R.H.

Dear R.H.: In addition to hundreds of ducks, rabbits, squirrels, sea birds, etc., I encountered two alligators on one hole in Florida and two mighty elk with huge antlers glaring at me from a Pennsylvania fairway. I encounter none of these creatures on the Interstate Highways.

— Zola

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Israeli soldiers wear prayer shawls and phylacteries (black boxes containing Scripture worn next to the heart, on the left arm and “on the frontlets between thine eyes”) while praying the morning service. israelnationalnews.com

Avoiding the Murderers

Dear Zola:

Thank you for being the one many years ago that the L-rd used to warm my heart toward Israel. Thank you for your TV programs and newsletters, which I watch and read faithfully. Although I am on a fixed income, I contribute when I can.

I agree with almost everything you write, but I have noticed an unusual lack of comment on the deportation of Jews from God's Land in the area of Gaza, Judea and Samaria, which is very much in the news in Israel and is so serious it is dividing the nation.

The couple of instances you have made some small reference or comment appear to show you are for the deportation. It is hard for me to imagine that you would be for giving up Jewish land, homes and businesses to the terrorists. I hope I am wrong in that. I have been a very strong advocate for the Jewish people and especially the people who will be affected by this horrendous plan against G-d. I am very active in support of Israel as a whole, and even debated a Reform rabbi recently who was for the deportation.

I found it very interesting that most Jews I know really don't know the facts of the plan and so think it would bring some kind of peace with Abbas and his terrorist organization. I thought in the event any of your readers or even yourself are not sure of the ownership of the area of Gaza, Biblically or historically, I would forward this article copied from the Israeli Hasbara newsletter that has a lot of information on the subject.
b'Shem Yeshua — B.H.

Dear B.H.: If the U.S. and the rest of the world would allow Israel to take care of its Palestinian problem, it would be over within a week. As things are, the army is as hamstrung as we were in Vietnam, and the Gaza settlers are simply not safe from the murderers nearby (see articles by Tom McCall, Will King and Gary Bauer in this issue). — Zola

Fighting the Good Fight

Dear Zola:

I am writing to encourage you to keep up the good work and fight the good fight.

Our Sunday school class is studying the book of Ezekiel and I am reminded of you in Ezekiel 2:5 where God tells Ezekiel, *Whether they listen or refuse to listen—for they are a rebellious house—they will know that a prophet has been among them.* For all of our past and present

criticisms of the way the Children of Israel behaved throughout history in relation to following God's will, we, the Gentile Church, should be the last to find fault. As I grow older, I am finding the log in the eye of the Gentile Church to be far greater than the sliver in your own.

Please don't be discouraged by critics. Your teachings have been an inspiration to me, as well as others.

Also, for those who don't feel that they can contribute much toward the ministry that God has entrusted you with, they can do as I do, and contribute to you through their local congregation. That way God can bless their congregation as well as them!

Thank you, and I do pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

In His Love, — D.B.

"God Hates Jews"

Dear Zola:

How can you possibly promote Zionism or the Jewish mythology Bible? A book written by Jews for Jews. It is obvious that God hates Jews as evidenced that He so richly blessed the Arabs with so much oil wealth so that the Arabs don't have to be parasites like the Jews. Look how God not only allowed, but empowered Hitler in the extermination of 6,000,000 Jews. Next to the Dead Sea? Some "Promised Land!"

If the Jews had known that Saudi Arabia had so much oil when these fairy tales ("bible") were written, in their greed the kikes would have made that their "Promised Land." You people are so full of s___ and you are a disgrace to humanity.

— FF

Dear FF: The Jewish Messiah is the answer to all your anger. — Zola

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Arab political cartoon from the Oman daily 'Al-Watan'

Senator Dick Durbin's (D-Illinois) June 14 speech on the U.S. senate floor, comparing members of the U.S. military at Guantanamo Bay to the Nazis, Khmer Rouge and the Soviets generated outrage from all over the country. The words of this senior member of the senate immediately became propaganda tools of the enemy. Al-Jazeera TV ran the story 24/7 and it appeared in newspapers worldwide. The Anti-Defamation League joined lawmakers and other groups in calling for an apology for comparing the activities of U.S. troops to those of Nazis.

Durbin, despite the intense pressure, stood by his remarks for a full week, ignoring demands for an apology until Chicago mayor, Richard M. Daley, declared: "I think it's a disgrace to say that any man or woman in the military would act like that." Even then, Durbin, without taking his words back, blamed his woes on conservative media and in his tearful "apology" said: "Some may believe that my remarks crossed the line. To them, I extend my heartfelt apologies." — Zola

"Shameless and Without Honor"

A Letter to a Senator
(From a circulating Internet email)

Senator Durbin: I spent 27 years in the United States Air Force and flew three tours in Vietnam. I consider it an honor and a privilege to have known and served with so many great military men from the lowest ranks to the highest in those years and since. The young men and women of today are no less marvelous.

I detested what Jane Fonda and John Kerry did to our servicemen in that era, and I consider them both traitors of ALMOST the worst design. However, your largely fabricated presentation on the senate floor on June 14 will ultimately have worse effect upon this nation than what they did. You, therefore, have assumed the unheralded position of one of the worst traitors I could ever imagine. Even Benedict Arnold had more righteous reasons for treason than you have. You gave aid and comfort to the enemy, you have abetted the terrorists by giving them marvelous verbiage to scatter throughout the Muslim world. But, worst of all, you have added to and altered a report which should never have seen the light of day in that it discredits the honor of our fighting men today.

You, sir, are now a man whom I shall loathe far more than Fonda and Kerry. They made life miserable for our POWs and got chicken blood spattered on our uniforms as we returned from the war. You, sir, have done your damndest to spatter the reputations and honor of these great warriors.



Senator Richard Durbin

Oh, don't try to explain how esoteric your charges were and now heap praise upon our people. Your words are spread across the world now on Al Jazeera and the liberal media that want to tear down America. You attempted to disgrace every man and woman in the United States Armed Services with your despicable, politically motivated weeping session over the terrorist slime and scum that US forces are holding in Gitmo Bay.

I will circulate what I have just written here as widely as possible. I hope the pressure is so great upon you that you will have to resign in disgrace. You used our soldiers and Marines for your own personal political vendetta.

Shameless and without honor, sir!

Colonel Curtis D. Dale, Ph.D. USAF (Ret)
153 Combat Missions in Vietnam

Our Frugal Nature

Dear Zola:

I have worked with a number of 501c3 church ministries and I deeply appreciate the "frugal" nature of yours. One of the main reasons "God's People" do not give is that they think of those Christian ministries that spend well over 10% for administration and never speak to "wise use" of limited funds.

Thank you for your conscious efforts to invest God's money to maximize ministry opportunities.

— Dr. P.C.

Calling Good Evil

(Letter to *The Washington Times*)

What was good 60 years ago is now bad, and vice versa. Family is bad; village is good. Parent care is bad, daycare is good. USA is bad; UN is good. Equal opportunity for each citizen is bad; perks for the elite are good. Phonics, the three R's and discipline are bad; Two-parent families are bad; "touchy-feely" and "you tried" are good. One-parent families are good. Heterosexuality is bad; sodomy and same-sex "marriages" are good. Religion and faith are bad; secular humanism and the ACLU are good.

What was bad then is now good, and what was good then is now bad. — B.C.

Our senior theologian provides a Biblical understanding of a complex issue. — Zola

The Gaza Dilemma

By Tom McCall, Th.D.



The Israeli administration of Ariel Sharon is on the verge of forcing the Jewish settlers in the Gaza area from their homes and moving them into the defensible territory of Israel. There is much opposition to this forcible move among many Israelis and many evangelical Christians, on the grounds that God has given all the Land of Israel to the Jewish people, and that it is disobedience to God and against Scriptural principles to give up any portion of the Land to the Palestinian Arabs.

Nevertheless, there have been several votes in the Israeli cabinet and the Knesset on the issue, and the majority has always approved the controversial policy about the Gaza settlers. Furthermore, the United States policy has consistently been to encourage, even to urge, Israel to pull back the Jewish settlers from Gaza in order to further a peaceful settlement with the Palestinian Arabs. Many evangelical American Christians outspokenly support Israel's ownership of the Land, and believe Israel's return to the Land is an integral part of Bible prophecy and the Second Coming of Christ. Should we then oppose the removal of the Gaza Jewish settlers, the decision of the majority of the Israeli people, and the policy of our own government? Neither the Israeli nor the American government is always right, but if we oppose them we need to have very solid grounds for doing so.

It is good to review the Scriptural facts in making a decision about this matter:

1. God has given the Jewish people a perpetual and unconditional grant to the Land, which provides ownership to Israel as long as the world stands.
2. Israeli possession of the Land is conditioned upon either Jewish obedience to the Lord or His grace and mercy to His Chosen Nation.
3. It was necessary for Israel to return to the Land in unbelief in Christ before the Tribulation, in order to confirm the treaty with the Antichrist and to undergo the

Time of Jacob's Trouble, and finally to receive the Lord Jesus upon His return.

4. Inasmuch as most of Israel does not yet know Messiah Jesus, the current possession of the Land must be by God's grace, which should be enthusiastically supported by all Believers in the Lord.

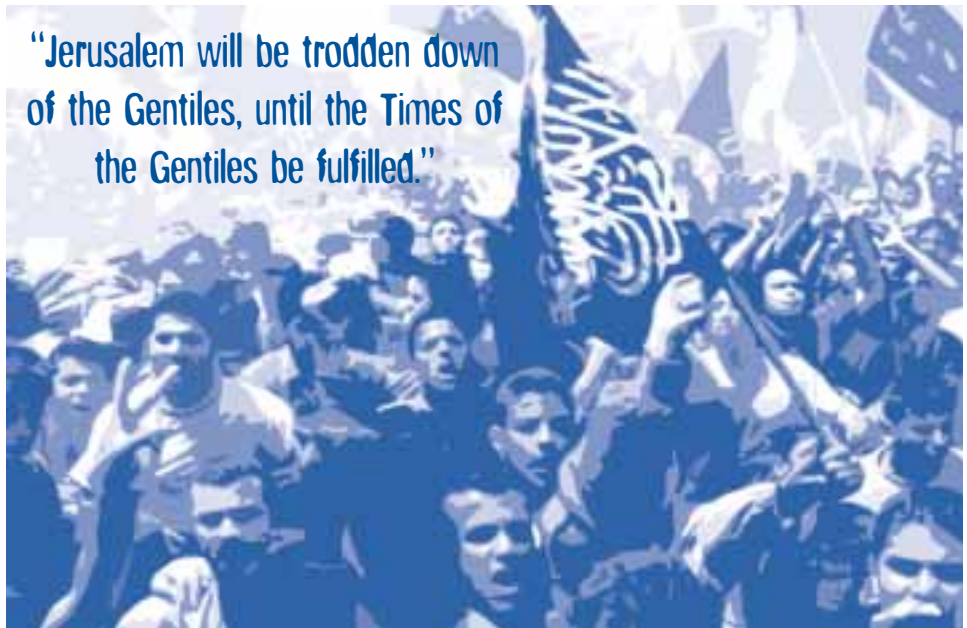
5. When Jesus was here on earth, Israel was occupied by the Roman government and military. It was therefore little more than a puppet state. He did not oppose this at the time, but rather taught that the Jews, including His own disciples, should *render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's*.

6. When Christ returns to the earth, Israel will be liberated, will be "the head of the nations," and Jerusalem will be the capital of the world under the King of Kings.

7. Between now and then, the Lord prophesied that *Jerusalem will be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the Times of the Gentiles be fulfilled*. Luke 21:24. That is, the Lord is going to allow the Gentiles to have considerable presence and influence in Jerusalem until He returns to make Jerusalem His capital.

How does all of the above relate to this issue of the Gaza settlers? I believe that we should support and encourage the settlement of Jewish people throughout the Promised Land. However, as we move toward the Rapture of the Church and the Tribulation, we must realize that the Scriptures teach that along the way there may be many setbacks to the full Jewish occupation of the Land the Lord has promised to them. We may rest assured, though, that He will give all the Land to Israel completely when He returns. ✦

"Jerusalem will be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the Times of the Gentiles be fulfilled."



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Zola's Jews for Jesus Article

In the first week of August, please see Zola's article entitled, "You're In The Army Now!" He salutes the oft-misunderstood IDF, the Israel Defense Forces. Volunteers from our Israel tour group spent a day with the IDF, lending a hand in the spirit of Sar-El, The National Project for Volunteers for Israel. More important than folding laundry and sorting tent stakes, our passengers served as living, breathing testimonials to our kinship with our Israeli brethren. Space permitting, we may run the Jews for Jesus article in an upcoming *Levitt Letter*. See:

www.jewsforjesus.org/publications/newsletter
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Clash of the Titans

This ministry's bank register can resemble an announcer's rundown of a boxing match. The deposits reflect loyal support that accumulates throughout the month. Then *wham! wham!* PAX and ABC-FAM invoices hit like body blows to the cash flow. This ministry is small enough, relative to the cost of our PAX airtime, that we must pay their monthly invoices in advance. With five Sundays (ABC-FAM airs *Zola* late Sunday night) in May and five Thursdays in June (*Zola* is on PAX on Thursday morning), we are fighting to make a comeback after being double-teamed by two back-to-back, five-week months for our heavyweights. Please help.



Rewarding Terrorism

By Joseph Farah, www.worldnetdaily.com



President Bush has given away the Israeli store to Palestinian Authority leader Mahmoud Abbas.

There's hardly anything else to say about it.

By proclaiming that the new starting point for future negotiations between Arabs and Israelis is the 1949 armistice line, Bush actually took a more anti-Israeli position than most of the hostile, Jew-hating Arab states have in recent years.

What is it about Abbas and the Palestinian Authority that Bush finds so encouraging? Quite simply, Abbas has not lived up to a single agreement he has made with the Israelis:

- He has failed to arrest Palestinian terrorists;
- He has refused to dismantle terrorist cells or to seize weapons from those identified as having attacked Israel;
- He has not only failed to stop incitement, his new schoolbooks remove all Jewish and Israeli references, except those that demonize Jews;

Asked about his relationship with the terrorist group Hamas, Abbas said: "Hamas is not a threat for us." Hamas exists to destroy Israel. It does not believe in any compromise. It has been declared a terrorist organization by the U.S. State Department.

So, as my friend Hal Lindsey wryly observes, "Helping Hamas can either get you 20 years in U.S. prison or an invitation to the White House."

Now do you understand why Abbas is not renouncing terrorism or abiding by any of his earlier pledges? Why should he? Bush has confirmed that terrorism works.

Bush has adopted the hard-line of the anti-Jewish radicals of the left and the anti-Jewish zealots of Islam who maintain there are some pieces of land on which Jews are just not welcome.

He has accepted the hate speech of the Arab extremists as a legitimate bargaining position. The Arabs say Jews are not permitted to live within the future home of Palestine. It doesn't matter whether they are peaceful civilians who mind their own business. It doesn't matter how long they have lived there. It doesn't matter

that they did not replace any Arab population in the area.

None of that matters. All that matters is that they are Jewish — and they have to go. Not just from Gaza, apparently. But, according to Bush, they need to go from Judea and Samaria, too — the entire West Bank. Oh, and don't forget East Jerusalem. No Jews permitted there either — because that part of the city needs to be returned to the Arabs in accordance with the 1949 armistice line. The Temple Mount? No way. It belongs to Muslims only, no Jews allowed. The Western Wall? It's going back to the Arabs.

That's what Bush told the world last week and I'm still waiting to hear some outrage about it.

There were many of us who doubted that former Secretary of State Colin Powell really understood the Arab-Israeli conflict. There were many of us who welcomed his retirement and his replacement, Condoleezza Rice. I'm beginning to wonder if Powell may have been a voice of reason within this administration, because there hasn't been any since he left — at least not with respect to the Middle East.

I keep hearing Rice's name mentioned as a possible presidential candidate in 2008.

I've got news for you. Unless this administration changes its disastrous course on the Middle East, Rice won't get elected dog catcher in this country.

What are we fighting for in Iraq and Afghanistan? I thought it was freedom. What are we fighting against? I thought it was Islamic terrorism. So why are we undermining freedom and supporting Islamic terrorism in our dealings with Israel and the Palestinian Arabs? *



Heart to Heart

Recently we had the opportunity to have a U.S. Army captain, a wonderful Believer, on our TV program. He was between hitches in the Iraq war, and he certainly had a lot to say. The captain had the first half of the program and I took the second half. Below is a transcript of what I said on that program, lightly edited for clarity:

I mentioned in the beginning of the program about two soldiers having battles and you met the good captain. We're all Christian soldiers, and I'm involved in a battle of my own I wanted to share with you. Besides the battle against principalities and powers which is ongoing, my heart condition seems to have returned.

About 20 years ago, I wrote a song called, "Father, I'm Coming Home" because I was convinced that I was. And I didn't mind. A promotion to the front office in Heaven would have been fine with me and a trip to the Kingdom and finally a righteous government and everything else. No more wars — no complaints about that.

But, it's kind of a thoughtful song. I had some chest pain after a bypass operation and I thought, "Well, I'm not going to make it." I was only in my 40s, of course. A stress test at the local aerobic center had showed some chest pain and I was, at first, in denial. I'm telling all this so that people who are in this condition understand you cannot deny this chest pain and get away with it. I was teaching at Dallas Baptist University at the time. I went and taught my 3-hour evening class and ran up 3 flights of stairs to do it. And all this with an occluding artery

Notes From Zola:



because I just didn't want to admit to it. But, finally I did have to admit to it. The pain got awful. So, be careful. If you have any pain in your chest, especially when you're exercising, go straight to your doctor or an emergency room. Do something. Preferably, get a stress test and find out what that pain is about.

Fortunately, on one of our fall tours back in October of 1982, we had a cardiologist. He was watching my actions and the fact that I could barely walk up a hill and I would hand people things to carry for me. Finally, Dr. Randall Byrd, still a good friend of mine, said, "You know, you've got some serious stuff going on and you need to take care of it." He paid close attention to my case, and with his advice, I undertook an angiogram. Randy looked at those films along with my Dallas cardiologist and decided they had to do a bypass operation. It was a triple bypass with six grafts. Back then, they took a vein from the leg and sewed it from the aorta to the coronary arteries three times over. It's a long complicated operation. But it lasted. I'm told the procedure is much improved now.

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Randy, a Christian brother, who has always told me the truth, said he thought those bypasses would be good, with the knowledge they had then, for about fifteen years. That would have taken me to 1997. And I thought, well that's probably long enough. I thought the Rapture would come before that, but, you know, it didn't. In 1994, I had two more procedures, angioplasties to improve the circulation. It seems those bypasses were closing again in my heart. The disease was filling the bypasses with cholesterol, or the way Randy puts it, "you have to live with the arteries you're born with and the situation you have."

In '94, they were able to clear those out again with the angioplasties, but in my own mind, what was really curative was the intercessory prayer that I received from our very large television audience. We just don't begin to estimate the power we have with prayer. Let me digress a moment to say what I usually say in the churches about this: you know, God is our Father. Jesus said pray this way, "Our Father which art in heaven." And if He's our Father we have a special "in" with Him. I mean, when your child asks you for something — your five year old asks for some ice cream and you don't want to say no and he appeals to you and he talks to you — it's not how wonderful his argument is for that ice cream, it's the fact that he's your five year who moves your heart and makes you buy that ice cream.

We have our Father's ear. We know that we're made in God's image. That means not only that we're like Him, but that He's like us. He has compassion and he is forgiving. He has a tender heart. The prophet Daniel prays, in effect, "Use your compassion and spare Israel the punishment for its sin," and so on.

Iran President Alleged Terrorist

www.tvnz.com

Former hostages in the 1979 takeover of the US embassy in Tehran have identified Iran's president-elect Mahmoud Ahmadinejad as a key player in their 444-day ordeal.



"The new president of Iran is a terrorist," retired Army Colonel Charles Scott, 73, a former hostage stated.

"As soon as I saw his picture in the paper, I knew it was him. He was one of the top two or three leaders," said Scott, who lives in Jonesboro, Georgia.

Ahmadinejad, 49, trounced moderate cleric Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani in the second round run-off to record the greatest upset in Iranian political history. Washington deemed the elections illegitimate. ■

"Intercessory prayer is fabulous and powerful."



We use it when we witness, if we witness properly. We pray for the person, God hears that prayer and He, who doesn't live in time, you know, can file that prayer back before he made the world, slightly change the DNA of that person, and bring him around to the Gospel. That's why this doctrine of predestination and the idea of free choice are both true. I mean, some people say God knows who's going to be saved. We don't have to choose and we shouldn't choose and we don't know who to choose. Of course, we choose whom we love, whom we forgive. Jesus said, those you forgive on earth, you've forgiven in Heaven. We have the keys to the Kingdom. On the other hand, are we choosing somebody God didn't predestine? No, with that prayer,

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"Turn the Cat Around"

By Zola Levitt

In preparation for my bypass operation in August, I wanted to lose some weight. My cardiologist friend told me that would be the best way to confront the difficult convalescence. So, I got the book *Quit Digging Your Grave With a Knife and Fork* by Mike Huckabee, the governor of Arkansas.



It was a thoroughly enjoyable and effective book to read and live by. (I also read my own book from 1976 called *How to Win at Losing*.)

Huckabee, who grew up in church, wrote a couple of paragraphs that impressed me very much:

"The word repentance is familiar to people who have been brought up in or regularly attend church. It essentially means a person makes a 180 degree turn, repenting from a life of "sinful behavior" to a life of "righteous behavior." You might say that a successful change of health habits is true repentance.

Billy Sunday, the famous and flamboyant evangelist of the last century, was known for his powerful sermons and clever rejoinders to critics. One day, a lady offended by the bluntness of one of his sermons stomped up toward him and declared: "Mr. Sunday, I do not like what you are preaching. You've rubbed the cat's fur the wrong way." Billy Sunday simply replied: "Then lady, turn the cat around."

with intercession on the part of the witnesses, we move God to compassion and we bring that person closer and both ideas work. That's the way I used to answer it when people called me on the radio about it. Believe me, the Bible has no unanswerable questions.

Well, with all that said, I've gone this far, nearly 23 years on these bypasses, which one doctor told me had a warranty of 10 (Randy said 15). But anyway, I got nearly 23! Thank you very much for your prayers! They work. And I'm not taking it easy. I'm going like a house afire.

I mean, I go to Israel and back. I go on speaking engagements. I drive a trailer around. I play golf. I'm not sitting in a chair and I'm not getting any younger, but I love this work and I want to continue it.

Recently, I had some of those old familiar pains return, and this time I went for an angiogram and found that two of three coronary arteries are blocked again and the third one is 70% blocked. So, I'm in a situation. It's not an emergency, but it's not something I can go on and on with.

The diagnosis is that I need another bypass operation and I plan to have it about mid-August. We haven't really scheduled it yet, but I wanted to tell you right away as soon as this decision was made. The recovery from that operation will be about three months. In reality, it's not that serious an operation. It sounds very dramatic, but as many women have told me, it's not as painful as having a baby, and I don't think it's as bad as having an

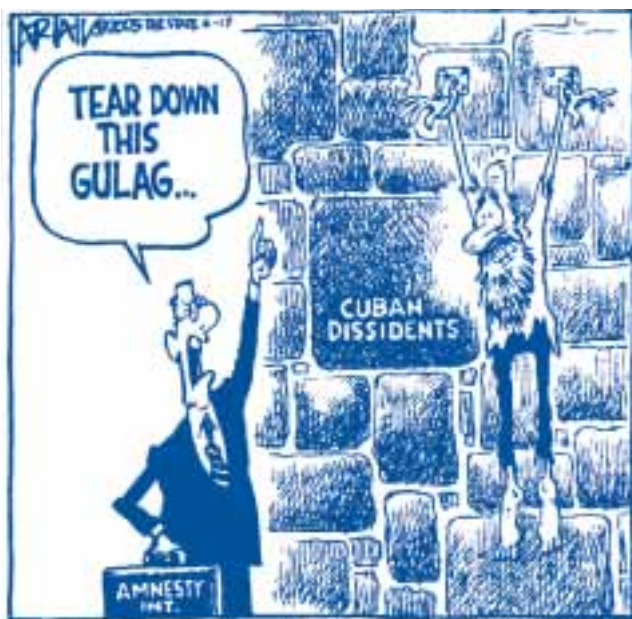
appendix out. But, it's incapacitating for a while. For about six weeks, I won't be able to work on newsletters or effectively make television programs, and so on. But, I should be alright for the November tour. At the very least, I will go to New York, see off the folks, and have the usual orientation session at the JFK chapel. We did that this past spring and everyone enjoyed it very much. The fact is, we had more time together for questions, photos, autographs, etc., than we would have had on our rather fast-moving tour, where the native guides do most of the talking.

Why am I telling you all this? Well, I covet your prayers first of all. Please don't send flowers and stuff. I want prayers. And, frankly, we'll need support. When I drop out, maybe the newsletter will get slightly less effective. The TV programs we make well in advance. There are programs "in the can" all the time. It doesn't matter if I make them on the spot, but if I'm not there when an event happens, I obviously can't cover it in that period. And sometimes donations are depleted a little bit at a time like that. Over the huge audience, that's what happens.

So, if you would, we covet your support always, but this is a pretty special time and it will really make me feel a lot better if I know the ministry is in sound shape and we're remaining on PAX and paying for our air time, and so on.

But, don't pray just for me. Pray for everybody that you need to intercede for. You know, in a church, there are all kinds of people with all kinds of gifts. There are people who sing songs beautifully and a preacher who may speak so eloquently, and deacons who have the talent and the patience to run the operation and make it go.

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But I'm always impressed by the quiet people in the back of the church who rarely raise their hand in a question period and so on, but who volunteer to set up chairs and do tasks and drive people around, who pick me up for an engagement and drive me there, wait for me and drive me back. It's good works like that that especially appeal to God. And I tell you if you set up chairs for the church, then set them up to the glory of God, because God said the soldier in the back of the army is as important to him as the field marshal.

This is a different kind of army, the Christian army, and your contribution is very important, whatever it is. Every soldier, like this wonderful captain we had, has specific training. The captain is able to drive a tank. He's able to operate many guns. He knows what to do out there. But he doesn't steer a ship and he doesn't fly an airplane. He wasn't trained for those things. Do your works the way you're supposed to do them and make your prayers for everyone in need, me and everyone who has a request. There are sicker people than me out there. Lord Almighty, I go to visit people in hospitals and I get there barely in time. Go ahead and pray for those as well. Don't let prayer desert you at a time like this.

You know, I always ask you to pray for the peace of Jerusalem at the end of every program. That's absolutely necessary, and it's necessary we get over there. One reason I'm having this bypass is that the surgeon told me, 'Without it you might go on three or four years, but with it you could get ten or twenty.' I want to visit Israel many more times. I'm just beginning to under-

stand the place and my love for it always grows. I want you to go. I want to take you.

I will lead these tours in the future, it's so important at a time like this. I have the feeling that our time is limited, if you know what I'm saying. That's the way things look and my experience with the place tells me we should be praying for it, especially at a time like this. Pray for the decent-hearted Palestinian people who do want peace. Pray for the terrorists — that they wake up and smell the coffee, for Heaven's sake. And certainly, pray for the Israelis.

After all, they're the Chosen People to whom God gave this Promised Land. They're coping with what amounts to illegal aliens, just as we are in some cases. So pray for them as well. "Pray for your enemies."

Please make arrangements now for our next tour to Israel, Greece and Petra, traveling in November, followed in late December by our annual Orlando tour of The Holy Land Experience.

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And *Sha'alu Shalom Yerushalayim*, pray for the peace of Jerusalem.



All In The Family

New Immigrants from America and their Israeli-born children

With all the difficulties and challenges, American Jews continue to leave behind the comforts of home, bringing their kids, having more, working in their professions, and resettling the Land. They are aided by those who see the return of the Jews to the Land as a fulfillment of Bible prophecy.



Absence of Logic

Israel Today

The “quartet” of world powers responsible for the Mideast peace process has demanded that Israel allow the Palestinians more freedom of movement. At a meeting in London, the US, Russia, the European Union, and the UN issued a statement saying Israel should “take immediate steps, without endangering Israeli security...to facilitate rehabilitation and reconstruction by easing the flow of goods and people in and out of Gaza and the West Bank and between them.” Israel was baffled by the demand, considering that many suicide bombers have been intercepted at roadblocks and checkpoints in recent weeks. The “quartet” statement made no mention of that.

Today's King in Tomorrow's Kingdom

www.israelnationalnews.org



The “richest man in the world,” Microsoft CEO Bill Gates, is planning to visit Israel in early October.

Gates will visit Israel as part of his annual tour of Europe, during which he meets with government and market leaders.

It will be the billionaire's first visit to the Jewish state. He will meet with Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and with Finance Minister Binyamin Netanyahu (assuming they are both in their respective positions). Israel hosts Microsoft branches in Raanana and Haifa, with over 200 employees in total.

Gates had a key role in the decision in the early 90s to make Hebrew one of the main languages in all of Microsoft's programs development. The decision resulted in the translation of all Microsoft programs into Hebrew since then.

New Imam—Same Old Story

Gary Bauer's *End of Day Report*

One of the Washington, D.C. area's largest mosques, Dar Al Hyrah, selected a new “spiritual leader” recently. *The Washington Post* ran a story on page B-1 about the selection of Shaker El Sayed, whom the *Post* called an “activist.”

Just how much of an activist is Imam Sayed? He is affiliated with the Muslim American Society that has ties to the Muslim Brotherhood. The Brotherhood supports violence against Israel to end what it calls “the occupation” of “Palestinian land.” In other words, it wants Israel destroyed. Mr. Sayed has also been busy in recent

months acting as a spokesman for the family of Ahmed Omar Abu Ali, a Virginia student who has been indicted in a conspiracy to kill President Bush.

Imam Sayed told the *Post* that this was a time of great challenges for Muslims in Washington because, “There is a lot of stress on the community because of the 9/11 paranoia.”

But I don't think there is any irrational fear or paranoia at all here in Washington, D.C. Instead, there is very rational concern about why one of the biggest mosques in the region has chosen a man with Mr. Sayed's background as its “spiritual leader” and why the most *The Washington Post* could muster in describing him is the bland adjective “activist.”

Roadmap to Nowhere

Israel Today



Palestinian Foreign Minister Nasser Al-Kidwa has set off a storm by declaring that his government has no intention of cracking down on terrorist groups, as demanded by the “roadmap” peace plan.

“The dismantling of armed organizations is not on the table because weapons are legal as long as the occupation exists,” Al-Kidwa told Palestinian Television. “Possession of weapons is a strategic issue as long as there is occupation.” It was the first time a senior Palestinian official openly acknowledged that the government would not fulfill its key commitment under the roadmap. Until now, Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas said he prefers to negotiate with militant groups, with the long-term goal of collecting illegal weapons.

Israel Reacts Angrily

Israeli officials are furious over Al-Kidwa's remarks. “The refusal of the Palestinian Authority to disarm the terror groups drops a cluster bomb on the process that could lead to negotiations and quiet,” Deputy Prime Minister Ehud Olmert told Israel Radio. “Very simply, either they will fight terrorism or we will fight terrorism.” Officials say Israel will not begin peace talks until the Palestinians dismantle terrorist groups like Hamas and Islamic Jihad. Al-Kidwa's remarks “place doubt on the Palestinian intention to enter the roadmap framework acceptable to the entire international community,” said Deputy Defense Minister Ze'ev Boim.

Caterpillar, which supplies equipment to Israel, has been a target of divestment movements in liberal churches. Not only is this an ineffective punishment of Caterpillar, but God has chosen to bless that American company (*I will bless them that bless thee.* — Genesis 12:3). — Zola

“Caterpillar, Inc. announced on June 8 a two-for-one stock split and increased its quarterly dividend by 22% to 50 cents a share from 41 cents a share on a pre-split basis,” MarketWatch reports from San Francisco. “On a split-adjusted basis, the per-share increase of 4.5 cents is the largest in the company’s 80-year history.”

Screaming at the Enemy

Israel Today

The Israeli army has unveiled a new riot control tactic to quell violent demonstrations against the security barrier in Judea and Samaria. The non-lethal weapon emits painful bursts of sound at a special frequency forcing protesters to cover their ears and flee. The device was in research and development for four years and was used for the first time in May. It has been dubbed, “The Screamer.”

More Islamic Values

www.frontpagemag.com

In Iraq, half the population, according to one poll, believes that a man has a right to beat his wife if she disobeys him (and the Koran gives this sanction). In Iran, women continue to be stoned to death for the crime of adultery. (*The woman to be stoned is first buried in the ground up to her waist, saving the stoners the inconvenience of having to chase her* — Zola.)

The size of the stones to be used in such executions is specified by law. “Penal Law in the Islamic Republic of Iran: Article 116: Stones used in stoning should be neither so big as to kill the adultress at the first or second blow, nor as small as a pebble.” Other punishments meted out by the Islamic Republic include cutting off hands, arms and legs, and plucking out the eyes.

In Saudi Arabia, an Australian man has been sentenced to 16 months in prison and 300 lashes for a crime his wife may have committed (stealing equipment from a hospital). His flogging, inflicted 50 strokes at a time, by a guard with a Koran under his arm, has already begun. “The lashing,” he wrote to a friend in Melbourne, “is to

humiliate and control, and I draw a large crowd as I am one of those Western ungodly people, but they shall never hear me yell.” In Saudi Arabia, the punishment for Muslims who convert away from Islam is death.

From “QUIT DIGGING YOUR GRAVE WITH A KNIFE AND FORK”

By Mike Huckabee, Governor of Arkansas

In addition to being Southern, I’m also a Baptist, which means that while we “officially” do not drink alcohol or use tobacco, we are free to eat every kind of food imaginable, as long as we fry it and consume it in *large* portions.

For those reading this who might live outside the South and cannot fully comprehend what I mean, let me explain from the perspective of a childhood experience. When I was a kid in school, the teacher asked my class to have show-and-tell with the theme being “religion.” Children were encouraged to bring a symbol of their faith and explain it to the class. The following day a Catholic girl brought a crucifix, a little Jewish boy brought a menorah, and I brought a casserole in a covered dish. Get the picture?



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The Fence Works!

The Jerusalem Post

Palestinian Authority (PA) Chairman Mahmoud Abbas said in an interview aired on May 29 that the era of suicide bombings may be over.



Mahmoud Abbas

“We have started to deal with the culture of violence,” he said. “We stopped the culture of violence and the Palestinian people have started looking at it as something that should be condemned and it should stop.” Asked on ABC whether the suicide-bombing era had ended, he said, “I believe it is over.”

But he warned that if progress toward a peace agreement was not achieved in meetings with Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, “despair and loss of hope will come back and a return to the old ideas” of armed resistance.

Earlier on May 29, Sharon expressed skepticism over Abbas’ ability to quell terror even as he bolstered the Palestinian leader by pushing the Cabinet to approve the release of 400 Palestinian prisoners.



Sharon told the Cabinet that “anyone who thinks there will be a straight passage from disengagement to the Road Map is wrong.” There are a number of things that need to happen first, including the cessation of terror, he said.

His words ran counter to United States President George W. Bush’s statement on May 26 after his summit with Abbas, which spoke of disengagement as an “opportunity to lay the groundwork for a return to the Road Map.”

Still, Sharon defended the need to support Abbas now in spite of warnings by his security experts that Abbas could be doing more to stop terror.

Finance Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Health Minister Dan Naveh, and Agriculture Minister Yisrael Katz voted against the prisoner release.

“The Palestinians have failed in their activities against the terrorist organizations; therefore, I do not see any reason to reward terror at a time when the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) chief of general staff and others are warning that Hamas is gaining strength,” Netanyahu said.

Sharon, however, said Israel had to hold fast to the commitment it made in February at the Sharm-el-Sheikh summit to release 900 prisoners, 500 of whom were let out of jail that same month. Some 7,000 Palestinians are in Israeli custody.

Sharon said the gesture is “part of Israel’s efforts to assist Abbas and the moderate forces in the PA.”

Jewish Drawl

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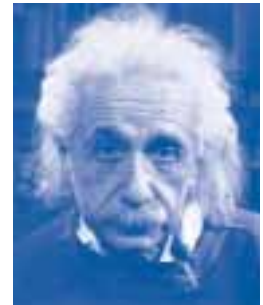
We hadn’t realized the historic bond between the Jewish population and the state of South Carolina until the House passed a resolution introduced by a Southern congressman honoring the 57th anniversary of Israel’s independence.

Rep. Joe Wilson, South Carolina Republican, relates these little-known facts: South Carolina was home to the largest Jewish population in North America at the time of the American Revolution; its provincial constitution was the first to recognize Judaism as being equal to Christianity; the first election of a Jew to public office in North America was in South Carolina; and the first Jewish fatality of the American Revolution was a patriot from South Carolina.

“The Things Which Were are the Things Which Shall Be”

The Jewish Forward

Before World War II, Albert Einstein favored a bi-national state in Palestine. But after the war — and after the magnitude of the Holocaust became known — he firmly backed the formation of the new State of Israel. “He felt that there must be a place of refuge for the surviving Jews of Europe, few in number as they were compared to the number that had perished.”



In 1952, Einstein was offered—but graciously declined—the presidency of Israel. In that same year, he wrote,

“My relationship to the Jewish people has become my strongest human bond, ever since I became fully aware of our precarious situation among the nations of the world.”

Jews Expelling Jews

Gary Bauer's *End of Day Report*

Later this summer, unless something totally unexpected happens, over 9,000 Jews will be forced to leave their homes in Gaza. The forced evacuation is part of a “disengagement” plan that Prime Minister Sharon of Israel and President Bush both support. Hopes are high, particularly here in Washington, D.C., that the evacuation of Gaza will be the first step of a larger Israeli evacuation of disputed territories that will lead to the creation of a Palestinian state and eventual peace in the Middle East.

Unfortunately, reality is telling us those high hopes are ill-conceived. While Israel goes forward with a gut-wrenching plan to use its army to force its own people to leave their homes, the Jew-haters of the Middle East show no sign of being mollified. For many of them, the goal has never been Gaza or the West Bank—the goal has been, and remains, the destruction of Israel and its replacement with a new Islamic “republic.”

The Palestinian Foreign Minister, Nasser Al-Kidwa said recently that in spite of Israeli concessions, the Palestinian leadership will not try to disarm the terrorists as long as “the occupation” exists. When Mr. Al-Kidwa, says “occupation,” he doesn’t mean Gaza, he means Tel Aviv and Jerusalem and every other city where the Star of David flies. Meanwhile, Hamas, Hezbollah and Islamic Jihad are all stockpiling weapons and waiting for the opportunity, after Israel has withdrawn, to launch another wave of murderous attacks on Israeli civilians.



Bashing Israel — At Church?

Gary Bauer's *End of Day Report*

What in the world is wrong with some of the so-called “mainline” Protestant denominations in our country? Many of them have embraced the moral relativism of the popular culture, rather than the Bible’s Truth, as their guide in modern America. On foreign policy, these same denominations increasingly sound like anti-American filmmaker Michael Moore in their pronouncements.

The latest fad among the “mainline” church crowd is to incessantly attack Israel, one of our best allies,

while turning a blind eye to the Islamofascists who threaten all free societies — including our own. For example, the United Church of Christ is considering three anti-Israel resolutions at its upcoming annual meeting. Two resolutions will push for “divestment,” or an economic boycott, of Israel. Another condemns the security fence Israel built to stop homicide-bombers.

Apparently Israelis must allow themselves to be routinely killed to satisfy the UCC leftists.

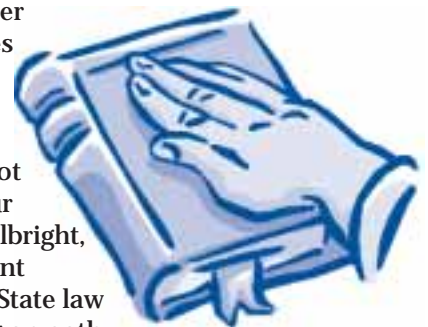
The Takeover Continues

www.usnewswire.com

A prominent national Islamic advocacy group has called on judges in North Carolina to allow use of the Koran, Islam’s revealed text, when administering oaths.

The Washington-based Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) said the current exclusive use of the Bible may be an inappropriate state endorsement of religion.

CAIR issued its call after Guilford County judges said they would not allow use of Korans in their courtrooms. “An oath on the Koran is not a lawful oath under our law,” said W. Douglas Albright, Guilford’s senior resident Superior Court judge. State law only refers to swearing an oath by putting a hand on the “Holy Scriptures.” Those who do not wish to take an oath using the Bible may instead make an “affirmation.”



A preliminary opinion by North Carolina’s Administrative Office of the Courts said that state law allows people to be sworn in using a Koran rather than a Bible.

“By stating that only one book qualifies as ‘Holy Scriptures,’ the court may be making an inappropriate endorsement of a single set of religious beliefs,” said CAIR Legal Director Arsalan Iftikhar. “Eliminating the opportunity to swear an oath on one’s own holy text may also have the effect of diminishing the credibility of that person’s testimony.”

Iftikhar said CAIR will offer a free copy of the Koran to any judge in North Carolina or throughout the United States for use in oaths or for personal awareness of the “holy text.”

Ceasefire, Jihad Style

www.jnewswire.com

Islamic Jihad gunmen shot dead an Israeli Jew and wounded a second on June 20, but leaders of the terror group insisted the cold-blooded murder in no way diminished its commitment to the current PA-brokered ceasefire.

“We are still committed to the calm,” Islamic Jihad spokesman Khadr Adnan told reporters a short time after the group took credit for the killing.

The attack, which claimed the life of 28-year-old Yevgeny Reider, was characteristic of a new pattern whereby “Palestinian” terrorists continue to murder and attempt to murder Israeli Jews, while the PA trumps the so-called ceasefire and demands Israeli concessions in return for it.

“Give Hamas a Chance”

www.frontpagemag.com

When liberals/leftists/conservatives are set on a self-destructive course of appeasement to evil, a course from which only actual disasters will (maybe, and only temporarily) awaken them, what, finally, can you do but sit back and watch, or, rather, avert your gaze from that which is unbearable to watch? Here, at *Front Page Magazine*, is David Hornik on what’s happening in the fantasy land known as Israel:

Israel is now in its familiar waiting-for-someone-to-be-killed mode. Although security chiefs disagree about

the implications of the upcoming disengagement and about overall strategy, no one disputes that during the present “lull” Hamas is reconstituting itself as an army of thousands, great quantities of weapons keep being smuggled into both Gaza and the West Bank, and Palestinian incitement and genocide-education continue unchecked.

As during certain relative “lulls” in the 2000-2004 terror war, the approach seems to be to allow the terror forces to prepare for the next round as long as no large, bloody attacks occur. In the current version of the script, the diplomatic imperative of “giving Mahmoud Abbas a chance” prevails over all other considerations.

No Swimming Allowed

Israel Today

The Israeli navy is building a sea barrier off the coast of the Gaza Strip, ahead of the planned withdrawal from the territory this summer. The aim is to prevent Palestinian terrorists from swimming to Israel and infiltrating by sea. Military sources say the barrier is necessary because Israel will lose surveillance systems when it pulls out of Gaza. The sea barrier follows the construction of the controversial land barrier in Judea and Samaria, which aims to keep suicide bombers out. The Palestinians are furious. “I hope the Israeli mentality of barriers will end,” said chief negotiator Saeb Erekat, adding that Israel is turning the “West Bank” and Gaza into prisons.



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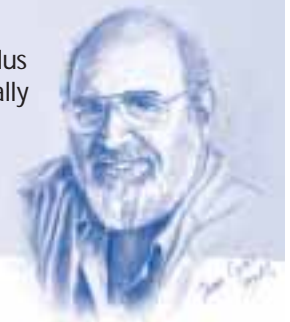
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While Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice is pushing the Middle East roadmap to both Israelis and Palestinian Arabs, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich says it's time to abandon the plan.

“Diplomacy is important and has a vital role to play, but its function must be different than the Oslo process and the roadmap suggest,” he writes in a paper in the summer edition of *Middle East Quarterly*.

“The focus on Israeli-Palestinian diplomacy cannot work when one side has a leadership that does not deliver on its word.”

In a paper titled, “Defeat Terror, Not Roadmap Diplomacy,” Gingrich, like Rice, a potential presidential candidate in 2008, says talks with the Palestinian Authority should stop until it fulfills its promise to dismantle all terrorist infrastructures.

“Diplomats, by their nature, believe in talk and in paper,” he wrote. “They value meetings and agreements. But in order for diplomacy to work, negotiators must be honest brokers willing to keep commitments.”

The roadmap, developed by the Bush administration during early 2003 in cooperation with Russia, the European Union, and the United Nations, makes clear that all sides must make tangible steps toward a two-state vision. But, so far, says Gingrich, the Palestinian Arabs have failed to meet the test.

Gingrich called for less restraint by the Israel Defense Forces and a more aggressive military response to attacks on Israeli civilians.

“When a neighborhood shelters terrorists, it should not be surprised at a violent response,” he insisted.

“When a rocket or mortar is fired from a neighborhood, people should expect retaliatory fire. When someone advocates killing Israelis, they should expect to be killed by those they plan to kill.”

Gingrich added: “The primary requirement for peace should be the destruction of the terrorists. This inherently is not a diplomatic task. Smoke and mirrors will not work.”

Abandoning His Faith?

New Man Magazine



“He jumped head first into the Scriptures studying the Hebrew language and the Torah. We felt that it was important to tell Reggie White’s story because some people wondered if he was abandoning his Christian faith, but that just wasn’t the case. Clearly, he was re-examining his theology. But those who knew him best say that Reggie’s aim was to deepen his faith in Jesus Christ.”

Why do we jump to the conclusion that because he was studying the Hebrew language and the Torah (the first five Bible books), something wrong was happening to his faith? — Zola

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Women's Lib?

National Review

It was a small, but nonetheless important step in the struggle for liberty in the Middle East: Kuwait's parliament decided, by a vote of 35-23, to grant Kuwaiti women full political rights. The change confers long-sought-after recognition of Kuwait's well-educated and socially powerful female population, and grants them access to one of the country's most important political bodies. The Islamist parties, which opposed the measure, have tried to spin the vote as a victory. For one, the new law stipulates that women candidates must "abide by Islamic law," and some fear the Islamists will pressure women to vote as a bloc in their favor. The risk of Islamist groups gaining power is probably inevitable in any transition to greater democracy in the Middle East. The challenge is to counter that risk by establishing institutions that guarantee freedoms and by working to change public opinion—as Kuwaiti women, to their credit, have already started and will continue to do.

"A President Without Brains"

"We have a president without brains" wrote the country's leading historian George Bancroft. Bancroft was, admittedly, a Democrat, but many self-respecting Republicans were also concerned about the implications of having an untried, self-educated "rail-splitter" as a leader in time of grave national crisis. Charles Francis Adams, a leading Republican and the son and grandson of presidents, wrote of the new president-elect in his diary: "Good natured, kindly, honest, but frivolous and uncertain." The doubts and fears of many Americans were expressed by a newspaper editor who asked, "Who will write this ignorant man's state papers?" Wall Street lawyer George Templeton Strong wrote in his diary after their first meeting that the president was a "barbarian," a "yahoo."

P.S. The president under discussion here in *Time* magazine, July 4, was Abraham Lincoln.

The Fear of Christianity

By Suzanne Fields, *The Washington Times*
(Excerpt)

...In the spirit of full disclosure, I confess to belonging to a generation of elementary school children who were



asked each day to choose a psalm to read at the opening of class. I can still recite a few of them by heart. I never saw a child, atheist or otherwise, who suffered for it. Lincoln called the Bible "the best gift God has given to man," but he was self-taught.

The Bible Literacy Project, a nonprofit organization, has just published the result of a survey, conducted by Gallup, to answer the question: "What Do American Teens Need to Know and What Do They Know?" The sad answer is, they don't know much. "Substantial minorities lack even the most basic working knowledge of the Bible," and 40 of 41 teachers report that few pupils know enough Biblical references to qualify for "a good education."

No one proposes teaching the Bible as a sacred text or to promote religious faith in public schools. With three kinds of Jews, a dozen varieties of Methodists and countless flavors of Baptists, just for starters, we could never agree on what, exactly, should be taught as doctrine even if that's what we set out to do. But in a less-than-perfect world, there can be no harm, and a lot of good, in well-informed surveys of the Bible as literature, showing how the Bible has shaped history, philosophy, the law, art, and other subjects, inspiring our earliest settlers, Founding Fathers and presidents unto the modern day.

"It's a perfect reflection of the nation's origins that the very first freedom in the Bill of Rights... should be religious freedom," writes David Gelernter in *The Weekly Standard*. It was never meant to be used "as a weapon against religion."



American Dollars Well Spent

National Review

Israel and Egypt are the two largest recipients of U.S. aid. For its "participation" in the Gulf War, Egypt was forgiven its indebtedness of \$9 billion. Israel pays its bills. It receives \$2.8 billion every year. Of that amount, \$2.0 billion is for military aid and \$800 million for economic aid. It's fair to ask whether this is a good deal for the American taxpayer.

What are the facts?

Israel is the only genuinely democratic state in the Middle East.

Israel is committed to freedom and equality, and the rule of law. It embodies the fundamental values that are in tune with those of America and that America has traditionally supported. Israel's military and political importance in the Middle East and its strategic position stabilize the entire area, including the oil fields of the Persian Gulf. During the cold war, it was America's indispensable rampart against the inroads and expansionist ambitions of the Soviet Union. It is now a western bulwark against the aggressive intents of Iran and other bellicose nations that threaten the interests of the United States. It is a most reliable partner in the promotion of Western strategic interests and in the stabilization of the Middle East. Over 20% of its budget goes for defense, compared to, for example, less than 1% in Japan. Israel has one of the best armies in the world. Its navy and air force are the major deterrent forces in the eastern Mediterranean.

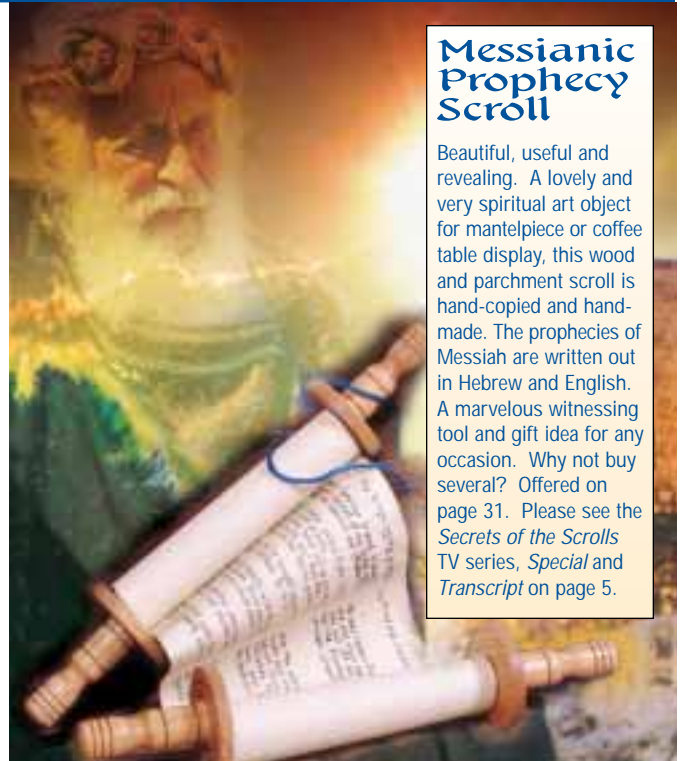
Israel effectively secures NATO's southeastern flank, without having a single American soldier stationed in its territory. Still, the superb military installations, the air and sea lift capabilities, the equipment and food storage capacity, and the trained manpower to maintain and repair sophisticated U.S. equipment are instantly at hand in Israel. It is the only country in the region that makes itself available to the United States, in any contingency.

Only a fraction of aid stays in Israel

By far the largest share remains with American defense contractors. Peter McPherson, former administrator of the Agency for International Development, estimated that every billion dollars of aid to Israel creates 60,000 to 70,000 jobs in the U.S.



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Compared to the \$2.0 billion yearly military aid to Israel, the U.S. contributes more than \$130 billion to the defense of Europe and more than \$30 billion to the defense of Japan, Korea and the Far East. Over 300,000 U.S. troops are stationed with NATO and over 30,000 U.S. troops in the Far East. In contrast, not one single U.S. soldier needs to be stationed and put at risk in Israel. U.S. military analysts estimate that the U.S. would have to spend the equivalent of \$150 billion a year in the Middle East to maintain a force equivalent to Israel's.

There are many other benefits that the U.S. military derives from Israel. Israel is the only country that has gained battlefield experience with U.S. weapons. This experience is immediately conveyed to the U.S. Enormous quantities of captured Soviet weapons and defense systems were turned over to the U.S. military for analysis. Israel, in the light of its experience, continually modifies U.S. weapons systems. For instance, Israeli scientists have made over 200 improvements in the F-15 alone, and similar improvements, mostly in avionics, in later-generation planes. It would be more in line with reality if military aid to Israel was classified as part of the defense budget, rather than as "aid".

Israel is truly America's unsinkable aircraft carrier in the Middle East. Former President Reagan put it well: "The fall of Iran has increased Israel's value as perhaps the only remaining strategic asset in the region on which the United States can fully rely." American aid to Israel is a two-way street. Aid to Israel is America's greatest defense bargain. ✦

Dreadlocks Unlocked

Israel Today

It was Shmuel Edgach's extraordinary hair that brought him notoriety when he was drafted for military service. Edgach, who immigrated with his family as an eight year old, didn't want to lose his dreadlocks.



ANOTHER SAMSON?

Originally from Jamaica, his father served as ambassador to Ethiopia, where he met and married a Ethiopian Jewess. Shmuel retained his youthful love for the Jamaican reggae and he's a diehard fan of Bob Marley, the undisputed king of reggae.

After taking his background into consideration, the army compromised, allowing him to keep his hair at shoulder length (it was below his waist) which could become a precedent-setter for the IDF (Israel Defense Forces).



First Lady Laura Bush at the Western Wall. Paper prayer requests are traditionally pushed into cracks in the stones.

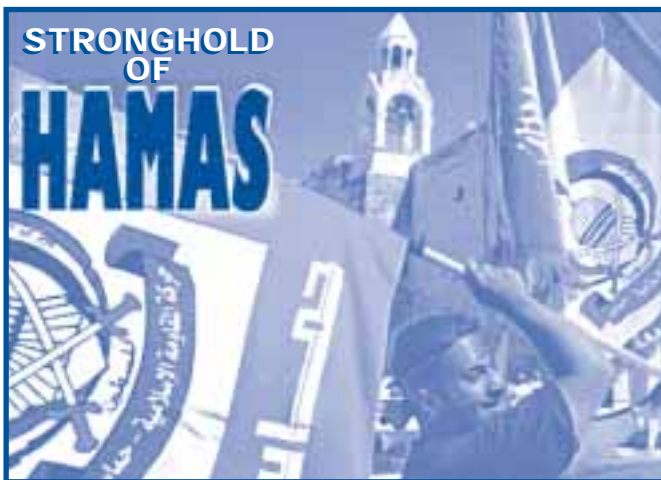
Starbucks Plans a Comeback

Israel Today

Starbucks, America's biggest chain of coffee shops, entered the Israeli market at the height of the Palestinian terror war. Between 2001 and 2003, Starbucks opened six cafes in Tel Aviv, but with buses, restaurants, discos, and pizzerias being blown up by suicide bombers, they wound up closing all the shops.

"We have every intent to go back to Israel," said Starbucks CEO Jim Donald. Company representatives have already begun exploring possible acquisitions of Israeli cafes.

The founder of Starbucks, Howard Schultz, is Jewish and a life-long supporter of Israel.



Bethlehem Belongs to Hamas

Israel Today

Islam is now the predominant force in Bethlehem, the birthplace of Christ! This dramatic development occurred when the Islamic terrorist group Hamas, which is best known for blowing men, women and children to pieces, won a majority in Palestinian municipal elections in the Biblical town.

"Bethlehem is no longer our city," a Palestinian Christian businessman, who asked to remain anonymous, told *Israel Today*. "Bethlehem has become a dangerous stronghold of Islamic militants."



More Love

(To *The Jerusalem Post*)

Barbara Sofer's "57 More Reasons I Love Israel" was wonderful. Here are some more reasons:

- 1) Bus drivers are rude, but they'll give you a ride to your house if it's getting close to dark on Friday night. (Sabbath begins at sunset on Fridays. — Zola)
- 2) If you really need help, you can always find it.
- 3) Everybody's got an opinion—it's so alive! In the U.S., we're asleep.
- 4) The smell of freshly baked bread in the market.
- 5) Sunset on Friday evening, when Jerusalem takes a relaxing breath.
- 6) Nobody can make ends meet on what they earn, yet (somehow) they do.

7) Knowing all those beautiful women you see are Jewish, and so it's okay with your mother if you ask them out.

8) The pride you see in the eyes of the soldiers, men and women.

9) Knowing that after 2,000 years of history, *Am Ysrael Hai* (The People of Israel Live).

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I understand that the rabbis teach that Judaism is 2,000 years old, because that's when they took it over. But by omitting the first 2,000 years, they lose Abraham, Moses, the Exodus, all the kings, including David and Solomon, the two temples, all the prophets, and finally, the Messiah. Something needs to be done about Jewish education!

— Zola

HebrewLesson

The Lord's Covering of Love

By John J. Parsons



שְׂנֵאָה תַעֲזִיר מְדָנִים וְעַל כָּל-פְּשָׁעִים תִּכְסֶּה אֲהָבָה

Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins. (Proverbs 10:12)

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love	covers	all transgressions	but over	contentions	stirs up	Hatred

Hebraic Insight: Love covereth...

Hatred actively seeks contention and strife. The Hebrew word *medanim* comes from the root word *din*, meaning to judge, as in a court of law. Hatred looks with ill will at the transgressions of others and prosecutes at the bar of judgment for conviction. When we hate others, we accuse them before justice, but excuse them before mercy.

Love, on the other hand, seeks to "cover" the transgressions of others. The Hebrew word *tekhaseh* comes from the root *kasa*, meaning to conceal or hide something entirely from view, like the flood waters that "covered" the whole earth (Gen. 7:19) or the Shechinah cloud that covered the Tabernacle (Num. 9:15). When we love others, we lose sight of that which leads us into accusation.

The ultimate "covering of love" comes from the Lord Himself, who sacrificed His only Son so that our transgressions and sins would not be charged against us (Rom. 4:7-8). God's love overlooks our misdeeds and sees us as a reconciled and redeemed people. Since God forgives us, we likewise ought to forgive others for whom the Lord Jesus shed His blood.

Of course, not all hatred is bad, since the Scriptures command us to hate evil (Psalm 21:5, 139:21-22, etc.). However, the hatred, aversion, and malice that men habitually express for their fellow man demonstrates the radical depravity of the human condition. The Lord Jesus Himself taught us to love our enemies and do good to those who hate us, thereby promoting the message of God's "covering love" for a fallen and hurting world (Luke 6:27-35).

What Will Make the Arabs Happy?

By Rabbi Dov Greenberg
www.israelnationalnews.com

The Pathology of Hatred



Israel's late foreign minister, Abba Eban, once said: "If Algeria introduced a resolution at the UN declaring that the Earth was flat and that Israel had flattened it, it would pass by a vote of 164 to 13 with 26 abstentions. Indeed, at Durban, in early September 2001, the United Nations international conference against racism became a platform for anti-Israel propaganda, resurrecting every evil image and myth of a thousand years of anti-Semitism. Israel, not Iran, Iraq, Sudan, or Libya, was accused of ethnic cleansing, genocide and crimes against humanity.

On May 14, 1948, the day the State of Israel was born, while it was being attacked on every one of its borders, David Ben-Gurion made the call for peace part of Israel's Declaration of Independence: "We extend our hand to all neighboring states and their peoples in an offer of peace and good neighborliness." That call for peace still stands, yet remains unanswered. To accuse Israel, a country that continues to seek peace after 57 years of terror and war, of being racist, or of being an apartheid state engaged in ethnic cleansing, is akin to declaring that Israel has flattened the world.

So the question is this: What is really at the heart of Arab leaders demonizing Israel?



The Earthquake

On Dec. 26 2003, a massive earthquake in Bam, Iran tragically killed over 40,000 Iranians. The government of Iran announced that help was welcome from every country in the world except Israel. Think about it: Israel is the world's expert in quickly finding survivors in bombed out buildings, and is a mere two-hour flight from Iran. Yet the Iranian government chose to let men, women and children die or lie buried under rubble rather than be saved by a Jew from Israel. Apparently, they hate Israel more than they love life.

The vast majority of Muslims are peaceful people, yet hate toward Israel is a basic tenet in much of the Muslim world today. Tens of millions of children are taught that alone among nations, Israel has no right to exist. All the old myths, from the blood libel to the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion* are being recycled among the Muslims. Parents celebrate the suicide terror of their sons, because the joy of killing Israeli families outweighs the death of their own. Not since the Nazi hatred of Jews has humanity witnessed such animosity.

It's not the first time in history that people have harmed their own societies in order to damage the Jews. — Zola

Hitler's Obsession



To Hitler, eradicating the Jews was a greater priority than winning World War Two. In July 1944, when the Germans desperately needed every train to begin the evacuation of Greece, not a single train was diverted from taking Jews to death camps. When the Germans ordered a ban on all non-military rail traffic in order to free trains for a summer offensive in southern Russia, the only trains exempted were those transporting Jews to death camps.

Hitler's policy of murdering the Jews actually undermined the Nazi war effort; it would have been more pragmatic to use the Jews for slave labor. Yet even those who were used for slave labor were so mistreated that many of them died within months. When a Nazi general, Kurt Freiherr von Grienanth, suggested in September 1942, that "the principle should be to eliminate the Jews as promptly as possible without impairing essential war work," he was demoted and his proposal denounced as a subtle effort to help the Jews.

Moral self-confidence

What should be our response to this hatred?

Mordechai understood that compromising with Haman was futile. Mordechai didn't say, "The Jews will evacuate half of Shushan (the capital city of the Persian Empire)," so that Haman will be able to live in a *Judenrein* (free of Jews) city. Mordechai understood that the obstacle to peace was not the Jewish presence in one particular city, but their presence in any city. It was not the one who was hated, but the one who hated who needed to change, so Mordechai did not bow. As a result, redemption and peace ultimately came for Jews and Persians.

Today, too, Israel ought to stand up to the pathological hatred with moral and political self-confidence and determination. They must let the world know that peace will come not when Israel will give away more land, but when Israel's neighbors will stop destroying themselves in their attempt to destroy Israel.

Why we blame ourselves

Sadly, in spite of the overwhelming evidence, the Jewish reflex is to "bow" and deny our enemies' aggressive impulses. We tend to blame ourselves for the Arabs desire to destroy us. Perhaps it is the fear of knowing what it is too painful to know.

of All Nations

This proclivity toward self-deception was described by Jean-Francois Revel, in his book *How Democracies Perish*:

“Democracy tends to ignore, even deny, threats to its existence because it loathes doing what is needed to counter them. It awakens only when the danger becomes deadly, imminent, and evident. By then, either there is too little time left for it to save itself, or the price of survival has become crushingly high.”

Let it not be said by future generations that Israel saw raging fires of hate and destruction, and did nothing. ❄

Bishop John Paterson

Jewish Anger as Church Votes on Israel

By Caroline Gammell
www.news.scotsman.com



Jewish groups reacted angrily June 25 against a motion passed by senior Anglicans urging all provinces around the world to reconsider their investments with Israel.

At a meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council in Nottingham, members voted unanimously in favour of the resolution concerning the Israeli and Palestinian conflict.

It called for the 38 provinces which make up the Anglican Communion globally to look carefully at any business dealings they may have with Israeli companies.

Bishop John Paterson, the New Zealand chairman of the ACC, said the council commended “the resolve of the Episcopal Church (USA) to take appropriate action where it finds that its corporate investments support the occupation of Palestinian lands or violence against innocent Israelis.”

The ACC went on to encourage “investment strategies that support the infrastructure of a future Palestinian state.”

The council, which meets every three years, called for “peace, justice and co-existence in the Holy Land.”

But the resolution was met with anger by Jewish organisations in the UK.

Rabbi Barry Marcus, the spokesman on Israel for Chief Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, said: “Moves towards divestment represent a flawed and disastrous course.”

“They will do nothing to advance the twin causes of security for Israel and statehood for the Palestinians.”

“The report itself took a one-sided and subjective view of the situation, and did not reflect the present reality.”

Jon Benjamin, chief executive of the Board of British Deputies of British Jews, told *The Guardian*: “That Israel alone should be singled out for such treatment, particularly at a time when dialogue is beginning to prevail, shows an inequality in the treatment of the Jewish state which must raise concerns about the Church’s relationship with our community.”

“Once again, the outrageous falsehoods levelled against Israel are used by the enemies of peaceful co-existence to undermine the genuine goodwill of those who want to see an end to conflict in the region.” ❄

An Unprecedented Military Achievement

National Review

If our current debate about the military transcends proportionate costs and relative sacrifice,

perhaps our unhappiness derives from the terrible loss of 1,700 combat dead in Iraq. Yet this discontent arises not from numbers alone. After all, at catastrophic moments in our history, far more were killed, either in a single day or in a few weeks, than all those we have lost since September 11 in Afghanistan and in Iraq.

Between 5,000 and 6,000 Americans were killed on September 17, 1862 at Antietam. D-Day cost around 3,000 Allied dead, and another 6,000 were wounded. During the Battle of the Bulge, some 19,000 Americans died and another 60,000 were wounded, missing or captured. In the first few minutes of Pearl Harbor, about 2,400 Americans perished. So far, the 1,700 killed in action in Iraq equal about 60% of those lost in the attacks on the Pentagon and the World Trade Center.

Going 7,000 miles across the globe, toppling two fascist governments, and establishing democracies in their places, and doing so at a cost (albeit a painful one) of less than 2,000 soldiers is, by historical standards, an unprecedented military achievement. ❄



Disengagement After the Disengagement?



By Will King, www.newsinisrael.com

Will Sharon's plan actually bring disengagement from Gaza? As much as certain politicians and groups would like you to think that it will, all signs point to the opposite.

In place of the Jewish settlements, several terrorist groups such as Hamas and the PLO have stated their desire to open offices in the area, at the invitation of the Palestinian Authority. The terror campaign against Israel that is for now coordinated from Damascus, Tunis, and Iran will move shop to Gaza, only a Kassam's shot away. And what will the IDF do after disengagement when the Kassam rockets continue to fall on Sderot and other cities? Will the IDF do nothing because Israel is "disengaged" from Gaza?

Another major issue is that of border crossings and ports. Israel's own Supreme Court justices have said that if Israel retains control of all border crossings, access from sea, and airspace, then the "occupation" of Gaza is not terminated. However, imagine the weaponry, technology and terrorists that would pour into the area if border control were given over to the PA. As some legal experts see it, Israel will still be "occupying" the Gaza Strip even after all the Jewish settlers are forcibly removed. If this is the case, what does Israel gain from "disengagement" if the world still sees her as an occupying power?

In late June, the IDF conducted an operation to demolish several unoccupied houses along the Gaza seacoast near Shiryat Hayam that they feared could be used as shelters by extremist settlers during the disengagement. Although no Jews were forcibly expelled from their homes, the demolitions did produce the first case of refusal by a soldier during a military operation related to disengagement. The soldier in question, Avi Bieber, refused to carry out orders after he saw how the IDF and the police were allegedly beating and mistreating some of the settlers who came to protest the demolitions. What is even more amazing about his refusal is that it was not the result of calls from rabbis or

other religious leaders, but rather out of his love for the state and desire not to see harm come to Jews by the hand of other Jews.

Many reserve officers have previously signed letters stating that they would not participate in the disengagement, and several other regular soldiers have been disciplined for refusal to take part in disengagement related training. However, Avi Bieber's case is the first of a soldier refusing orders during an actual military operation in the areas to be evacuated, and could only be a prelude of more refusals to come.

The issue of disengagement has brought to the forefront of Israeli culture the question of God versus the secular Israeli Government, Eretz Israel versus the Green Line, and which is more important to follow. This dilemma is especially hard for religious soldiers who are caught between following the orders of their Army and the policies of the state as approved by the Knesset, and following what is written in Scriptures about preserving the Land of Israel.

The rift in Israeli society caused by the disengagement will not easily be healed, nor will the security of the state be enhanced. The terrorists will dance on the rubble of the Israeli settlements, and Israel will still be an occupier according to the world. Sharon's unilateral disengagement is just that, a clear one-sided victory for the terrorists with nothing in return for Israel. God's plan for Israel and His people has been laid out for thousands of years in the Scriptures, and we just have to trust that He indeed is in control. ■



An example of how the Israeli "settlers" are "damaging the land"

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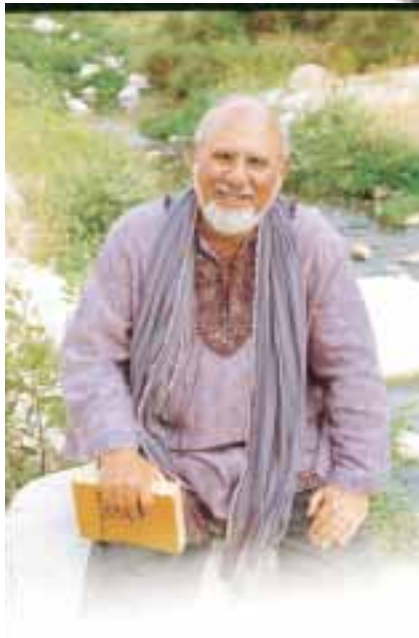
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