

LEVITT LETTER

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

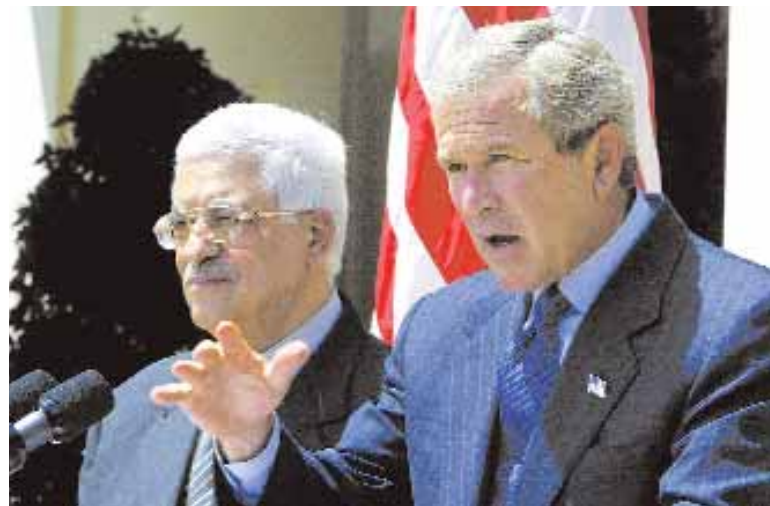
This writer is always reliable, spelling out the big picture of the present situation in Israel, and telling the simple truth: One side of the newest “Peace Process” does not want peace at all.—Zola



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Two-Tongued Hypocrisy

By Mortimer B. Zuckerman,
US News and World Report



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Is George Bush about to fall into the trap that ended Bill Clinton’s hopes of a permanent settlement in the Middle East? The trap is that men of goodwill presume there is at least an element of good faith and enlightened self-interest among all the parties—and that is not a prudent assumption with the Palestinian leadership.

When Bush first made Middle East peace an issue, he brought to it the same moral clarity that informs his response to terrorism, creating thereby a strategic and diplomatic clarity. He would, he declared, have no dealings with Yasser Arafat. He saw him clearly as a terrorist who sabotaged the best settlement offer the

Palestinians ever had. The president has stuck to his resolve about Arafat, but his administration is failing to demonstrate the same clarity of purpose with the new Palestinian prime minister, Mahmoud Abbas, known as Abu Mazen, who says he can deliver no more than a temporary cease-fire and not the arrest of the terrorists and the closure of their bomb factories.

The Bush administration is misreading the situation in treating Abu Mazen as if he were a victim of Arafat instead of Arafat’s longtime colleague and supporter. In the Palestinian community and in Arabic, he speaks of his total loyalty to Arafat, and in

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After their lies put the entire world on edge, the Palestinians now casually drop their story. It reminds us of the corpses that fall off their platforms during raging funerals and then get back up, irritated with their pallbearers. —Zola

Palestinians confirm no Jenin ‘massacre’

WorldNetDaily.com

Palestinians admit the battle for the Jenin refugee camp that was touted as a massacre of thousands of innocent civilians was actually a “military to military battle” between Israeli forces and Palestinian “armed terrorists,” in which most of the 52 casualties were fighters.

A study to be released next month by the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs, or JCPA, reveals Palestinian sources have confirmed the massacre

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America he speaks as a victim of Arafat who must be supported by Israeli concessions, some of which would put Israeli lives at risk. This two-tongued approach has been a baleful feature of Palestinian politics for decades, a hypocrisy that has deceived many moderates, as it is designed to do.

Abu Mazen's argument for inertia is that given time he will grow strong enough to arrest the killers and shut down their bomb factories. History is instructive here. In its 10 cease-fires since 1993, Hamas used the time to regroup and rearm after an exhausting confrontation with a more powerful foe, usually Israel, but on one occasion the Palestinian Authority. Hamas and Islamic Jihad have never accepted Israel. Hamas leader Abdul Aziz Rantissi recently said: "We reject the two-state solution proposed by Bush. There are no ifs and buts about our position.... There can be no compromise."

Taking him at his word, Israelis are right to believe that, left with their arms, the terrorists will sooner or later use them to kill innocent Israeli citizens and will use the temporary cease-fire to regroup, rearm, and reenlist new suicide bombers. An endorsement of this view comes in a sinister interpretation of Abu Mazen's behavior by no less than Arafat's henchman Saeb Erekat, a Palestinian legislator, who said Abu Mazen is aiming to get Hamas and Islamic Jihad to agree to wait until the Palestinian state is declared before attacking Israeli targets.

The sad reality is that Arafat remains the power—the *rais*—the undisputed ruler with the same *kaffiyeh* and olive uniform, while Abu Mazen is seen as a lightweight leader imposed from the outside. Arafat works publicly and behind the scenes to undermine Abu Mazen to prove that nothing can happen without Arafat. Arafat retains control, as noted here before, of most of the government

institutions, such as the Palestine Liberation Organization's Executive Committee and the Fatah Central Committee, five of the seven security organizations, including the Army and its commanders, and the fighters of Tanzim, Fatah, and the al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade, and most of the administrators in the region. As one Israeli analyst put it, when Abu Mazen's government was born, Arafat made sure "it would be castrated." No one should doubt that Arafat's means to his political ends include terrorism.

The Israelis have bent to American pressure and accepted the temporary cease-fire, but only as a prelude to a showdown between Abu Mazen and the terrorists. It is understandable that the Bush administration is willing to give Abu Mazen this chance, but it must be with eyes wide open. If the Bush administration lulls itself into accepting the current calm as the equivalent of confronting terrorism, it will reap the whirlwind of an even bloodier scene when the terrorists have recovered their strength.

President Bush has been viewed by many, including this writer, as the best friend Israel ever had in the White House. President Bush's June 24, 2002, Middle East speech, so widely praised as the basis for his policy, has been substantially reversed by the State Department in its "Road Map" for Mideast peace. A key part of Bush's speech was an unwavering demand for each side to acknowledge the sovereignty of the other. Israel has already accepted Palestinian statehood. But there has been no corresponding acceptance by the Palestinians of a Jewish state.

Where's the reciprocity? Until their right to exist is made clear, the Israelis have a right to be wary. Given the history of the Middle East, Mr. President, whom would you trust with your safety: the Palestinian Authority or an Israeli security fence?



Post-war Casualties

By Captain William King

If the Iraq war is over, then why are US soldiers still getting killed? Many people fail to understand that the conventional war was the easy part; it's the process of bringing stability to Iraq that will continue to be the most challenging task for coalition forces. There is obviously no other military in the world that is as well equipped, trained, and motivated as the US military, and few other nations could stand up to us in a conventional war; therefore the best alternative for America's enemies is to adopt guerilla tactics to overcome our military might.

The very nature of stability operations requires US soldiers to be actively involved with the civilian community in efforts to restore infrastructure and maintain the peace. This closeness requires a certain level of trust between soldier and civilian, and exposes US troops to foreign peoples and surroundings at a more intimate level than conventional warfare.

Much of America's technological and air superiority is negated during stability operations. Whereas in a conventional war many enemy combatants are killed before ever even seeing American troops, now our soldiers live and move about the Iraqi streets daily, providing ample opportunity for being attacked.

There are basically three types of groups that are conducting guerilla attacks against coalition troops: former Baath Party members and Saddam Hussein loyalists, Islamic militants, and criminals. Each of these groups may have different motivations, but all are targeting Americans.

The former Baath Party members and Saddam loyalists are all primarily Sunni Muslims who, because of the regime's downfall, have lost a great

deal of wealth, power, and prestige. These people seek to exact revenge on American troops and to repel the foreign invaders. Their goal is to kill enough Americans that US public outcry and world opinion will demand we leave Iraq, leaving the Saddam loyalists to reinstall themselves in control.



Islamic militants believe that if an Arab land is invaded by a foreign power, then all Muslims are to come to the aid of their Arab brothers to repel the invaders; they do not even have to ask permission of their families or employers; Islamic militants simply go to fight. America has accused Syria and Iran of allowing militants from many different countries to pass through their land to get to Iraq, with no other intent than to kill coalition troops and the Iraqis they are working with. Islamic militants see the opportunity to kill Americans, and they come in mass. It is likely they will continue to be a problem even after we finally do depart Iraq.

Finally, Saddam released many criminals (including those convicted of violent crimes) from Iraqi jails just before the start of the war. These offenders are mainly opportunists, hoping to loot and steal in the confusion that ensued with the war's end. Now coalition forces are restoring order and rebuilding Iraqi police

forces, both of which pose problems for the criminals. They know that if the Americans are forced to leave, then confusion will once again reign and they will be free to pursue their criminal activities.

Defeating the Iraqi Army was the easy part of the task facing US troops. Now, with our soldiers actively involved

and constantly exposed to groups with the common goal of killing Americans and British, we can expect the attacks to persist and the number of casualties to continue to rise.

And with the public outcry growing in America and Britain, and

world opinion beginning to migrate in the direction that many of these anti-American Iraqi groups have been hoping for, the question then becomes whether the coalition forces can achieve their goals of restoring stability and security to Iraq, and establishing a democratic government before being forced to leave. ■

Captain William King, our military consultant, will leave for Israel in September, where he will enroll at the Hebrew University in order to master the language. He will be vitally useful to us on the ground in the Holy Land and we wanted to call your attention to this. We have funds to support our TV crew and tour guides and assistants in Israel with our "Good News from a Far Country" fund. If you would like to take part in supporting Captain King, please make your check to the "Our Man in Jerusalem Fund." As always, we will remit one hundred percent of your donation to the designated recipient. — Zola

myth, reports *The Jerusalem Post*, which obtained a copy of the 35-page analysis.

According to the *Post*, researchers examined a wide variety of recent Palestinian newspapers, books and websites, and found that terror groups Fatah, Islamic Jihad and Hamas armed themselves with automatic weapons, grenades, anti-tank missiles and explosives in preparation for confrontation with IDF troops during Israel's eight-day offensive against terror in April 2002.

The study illustrates the three terror groups set up a joint military operations room, created a bomb-making facility in Jenin which produced over two tons of explosives and turned the refugee camp into a "reinforced fortress" where nearly 200 Palestinian terrorists gathered for battle.

"The study directly contradicts the baseless charges made by PA leaders including Saeb Erekat, that Israel had massacred 500 Palestinians in Jenin," former United Nations ambassador and JCPA director Dore Gold told the *Post*. "That blatant lie made its way from the screens of CNN to the UN Security Council."

WorldNetDaily reported in the aftermath of the incident that testimonies in Arab media from Palestinian commanders supported Israel's contention that its soldiers fought fierce battles at the Jenin refugee camp with gunmen who used booby traps and civilians, including children, to engage in "guerrilla warfare," according to translations by the Middle East Media Research Institute in Washington, D.C.

"The truth is that the fighting is being conducted from neighborhood to neighborhood, like guerrilla warfare," Sheikh Jamal Abu Al-Hija, the commander of the Hamas Izz Al-Din Al-Qassam Brigades in the Jenin refugee camp, told the Qatari television channel Al-Jazeera during the fighting.

"Believe me, there are children stationed in the houses with explosive belts at their sides," said Abu Jandal, commander of the terrorist group Islamic Jihad at the Jenin camp, in an interview during the battle with Al-Jazeera.

WorldNetDaily cited the Arabic-language daily *Al-Sharq Al-Awsat* as reporting that in Jenin a Palestinian woman named Ilham 'Ali Dasouqi had blown herself up among Israeli soldiers, killing two and wounding six. Also, the Egyptian government-sponsored *Al-Ahram Weekly* published an interview with "Omar," a young, one-armed Islamic Jihad bomb maker who told how the Palestinians booby-trapped Jenin and included women and children in the battles. *Al-Ahram* quoted Omar as saying. "We cut off lengths of main water pipes and packed them with explosives and nails. Then we

placed them about four meters apart throughout the houses — in cupboards, under sinks, in sofas."

The Post reports the JCPA study found similar testimony in recent publications that confirmed civilians were intentionally used as human shields and that both women and children were deployed by Fatah, Hamas and Islamic Jihad to divert IDF troops into ambushes and booby-trapped areas.

A UN fact-finding commission, which looked into the massacre claims last year, condemned Palestinian "militants" for operating inside civilian refugee camps. ■



Two Nations, One God

After several months in Israel, the American "Patriot" anti-missile batteries near Tel Aviv were dismantled. The Patriots were deployed as part of preparations for the war in Iraq, amid concerns that Saddam Hussein might fire missiles at Israel as he did during the Gulf War in 1991.

Some 700 US soldiers participated in the final roll call, which was attended by the commander of the US air defenses, General Stanley Green. The GIs promised to come to Israel as civilians on future vacations since they didn't have much time to see the country during their tour of duty.

Source: *Israel Today*

ZOLA'S BULLETIN BOARD

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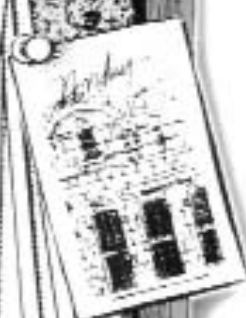
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Investor Alert – Web Site of the Month

As the article "Wall Street Prophets" on page 22 demonstrates, some stock brokerage firms routinely betray their clients' trust to maximize their own profits. At www.timharper.com, the author of *License to Steal* has posted the book's first chapter for free previewing. This is a stockbroker's rough and tough autobiography that reveals how risky it is to trust brokers that you don't personally know extremely well. This ministry's own experience has taught us to deal with no-commission companies like Vanguard and Fidelity. It is unfortunate for ethical financial consultants that their colleagues are allowed to run roughshod over an unsuspecting public.



Homicide, USA

Zola has frequently said how much safer he feels in Israel than at home. On July 30, *The Dallas Morning News* reported that Dallas has more violent crime per capita than any other American city! It already has had 137 homicides this year to date, far more than the nation of Israel, including terrorism casualties, even though Dallas has less than one-fourth of Israel's population.

"When visiting Chicago recently I learned an interesting fact," Zola noted. "That city and Israel have populations that are about the same, yet Chicago has approximately the same number of homicides each year as Israel has had in the three years of the Intifada."

You may wish to review our article entitled "FBI Data Confirms Dangers of US Cities" in our *Levitt Letter* of September, 2001, posted at www.levitt.com.

CITY	POPULATION	MURDERS
Jacksonville, FL	735,635	79
Columbus, OH	711,470	67
Jerusalem, Israel	672,488	2*
Austin, TX	656,562	33
Baltimore, MD	651,154	261
Memphis, TN	650,100	145
Milwaukee, WI	596,974	121
Washington, DC	572,059	212
Denver, CO	554,636	32
New Orleans, LA	484,674	202
Kansas City, MO	441,545	111
Atlanta, GA	416,474	134

*There were actually 5 murders in Jerusalem in the year 2000, but 3 were acts of terrorism. Obviously, larger American cities have still larger numbers of murders. These cities were chosen as having populations roughly comparable to Jerusalem.

Muhammad: "Kill Jews"

The killing of Jews is a mandatory religious obligation established by Islam's founder Muhammad, according to a Muslim academic who spoke on Palestinian Authority television.

"Muhammad said in his Hadith: "The Hour [Day of Resurrection] will not arrive until you fight the Jews, [until a Jew will hide behind a rock or tree] and the rock and the tree will say: 'Oh Muslim, servant of Allah, there is a Jew behind me, come and kill him!'" said Hassan Khader, founder of the *Al Quds Encyclopedia*.

Khader spoke during a lecture on what he describes as the war of the Jews against Palestinian "trees." Palestinian Media Watch, or PMW, an Israel-based group, monitored the program.

PMW director Itamar Marcus says Khader's statement was one of many instances in recent years of Palestinian religious leaders teaching publicly that this Hadith—part of Islamic traditions attributed to Muhammad—is a current obligation of Islam.

Marcus says these teachings challenge the common belief that the premise for negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians is over borders. "Palestinian religious and academic leaders publicly teach that the Israel-Palestinian conflict is part of Islam's irreconcilable religious war against the Jews," he says.

"To justify this view," he adds, "Palestinians repeatedly cite Islamic sources to demand as religious doctrine, that Jews be hated, even demanding the killing of Jews as the will of Allah."

Marcus says "the continued expression of this PA worldview is most ominous. For by depicting redemption as dependent on Muslims' murder of Jews, the murder of Jews is being presented as mandatory religious obligation."

Source: WorldNetDaily.com



Letters to Zola

Some letters have been edited for space.

Greetings:

I watched Jack Van Impe on the Praise the Lord program on TBN and he was talking about the Rapture and the End Time prophecy. He made mention of the covenants the Lord has made with His chosen people, the Jews, through time (i.e., Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, etc.). But when he got to the covenant with Israel, he said the "Palestinian covenant"! Please tell me this was a slip of the tongue. — D.



Dear TL:

I was unaware there was any difference other than I keep in mind the sensitivities of various networks when I make the TV programs. But

as to the political content, my ministry is to explain prophecy, and these days prophecy obviously involves politics. If you want to see some political content, check the Lord's discourse on the Mount of Olives (Matthew 24). It is all about the geo-politics of this world and I have simply followed suit. —Zola

Dear D:

Commentators who studied from older versions of the Bibles have picked up this term which was in use for the Land Covenant (Deuteronomy 28-30). It is probably an innocent reference but we should now drop this out-moded name since more than fifty years ago, the Jewish people changed the name of their country. After all, there are very few people referring to Texas as Mexico these days. —Zola

Dear Staff:

I make lots of on-line donations to Christian organizations without the hassle of PayPal or similar systems and would appreciate your finding another way to permit that. — CRE

Dear Zola and staff:

The recent "Note from Zola" was the best ever. Your candor is truly a breath of fresh air. Some of the comments prompted a re-reading of Genesis 49. How well many of us can relate to strong emotions.

Dear CRE:

Operations like PayPal (see www.PaypalWarning.com), are quite labor intensive because of the extra bookkeeping they necessitate. That is why we don't use PayPal. For the highest efficiency, our Monthly Gift Program has options to automatically charge your checking account or credit card. As a token of appreciation for the time and expense these arrangements save us, when you enroll, we let you select a book for us to send you free with my autograph. With only a month's notice, you are welcome to modify or cancel your support, no questions asked. Your automatic gifts are tax deductible and save you time as well as improve our efficiency (see page 27). — Zola

You write books, play musical instruments, compose music, teach, and preach on television and before large and small groups. You have led more than 70 groups to Israel. All to the glory of God. Wow. Now that is impressive. Can well imagine you in charge of ten cities [in the coming Kingdom]. Very large cities. — RES

Dear RES:

You have listed my spiritual gifts, but we should all realize that every Christian has spiritual gifts (as given in the New Testament, 1 Corinthians 12), and whether one is on television or simply sets up chairs to the glory of God is unimportant to our Lord. He says he regards the soldier at the rear of the army with the same love as He has for the commanding general. Our responsibility is for each of us to use the gifts we've been given to the fullest. — Zola

Brother Zola:

If the Most High has called you to minister the Gospel of the Messiah from an Israeli perspective, why then are your articles politically centered and not like your TV programs? — TL



Future ruler of a city in the coming Kingdom. Claudia, of Zola Levitt Ministries, is shown here hard at work scheduling Zola's speaking engagements.

I became familiar with Zondervan and its sale to unbelievers a few years ago on the issue of its anti-Israel textbook, *A Survey of the New Testament*, 3rd Edition, by Robert H. Gundry. At that time the editor of Zondervan threatened us for criticizing them and we printed his letter in our *Levitt Letter*, inviting our readers to contact him. I took it as just another proof of the axiom that unbelievers have three loves: cash, cash, and cash.

— Zola

Battle of Biblical Proportions

By Dale Buss, *The Wall Street Journal*

This summer, Zondervan is kicking off a huge celebration of the 30th anniversary of NIV (New International Version Bible) with an unprecedented six-figure marketing budget. [This version of the Bible] has swallowed up 45 percent of the US Bible market alone. More than that, NIV has managed to ensconce itself as the mainstay translation of the American evangelical Protestant community, which had been clinging to the 400-year-old King James Version.

But Zondervan couldn't leave well enough alone, apparently, deciding to make its own entry in the gender-corrected Bible sweepstakes that has been going on for at least a generation. It introduced the New Testament portion of *TNIV* early last year and plans to bring out the Old Testament in 2005.

In the *TNIV* New Testament, many masculine singular pronouns have become generic and plural. For example, here's how NIV renders Hebrews 12:7: "Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father?" But *TNIV* translates that passage this way: "Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their parents?" The new version, goes the critique, loses the crucial reference to God as Father.

Similarly, in Luke 17:3, translators changed "If your brother sins, rebuke him" to "If any brother or sister sins against you, rebuke the offender." The problem, critics say, is that "sister" isn't found in the original language, nor is "against you," nor is "offender." And on and on.

Zondervan executives say they are only trying to reach young readers accustomed to gender neutrality in everything else. What outsiders really can't understand is why Zondervan decided to make the gender-corrected version a brand extension of NIV. As pure marketing strategy, it's schizophrenic. And, given the outright banning of *TNIV* by many evangelical independent bookstores and some chains, sales are off to an impeded start. ■

Palestinian terrorism is counter-productive... A New Exodus?

Thousands of Americans are giving up relatively comfortable lives to move to Israel, lured by Zionism, idealism, a sense of belonging, and programs that entice young people with offers of study and tuition-free college education.

The exodus is nationwide, but in few places is it more pronounced than in South Florida, with its sizable Jewish population that has strong ties to Israel.

This year marks the second consecutive year that a record-breaking number of American Jews will resettle in Israel, according to officials in Israel and the United States.

The exodus, referred to in Hebrew as *Aliyah*, is subsidized in part by the Israeli government through the quasi-governmental Jewish Agency for Israel and a host of private organizations in the United States.

Source: Michael A. W. Ottey, *The Miami Herald*.



Dear Friends:

I'm writing to you from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where our summer speaking tour has taken us at the moment. The Cedar Rapids Bible Church was one of the most informed on prophecy I've ever addressed. They've held prophecy conferences at least once a year for the past three decades and always keep up with Israel and events going on around it. Their questions were very good. (They will be helpful in the Kingdom in educating Moody, Dallas, and Talbot seminary graduates to this same level.)

The main characteristic of our Midwest visits this summer has been a wonderful reception in the churches. We've had a cold shoulder from the colleges and universities almost without exception. Basically, when I get to a college, I'm just preaching to the choir; all the believers from area churches attend, along with some college people (but not many). And there's almost no resistance to my message — which is a shame, because where there are confrontations, then I know I'm talking to people that need to hear what I have to say.

I had intended to speak at colleges and universities in this area because of their anti-Israel views. I wanted to present the other side of the story. I must conclude, however, that our universities are not open to diverse views. They do not want to hear anything except what they now believe. They are almost the last people in the world who want to hear both sides of the story about Israel. (In the upcoming issue we'll list the colleges we've taken the time to contact and send a videotape of my entire talk for their reassurance — but which have either ignored our correspondence or just stalled around, eventually declining our offer to speak on their campuses.)

We spoke at Wooster College (a

A Note From Zola

Mennonite school in Ohio) where I tried out my Amish joke: "Did you hear about the man who married an Amish woman? In one week he drove her buggy." It got a few weak smiles.

The churches at which we've spoken are dynamite. In all, our ministry has had a wonderful reception and we are very heartened by that. We're driving our RV and it is performing well. I've become a kind of circuit preacher—with a very large circuit.

Attention continues to be focused on Iraq these days. While we don't want to claim a gift of prophecy with this, I do want to say that we warned as the war began that it was not going to be at all easy, nor did we think that the Iraqi people would be embracing our troops and showering them with flowers (though a few have). We must always remember that there is a bad element in all Muslim communities, as far as I have ever seen, that makes it very dangerous to try to help these societies.

When we want to make a regime change, we need to make a complete change rather than just chasing the dictator out of town and then placing our soldiers there to be shot in the back. What we've done is just not working very well, and is not as advertised by those advocating it. The war was worthwhile, but it can't come to a proper ending when each of our soldiers has one hand



is tied behind him. It is difficult for our troops who are being targeted and having a bad time; it doesn't seem right for soldiers to be the administrators of some new society. What is needed are people who fully understand the Muslim mentality and are prepared to do this sort of occupation and nation building.

But most of all we need to get on with "The War on Terrorism." Afghanistan and Iraq were merely side issues. We need to go to the heart of the problem: Saudi Arabia, Iran, Syria, and the Palestinian Authority. All those regimes must be changed if we are to stem the tide of terrorism. If we fail to do this, the world will keep taking casualties at the hands of terrorists.

The Palestinian Authority is one of the worst terrorist organizations in the world. We keep on mouthing that they are "militants" or some such thing. It is time to call a terrorist a terrorist and a murderer a murderer, and we

need to quit pretending that by calling a long-time terrorist "prime minister" we can solve the problem. All we get are nice photo ops where everyone shakes hands and pretends to understand each other. This is ridiculous. No one is fooled by it anymore, and it is almost embarrassing for the US government.

"We need to get on to the heart of the problem."

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Instead we need to take the Palestinian Authority apart. We need to simply chase them out of there. They don't control their terrorists; they only make agreements to permit them time to reload. There will be further onslaughts if we fail to get serious. After Sept. 11th, it's not enough to simply start a War on Terrorism. We also must finish it.

These peace processes that come along do temporarily mitigate the unrest in Israel, and this one will probably continue through our next tour. We've never canceled a tour and we've certainly returned all deposits from people who couldn't go. Obviously if the situation didn't warrant a safe trip, we would not undertake it.

That said, be sure to sign up early for our fall Holy Land tour. Sign up soon for this trip because I have a feeling we're going to get back to our normal, larger numbers, and possibly tours that occur more often. Even with our smaller tour last time, we had some pilgrims who barely made it. Airlines have cut back on available flights, so you should not delay in signing up if you wish to go with us. Thanks.

Our **Deluxe Tour of Israel** will depart on November 2nd and will return on the 12th. Our **Grand Petra Tour**, visiting both Israel and Petra, will depart on the 2nd and return on the 16th. The **Grand Athens Tour**, cruising the Greek Isles and touring Israel, extends from October 29th through November 12th. Finally, our **Ultra-Grand Tour**, with everything — the Greek Isles, Israel and Petra — will begin on October 29th and end on November 16th. For more information or confirmation of tour dates, check with Tony at (214) 696-9760 during business hours. You can also call 1-800-WONDERS (1-800-966-3377) anytime for a brochure on this or any of our other tours.

Also remember our Israel Solidarity/ Feast of Trumpets celebration, which

will happen smack on the day of the Feast of Trumpets this year. If the Lord tarries, we'll meet you in Dallas and you can hear settlers from Anatot, the settlement in Israel that our ministry supports. This will take place at the Biblical Arts Center on September 27th. Contact Tony at (214) 696-9760 for more information. Please try to register by September 23.

The Lord often does more in minutes than we can in months. During our speaking tour, I walked into a buffet for lunch and sat down. At a table next to me was a red-headed man who took a look at me and said, "You're Zola Levitt." We talked and I learned he was the pastor of a church. He was amazed to learn that I was speaking in the area and asked if I had time to come to his church.

The only date we had open was that Friday. We discussed it and, with one day's notice, he made a bunch of calls to area churches so we would have an audience when I went to his church to speak about "Whose Land Is It?"

So while we have driven past thousands of dead churches, the live ones are so on fire that they will have a service on a day's notice. This is how the Lord does things. We were at the same restaurant, at the same time,

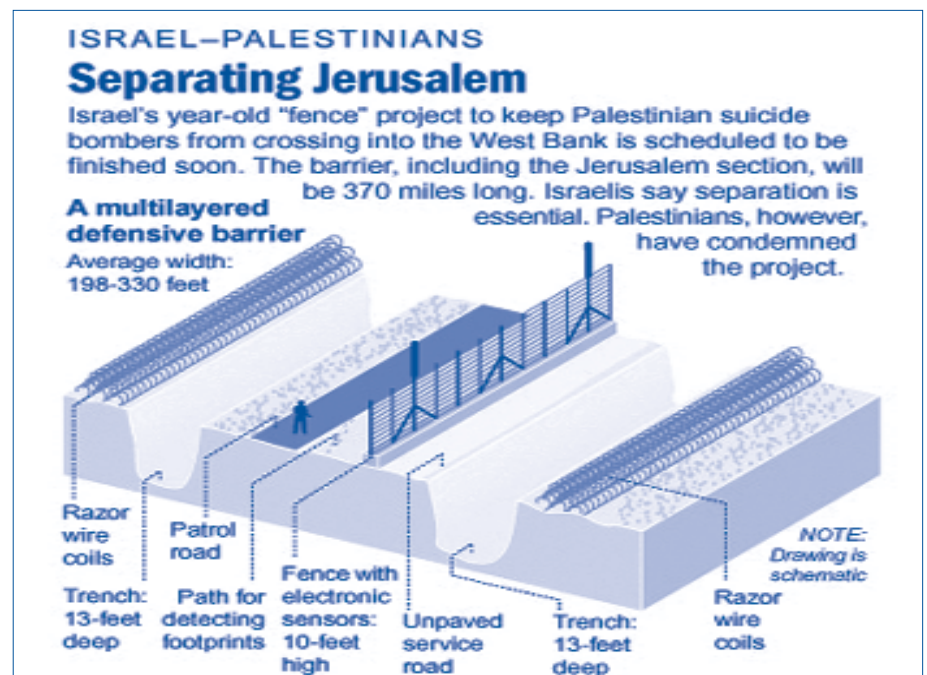
and our tables were right together.

While much is made of the fence Israel has erected between its land and that occupied by the Palestinians, no mention is made of the similar fence that runs the entire borders with Jordan, Syria, and Lebanon, stretching hundreds of miles, which has been in place since 1967. It has been very effective and incidents of terrorists coming in from Jordan are very rare. The new fence is nearly identical to this older one. Yet no one is saying that this fence, which has been there for 36 years, presents any problem to achieving peace in the area. After all, farmers the world over fence their pastures to keep out predator animals. (According to the Roadmap they should realize that the feelings of the coyotes and wolves have been hurt and the farmers should negotiate with them.)

Nor does anyone suggest that the fencing the US has erected along our southern border with Mexico is wrong. Again we are doing what we are telling Israel it should not do.

As always, please pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

Your messenger,

Washington: "Do As I Say"

By Daniel Pipes, JewishWorldReview.com

The US government has a habit of seeing the same military moves very differently, depending on whether Israeli or American forces carry them out. This inconsistency results from a misunderstanding of the nature of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

For example, "targeted killings" (executing would-be terrorists before they have a chance to organize or act) are "unhelpful" when done by Israeli troops but "very good" when done by Americans.

Thus, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher condemned Israel's September 2002 attack on Mohamed Deif: "We are against targeted killings. We are against the use of heavy weaponry in urban areas, even when it comes to people like Mohamed Deif."

A few weeks after this incident, however, US forces deployed an unmanned plane to drop a bomb on an Al-Qaeda operative, Ali Qaed Senyan al-Harhi, as he traveled by car in Yemen. A Pentagon official praised this as "a very successful tactical operation" to "keep the pressure on" Al-Qaeda. No talk here about bringing Harhi to justice.

When asked about the apparent contradiction, Boucher insisted that US policy on Israeli targeted killings "has not changed," adding for good measure that justifications for the US action in Yemen "do not necessarily apply in other circumstances."

Commenting on this particular performance, Max Boot wrote in *The Weekly Standard* that "whatever Richard Boucher is paid, it's not enough. His ability to advocate a nonsensical State Department line, with a straight face, time and again, is a credit to the diplomatic profession."

Others in Washington should probably get a raise too:

Civilian casualties: An Israeli F-16 dropped a one-ton bomb in July 2002 on the residence of Salah Shehadeh, the military chief of Hamas in the Gaza Strip whom the Israelis accuse of being "directly responsible for initiating and directing dozens of attacks," killing him and fourteen others. The State Department response was severe, calling it a "heavy-handed action" that "does not contribute to peace." But when an American B-1B bomber dropped four two-ton bombs on a Baghdad restaurant in April, hoping that Saddam Hussein might be there (he seems not to have been), the fourteen innocent lives lost prompted no State Department admonishment.

Self-defense: American forces now face an intifada in

Iraq that resembles what their Israeli counterparts deal with in the Palestinian areas. Washington policymakers permit themselves the same self-protective steps (such as shooting in self-defense at rock-throwing protestors) that they condemn on Israel's part.

Diplomacy: American officials dun Israel to negotiate with the Palestinian Authority and make concessions to it. But they themselves ceased all negotiations with the Taliban and Saddam Hussein once the fighting began.

"Do as I say, not as I do," sums up the US position.

Then there is the invisible assumption that Israel is engaged in a peace process while the United States is fighting a war. Richard Boucher hinted at this as he flailed about condemning Israeli targeted killings: "We all understand that the situation with regard to Israeli-Palestinian issues and the prospects of peace and the prospects of negotiation and the prospects of the need to create an atmosphere for progress."

Translation: Israel has already won its war vis-à-vis the Palestinians by getting them to accept its existence, so a diplomatic solution is on track and Jerusalem must not spoil this prospect.

Unfortunately, the past decade has shown Boucher's analysis to be faulty: the Palestinians have not accepted Israel's existence, as shown by evidence ranging from children's television shows to mosque sermons. Boucher's "prospects of peace" will remain distant until Palestinians undergo a change of heart — and that's best achieved by condoning Israeli self-protection. ■



This isn't the first time the AP has changed the meaning of words. Israel is now known officially as the "Middle East." This is like calling an American state "The US" or even "North America". This is apparently to prepare for a name change of the Holy Land to "Palestine" in the future, avoiding the emotionally charged term "Israel." It's as if the entire non-Biblical world has a silent agreement to avoid God's terminology. — Zola

The Curious World of AP

By Chana Shavelson, Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America (www.camera.org)

The Associated Press (AP) has adopted the word "militia" to refer to Palestinian terrorist groups such as Hamas, Islamic Jihad and the Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades. Not only are Hamas and Islamic Jihad on both the US and UN list of international terrorist organizations, but all three share a platform of targeting and killing civilians.

This is not the function of a "militia," which the *American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language* defines as "an army composed of ordinary citizens... subject to call for service in an emergency." Hamas does not detonate bombs on crowded buses as "service in an emergency" but in the service of terrorizing a civilian population.

The AP has generally misapplied "militia" in recent months to refer to the three Palestinian terrorist groups that have signed a cease-fire, and to a step in the first phase of the Road Map calling for the dismantling of Palestinian terrorist groups, calling the groups "militias." (There is ample discussion of "violence and terrorism" in the Road Map, but no mention of "militias.") Most seriously, the AP has paraphrased Israeli and US officials using the term though the actual quotations by these officials contain the words "terror" and "terrorists," and not "militias." Examples of "militia" to refer to terrorist groups:

"An agreement by Palestinian militias to suspend their armed uprising could be a major breakthrough for a US-backed peace plan that envisions Palestinian statehood by 2005." (AP, June 24)

"Hamas, Islamic Jihad and a militia linked to Fatah have carried out scores of bombing and shooting attacks against Israelis, killing hundreds of people on buses and public places." (AP, June 27)

Examples of "militia" to refer to the Road Map's requirement that Palestinian terrorist groups be dismantled:

"The 'Road Map' also requires Palestinian security forces to dismantle militias, but Palestinian leaders have said they will not crack down on the groups." (AP, June 27)

"In the first stage of the Road Map, Israel must gradually withdraw to positions held before the outbreak of fighting, while Palestinians are required to dismantle the militias that have killed hundreds of Israelis in shootings and bombings." (AP, June 16)

AP paraphrases of Israeli and US officials that use "militia," and the quotes to which they refer containing the words "terror" and "terrorists":

"Hamas and Islamic Jihad leaders in the Gaza Strip have insisted the deal is not final, while Israel and the United States are skeptical about its value, saying Palestinian security forces must quickly disarm the militias..." (AP, June 26)

The June 20th report did a better job of paraphrasing, actually using the word "terror," but it is still marred by its inappropriate use of "militia":

"Powell spoke Friday at a joint news conference with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, who said no progress can be made on a US-backed peace plan until Palestinian security forces fight the militias. 'The enemy of peace has been Hamas,' Powell said, adding that as long as the group remains committed to terror and violence, 'this is a problem we have to deal with in its entirety.'" (AP, June 20)

Write to the Associated Press (AP): info@ap.org 212-621-1500 (Ask for the International Desk or the President of AP) 50 Rockefeller Plaza, 8th Floor NY, NY 10020. Please protest their adoption of the term "militias" to refer to internationally recognized Palestinian terrorist groups.



Some years ago I swore I would never talk to the writing press again. With radio or television, they have to broadcast what you say or go to considerable expense to distort it. But interviews I've had with writers proved over and over again that they could put words in my mouth, misreport what I said, and even come up with the opposite of what I testified. The supreme example was the Indiana University *Daily Student* which actually imputed a four-letter word to me. When I cited the fact that the West Bank belonged to the Jews because of their military conquest of it in 1967—not to mention their Biblical land grant, the history of the place, or the archaeology in the ground—I was reported to have said, "F... you, we've got the guns!" I have had like experiences with *The New York Times*, *The Boston Globe*, *The Dallas Morning News*, and at least one Israeli publication, among others.

It was a very pleasant surprise, therefore, to see the article below run at the top of the religion page in the Toledo, Ohio *Blade*. It quoted me exactly, even down to some homespun colloquialisms. I offer it as one report of how the speaking tour is going this summer in the Midwest.

This may be the first time in 30 years that I've talked to the writing press and they've actually quoted me accurately. — Zola

Biblical View of Mideast Peace Talks

By David Yonke, *The Blade*

There are at least two sides to every story, but many Americans never get a biblical view of the ongoing Middle East peace talks, according to Zola Levitt.

Mr. Levitt, a plain-speaking Messianic Jew who is an accomplished author, musician, and host of a weekly TV program broadcast worldwide, is traveling throughout the Midwest, including two stops in northwest Ohio, to offer his views on what the Bible has to say about territorial disputes between Israel and Palestinians.

"This one, to me, is open and shut," Mr. Levitt said in a recent interview. "It's Jewish land. It was given to the Jews by God. Historically, they've been there for centuries. The archaeological proof is in the ground. They have fought and died and won wars there. And yet everyone says it's Palestinian land. It's totally ridiculous."

Mr. Levitt, whose *Zola Levitt Presents* is seen locally, said that while his opinion may not seem "politically correct" to some listeners, it's a view that Americans need to be aware of. He felt so strongly about it that he offered to speak for free at Midwestern colleges, but found that few university officials were interested.

"They saw our videos and materials in advance, but most of them didn't call back. They don't really want to hear that side of the question," he said. "They've already decided that it's Palestinian land. I thought, being universities and places of higher learning, that they would be open to diverse views."

Mr. Levitt ended up booking engagements at many churches and smaller Christian colleges, but also was invited to speak at two major state universities, the University of Illinois and the University of Wisconsin [in the end these last two did not pan out].

Mr. Levitt, 64, was born a Jew and educated in the synagogue before experiencing a "religious conversion" in 1971 at age 32 and accepting Jesus Christ as his personal savior. He said Messianic Judaism was a perfect match for him.

"The fact is Messianic Jews are Christians, but they want to stress their Judaism because they don't want to reject their heritage," he said. "Jesus Christ was a Jew. The Apostles were Jews. We're rather proud of that. We don't simply want to amalgamate that into the gentile church; we want to be known as the Jews who have come to the Messiah."

A classically trained oboist, he earned degrees from Duquesne and Indiana Universities before working as an arts and music editor for an Indiana newspaper. "I looked forward to a long career in journalism, and then when I had my religious conversion, I started writing books," Mr. Levitt said.

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Dry Bones



He has since published 53 books, and continues to write and perform music. He has composed more than 200 songs and released 20 compact discs.

“Oh, music is my first love,” he said. “I was on my way to my doctorate at Indiana University, but I didn’t finish my final exams because of my religious conversion. I began to see that there was a greater need out there than for musicians. I’m not any great shakes, but I’ve played professionally with the New Orleans Symphony and with Glen Campbell. I played my first professional oboe job in Hamilton, Ohio, in 1957 or ‘58, in the musical *Girl Crazy*.”

He often lectures on Bible prophecy and said the prophets “would be astonished to see what’s happened.” The United States and its allies have “inadvertently provoked” such nations as Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, Libya, and the Islamic republics of the former Soviet Union, which the prophet Ezekiel predicted would ultimately invade Israel.

“What we’ve done in Iraq and Afghanistan is sort of like

wounding a bobcat. We’ve wounded them, and now they’re dangerous,” Mr. Levitt said. “We say we’re going to be good to them but when you try to help people who have been abused, they sort of resent it. We’re trying to supply bullets and cereal to the same people, trying to change their views about important things and be their friends at the same time. We have to put our foot down. We have to be strong.”

He said current events are developing in a way that proves the prophets’ accuracy. “If they had been guessing, they would have said Armageddon will be a battle between North America and South America or something,” he said. “But they always predicted it would involve an attack on Israel.”

How soon does he think that final battle might take place? “Don’t buy any green bananas,” Mr. Levitt said. “I heard a preacher say that once and I loved it. Armageddon seems right close.”



Hebrew Lesson



Living Water

By John J. Parsons

Hebraic Insight

On a physical level, water is necessary for life, and in the ancient Middle East, a spring of water (maiym chaiyim) provided a source of life and vigor to the people. Places that had water were highly valued and sought after. Entire cities were often settled on account of the presence of a steady water supply. Water was often carried off to be stored in receptacles or “cisterns” for use in everyday life.

On a spiritual level, water represents that which nourishes our hearts. In Jeremiah 2:13 it is written, “For my people have committed

two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.” How often have we sought for “water” from sources other than God? How often have we “hewed out our own cisterns,” only to find them to be broken, leaking, and ultimately unsatisfying? How often do we find ourselves thirsting for that which will truly nourish our hearts?

Jesus spoke of “living water” that He would give to those who ask Him. This water, He said, would truly satisfy the thirsty heart and provide everlasting nourishment for life (John 4:14). He explained that this living water would spring forth inside the heart as a result of trusting in Him (John 7:38). — And today Jesus says, “To all who are thirsty I will give the springs of the water of life freely” (see Rev. 21:6 and Is. 55:1).

Jesus satisfies the craving of the heart for life by graciously imparting His spirit to us. This nourishment enables us to be free from the deceptive snare that entices us to place hope in things that do not really give us life. May you ask Jesus for His living water today.

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The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.
(Proverbs 14:27 KJV).

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We should pause and realize that the minor unrest in Israel does not begin to approach the Muslim vs. Muslim violence going on around the world. We get almost no news out of these dictatorships except for an occasional event of over a hundred casualties which can't be suppressed. —Zola

Attack on Shiite Rites

Suspected Islamic militants, including a suicide bomber, attacked a mosque killing 48 Shiite Muslim worshipers and wounding 69 others as they gathered for Friday Prayers in the southwestern city of Qetta, officials said.

Three attackers died, Pakistani officials said. The mass killing, the first sectarian strike here to use a suicide bomber, appeared to be an effort to ignite a cycle of violence between Sunnis and Shiites and destabilize the country, the officials said. They said it was too early to pinpoint which group was responsible.

Source: David Rohde, *The New York Times*

Arafat Aide Drives Stolen Car (And We Provide the Road Map)

Israeli soldiers at a checkpoint discovered that Yasser Arafat's chief of financial aid, Fuad Mahmud Hamade, was driving a stolen Israeli car. Hamade said that he pro-

vided himself with a replacement after the Israeli military destroyed his car in Ramallah. Eight hundred stolen Israeli cars have been found in the Palestinian territories, many of them driven by government employees.

Source: *Israel Today*

The occupation of the US goes on. When I spoke in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, twenty miles from the proposed campsite in the story below, I learned that the entire local evangelical church was one hundred percent against the idea. — Zola

Religion of Peace Hits Iowa

A proposal to build a camp for young Muslims on federal land in Iowa is causing some controversy in the neighborhood. The site in North Liberty, Iowa, used to be a Girl Scout camp—but now the Muslim Youth Camps of America has other plans. "What we want to develop is a youth camp that is a positive environment for Muslim youth and those of other faiths to belong to," said MYCA Director Jalel Aosse. The camp is to be built on federal land and controlled by the US Army Corps of Engineers.

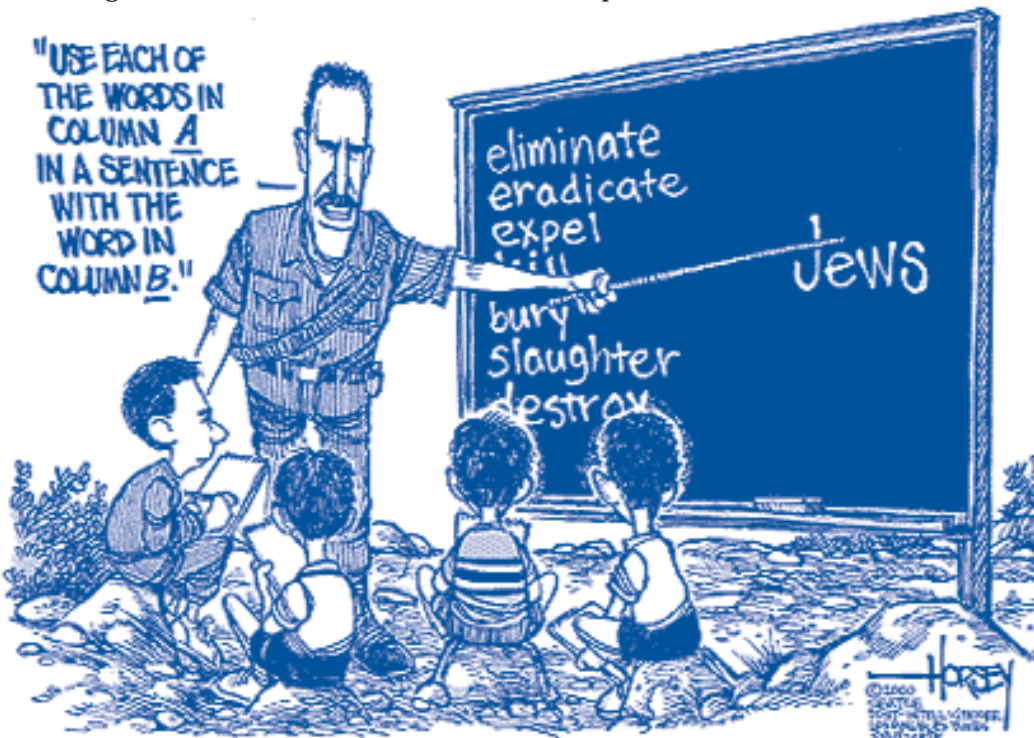
Andrew Matthews, who lives across the street from the site, said he and his neighbors are collecting money for a lawyer and are ready to sue because they were originally told the camp would be small, like its predecessor. "It turns out that it's a 17,500 square-foot convention center that's going to be used nine months out of the year as a

private hotel center," said Matthews.

Others are worried because the camp is for young Muslims. "There is a widely held misconception that the Islamic religion is a peaceful, loving religion," said Greg Evans of the Concerned Citizens of Johnson City, Iowa. "It's really not."

This would be the first Muslim summer camp under MYCA that would use government land, according to Aosse, but there are a number of other Muslim camps around the country.

Source: Fox News



- A PALESTINIAN EDUCATION -

Cursing Israel, Part 101,000,000

An Oxford University professor has provoked outrage by rejecting an application from an Israeli PhD student purely because of his nationality.

Andrew Wilkie, the Nuffield professor of pathology and a fellow of Pembroke College, is under investigation after telling Amit Duvshani, a student at Tel Aviv university, that he and many other British academics were not prepared to take on Israelis because of the “gross human rights abuses” he claims that they inflict on Palestinians.

A series of attempts have been made to isolate Israeli scholars in protest of their country’s operations in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. In Britain, calls for an academic boycott have been led by Steven Rose, an Open University professor. Last year the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology was forced to hold an inquiry after *The Sunday Telegraph* revealed that Mona Baker, a professor, had sacked two Israeli academics from the editorial boards of two journals because of their nationality. ■

Source: Julie Henry, *UK Telegraph*

Confronting Terrorists

By Gary L. Bauer, *American Values*

The best part of the recent meeting and press conference between President Bush and Prime Minister Sharon was when the President repeated this key demand, “The Palestinian Authority must undertake sustained, targeted and effective operations to confront those engaged in terror and to dismantle terrorist capabilities and infrastructure.”

Sadly, that demand is exactly what the Palestinian leadership refuses to do. That is why Israel insists on continuing the security fence. That is why Israeli intelligence believes a massive new terror campaign is being planned right now during the 90-day, so-called “cease fire.” That’s why all pressure on Israel to make more concessions should end. ■

The Heavy Cross

After slaughtering a Muslim-turned-Christian, Islamic extremists have reportedly returned the man’s body to his Palestinian family in four pieces. According to a report

from the Barnabas Fund, the newly converted man left his friends and family earlier this month bound for a mountainous region of the Palestinian Authority area. He reportedly took Christian material with him — videos, cassette tapes and a Bible. After approximately 10 days, the body of the man, who left behind a wife and two small children, was returned to his home, having been cut into four pieces.

According to the Barnabas Fund, local Christians working to support converts from Islam report that Islamic militants in the Palestinian Authority area deliberately target converts. The terror group Hamas reportedly receives funding from Iran specifically for this purpose.

Source: WorldNetDaily.com

In a world where Jews are virtually “hated of all nations,” this Muslim official finds just the opposite. — Zola

“Masters At Manipulating”

Dr. Abdul Wahid al-Humaid wrote an article that appeared in three Saudi dailies. One section referred to the Jews and reflects the growing anti-Semitism in the Arab world. This is especially significant considering that al-Humaid is an influential public official in the Saudi Ministry of Interior.

“The Jews... have succeeded in winning world sympathy by playing on the Holocaust and Nazi atrocities,” al-Humaid wrote. “The result has been a world that gradually shifted from disliking Jews to sympathizing with them. The Jews are masters at manipulating the media, money, world organizations and pressure groups.” ■

Source: *Israel Today*

In Israel, over one million Arab citizens vote and are represented in Parliament. But Palestinians object to them entering their cities. Thus, stories like the following. —Zola

Roadside Romance

Because Israeli citizens are not allowed to enter Palestinian cities, East Jerusalem Arab lawyer Shukri Odeh and his future bride, Maha Ibrahim, from Nablus, celebrated their engagement at an Israeli checkpoint. They grabbed the first iman (Arab religious leader) they spotted, along with some relatives, and signed the engagement contract on the hood of a car.

Source: *Israel Today*

In the 1980s, a church in Dallas was smashed by a tornado, leaving nothing standing but the podium — the very podium I had spoken from the previous Sunday. When I received another call from a Dallas pastor asking me to speak, I warned him to take a good look at the church I had just served. — Zola

Sign from God?

Damage to a church in Forest, Ohio is estimated at twenty thousand dollars — after a preacher asked God for a sign. A member of the First Baptist Church says a guest evangelist was preaching repentance and seeking a sign from God when lightning struck the steeple. Ronnie Cheney called the incident “awesome, just awesome!” Cheney said the lightning traveled through the microphone, blew out the sound system and enveloped the preacher, who wasn’t hurt. Afterward, services resumed for about 20 minutes — until the congregation realized the church was on fire and the building was evacuated. ■

Source: Associated Press

A Cheesy PC Thought from Wisconsin

On July 22, *The Wisconsin State Journal* ran the following thought-provoking statement, “Civil-rights advocates said they confirm that the government widely discriminates against Arabs and Muslims in its war on terrorism.” ■

Mob Rule

By Eric Silver, *The Independent*

A mob of about 100 Palestinian refugees stormed the office of a Ramallah polling organization to stop it from publishing a survey showing that five times as many refugees would prefer to settle permanently in a Palestinian state than return to their old homes in what is now Israel.

The protesters pelted Khalil Shikaki, the director of the Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research, with eggs, smashed computers and assaulted the nine staff members on duty. A female worker was treated in hospital for her injuries. “This is a message for everyone not to tamper with our rights,” one of the rioters said.

Dr Shikaki, a leading West Bank political scientist, was undeterred. “These people,” he said, “had no idea what the results were. They were sold disinformation.”

The poll, conducted among 4,500 refugees in the West Bank, Gaza Strip, Lebanon, and Jordan, was the first to ask where they would want to live if Israel recognized a right of return. Only 10 per cent of the refugees chose Israel, even if they were allowed to live there with Palestinian citizenship; 54 per cent opted for the Palestinian state; 17 per cent for Jordan or Lebanon, and 2 per cent for other countries. Another 13 per cent rejected all these options, preferring to sit it out and wait for Israel to disappear, while 2 per cent didn’t know. ■

Somebody’s tax dollars at work. —Zola

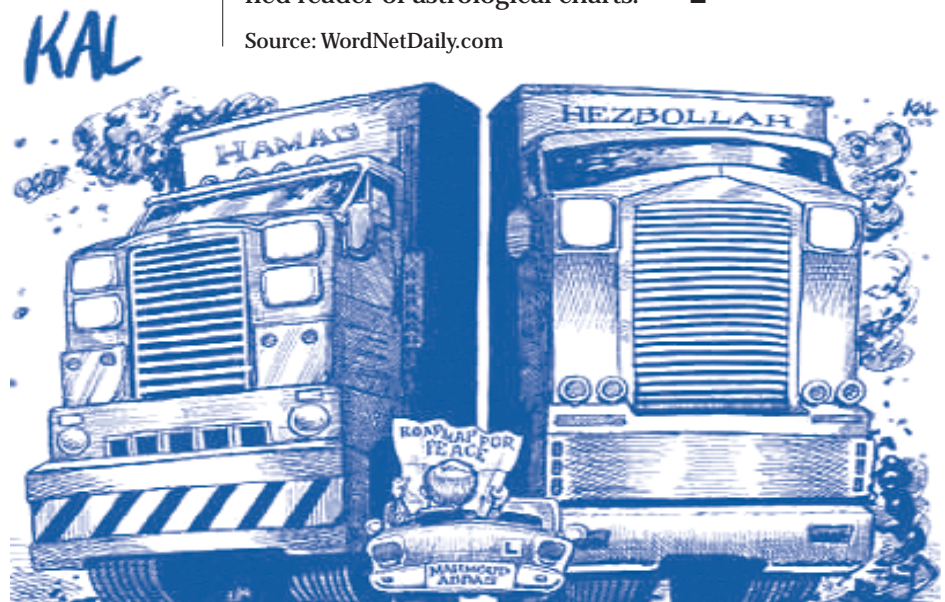
Out of the Closet?

A doctoral candidate in Australia was paid \$51,000 in public funds to research Jesus’ sexuality, declaring unequivocally that the founder of Christianity was homosexual. According to a report in the *Adelaide Advertiser*, Rollan McCleary, who himself is homosexual, earned \$17,000 a year for three years to work on his thesis on homosexual spirituality. The grant came from the University of Queensland.

McCleary will be awarded his doctorate tomorrow and in the future hopes to make “gay spirituality” a separate academic discipline. Besides determining the sexual orientation of Jesus, McCleary’s research claims three or four of Christ’s disciples also were homosexual.

“You don’t have to be gay to be Christian, but it would be easier,” he told the paper. McCleary says he is an Anglican and is described by the *Advertiser* as a “qualified reader of astrological charts.” ■

Source: WordNetDaily.com



“The First Palestinian Revolutionary”

At a Christian conference in Bethlehem, local Arab clergy called for expunging adherents to “Zionist Christianity” from the faith and continued the “Palestinianization” of Jesus.

According to a translation by Palestinian Media Watch, the Arabic daily *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* reported that the 3-day Palestinian conference held in Bethlehem attacked American Christian Zionists as not being “connected to Christianity,” called for them to be repudiated, and linked the return of a young Jesus from Egypt to Israel to the aspirations of Palestinian refugees to return to their homes in Israel.

The report claimed speakers emphasized that “Zionist Christianity is not connected to Christianity in any way.” Lutheran Archbishop of Jerusalem Munib Yunan, Dr. Manuel Chassasian, and Father Marun Laham agreed unanimously in their addresses that “those involved with Zionist Christianity should be expunged.” The speakers stated that they [Christian Zionists] are opposed to the “Road Map” to Palestinian statehood and are opposed to Palestinian rights.

Conference President Dr. Jarris Khouri’s lecture drew a link between the return of Jesus as a boy from Egypt to “Palestine,” and the return of Palestinian refugees as part of their search for justice, freedom and peace. Khouri stressed that without this there will not be a just peace in the region.

Some Arab clergy in the Holy Land have often criticized Christians who support Israel on Biblical grounds, claiming they are not true Christians. They have also repeatedly presented Jesus as a “Palestinian” figure, prompting even PLO chief Yasser Arafat to call him the “first Palestinian revolutionary.” ■

Source: *TruthNews*, International Christian Embassy Jerusalem

Low-Cost Annuities

Financial advisor and syndicated newspaper columnist, Scott Burns, traditionally has objected to annuities because of their high commissions and expenses. This May, however, he recommended Web Annuities at www.immediateannuity.com or (800) 872-6684 as a way to cut out the middleman. A 65-year-old lady in Florida, for example, can invest \$50,000 and receive \$354 per

month for 15 years and possibly get a tax deduction by bequeathing the remaining value to a ministry. For help with other options, please write to Mark’s attention at our P.O. Box. ■

Vietnam and Iraq

By Jack Kelly, *The Washington Times*

It’s amazing how many people who’ve never been to either place say Iraq is “another Vietnam.” There are a few differences worth noting.

To begin with, at no point in the Vietnam war did the US utterly destroy the North Vietnamese Army; occupy North Vietnam; send Ho Chi Minh into hiding, and kill or capture most of his Politburo. Had we done so, the war might have had a different outcome.

The North Vietnamese and their Viet Cong allies were bright, skilled, resourceful, well-led, and very brave. In Iraq, we’re fighting Arabs. ■



Are the Settlements Legal?

By Eugene W. Rostow,
Women For Israel's Tomorrow/*The New Republic*

With varying degrees of seriousness, all American administrations since 1967 have objected to Israeli settlements in the West Bank (Judea and Samaria) on the ground that it would make it more difficult to persuade the Arabs to make peace.

UN Security Council Resolution 242, adopted after the Six-Day War in 1967, set out criteria for peace-making by the parties (to the conflict); Resolution 338, passed after the Yom Kippur War in 1973, makes resolution 242 legally binding and orders the parties to carry out its terms forthwith. Since 1967 Arab states have pretended that the two resolutions are “ambiguous” and can be interpreted to suit their desires. And some Europeans (Russian) and even American officials have cynically allowed Arab spokesmen to delude themselves and their people, to say nothing of Western public opinion, about what the resolutions mean. It is common even for American journalists to write that Resolution 242 is “deliberately ambiguous,” as if the parties are equally free to rely on their own reading of its key provisions.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Resolution 242, which, as Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs between 1966 and 1969, I helped produce, calls on the parties to make peace and allows Israel to administer the territories it occupied in 1967 until “a just and lasting peace in the Middle East” is achieved. When such a peace is made, Israel is required to withdraw its armed forces “from territories” it occupied during the Six-Day War, not from “the” territories, nor from “all” the territories, but some of the territories, which included the Sinai Desert, the West Bank, the Golan Heights, East Jerusalem, and the Gaza Strip.

Five-and-a-half months of vehement public diplomacy made it perfectly clear what the missing definite article in Resolution 242 means. Ingeniously drafted resolutions calling for withdrawals from “all” the territories were defeated in the Security Council and the General Assembly. Speaker after speaker made it explicit that Israel was not to be forced back to the “fragile” and “vulnerable” Armistice Demarcation Lines, but should retire once peace was made to what Resolution 242 called “secure and recognized” boundaries agreed to by the parties. In negotiating such agreement,

the parties should take into account, among other factors, security considerations, access to the international waterways of the region, and, of course, their respective legal claims.

The heated question of Israeli settlements in the West Bank during the occupation period should be viewed in this perspective. The British Mandate recognized the right of the Jewish People to “close settlement” in the whole of the Mandated territory. It was provided that local conditions might require Great Britain to “postpone” or “withhold” Jewish settlement in what is now Jordan. This was done in 1922. But the Jewish right of settlement in Palestine, west of the Jordan River (that is in Israel, the West Bank, Jerusalem, and the Gaza Strip), was made unassailable. That right has never been terminated, and cannot be terminated except by a recognized peace between Israel and its neighbors. And perhaps not even then, in view of Article 80 of the UN Charter, “the Palestine Article,” which provides that nothing in the Charter “shall be construed... to alter in any manner the rights whatsoever of any states or any peoples or the terms of existing international instruments...”

Some governments have taken the view that under the Geneva Convention of 1949, which deals with the rights of civilians under military occupation, Jewish settlements in the West Bank are illegal, on the ground that the Convention prohibits an occupying power from flooding the occupied territory with its own citizens. President Carter supported this view, but President Reagan reversed him, specifically saying that the settlements are legal but that further settlements should be deferred since they pose an obstacle to the peace process.

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Shalom Aleichem (“Peace be unto you”): An Israeli soldier and a Palestinian child at a border crossing in the Gaza Strip

This reading of Resolution 242 has always been the keystone of American policy. In launching a major peace initiative on September 1, 1982, President Reagan said, "I have personally followed and supported Israel's heroic struggle for survival since the founding of the state of Israel thirty-four years ago: In the pre-1967 borders, Israel was barely 10 miles wide at its narrowest point. The bulk of Israel's population lived within artillery range of hostile Arab armies. I am not about to ask Israel to live that way again."

Yet some Bush (Sr.) administration statements and actions on the Arab-Israeli question, and especially Secretary of State James Baker's disastrous speech of May 22, 1989, betray(ed) a strong impulse to escape from the Resolutions as they were negotiated, debated, and adopted, and awarded to the Arabs all the territories between the 1967 lines and the Jordan River, including East Jerusalem. The Bush (Sr.) administration seemed to consider the West Bank and the Gaza Strip to be "foreign" territory to which Israel has no claim. Yet the Jews have the same right to settle there as they have to settle in Haifa. The West Bank and the Gaza Strip were never parts of Jordan, and Jordan's attempt to annex the West Bank was not generally recognized and has now been abandoned. The two parcels of land are parts of the Mandate that have not yet been allocated to Jordan, to Israel, or to any other state, and are a legitimate subject for discussion.

The Jewish right of settlement in the West Bank is conferred by the same provisions of the Mandate under which Jews settled in Haifa, Tel Aviv, and Jerusalem before the State of Israel was created. The Mandate for Palestine differs in one important respect from the other League of Nations mandates, which were trusts for the benefit of the indigenous population. The Palestine Mandate, recognizing "the historical connection of the Jewish People with Palestine, and the grounds for reconstituting their national home in that country, "is dedicated to "the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, it being clearly understood that nothing should be done which might prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine, or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country."

The State Department has never denied that under the Mandate "the Jewish people" have the right to settle in the area. Instead, it said that Jewish settlements in the West Bank violate Article 49 of the 4th Geneva Convention of 1949, which deals with the protection of civilians

in wartime. Where the territory of one contracting party is occupied by another contracting party, the convention prohibits many of the inhumane practices of the Nazis and the Soviets before and during the Second World War (the mass transfer of people into or out of occupied territories for purposes of extermination, slave labor or colonization, for example).

Article 49 provides that the occupying power "shall not deport or transfer part of its own civilian population into the territory it occupies." But the Jewish settlers in the West Bank are volunteers. They have not been "deported" or "transferred" by the government of Israel, and their movement involves none of the atrocious purposes or harmful effects on the existing population the Geneva Convention was designed to prevent.

Furthermore, the Convention applies only to "acts by one signatory carried out on the territory of another." The West Bank is not the territory of a signatory power, but an unallocated part of the British Mandate. It is hard, therefore, to see how even the most literal minded reading of the Convention could make it apply to Jewish settlement in territories of the British Mandate west of the Jordan River

Another principle of international law may affect the problem of the Jewish settlements. Under international law an occupying power is supposed to apply the prevailing law of the occupied territory at the municipal level unless it interferes with the necessities of security or

administration or is "repugnant to elementary conceptions of justice."

The general expectation of international law is that military occupations last a short time, and are succeeded by a state of peace established by treaty or otherwise. In the case of the West Bank the territory was occupied by Jordan between 1949 and 1967 and has been occupied by Israel since 1967. Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 ruled that the Arab states and Israel must make peace, and that when "a just and lasting peace is reached in the Middle East, Israel should withdraw from some but not all of the territory it occupied in the course of the 1967 war."

The Resolutions leave it to the parties to agree on the terms of peace. The controversy about Jewish settlements is not, therefore, about legal rights but about the political will to override legal rights. ★

...foreign territory to which Israel has no claim

Wall Street Prophets

Billions of dollars were wiped out in stocks and in retirement accounts, and a lot of that was lost following the advice of Wall Street stock analysts. Think of these analysts as the prophets of Wall Street—researchers who look into the future, predict the success of a company and tell investors whether to buy the stock.

Most investors believed their advice was unbiased, based on what the analysts really thought. But now it is clear that in many cases, analysts were hawking stocks that they believed were losers—because selling those stocks would make their brokerage houses rich—not you.

Merrill Lynch, told 60 “Minutes II” that its analysts always “make independent recommendations based on their best judgments.” But it turns out that, privately, Merrill’s analysts were telling a different story, that has now been exposed in the company’s own email.

“The emails were stark, they were dramatic,” says Elliot Spitzer, Attorney General of the State of New York. “And they laid bare the tension and the conflict of interest that had driven the false advice that was being given by the analysts.”

Last year Spitzer launched an investigation and found that what the analysts were telling each other privately was profoundly different than what they were telling the public. “I was outraged. I reacted the way any investor would,” says Spitzer. “Because I knew that there were people who were listening to the advice that was being given. Who didn’t understand what was really going on. People who were losing a vast sum of money. People who were losing their kids’ college tuition, their savings.”

Investors may be shocked by this, but former analyst Tom Brown isn’t. “I don’t know frankly how some of these analysts live with themselves,” he says. “I couldn’t get up in the morning and look in the mirror and know that I just caused somebody to lose 50 percent of their retirement money because I exaggerated and lied. And that’s exactly what I saw at DLJ.

“The line was, ‘you have to understand, forgive me, father, for I have sinned.’” Brown recalls. “The point of that was that you were gonna have to go back to the sales force after having lied to ‘em and tell ‘em that you were wrong.”

Brown says that he thinks that the average investor was hoodwinked in all of this. Brown started his own investment company. He left the analyst game because he says there’s too much pressure to be dishonest. DLJ offered him the usual severance deal when it fired him but he refused because it required him to keep quiet.

“I have no regrets. DLJ offered me \$400,000 to not say anything... And I decided in August of ‘98 that it was worth more for my pride to be able to shout it from the mountaintop that something was wrong and tell them to keep the \$400,000.” ■

Source: CBS News



The Temple Mount Faithful

The Temple Mount Faithful, a group whose goal is the building of the third Temple, again petitioned Israel’s Supreme Court for permission to pray on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. The site has been closed to “non-Muslims” since the Palestinians rioted there in September 2000, sparking the terror war known as the Al Aksa intifada (“uprising”). Al Aksa is the mosque on the Temple Mount, the third holiest site in Islam.

This is the longest period since the reunification of Jerusalem in 1967 that Jews have been barred from visiting Judaism’s holiest site. The head of the Temple Mount Faithful, Gershon Salomon, said that the government was guilty of racial discrimination by granting Arabs access to the Temple Mount while denying entry to Jews.

The police refused to give the group a permit and explained to the court that such a visit to the Mount could provoke Palestinian violence and therefore posed a risk to state security. The Supreme Court accepted the state’s argument and, as in previous years, it ruled that the Temple Mount Faithful cannot pray at the site. ■

Source: *Israel Today*

This widely respected Harvard professor gives a clear view of Arab anti-Semitism. — Zola

Jews and Anti-Jews

By Ruth Wisse, *Wall Street Journal*

The day after Israel's failed assassination attempt on Hamas leader Abdel Aziz Rantisi, a "deeply troubled" President Bush let it be known that he did not think such attacks helped Israeli security. He was concerned lest the strike undermine the momentum he is trying to create for a "two-state" solution to the Palestinian crisis, part of his larger effort to extend peace and democracy in the Middle East. In response, *The Jerusalem Post* declared itself deeply troubled, too—by the failure of the said operation to eliminate the man who directs terror operations in Gaza. *The Post* believed that the American president would have done better to recognize the threat Rantisi represents to American security.

The Jerusalem Post has a point. President Bush may understand more clearly than his predecessors the nature of the threat to Israel's security. The attacks of September 11 brought home to him the similarities between the two democracies. Along with most Americans, the Bush administration now grasps how the freedoms of an open society leave it vulnerable to assault. If America is duty-bound to strike the bases of those who threaten its security, no matter how far they are from its shores, then Israel, too, which constitutes the fighting front line in the war against terror, must root out the terrorists within and along its borders.

Yet the White House still cannot bring itself to admit the true nature of the aggression against Israel. It still tends to treat the regional crisis as "a conflict of two people over one land" that can be resolved by the creation of a Palestinian state.

Unfortunately, the Arab war against Israel is no more a territorial conflict than was al Qaeda's strike against America, and it can no more be resolved by the "Road Map" than anti-Americanism could be appeased by ceding part of the US to an Islamist enclave. From the moment in 1947 when Jewish leaders accepted and Arab rulers rejected the UN partition plan of Palestine, the Arab-Israeli conflict bore no further likeness to more conventional territorial struggles. Arab rulers defied the UN charter by denying the legitimacy of a member state. Arab countries refused to acknowledge the existence of a single Jewish land. Arab rulers did not object to Israel because it rendered the Palestinians homeless. Rather, they ensured that the Palestinians should remain homeless so that they could organize their politics around opposition to Israel.

At any point during the past 55 years, Arab governments could have helped the Palestinian Arabs settle down to a

decent life. They could have created the infrastructure of an autonomous Palestine on the West Bank of the Jordan and the Gaza territory that Egypt controlled until 1967, or encouraged the resettlement of Palestinians in Jordan, which constitutes the lion's share of the original mandate of Palestine. Rather than fund the Palestine Liberation Organization to foment terror against Israel, they could have endowed Palestinian schools of architecture, engineering, medicine, and law. What Israel did for its refugees from Arab lands, Arabs could have done much more sumptuously for the Palestinians displaced by the same conflict. Instead, Arab rulers cultivated generations of refugees in order to justify their ongoing campaign against the "usurper."

Although Arab governments tried to direct the war against Israel according to their political needs, Islamist and nationalist groups espousing the same ideology sprang up independently, sometimes in defiance of government control. Anti-Semitism morphed into anti-Americanism—not because America supported Israel but because America represented the same challenges of an open, democratic, competitive society. The Jews' function as a bulwark of democracy was determined by the despots who tried to crush them.

Until Arab leaders give up the crutch of anti-Semitism they can make no real progress toward responsible self-government, and it is futile to pretend that obsession with Israel is compatible with Palestinian independence. Rantisi greeted the "Road Map" by organizing major attacks against Israel, which he calls "our land, not the land of the Jews." America can't hope to win its war against terror while ignoring some of its major perpetrators and propagandists. ■

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I learned while in Chicago that liberal churches provide areas within their buildings for Islamic worship. But I'm not sure this PC idea is to seek converts. —Zola

"Days of Rage"

By Laurie Goodstein, *The New York Times*

On a recent Saturday in a church fellowship hall at Gove City, Ohio, evangelical Christians from several states gathered for an all-day seminar on how to woo Muslims away from Islam.

The teacher urged a kindly approach: always show Muslims love, charity and hospitality, he said, and carry copies of the New Testament to give as gifts. The students, scribbling notes, included two pastors, a school secretary and college students who said they hoped to convert Muslims in the United States, or on mission trips abroad.

But although the teacher, an evangelical preacher from Beirut, stressed the need to avoid offending Muslims, he projected a snappy PowerPoint presentation showing passages from the Koran that he said proved Islam was regressive, fraudulent and violent. "Here in the Koran, it says slay them, slay the infidels!" said the teacher, who said he did not want to be identified because being a missionary to Muslims put his life at risk. "In the Bible there are no words from Jesus saying we should kill innocent people."

At the grass roots of evangelical Christianity, many are now absorbing the antipathy for Islam that emerged last year with the incendiary comments of ministers. The sharp language, from religious leaders like Franklin Graham, Jerry Falwell, Pat Robertson, and Jerry Vines, the former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has drawn rebukes from Muslims and Christian groups alike. Mr. Graham called Islam "a very evil and wicked religion," and Mr. Vines called Muhammad, Islam's founder and prophet, a "demon-possessed pedophile."

Arab International Ministry, the Indianapolis group that led the crash course on Islam here, claims to have trained 4,500 American Christians to proselytize Muslims in the last six years, many of those since the 2001 terrorist attacks.

The oratorical tone of these authors and lecturers varies, but they share the basic presumption that the world's two largest religions are headed for a confrontation, with Christianity representing what is good, true and peaceful, and Islam what is evil, false and violent.

"The Koran's good verses are like the food an assassin adds to poison to disguise a deadly taste," writes Don Richard-

son, a well-known missionary who worked in Muslim countries, in *Secrets of the Koran* (Regal Books, 2003). "Better to find the same food, sans poison, in the Bible."

Most of the authors and teachers preach a corollary of the Christian dictum to "love the sinner and hate the sin." They assert that while the vast majority of Muslims are not evil, they have been deceived by a diabolical religion based on a flawed scripture that can never bring them salvation.

At the daylong seminar in the fellowship hall of Southwest Grace Brethren Church, just outside Columbus, the teacher drew on his own life experience as evidence of Islam's evils. He spoke of a childhood friend in Beirut who joined the Hezbollah terrorist network and showed off his victims' severed ears. Another friend, he said, was threatened with death by his father when he converted to Christianity.

He did not tell the class who he was, and his mysteriousness reinforced his message that Christian missionaries face danger in Muslim nations. At least six have been killed since Sept. 11, 2001.

"You can tell me Islam is peaceful, but I've done my homework," he said, reeling off a list of Koranic citations. "From the beginning of Islam, the sword brought results faster than words." The pilgrimage to Mecca, he said, is a dangerous event at which people are killed every year. Communal prayers each Friday are "a day of rage," he said. And Muslims even pray differently than Christians, he said. "Muslims pray to get points," he said, "not to communicate with God." Group prayer on Fridays is for "extra points," he said. ■



Warnings from the Religion of Peace

By Nadav Shragai, *Haaretz*

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat warned of “grave consequences” if Israel continues to allow Jews to visit the Temple Mount. Muslim guards at the Temple Mount tried to stop groups of Jews from performing religious rituals there, Palestinian sources said. Police then removed the Jews from the Temple Mount to prevent further contacts between them and the guards.

Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas, on a visit to Egypt and Jordan before he embarks on his trip to Washington, called the Israeli act “provocative” during a press conference with Arab League Secretary-General Amr Mussa in Cairo. Mussa echoed the feeling and said he received a call from Arafat warning of the gravity of this step. He called the developments “very dangerous” and “an insult to Moslems everywhere.”

The police have recently broadened the visits they coordinate to the Temple Mount and now sometimes allow religious Jews wearing religious skullcaps to enter the plaza area, which the Waqf Muslim religious trust closed to non-Muslims after the riots following then-opposition leader Ariel Sharon’s visit there in September 2000. Palestinians say the visit sparked the Al-Aqsa Intifada, named for the mosque on the mount.

The new relaxation in the rules is a gradual process meant to reinstate the status quo before the Sharon

visit. However, police will not allow group Jewish prayer on the Temple Mount and will not allow known members of the various Temple Mount groups that call for the reconstruction of the Temple and demolition of the mosques to visit the site. Officially, both sides deny there is any quiet understanding between police and the Waqf about restoring tourist visits.

Arafat’s senior advisor Nabil Abu Rudeineh said Arafat summoned members of the diplomatic corps in Jerusalem for a meeting at his Ramallah compound to brief them on the gravity of the situation.

Arafat asked the diplomats to inform their governments of the seriousness of this situation and to intervene to “contain the consequences of this crime and prevent its repetition,” warning that it could “explode the situation once again,” said Abu Rudeineh. ■

Our Allies Are Silent

By Julie Stahl, *CNSNews.com*

Saudi diplomats are refusing comment on a recent report detailing some \$4 billion the Saudi royal family donated to Palestinian fighters, wounded Palestinians and the families of suicide bombers over the last five years.

The report—Saudi Royal Family’s Financial Support to the Palestinians 1998-2003: More than 15 Billion Riyals (\$4 Billion US) Given to “Mujahideen Fighters” and “Families of Martyrs”—was published by the Middle East Media Research Institute in Washington.

Counter-terrorism experts say one of the main keys to the global war on terrorism is cutting off financing to terrorist organizations. Neither the Saudi Embassy in Washington nor the London embassy responded to repeated inquiries about Saudi support for Palestinian groups. ■

Cover Up?

One of three Afghan girls who form the group Burqa Band plays the guitar while dressed in the traditional Afghan garment for women, the burqa. The group has become a surprise hit in Germany where the song “Burqa Blues” is played in clubs. (AFP/File)



Useful Idiots in the Middle East

By Cal Thomas, *Jewish World Review*



Communism had its “useful idiots.” These were people who believed whatever Communists said and were helpful in advancing their cause. In the Middle East, the enemies of Israel, the United States and all things Jewish, Christian and Western have far more useful idiots than Communists ever counted on. These are the people who refuse to believe what they are repeatedly told and see in bloody streets, in mosques, in political literature and in schools where children are taught to hate and to be “martyrs” before they are potty-trained.

In the matter of the “Road Map” to “peace” between Israel and her mortal enemies, we are seeing the usual razzle-dazzle. Elected Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon stands by appointed Palestinian “Prime Minister” Mahmoud Abbas, who mimics Sharon in his Western-style suit. Both men make pronouncements required of them by their American puppeteer. The useful idiots think Abbas and his band of bloody brothers will play the lion lying down with the Israeli lamb.

In the midst of all of the photo-ops and feel-good diplomacy comes a sober and welcome word from someone the useful idiots no doubt will regard as a skunk at their party. Israel’s former Minister of Internal Security Uzi Landau told Israeli Radio that Israel should set a timetable with dates for clearly defined and measurable Palestinian actions regarding security. These would include, he said, collecting weapons, outlawing terror organizations, unifying Palestinian Authority security groups in one group and ending incitement against Israel, which requires, among other things, the removal of regional maps that do not show Israel on them and elimination of anti-Israel textbooks from Palestinian schools.

These seem like reasonable requests if the Palestinian side is sincere about ending decades of war. More than words and signed documents ought to be required. Israel is being pressured to give up more land. When it has done so before, the gestures have not brought Israel closer to peace but allowed for more war to be made from the relinquished territory in order that more territory might be gained on the road to Israel’s obliteration. Such remains the stated goal oozing from every Palestinian pore.

The German philosopher Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel said, “What experience and history teach is this — that people and governments never have learned anything from history, or acted on principles deduced from it.” Useful idiots continue to accept new promises

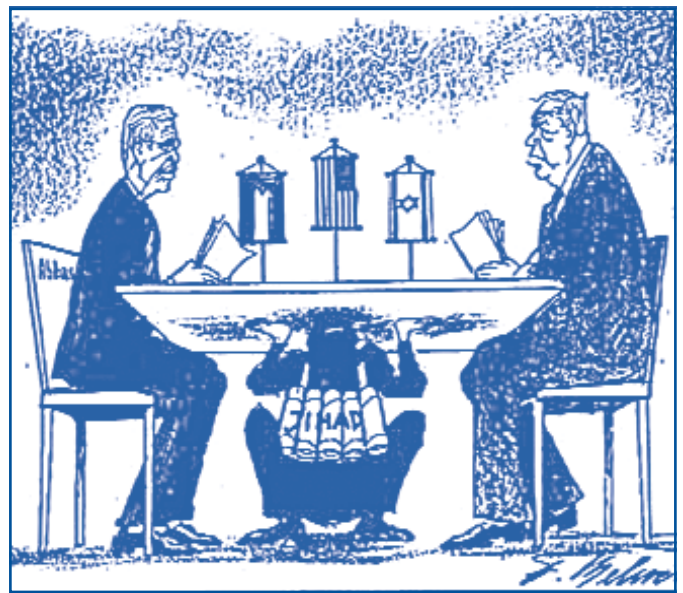
built on a foundation of previously broken promises. This is what makes them useful. It is also what makes them idiots.

Israel has waited in vain for Palestinian deeds to live up to their words, agreements, covenants, promises and pledges. At what point should it be concluded that the Palestinian leadership and so many of their people have a definition of peace that begins and ends with the annihilation and elimination of Israel?

The Bush administration now proposes to pay “protection money” to the Palestinian Authority in amounts that would make even the Mafia blush with embarrassment. Until now, the United States has provided aid only to social service projects that don’t support the Palestinian Authority (PA) in areas controlled by the PA. That unaudited aid totaled \$100 million annually until it was increased this year to \$200 million. It was restricted to social services because of the PA’s record of misappropriating the funds and sponsoring terrorism. According to *The New York Times* (July 1), the administration now plans to provide hundreds of millions of dollars directly to the PA.

Morton Klein, national president of the Zionist Organization of America, said, “It is appalling that a president, who vowed to put an end to terrorist regimes around the world, now plans to give US taxpayers’ dollars directly to a corrupt terrorist regime.”

Why should the enemies of Israel (and America) disarm when they can get the United States to subsidize their murderous ways? This makes the US the biggest and most useful idiot in history, which in its secular mindset does not understand the depth of the Palestinians’ “religious mandate” or their commitment to fulfilling a prophecy of their own making. ■



THE THIRD MAN

What's Wrong With the Religious Right?

By Elwood McQuaid, National Unity Coalition

In a broadcast last fall, the CBS program "Sixty Minutes" leveled a withering assault at the "religious right." The focus of the storm of protest that followed the segment was a statement by a prominent evangelical who said, in effect, that Muhammad, founder of the Muslim religion, was a terrorist. What went virtually unnoticed, however, were the implications that the present administration in Washington, including the president, is in the pocket of the so-called radical religious right and that these religious leaders orchestrate America's political and military agendas.

The innuendo is that these are dangerous people who are leading the country down a slippery slope of hysterical extremism. In the final analysis, the implication is but an expression of the liberal, cultural, social, and political crusade to excise faith, traditional morality, and Biblical-based convictions from the American landscape.

For purposes cherished by radical liberals, deceptively called moderates by their own ilk, a member of the religious right is almost anyone holding religious or conservative views that oppose the leftist agenda. At the hub of

this perceived consortium of malcontents and misfits are those depicted as noxious "fundamentalists" whose sole desire is to capture the country, then mandate every facet of life for hapless American citizens.

To assert that these are deliberate and deceitful scare tactics is putting it mildly. Yet such patently obvious, malicious, and unsubstantiated attacks are repeated often because they have worked so well in the past. The gullible are led to believe that there are some 70 million evangelical Christians and their fellow travelers out there who are bent on making everyone's life, and the lives of all their offspring, intolerable.

To assert that conscientious, decent people who care about their country yet differ with liberal political agendas are the American equivalent of Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida or the Taliban of Afghanistan is intolerable. Being wedged into unsuspecting minds is the insidious perception that evangelicals are an essentially evil element that must be repudiated, or it will take the country down. Like revisionists who rewrite history to deny the Holocaust, liberals have constructed a mythological house of horrors around the religious right.

Christians who take their Bibles seriously have a mandated standard of responsibility to civil government. Romans 13 clearly indicates that governments are established to maintain order, execute justice, and embody standards of conduct in the exercise of their duties that will promote respect for those placed in authority.

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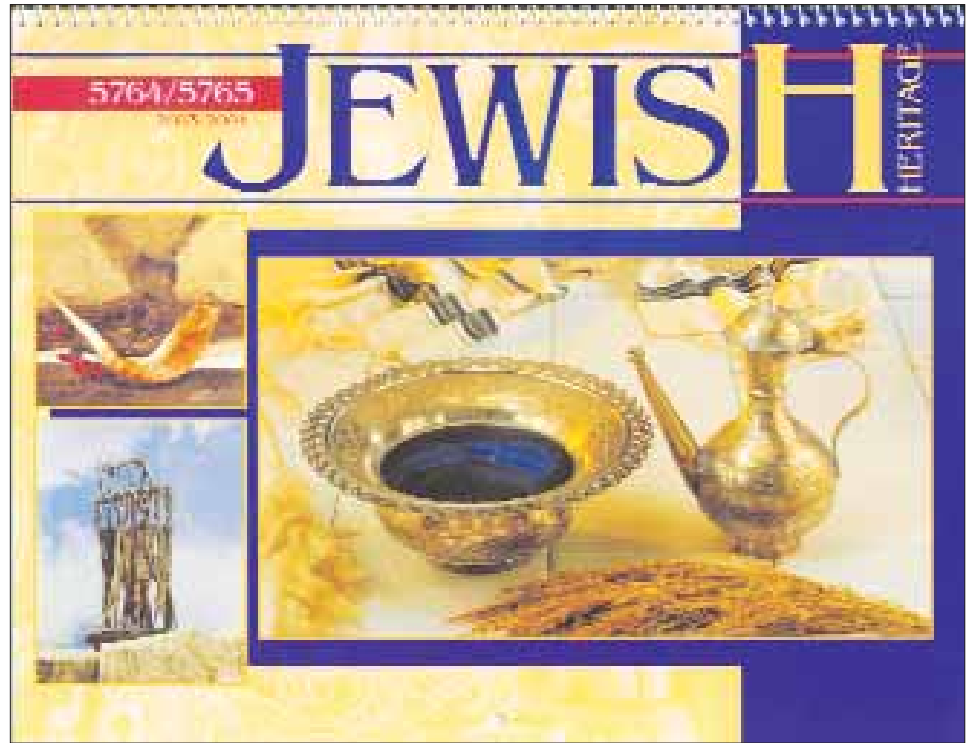
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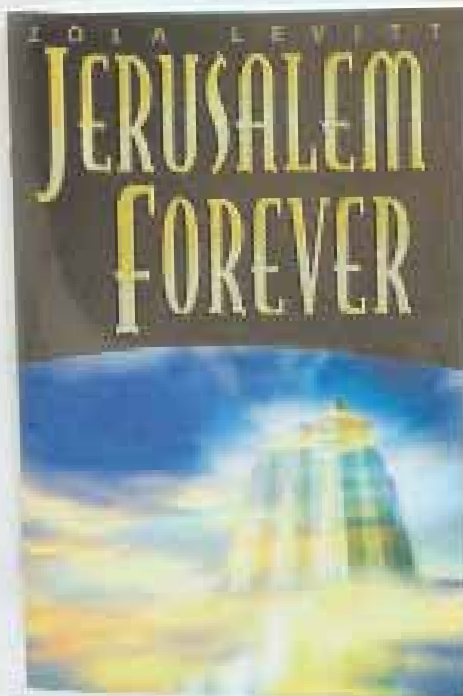
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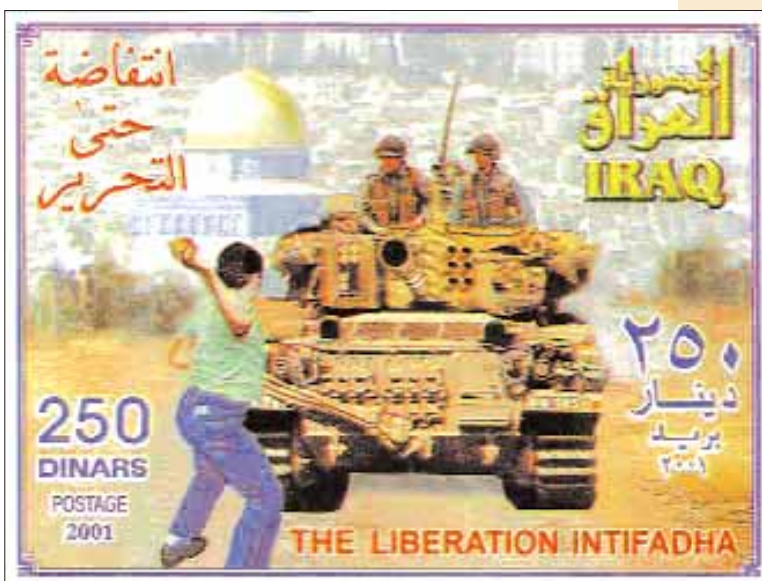
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Thus we are to pray for those in high office, pay imposed taxes, and be subject to the higher powers. In other words, we are to act as honest, honorable, responsible citizens. To imply that this standard is somehow a sinister and malicious threat to the survival of national order and integrity (1) flies in the face of basic rules of Christian conduct, (2) defies the democratic freedom of expression, and (3) insults every aspect of the uncommon, common sense this nation prides itself in.

In what is actually a supreme act of manipulation, liberal extremists take great stock in promoting the absurd notion that evangelicals are a manipulated, monolithic element. The idea is that one or two "religious right" leaders call the shots for millions of evangelical Christians and, for all practical purposes, dictate what levers we all pull in the voting booth

This pitiful image spawns several observations. First, secularist liberals certainly don't spend any appreciable time in conservative churches or moving among evangelicals. Second, they have no appreciation or understanding that while evangelicals may disagree among themselves on a host of social and even political issues, [there is a] commitment to the Judeo-Christian standards of morality and life values that have been inherent throughout the history of this republic.

Thus, electing people of faith to public office and appointing law-and-order officials and judges who apply the law rather than rewrite it to accommodate liberal mores, are not violations of the American way. Rather, such actions constitute a correction in the course imposed over a generation by some who would destroy America's traditional underpinnings in favor of neopagan standards and practices.

As was demonstrated by "Sixty Minutes," there are those who are working hard to sever the growing relationship between many evangelicals and members of the Jewish community. Often cited is the claim that, by associating with evangelicals, historically liberal Jewish people are automatically endorsing the social and political positions of the religious right in an association that constitutes an unacceptable union.

What makes an evangelical a Christian Zionist is the belief that God will yet keep the promises He made to Abraham and his heirs, the Jewish people. Christian Zionists (we number in the millions) believe the Bible teaches that these promises are irrevocable and will be fully implemented under the Messiah in the future. Thus we believe that the Jewish people have Biblical, historical, moral, and legal rights to a homeland in Eretz Yisrael. And, if we believe that the Jewish people have such rights sanctioned by international law, we are Christian Zionists because that is the essential definition of Zionism.

What's Wrong With the Religious Right?

Let's put it another way. What's wrong with the people of the unreligious left who presume to cast conscientious fellow citizens as potential terrorists and political outlaws?

Yes. I think that question reads much better. ■

The Mall Model for Peace

By Naomi Ragen, Women For Israel's Tomorrow

I had an e-mail the other day from some fine fellow who was all upset. "According to you, there will never be peace between Israelis and the Palestinians," he fumed.

Not so, dear sir. In fact, if you lived here in Jerusalem as I do, surrounded by Muslim Arabs, you'd know that in many places, we already have peace. All you'd have to do is go to that great center of Jerusalem day and night-life, The Mall, a large three-tiered structure housing restaurants (all kosher), movie theaters, and hundreds of stores of all kinds.

What's different here is that you will find sitting around the fountains outside Pizza Hut, Arab families with children in baby carriages, munching pizza beside Jewish families from neighborhoods in Judea and Samaria. Look at them on a summer evening, enjoying the air conditioning, and happily feeding their little ones from paper cups filled with ice cream.

All this without a Road Map. Without the release of terrorists. Without a Palestinian State. Without the permission of Yasser Arafat. Or Sharon. Or George Bush.

Now, what lessons can we learn about how to actually achieve MidEast Peace from the Jerusalem Mall?

I'll tell you. You can only enter the mall if you have no weapons. The reason Jew and Arab can sit peacefully side by side enjoying life and each other's company is that anyone who wants to get into the mall is carefully checked for weapons before he's allowed to enter. That's right. All cars are checked. People get their bags checked. They are wanded.

Get rid of the terrorists. Get rid of the illegal weapons. Stop up the tunnels bringing weapons from Egypt to Gaza. Deport arch terrorists like Arafat. Keep all the jailed terrorists under lock and key, and destroy the Hamas and Islamic Jihad and Fatah to the last building and the last man.

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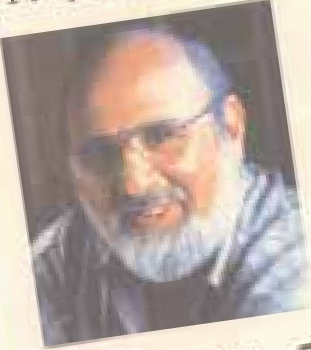
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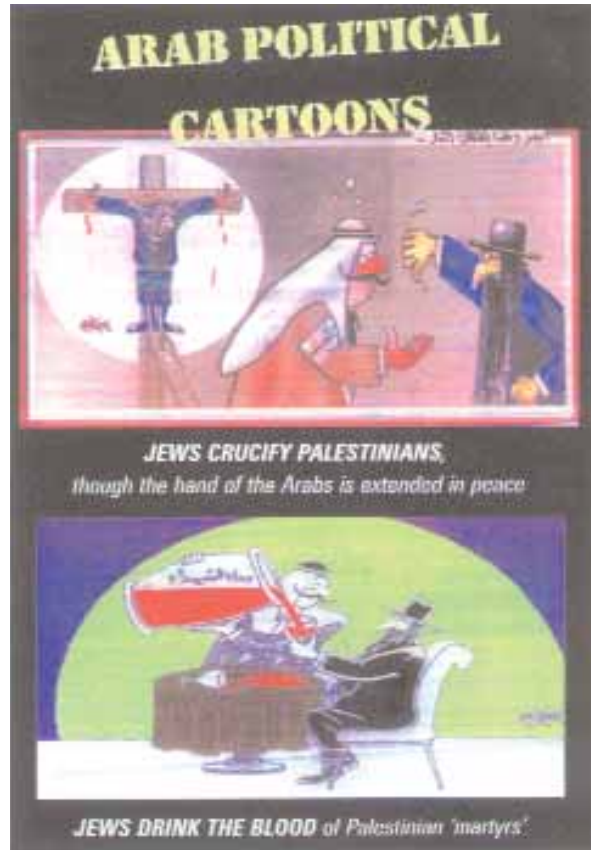
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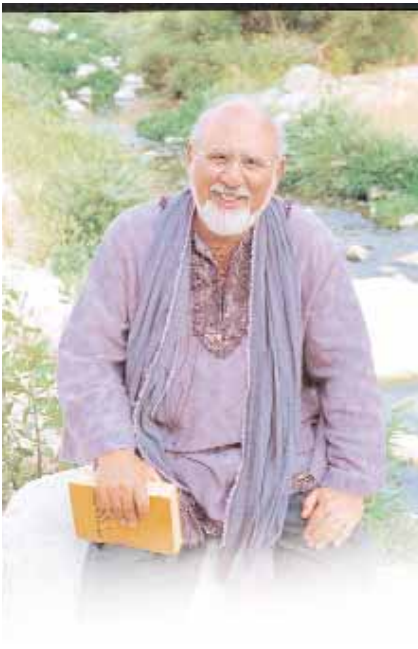
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