

LEVITT LETTER

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

One of my all-time favorite writers takes on the enemy. — Zola



ZOLA LEVITT

The Kidnap Weapon

By William Safire, *The New York Times*



The Zarqawi terrorist network in Iraq has developed a powerful new weapon. It requires no munitions and no suicide zealots, runs no risk to terrorists of death or capture, and provides cash to finance other operations.

The weapon is publicized kidnapping. Pictures of helpless captives begging for their lives trigger worldwide coverage of tearful families begging for mercy. Films sometimes conclude with a sadistic Zarqawi slowly sawing off the heads of his victims.

For the psychological warriors, it is a win-win tactic. If the ransom is paid by a private contractor, the extorted cash buys rockets and mortars. If the ransom is paid by a government withdrawing its troops, the terrorist diplomatic victory dispirits the rest of the coalition. If the ransom is not paid, then the film of the hostages’ beheading strikes fear into the heart of the morbidly fascinated viewer.

The kidnap weapon does not always produce the propaganda results the killers want. John Burns of *The New York Times* noted from Baghdad on

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The “T” Word

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Reuters’ global managing editor acknowledges that Arab intimidation influences his agency’s news coverage.



Schlesinger

The following article makes a good point, but only goes halfway. It would be refreshing if the news media would universally use the “T” word to describe terrorists. That would get rid of the charge that they appease them. On the other hand, we should also be using the “M” word (Muslim), unless someone can tell me what other kind of terrorists terrify us these days.

The word “terrorist,” in and of itself, is a kind of cover-up because it doesn’t really identify the criminal. As this article shows, terrorism is a tactic, and those who engage in it are using it as a tool to achieve their political goals.

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PBS's *NewsHour* that the grisly murders fill civilized Iraqis with a deep disgust. They remind many of the hand-chopping and tongue-cutting methods used by Saddam's goons to suppress resistance. But this also frightens many Iraqis, and manipulates the media to intimidate millions abroad whose support is needed to defeat the terrorists.

Nobody should order reporters and editors to "downplay" a gut-wrenching human interest story involving cruelty, violence and death. Nor should the media flinch from covering casualty counts or honoring the fallen. War involves sacrifice.

But responsible journalists should consider the wisdom of allowing media-savvy terrorists to play them like a violin.

Sensationalism sells; on TV, "if it bleeds, it leads." Audiences are surely drawn to tearful interviews with worried spouses and children. Bloggers get "hits" from posting the most gruesome pictures. Cable ratings rise by milking the pathos in the drama created by the Zarqawi network: first comes the kidnapping report; then televised pleas from the kneeling, doomed innocents; then coverage of marches and vigils to plead

for the payment of ransom; finally, in one case out of four, the delivery of dismembered bodies and gleeful claim of blame.

Do we have to become conduits for this grisly, real-death kidnap choreography? We are obliged to report it, but we need not go along with the terrorist propagandists in milking the most horror out of it.

We know that the primary purpose of the kidnap weapon is to drive the coalition forces out of Iraq and to prevent a free election there.

We know, too, that the kidnap weapon is aimed at the U.S. election. What we do not know is how its heavily publicized use will cut.

Will Americans react to all-kidnap-all-the-time by being revolted at the savagery and turn to the candidate determined to wipe out the barbarians? Or will we be so revolted as to think Iraqis are hopelessly uncivilized or beaten down, and turn to the candidate who will get us out of there the fastest?

John Kerry, who has evidently decided to replace Howard Dean as the antiwar candidate, has helped to magnify the terrorists' kidnap

weapon. In a scheduled commercial Kerry personally approved, just before charging that George Bush had no plan to get us out of Iraq, the Democratic campaign underscored the message Zarqawi has been sending: "Americans," said Kerry's announcer, "are being kidnapped, held hostage, even beheaded."

Though undoubtedly accurate, that paid evocation of horror by a political candidate is a terrible blunder. That's the sort of emotional appeal you would expect from President Gloria Arroyo of the Philippines who pulled 51 troops out of Iraq, caving to the demand of kidnapers, emboldening them to grab fresh victims.

It's bad enough for some thoughtless media outlets to become an echo chamber for scare propaganda; it's worse when the nominee of a major party approves its use to press his antiwar candidacy.

We are dealing with the most brutal propaganda weapon yet devised. Strong governments counter it by refusing to pay money or policy ransom to the kidnap-killers. Non-partisan media's response should be to report the events conscious of manipulation, and not to overlook the reaction of Iraqi and worldwide Muslim disgust.

The "T" Word *continued*

I am terrified of certain neighborhoods in Dallas. I am terrified of the folks we rely on for what we call "airport security," but I don't really call them terrorists. The fact is, the Muslims who murder people are "Muslim murderers." That's how it really is and how we should write it. Our most recent *Personal Letter* explained this in full.

I think it will be many years before the average American journalist says clearly who our enemy is and what he is doing to us. — Zola

HonestReporting.com has repeatedly denounced media outlets' categorical refusal to call terrorists "terrorists" in news reports.

As Islamic terror continues to spread worldwide, one major news outlet decided that enough is enough — it's time to call terrorism by its name. CanWest, owners of Canada's largest newspaper chain, recently implemented a new editorial policy to use the "T" word in reports on brutal terrorist acts and groups.

Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade terrorists



So when CanWest's *National Post* recently published a Reuters report, they exercised their right to change this Reuters line that whitewashes Palestinian terror:

"... the al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, which has been involved in a four-year-old revolt against Israeli occupation in Gaza and the West Bank."

to this, more accurate line:

"... the al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, a terrorist group that has been involved in a four-year-old campaign of violence against Israel."

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Food for thought... — Zola

American Muslims Back John Kerry 76% to 7%! www.zogby.com



American Muslim voters are overwhelmingly supporting Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry over Republican George W. Bush, according to a new American Muslim Poll conducted by Zogby International for Georgetown University's Muslims in the American Public Square (Project MAPS). By a margin of 76% to 7%, Muslims back the Kerry/Edwards ticket over the incumbent Bush/Cheney ticket. The poll consisted of a telephone survey of 1,700 Muslims, and an over sample of 146 face-to-face interviews of Muslims. The margin of error is +/- 2.3 percentage points.

"This contrasts sharply with the 2000 election, when Mr. Bush garnered 42% of the Muslim vote versus 31% for Democrat Al Gore," said Dr. Zahid Bukhari, director of Project MAPS. Zogby International and Project MAPS conducted the first American Muslim Poll in November 2001 with a margin of error of +/- 2.4%.

When the question is expanded to include minor party candidates, Mr. Kerry's lead is cut to 68% versus Mr. Bush's 7%, with independent candidate Ralph Nader picking up 11%, similar to the 12% he garnered from Muslim voters in 2000.

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Reuters didn't like the adjustment, and took the unusual step of officially informing CanWest that if it intended to continue this practice, CanWest should remove Reuters' name from the byline. Why? *The New York Times* reported:

"Our editorial policy is that we don't use emotive words when labeling someone," said David A. Schlesinger, Reuters' global managing editor. "Any paper can change copy and do whatever they want. But if a paper wants to change our copy that way, we would be more comfortable if they remove the byline."

Mr. Schlesinger said he was concerned that changes like those made at CanWest could lead to "confusion" about what Reuters is reporting and possibly endanger its reporters in volatile areas or situations. "My goal is to protect our reporters and protect our editorial integrity," he said.

Schlesinger repeated this statement in a radio interview with CBC, when he described the "serious consequences" if certain "people in the Mideast" were to believe Reuters called such men "terrorists."

This is a stunning admission! Reuters' top international editor openly acknowledges that one of the main reasons his agency refuses to call terrorists "terrorists" has nothing to do with editorial pursuit of objectivity, but rather is a response to intimidation from thugs and their supporters.

In every other news arena, western journalists pride themselves on bravely "telling it as is," regardless of their subjects' (potentially hostile) reactions. So why do editors at Reuters and, presumably, other news outlets, bend over backward to appease Islamic terrorists, using "safe" language that deliberately minimizes their inhuman acts?

Scott Anderson, editor-in-chief of CanWest Publications, said that Reuters' policy 'undermine[s] journalistic

principles,' and raised the key question: "If you're couching language to protect people, are you telling the truth?"

An editorial in the *Ottawa Citizen*, one of CanWest's newspapers, spells out the issue in black and white:

"Terrorism is a technical term. It describes a modus operandi, a tactic. We side with security professionals who define terrorism as the deliberate targeting of civilians in pursuit of a political goal. Those who bombed the nightclub in Bali were terrorists. Suicide bombers who strap explosives to their bodies and blow up people eating in a pizza parlor are terrorists. The men and women who took a school full of hostages in Beslan, Russia, and shot some of the children in the back as they tried to flee to safety, were terrorists. We, as journalists, do not violate our impartiality by describing them as such.

Ironically, it is supposedly neutral terms like 'militant' that betray a bias, insofar as they have a sanitizing effect. Activists for various political causes can be 'militant,' but they don't take children hostage."

The CanWest/Reuters affair is remarkably similar to CNN's Iraqi coverup from last year, when CNN's top news executive admitted that CNN's knowledge of murder, torture and planned assassinations in Saddam's Iraq was suppressed in order to maintain CNN's Baghdad bureau. We asked back then:

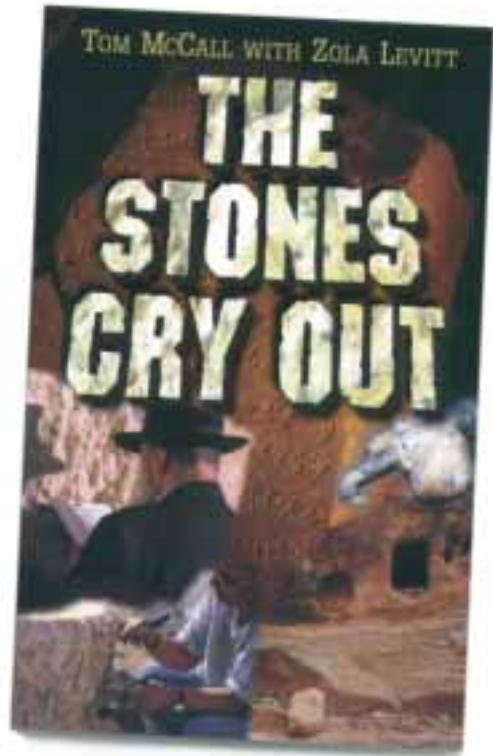
"Now that this senior CNN executive has come clean, it leaves us wondering: In what other regions ruled by terrorist dictators do the media toe the party line so as to remain in good stead?"

We now have our answer in the Palestinian region. Reuters admits to regulating their language to appease the terrorists. And that's an open admission of pro-Palestinian bias.



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Jerusalem Forever booklet

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State Department Repents

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The U.S. State Department finally has added Saudi Arabia to a list of the world's worst violators of religious freedom, after overriding the recommendation of a Washington-based religious rights watchdog for five consecutive years. The "country of particular concern" designation could lead to sanctions. Hudson Institute senior fellow Michael Horowitz hailed what he said was "an incredible breakthrough," and he attributed it to pressure on the administration from the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, lawmakers and religious liberty campaigners. In a phone interview, he said campaign groups had been ready "to really take a very strong position on Saudi Arabia if the State Department failed to act — [they were] loaded for bear on this one." Horowitz said he saw in the decision a powerful signal that "the Bush administration is going to take a much tougher line against Saudi Arabia."

What's Your Opinion?

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A captured al-Qaeda operative has told Canadian intelligence investigators that a Montreal man who trained in Afghanistan alongside the 9/11 hijackers was responsible for the crash of an American Airlines flight in New York three years ago.

Canadian Security Intelligence Service agents were told during five days of interviews with the source that Abderraouf Jdey, a Canadian citizen also known as "Farouk the Tunisian," had downed the plane with explosives on November 12, 2001.

The source claimed Jdey had used his Canadian passport to board Flight 587 and "conducted a suicide mission" with a small bomb similar to the one used by convicted shoe bomber Richard Reid, a "Top Secret" Canadian government report says.

But officials said it was unlikely that Jdey was actually involved in the crash, which killed 265 people and is considered accidental. The fact that al-Qaeda attributed the crash to Jdey, however, suggests that they were expecting him to attack a plane.

"We have seen no evidence of anything other than an accident here," said Ted Lopatkiewicz, spokesman for the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board. "There has been no evidence found, from what I can tell — at least that's been relayed to us — that there was any criminality involved here. It appears, at least the evidence we have, is that a vertical fin came off, not that there was any kind of event in the cabin."

"Go on, Boycott!"

Israel Today

American comedian Sam Levinson had a great idea for anti-Semites: "It's a free world, you don't have to like Jews, but if you don't, I suggest that you boycott certain Jewish products like..."

The Wasserman Test for syphilis, developed by Dr. Wasserman.

Digitalis (for heart patients), developed by Nusiin.

Insulin, discovered by Dr. Minkowsky.

Chloral hydrate (for convulsions), discovered by Dr. Lifreich.

The Schick test for diphtheria.

Vitamin B1 (treating beriberi), discovered by Dr. Funk.

Streptomycin, discovered by Dr. Waksman and Dr. Schatz.

The oral polio vaccine, developed by Dr. A. Sabin.

The injectable polio vaccine, developed by Dr. Jonas Salk.

"Go on, boycott! Humanitarian consistency requires that my people offer all these gifts to all people of the world.

Fanatic consistency requires that all bigots accept syphilis, diabetes, convulsions, malnutrition, infantile paralysis, and tuberculosis as a matter of principle. You want to be mad? Be mad! But I'm telling you, you ain't going to feel so good!" ❄



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Join Zola on our 81st Holy Land tour. Both our **Deluxe** and **Grand Petra** tours will depart on March 13. The Israel-only **Deluxe Tour** will return on March 23, and the **Grand Petra Tour**, visiting both Israel and Petra, will return on March 27. Please call Tony at (214) 696-9760 during office hours or our answering service 1-800-WONDERS (800-966-3377) anytime for your color tour folder.



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Ex-Muslims Denounce Islam and Koran

Faith Freedom International echoes the voice of Muslim dissidents that strive for freedom of faith and freedom from Islam.

They oppose hate, not faith. They distinguish being factually correct from politically correct. "The only way to confront Islamic terrorism is to eradicate the ideology behind it. As long as this reality is overlooked more lives will be lost and the world will not know peace."

Note: please see the article on page 14, "Moderate, Peaceful Muslims — Where Are They?"

And Don't Forget to Floss!

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For more information, visit: www.dental-dvi.co.il
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or email: shatour@netvision.net.il



Dear Friends:

I want to report to you about the summer speaking tour that Sandra and I undertook in July, August and September. The outstanding characteristic that I noticed this year was that born-again Believers (in small churches or large, in small villages or big cities, the midwest or west coast, or wherever) all believe the same things, pray the same prayers, talk the same way, sing the same songs, and most certainly are all outspoken supporters of the Land of Israel.

With that understood, we began our trip in Branson, Missouri, which has been sort of a tradition of ours, and continued this time through Kansas, including, Kansas City, Wichita, Dodge City, and then on to Colorado. There we spoke to several churches in the Denver and Colorado Springs areas and then parked our R.V. and flew to Los Angeles. From there, we did some visiting and speaking in Bakersfield, Paso Robles, Atascadero, and finally ended up in San Francisco where we fellowshipped with Moishe Rosen and his wife, the founders of "Jews for Jesus."

We flew back to Denver from San Francisco, picked up the R.V., and drove back through western Kansas (sparsely populated, but the home of many small victorious churches). We continued on to Tulsa, where we gave two services in the very large "Church on the Move" and then on to Tahlequah, Oklahoma (capital of the Cherokee Nation), where I spoke at the Restaurant of the Cherokees. From there, we returned to Dallas. Our fifth-wheel trailer behaved very well on the whole, though we had a few repairs.

I guess I've become sort of a circuit preacher with a very large circuit. All in all, it was a fruitful ministry effort and we enjoyed the work.

Unfortunately, it was very difficult for us to stay in touch with our office,

A Note From Zola

edit *Levitt Letter* articles, and so forth, because it's hard to connect a computer at an RV park. When we ordered our present trailer from Travel Supreme, they sold us a very expensive KVH Trac-Net system that was supposed to lock onto a satellite. But it is meant for use in vehicles while in motion, such as motor homes, boats, etc. Since we pull a fifth-wheel trailer, it doesn't work for us at all; no one in his right mind would ride in a trailer and try to work a computer. These specifications weren't made known to us by our salesman, however, so we had no idea it was an inappropriate product for trailer use. In addition, it was delivered to us in a box, uninstalled! Travel Supreme encouraged us to hire people to do the installation on our own, and they paid the bills for that.

Once installed, we realized that the system was virtually useless, and we have never used it. Please know that it requires a monthly subscription charge that we have been paying, and a per-minute charge that we could never afford.

We would like to sell this equipment since Travel Supreme is unwilling to take it back for a refund. In fact, they are unwilling to even communicate with us, even though the trailer is still under warranty. So, we don't know which way to turn.

Individuals with boats or motor homes (as opposed to trailers) could find use for this system. We paid somewhere in the neighborhood of the low five figures for it, and it's practically brand new.



I'm reporting this situation to you, our supporters, because we always reveal any unnecessary expenses that may be incurred by the ministry. In summary, we were misled, and relied on Travel Supreme, to our detriment, in purchasing the Trac-Net system. We have it for sale, and unless we find a buyer, we stand to lose some money — so help us if you can.

The winter months will take us south again to Florida, including the Keys and the Gulf Coast. We'll travel in the R.V. again, hopefully having replaced the satellite system with something that works for us.

We had to disappoint many churches along our summer route because they didn't get their requests in to us in time to plan our driving routes and trailer parks. Please contact Claudia right away at (817)417-0029 if you would like to have us serve your church in January or February. We will be based in central Florida and will be serving the surrounding area.

It's still not too late for you to join our November tours. Be sure to call Tony at our ministry today at the number shown below.

Please make your plans early for our spring tours: The Deluxe tour of Israel from March 13-23 or the Grand Petra tour, to Israel and Petra, from March 13-27.

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Profiling: Two Options

Dear Zola:

Every time I read a dissertation written by some self-styled pundit about the Jews being intruders or occupiers in "Palestine," I feel like throwing up. People who believe that sort of trash should read the history of the land that was first called Canaan, and is still mistakenly called "Palestine." They should follow that history right up to the present day. They should start with chapter 15 of the book of Genesis, which explains the Abrahamic Covenant, and continue from there.

Also, in reference to the article in the July, Vol. 1, *Levitt Letter* on page 12, titled "Arab Terrorists Now Eligible for Pre-Boarding," I have this thought to offer those people who continually whine about losing our freedoms by profiling: You have two options — you can lose some freedoms which can be reinstated later on, by profiling suspected terrorists, or you can refuse to allow profiling, which will guarantee that the terrorists will win.

A.S.

Wrong, Wrong, Wrong

Dear Zola:

I have enjoyed your newsletter for a long time, but this last one was a deep personal disappointment to me and to my church. How dare you put the Presbyterian Church as a whole in such a bad light. Do you think because some 431 Presbyterians voted for divestment against Israel, that the rest of the church agrees? In every organization and/or church, just like in politics,



For those fans of Dr. Gerald Schroeder and his wife, Barbara Sofer, both of whom have participated in our ministry, they are shown above with their immediate family. Dr. Schroeder's daughter chose an ultra-orthodox bridegroom.



Some letters have been edited for space.

you have your liberals and your conservatives. What you said about the Presbyterian Church is nothing but a smear campaign.

I am not happy about how you describe a whole denomination, accusing it of committing an "awful sin" and catering to "Replacement Theology." That is absolutely not true. I should know — I am a conservative Presbyterian. You should not sit in judgment of a whole denomination — that is just wrong, wrong, wrong.

Because of your statement, I don't feel I can trust how you present things in your newsletter any more.

My hope is that you will be more careful in your judgments. Because of your statement, which has shocked me deeply, I can't financially support your ministry any more. I feel really bad about this, but you have done something terribly wrong and I can't support a ministry that preaches against the Presbyterian Church.

D.M.

Dear D.M.:

No, I am not wrong, wrong, wrong. I'm right, right, right! Do you think that killing the messenger will help? Do I think that the 431 members of your General Assembly who want to destroy Israel represent your denomination? Well, of course I do. Isn't that their job? Didn't you elect them to represent you? If you don't agree with them, I suggest you have 431 anti-Semitic unbelievers to deal with immediately. And then you might move on to the thousands of Presbyterian pastors who I have seen excoriate Israel and Scripture throughout my entire ministry.

Your statement "I can't support a ministry that preaches against the Presbyterian Church" is simply amazing. You value a notoriously liberal denomination above a Bible teaching ministry. Please think hard about this and pray about it and consider changing churches. And please, read the next letter. —Zola

Dear Zola:

I used to be a Presbyterian, but after reading about their recent stand against Israel, no more shall I call myself one. I had questioned some of their other stances through the years, (pro-UN, pro-abortion, pro-gay, pro-liberal, etc.), but this finally takes the cake.

D. P.

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Dear Zola:

Enclosed you will find my monthly donation.

By the way, I am Associate Pastor in a Bible-believing Methodist Church. Replacement Theology? — bah, baloney. Israel is and always will be the “apple of His Eye.” J.G.

One Methodist Who Believes

Dear Zola:

I just wanted you to know how much I enjoy your programs and teaching materials. I enjoy the *Levitt Letter* very much and keep my copies to share with others.

In reference to your editorial “A Note from Zola,” I just want you to know that there is one Methodist who does believe in the Abrahamic covenant and that the Jews are God’s Chosen People. I am concerned about the plight of the Jews, and I pray for peace in Jerusalem as the Bible instructs. I am very disappointed with those Methodists who do not believe this way. I know the major goal of the Muslims is to rid the world of Christians and Jews, and all Christians should know this.

I lead a morning Bible study at my church, and I bring much information about the Jews to this class and warn that certain TV news programs minimize Jewish suffering and seem to favor the so-called “Palestinians.” I want to thank you for your ministry and the time it takes to prepare your programs and resource materials.

L.S.

Dear L.S.:

I suspect that God has people like you appointed to perform important work within what appear to be hopeless denominations. The United Methodist Church as a whole, has invariably criticized Israel, and long ago put the Scriptures away. But you can offer a cure. Godspeed. — Zola

Dear Zola:

I was told by my employer that if I didn’t cease from quoting the verses from the Koran pertaining to hate and violence against non-Muslims, I would face dismissal for committing a hate crime. There goes the First Amendment! Their plan is working.

J.B.



Pained with DTS

Dear Zola:

It was a pleasure to hear you this summer in Staunton, Virginia. I enjoyed your message, and it was encouraging to gather with those who love Israel and the truth of the Gospel.

I am a graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary (1983). It has pained me to note the direction my seminary has gone with regard to the Church, Israel and a literal interpretation of the Scriptures. The hermeneutic born when literal translation is abandoned leads to all manner of confusion and doctrinal error. Sadly, I saw the seeds of this error when I was a student over 20 years ago.

Today we have a Church that is in almost total confusion about theology. Most ministries proclaim the kingdom, apply kingdom teachings to the Church, and then declare that the Church has replaced Israel. Few realize that the kingdom is for Israel, not the Church. Few realize that God continues to have a plan for national Israel and that one day “all Israel will be saved.” Won’t that be a glorious day!

I hope you will be encouraged. You probably feel like Elijah some days. Be assured there are still 7,000 who have not bowed the knee to Baal. May the Lord richly bless you and may His face shine upon you.

D. S.

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The letter below is to the president of Rutgers University, sent by an Israeli citizen after Rutgers' threat of divestiture from Israel.

Letter to the President of Rutgers University



Pres. Fran Lawrence

You are neither an Arab nor a Jew, you do not study the Middle East, or any associated subject, and (correct me if I'm wrong) have never visited this region. Therefore, I am somewhat astounded at your lack of expertise and your comments on Israel being an "apartheid state."

I have lived in Israel for many years and would be delighted to take you on a little virtual tour of our country which occupies 0.1 percent of the land mass of the Middle East, is the only Jewish state in the world, and is surrounded by 22 Arab states. Let us begin your virtual tour....

You have already been through immigration and the visitor's form didn't ask, as in many of the countries that surround us, what your religion is. And it certainly will not ask, as in Saudi Arabia, for a "certificate of religion."

The day is Sunday. You attend a church service. No problem in the "apartheid state" of Israel. We tolerate and freely allow worship for all religions. This is more than can be said for nearly all of the surrounding 22 Arab nations. In fact, many of them would not even have a single church, let alone a synagogue.

After a lovely service, you return to your hotel and put on a very casual outfit, as fitting the very hot Israeli summers: a pair of shorts and a T-shirt. No problem in the "apartheid state" of Israel where women aren't forced to wear bulky long robes and a veil to cover their face, as in most of the surrounding 22 Arab states.

After lunch you are even allowed to drive. It is not forbidden in Israel. You drive past a kindergarten. The children are not infested with hate or told that the only honor in their lives will be in death. In the "apartheid state" of Israel, we do not promote murder and violence by brainwashing our children, as they do in many of the surrounding 22 Arab states. By the end of the day, you come across a political rally. In the "apartheid state" of Israel, all of the citizens — men, women, Jew, Arab, and Christian — are free to vote and allowed to openly criticize the government and media — unlike in most of the surrounding 22 Arab states, ruled by oppressive dictators.

You seem somewhat confused as to the meaning of "apartheid." It usually refers to segregation. It's funny that a large portion of the Jews who live in this "apartheid state" had to flee for their lives from the surrounding 22 Arab states where anyone who is not a Muslim is an

"infidel." I find it curious that you find nothing "apartheid" about this. Maybe you should do a project on how many churches there are in Saudi Arabia. Let me help you — there are none. I can only hope that one day in the near future you will discover your conscience. — David, Israel

A NOTE FROM ZOLA continued from page 7

A special feature of our March tour will be a Volunteer Day of visiting and helping out with a Christian ministry or possibly the Israeli Army (non-combat!). Plans are underway. "...for if the Gentiles have been made partakers of Israel's spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in worldly things" (Romans 15:27).

For more tour information, please call Tony at 214-696-9760 during business hours. You can also call 1-800-WONDERS (1-800-966-3377) anytime for a brochure on all of our upcoming tours.

And as always, please pray for the peace of Jerusalem. — Zola

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Dear Zola:

I have always been amazed when I witness anti-Semitic acts of any kind. I believe, as the Scriptures say, "The Jew first, then the Gentile." I am so grateful to be a Gentile given the chance to be grafted into the Root of Abraham.

I am able to watch your program Thursday mornings on PAX. I look forward to it each week and, if I am not going to be home, I record it.

Each program is so full of information, but the one that I have so enjoyed was recently with the gentleman who had been a terrorist who tried to convert either his mother or grandmother. I just wish everyone could hear him and be convicted of the truth he speaks.

At this time, I can only tell you how grateful and blessed I am by all of your programs.

V.P

Dear Zola:

Thank you for your ministry. It's like a light turned on in a dark room.

D. A.

HebrewLesson

The Lord's Prayer -Part 2

By John J. Parsons



“Tavo Malkhutekha,”
Thy Kingdom come.

מַלְכוּת
הַשָּׁמַיִם

**The Kingdom
of Heaven**

The Kingdom of God is the manifestation of the rule of God over the hearts of men. Thus, when ancient Israel wanted a king like the other nations, the LORD reproached them for not wanting His rule within their hearts (see 1 Samuel 8:6-7). Later, the prophet Daniel foretold of the succession of world kingdoms destined to be destroyed by “a kingdom of God” that shall last forever (see Daniel 2:24), where the “Son of Man” (*bar enosh*) is given dominion, and glory, and an everlasting and indestructible kingdom (Daniel 7:14). Isaiah likewise foretold of the coming Prince of Peace (*sar shalom*) upon whose shoulders the reign of God would rest (Isaiah 9:6).

When Jesus began to preach, He declared Himself as the “Son of Man” who came to proclaim that the Kingdom of God was at hand (Matthew 3:2, 4:17, etc.).

Jesus taught that this Kingdom “cometh not by observation” (Luke 17:20), but is “within you” (Luke 17:21), meaning that it is evidenced by the working of your faith as you submit to the authority of the LORD. Identifying yourself as a subject of the King means that you are living out His reign and glory in your daily life, and sharing the rule of God with others you encounter.

“Ye’aseh Retsonekha,” Thy will be done.

This phrase parallels the first, for being a subject in the Kingdom of God means doing the will of the

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Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven (Matthew 6:10 KJV).

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in heaven	it is done	as	on earth

Sovereign of the Kingdom. This is decidedly not an appeal for stoic or passive resignation in the face of frustration or disappointment, since the modifying phrase, “on earth as it is in heaven” precludes this interpretation. Rather, “Thy will be done” involves active consecration or dedication to the cause of promoting the reign of God within our hearts. We fulfill the will of the LORD when we keep His *mitzvot* (1 John 2:3-4) and proclaim His Salvation (Matthew 28:19-20).

“Ba’arets ka’asher na’asah vashamayim,” on earth, as it is in heaven.

God’s kingdom is fully established in heaven, where His perfect rule is forever unchallenged. Yet His authority is not regarded here on earth, where the kingdoms of this world will ultimately be dashed in pieces like a potter’s vessel (Psalm 2), and those who disobey His commandments will be subject to everlasting punishment (Matthew 25:31-46).



Crawling Back

By Zola Levitt

Israel, the only democracy in the Middle East, allows a free press. The main reason there are so many news stories from Israel, and so few from Arab nations or territories, is the fact that reporters do not have free movement nor freedom of expression in Arab societies.

A BBC reporter might have an interview with Arafat, but he is only allowed to print Arafat's propaganda and not allowed to make independent observations about the Palestinians; otherwise he would be shown the door — or his coffin.

As a result, the democracy of Israel is overrun, with some 400 reporters covering Jerusalem alone (we have maybe 10 reporters covering London), and their stories tend to be negative and biased. These reporters criticize Israel, which is admittedly their right in a free country.

But with that said, two particular networks have abused their welcome in Israel. In the past year, the untruthful reporting of both CNN and the BBC has infuriated the Israeli government. Criticism is one thing. Israel is used to getting the short end of nearly every story from nearly every news service in the world. But going out of their way to simply lie about Israel is regarded as out of bounds.

As a home-grown example of such distortions, I once called *The Dallas Morning News* and asked if they understood that when a Palestinian suicide bomber blows up a bus filled with innocents, more tears are shed by the families of the innocents than by the family of the bomber.

Their answer was, "Well, Mr. Levitt, it's not particularly newsworthy to show Israeli suffering. They have been making war for a generation. It's the victims we try to support." This, of course, is completely upside down and backward.

I became completely frustrated, as did Israel with CNN and the BBC. This began many behind-the-scenes negotiations between the government and the networks. These were not publicized, but I observed the changes during my tours there. Hotels would shut off CNN on their cable. If I remember right, sometimes they would show FOX News, a refreshing change. In any case, both the BBC and CNN have kowtowed to the Israelis and promised to do better in the future.

One CNN executive is sucking up and trying to save his business in Israel by agreeing to run a series on Israeli suffering.

This should acquaint the world with the amazing fact that Israelis are people. They eat, breathe and reproduce, just like all other people. When their spouses, children, parents, brothers, sisters, and friends are suddenly murdered, they take offense.

Keep in mind that CNN is not really sympathetic to the Israeli side. The series on Israeli suffering is just a token gesture in order to help maintain business there. It is nothing more than a cynical business decision.

If news organizations simply reported the news, they wouldn't have these problems. CBS and Dan Rather shouldn't have a position on a candidate when they are covering the presidential election. ABC shouldn't decide what country they want to win a war and excoriate the opposing country in their coverage. CNN (which is being soundly beaten by FOX News, "fair and balanced") needs to straighten up many of its ways if they wish to become a credible news organization. ✦

Payback from the Religion of Peace?

Associated Press

Palestinian gunmen in the Gaza Strip recently kidnapped an Israeli Arab journalist working for CNN as he was traveling in a car in the Rimal neighborhood of Gaza City. Eyewitnesses said Riad Ali Ghanem, a Druze resident of Maghar village in the Galilee, was kidnapped by a number of gunmen who intercepted the car he was driving in



together with CNN correspondent Ben Wedeman. "They got out of their car, asked who was Riad Ali, and ordered him to accompany them," said one eyewitness. No group claimed responsibility for the abduction.

Senior Palestinian Authority officials in Ramallah said PA Chairman Yasser Arafat had instructed the PA security forces in the Gaza Strip to work towards releasing the Israeli Arab journalist. MK Mohammed Barakeh phoned Arafat and asked him to interfere to secure the release of Ghanem. "President Arafat is personally tackling the case," he said. "The PA does not know who is behind the kidnapping. We condemn the kidnapping of any journalist. It is inconceivable that a barbaric thing like this took place."

Ghanem, a father of three, is a graduate of Hebrew University in Jerusalem. About a year ago he started working for CNN as a producer and translator. CNN's Jerusalem

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An honest Muslim commentator — Zola

“We are Responsible for the Violence, Not Zionism” *Israel Today*

“The ongoing violence in the Middle East has nothing to do with Zionism,” former Kuwaiti Cabinet Minister Sa’ad bin Tafla told Jordan Television. “I think that we are responsible for the culture of violence, and not Zionism.”

“It is wrong to say that the violence is a result of the Israeli occupation,” bin Tafla continued. “The French occupation of Algeria left a million people dead, and ten years later, 10,000 Algerians were butchered by fellow Algerians in the name of Islam. I must point out that many more Algerians have been killed by their own people than Palestinians killed by the Israelis. The culture of violence has deep roots inside us and has nothing to do with the Israeli occupation. Such a culture distances itself from objectivity and self-criticism.” “This trend of violence has been glorified and shown as legitimate resistance,” he said, “and this culture must be reassessed.”

The usual Muslim commentators — Zola

“Palestine has been our Homeland for Millions of Years!” *Israel Today*

Government-run Voice of Palestine Television aired a program claiming that Palestinian history began millions of years ago! Israel was portrayed as a fleeting presence in the land, with no historical connection to it. Here are some excerpts from this exercise in propaganda:

“You are phantoms in our country who will disappear” (Israeli soldiers are shown).

“Our roots run very deep — Palestine has been our homeland for millions of years” (The land is shown).

“We have been here since the beginning of mankind. Before us, no foot had touched this land. The caves in the mountains belong to us. The rivers belong to us. The vineyards and the fields belong to us” (The land is shown).

“This is the beginning” (Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat is shown).

“And every beginning has an end” (The golden Dome of the Rock on the Temple Mount is shown).

“The days are long” (War scenes are shown).

“Our destiny points to revolution” (The Palestinian flag is shown).

With this kind of government-sanctioned brainwashing, it should be no surprise that Israel says it does not have a peace partner on the Palestinian side.

Israel Stirs Up Anti-Semitism

Israel Today

The Saudi newspaper *Riyadh Daily* warned that Israel is stirring up anti-Semitism in Europe to reverse the decline in immigration to the Jewish state. “Israel is expelling Palestinians from their villages and cities to make new Jewish settlements in the occupied territories,” the paper said.

“Israel wants to Judaize Palestine.” The article was triggered by Prime Minister Ariel Sharon’s call to French Jews to immigrate to Israel to escape a growing wave of anti-Semitism. ❖

Payback from the Religion of Peace *continued*

bureau chief Ben Wedeman, speaking on CNN, described Ali as a well respected journalist liked by all his colleagues. He said the kidnappers were uncommunicative, not unusual in appearance and in their early 20s. It was strange, he said, that in an “environment usually hospitable to us, for men to put a gun in my face and ask me about people I work with.”

Wedeman



Andrew Seal, head of foreign journalists’ cell condemned the kidnapping and called for immediate release of the journalist. No group claimed responsibility for the abduction. Wedeman said CNN was making attempts to secure Ali’s release.

The IDF has decided to close the Gaza Strip to all Israeli citizens and journalists, IBA reported. In the past, there have been several alerts over Palestinian intentions to kidnap foreign journalists. Usually, in such cases, the IDF has closed down the Erez roadblock. ❖

Notable in this story are the comments of Mohammed Barakeh, an Israeli Arab citizen and elected Member of the Knesset. He claims that it is “inconceivable that a barbaric thing like this took place.” Does Barakeh not remember the two Israeli reservists who accidentally made a wrong turn and ended up in in Ramallah? Soon after the soldiers were jailed, a Palestinian mob stormed the building and literally tore the soldiers limb from limb. Who can forget the photograph of a bloodthirsty Palestinian thug gleefully leaning out the window showing his hands covered with the soldiers’ blood? M.K. Barakeh is lying. Barbarism and terrorism are commonplace among the Palestinians, and he supports it.

Riad Ali was released the following day. We still await an explanation. — Zola

Believer Cal Thomas is so often the keenest observer of the Muslims. — Zola

Moderate, Peaceful Muslims— Where are they?

By Cal Thomas
www.townhall.com



Following the massacre by mostly Muslim terrorists in Beslan, Russia, that killed, at last count, 342 people, including 172 children, and wounded hundreds of others, a rare voice of reason was heard from an unlikely place.

Abdel Rahman al-Rashed, general manager of Al-Arabiya television in Dubai, wrote in a London Arabic newspaper, *Al-Asharq Al-Awsat*: “Our terrorist sons are an end-product of our corrupted culture.”

Under the headline “The Painful Truth: All the World’s Terrorists Are Muslims!,” he wrote: “Most perpetrators of suicide operations in buses, schools and residential buildings around the world for the past 10 years have been Muslims.” He also wrote that if Muslims want to change their image, they must “admit the scandalous facts,” rather than disparage critics or justify terrorists’ behavior.

As a good Baptist would say: “Amen!” It’s about time somebody spoke the truth. From Russia to Iraq, from the Sudan to the Philippines, and from Madrid, Bali and Kenya to the World Trade Center in New York, a field in Pennsylvania and the Pentagon in Washington, one characteristic describes all of the killers: They are Muslims.

In the Russian killings, the news agency Itar-Tass reports that at least 10 of the 32 hostage terrorists were linked to al-Qaeda or had ties to Arab nations. Despite these facts, the major American media are going out of their way to cover up the obvious, preferring words such as “militants” and “extremists,” and refusing in many cases to identify the religious motivation behind the killings.

The U.S. government is promoting “tolerance” and “diversity” sessions led by Muslim organizations, some of which have questionable ties to groups that have either supported, or condemned with disingenuous statements, killings by Muslim extremists, or sought to justify them because of policies promoted by Israel or the United States.

Repeatedly, these mandatory sessions tell government employees that Islam is a peaceful religion from which they have nothing to fear. If that is so, why aren’t the

“moderates” leading an army of their own and crushing the “infidels” who have supposedly “hijacked” this “peaceful religion”?

“Moderate” Islamic clerics should defrock and denounce other clerics who preach hate and the destruction of Christians, Jews and all things Western. These diversity and sensitivity sessions should be held in countries that harbor and train terrorists and export terrorism as a religious mandate and a national policy.

Instead, we hear from Ali Abdullah, an Islamic “scholar” in Bahrain, who said of the massacre in Russia: “I have no doubt that this is the work of the Israelis who want to tarnish the image of Muslims and are working alongside Russians who have their own agenda against the Muslims in Chechnya.” Omar Bakri Mohammed, the leader of the extremist sect al-Muhajiroun, told London’s *Sunday Telegraph*: “If an Iraqi Muslim carried out an attack like (the Russian massacre) in Britain, it would be justified because Britain has carried out acts of terrorism in Iraq.”

It gives a whole new meaning to “women and children first.” Mohammed’s interview was in conjunction with a “celebratory” conference in London to commemorate the third anniversary of the September 11 attacks on the United States.

It’s long past time to ditch political correctness and identify the enemy, which is not disembodied “terrorism” but radical Islamists who commit terror in the perverted name of their god.

A report from The Institute of World Politics in Washington claims that Saudi Arabia has spent tens of millions of dollars on indoctrinating American soldiers and prison inmates in radical Islamic ideology and that its goal is to create insurgency cells in the United States devoted to the Wahhabi agenda.

The Muslim vote will go to John Kerry because Kerry is perceived by some Muslim leaders as potentially more sympathetic to their objective of ending support for Israel and eliminating the Patriot Act, which has kept an eye on people and places known for Islamic extremist behavior and potential jihadists who want to kill us.

We should be listening to the likes of Abdel Rahman al-Rashed or, for a reality check, former Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad, who, last October, called on the world’s 1.3 billion Muslims to unite against “a few million Jews,” whom he said rule the world and get others to fight and die for them.

Moderate? Peaceful? Where is the evidence? ❖

(Please see *Ex-Muslims...* on page 6)

After Nazism & Communism

By Will King

The first week of September saw the beginning of the 7th Annual Jewish Festival in Budapest, Hungary, home to the largest Jewish community in Europe. The festival was held in the city's Jewish district and centered at the Dohany Great Synagogue. Built in 1859, this synagogue seats 3,000 people and is the second-largest active synagogue in the world. It also houses the local Jewish Museum and monument to the birthplace of Theodore Herzl, father of modern Zionism. Booths of all types were set-up behind the synagogue, where the Holocaust memorial is located. Merchants sold crafts, books, food, wine, and more. However, the greatest draw of the festival was the music concerts that were held in the synagogue each night. Several hundred people came to hear traditional Jewish and Hungarian music played by both local and special guest performers.

Although 80,000 Jews live in Budapest today, only a relatively small number of them live in the city's traditional Jewish district. There were only three kosher restaurants, one small kosher market, approximately four synagogues, a couple of Judaica stores, and few Jewish people to be seen walking the streets. Despite this, many signs of the district's thriving Jewish past can be seen, especially on the buildings, several of which proudly bear Hebrew writing. At the beginning of World War II, approximately 184,000 Jews were living in Budapest. The district was turned into a ghetto in 1944, and despite the heroic efforts of individuals like Raoul Wallenberg and several others, about 50 percent of Budapest's Jews were killed, with approximately 80-90 thousand deciding to stay in the city after the war. These Jews had been rescued from death at the hands of the Nazis, only to be placed under the oppression of Communism.

The week-long festival was a great success, proving that in today's Hungary, after the defeat of the Nazis and Communists, the Jewish population is again a welcome segment that has an important role to play in Budapest's society.

"Woe unto you... Hypocrites"

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After European representatives launched a campaign against Israel's separation fence, and voted against Israel at the UN general assembly, the European Union is planning a separation fence of its own. The EU plans to build a fence to separate its new members — Poland and Hungary — from its new neighbors — Russia, Belarus and the Ukraine — to prevent the free movement of migrants seeking to enter the EU.

Israeli companies that specialize in the construction of warning fences and security systems will participate in tenders to build hundreds of kilometers of fences along the EU's new eastern border. ✱

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War and Sushi

By Gal Luft, Institute for the Analysis of Global Security (IAGS)

The “I’s” and the “P’s” have been at war for over half a century. Over the past several years the level of suspicion, hostility and paranoia between the two has been unprecedented. “I” has been the target of a terror campaign by Islamic terrorists who infiltrated its territory and conducted horrific attacks against both soldiers and innocent civilians.

“I” accuses the “P’s” of training and arming these militants and not lifting a finger to stop them. After a long series of failed attempts to reach a peace deal or even a temporary cease fire, the government of “I” decided it must erect a fence as a security barrier separating it from the “P” terrorists.

“I’s” fence project infuriates the “P’s”. Their uniformed leader called the government of “I” to immediately halt the construction. But despite strong international pressure, “I” does not seem to bend and its white haired prime minister recently called to expedite the project and finish the fence by the end of 2004.

If you thought the above 165 words describe the controversial fence currently being erected in the West Bank between Israel and the Palestinians you are in good company.

Look again. “I” is not Israel and “P” is not Palestine.

The story above describes another fence, three time zones away from the Middle East, in the disputed area of Kashmir between India and Pakistan.

Indeed, since Pakistani militants tried to storm the Indian Parliament in December 2001, India has embarked on an ambitious project aimed to seal its border with its enemy.

The fence is only part of a multi-tiered system that includes mines, sensors, trenches, and, in some parts, a high mud wall.

Now, ask yourself why you associated the above story with the Middle East and not with South Asia. Why does the action of a nation of six million people loom larger in your consciousness than that of one billion people?

After all, the India-Pakistan conflict is just as enduring and fierce. It threatens world peace no less than the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. The Indian fence is at least twice as long as the Israeli. It too creates facts on the ground unilaterally; it too entails land disputes and separation of innocent farmers from their land.



THE FENCE
between
India
and
Pakistan

Unlike the Israeli fence, India’s project has been under the radar screen of most American media outlets. Run a quick internet search for “Israel Palestinian fence” and then “India Pakistan fence” and see the difference. While the first fence was covered by all main western media outlets from *The New York Times* to *Time Magazine* over and over again *ad nauseam*, the debate over the Indian fence features almost exclusively in the South Asian media.

American newspapers dedicated no editorials to it, news networks did not do specials on it. *60 Minutes* did not find it interesting enough. Tom Friedman found the Israeli fence to be a sexier topic to do a documentary on than the Indian fence.

At no point did the European media call the Indian fence “apartheid wall” or “Berlin Wall.” In truth, the Indian fence has not been covered for the same reason an Israeli incursion into Gaza and the killing of three militants receives, on any given day, more media attention than the massacre of 400 people in Congo.

The reason being, in part, that over the years, the western media’s interest in the Arab-Israeli conflict has reached a level of obsession. Jerusalem is a haven for journalists. It is a war zone without real war, the one place in the Middle East where they can file stories while eating sushi.

As a result, Israeli affairs are being covered on a disproportionate scale. The unintended consequence is that the public judgment and ability to dedicate sufficient resources to other, no less challenging, parts of the world is compromised.

This overexposure of Israel also has policy implications. It is not an accident that the Indian fence has not been condemned internationally the way Israel’s has been; that the UN convened a special emergency meeting of the General Assembly to approve a resolution, demanding a stop to the construction while being mute on India; that human rights activists flock to the West Bank to lie under Israeli bulldozers. All of these make great material for even more stories. And so it goes.

The media are the periscope with which we look at the world and form our worldview. As media consumers, Americans need less Israel and more world. Otherwise, we will find ourselves surrounded too, by a fence blocking our view of the real world issues. ■

Syria is third on the *Levitt Letter* list of regimes that must change (or *be* changed) — after Saudi Arabia and Iran. — Zola

The Takeover Goes On

Agence France Presse

Syria tested chemical weapons on civilians in Sudan's troubled western Darfur region in June and killed dozens of people.

The German daily newspaper, *Die Welt*, citing unnamed western security sources, said that injuries apparently caused by chemical arms were found on the bodies of the victims.

It said that witnesses, quoted by an Arabic news website called ILAF, had said that several frozen bodies arrived suddenly at the Al-Fashr Hospital in the Sudanese capital of Khartoum in June.

Die Welt said that the sources had indicated that the weapons tests were undertaken following a military exercise between Syria and Sudan.

Syrian officers were reported to have met in May with Sudanese military leaders in a Khartoum suburb to discuss the possibility of improving cooperation between their armies.

According to *Die Welt*, the Syrians had suggested close cooperation on developing chemical weapons, and it was proposed that the arms be tested on the rebel "SPLA," the Sudan People's Liberation Army, in the south.

But given that the rebels were involved in peace talks, the newspaper continued, the Sudanese government proposed testing the arms on people in Darfur.

Details of what was in the weapons were not disclosed.

The Sudanese government has been accused of arming and backing Arab militias, known as "Janjaweed," which have rampaged through the western Darfur region for the past 20 months.

An estimated 50,000 people have been killed and 1.4 million more uprooted in a campaign against Darfur's black African population, which began in February 2003 when Khartoum and the Janjaweed cracked down on a rebel uprising.

The United States has accused Syria of trying to acquire materials and the know-how to develop chemical weapons, and claims that Sudan has been seeking to improve its capability to produce them for many years.

Recently, Fox News, usually our only "fair and balanced" news outlet, came up with a story about "fighting" between Islamic militiamen (Muslim murderers) and the Christian and Animist natives of the Darfur region.

The "fight" goes this way. The heavily-armed Arab murderers ride into town and the villagers run for their lives. The slower runners (women, for example) are murdered where they stand, or raped and then murdered. The U.N. reports 50,000 people killed, but as always, they vastly underestimate the damage. 1.4 million people have fled their villages, and it is hard to see how they would get food and shelter in the very inhospitable southern Sahara.

The story also refers to the victims as "rebels" because they originally revolted against the Islamic government. Needless to say, the Muslims are doing this "crackdown" against unarmed people in order to either force their conversion, or run them out of the country so they can steal their land.

I wonder if we would have objected if the massacre at the school in Beslan, Russia by the Chechen terrorists (Muslim murderers) had been described as "fighting" between the students and the terrorists.

Until we describe our enemy, we cannot win this war. The war is not against terrorism. Terrorism is a procedure or way of doing things. We are at war against Islamic terrorists (Muslim murderers). There are no other kind. —Zola



If we had the humility to consult El Al (Israel's airline), which has never been sabotaged, our planes would be as safe as theirs. — Zola

Flying Still Risky

Associated Press

Even with all the security gains since the September 11 attacks, most airline passengers in the United States aren't screened for explosives before boarding a plane.

Luggage checked onto commercial planes goes through machines that can detect explosives. X-ray machines for carry-on bags can spot metal, such as knives and guns — but not explosives.

If screeners deem a carry-on bag suspicious, they use wands to detect explosives residue.

Most passengers receive no such scrutiny. They walk through metal detectors. Some also are checked with handheld metal detectors. Some have shoes or other items inspected with the explosives-detection wands.

In its final report, the 9/11 Commission said the Transportation Security Administration and Congress must improve the way screeners look for explosives at airports. "As a start, each individual selected for special screening should be screened for explosives," the report said.

Russian authorities say traces of an explosive were found among wreckage of both commercial planes that crashed almost simultaneously in August.

Former Navy Secretary John Lehman, a September 11 Commission member, told the House aviation subcommittee that the prospect of suicide bombers getting on U.S. aircraft is a very real threat."

He said it's more likely now that a terrorist will try to smuggle explosives aboard U.S. planes because the aircraft have been made more secure against other threats. Extra security measures include rein-

forced cockpit doors, more air marshals and electronic screening of checked baggage.

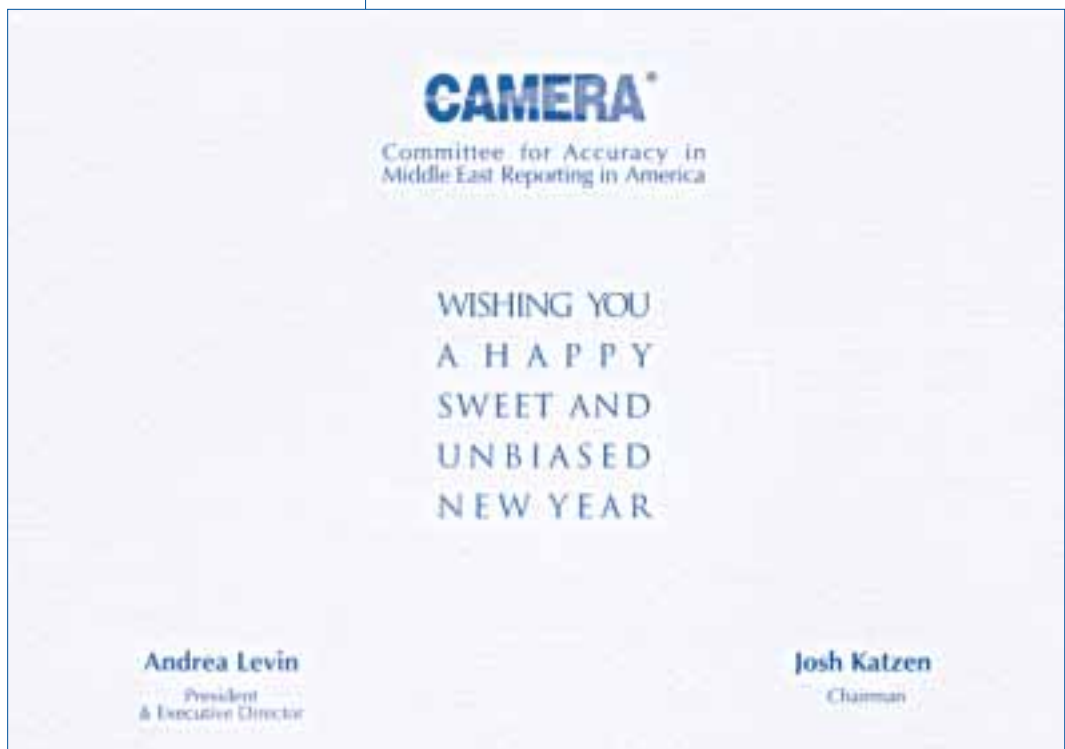
TSA chief David Stone testified that the agency hasn't decided whether it should check more people for bombs when they're screened a second time.

The TSA recently began testing to see if equipment to detect explosives on people will work and won't slow down screening. The walkthrough machines, made by General Electric Co., analyze the air around a person to see if it contains explosive substances. The "EntryScan" machines have already been approved for use in U.S. airports, and are in use in power plants and military installations in the United States and Europe.

As each machine costs about \$140,000, installing them at 2,000 checkpoints in the nation's 441 commercial airports would cost about \$280 million.

Stone said the TSA also is reviewing:

- "Backscatter" machines, which bounce low-level X-rays against a person in a booth. The machines produce a black-and-white image that will show any concealed weapons or explosives.
- Scanners that can detect explosives on driver's licenses, passports and other documents shown at airports. ✦



We received the following Jewish New Year's card from CAMERA. They doggedly pursue media bias against Israel. It is a long, hard, international job. — Zola

Fabricating History

By Aaron Klein, www.worldnetdaily.com

The Jewish people have no connection to Israel, the Hebrews of the Old Testament were actually Arabs, the prophets in the Bible were Muslim, Solomon's Temple was not built by Israelites but by Arab Canaanites, and the entire Bible is an invention of the Jews, according to a recent educational program aired on Palestinian Authority TV.

Two senior PA "historians," Dr. Jarir Al-Qidwa, head of the PA public library and Arafat's advisor on education, and Dr. Issam Sissalem, senior historian and former head of history at PA University, were guests on the featured program and described in detail their assertion that Jewish history is part of a Zionist conspiracy. Both said any Jewish connection to Israel is actually a Muslim connection, even though Islam wasn't founded at the time of the Biblical Hebrews.

According to a translation of the program provided by Palestinian Media Watch, Al-Qidwa explained: "The Bible became an archival document, not representing what the Israelis and the first Jews were, but what they thought they were, what they imagined."

Sissalem then added, "We, as the Palestinian nation fighting for its freedom and liberation, must not focus too much attention on these false [Biblical] legends. The history of our land continues more than 10,000 years. The land of battles and wars, [many] armies, tribes and commanders came through. I want to point out that we should not focus much on what is called the [Biblical] Hebrew tribes, who are in fact Bedouin Arab tribes."

"[Jews] claimed that Solomon, may he rest in peace, built the Temple. Does the land testify to this? Solomon was a prophet and we see him as a Muslim and part of our [Islamic] heritage. There is no historical text that proves the existence [of the Temple] or that it has a real history other than the Bible, and the Bible, as we have previously mentioned, was written based on ancient legends."

"... The Koran came directly from the Prophet [Muhammad]... while supporting all that preceded it in the [Biblical] Prophetic inscriptions, that, as you noted, appeared in the Koran as Muslims believing in the one and only God, and these [the Hebrew prophets of the Bible] are part of our [Muslim] heritage. They have no connection to the Imperialistic Settlement Jews [Israelis] and nor to those that were destroyed."

"When the Zionist movement started to set in motion the Imperialist Settlement plan, it tried to base itself in the Biblical legends; as we said, the Bible expresses a tradition of legends that have no connection to history."

Al-Qidwa says the Temple Mount in Jerusalem is actually a "Zionist invention."

"No one said that the temple that was built in Jerusalem, neither the Canaanite nor Roman, no one said that it was in the place of the [Islamic] Al Haram," said Al-Qidwa.

A Palestinian viewer who called into the program expressed hopes that "Palestine will be for [Jews] a cemetery, Allah willing ...," to which both "historians" agreed.

Official Palestinian media and educational guides have long denied any Jewish connection to the State of Israel. At the Camp David peace summit in 2000, President Clinton was reportedly stunned when Yasser Arafat himself denied any Jewish connection to the Temple Mount and demanded complete sovereignty.

The official Palestinian textbooks assert that "treachery and disloyalty are character traits of the Jews and therefore one should beware of them." Jews are cast as Satanic, violent and cunning, as "thieving conquerors" who have stolen Arab land to which they have no connection, and they "must be fought and defeated," says one ninth-grade text.

In addition, when the Islamic Wafq was granted authority to excavate under the Temple Mount as part of the 1993 Oslo Accords, many in Israel charged that the Wafq attempted to seize archeological evidence linking Judaism to the holy site.

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DR. ARAFAT: Yasser Arafat, who denies the existence of the Biblical Temples, receives an honorary doctorate from Al Quds University in Ramallah.

“We Will Behead Them”

By Victor Mordecai, *Israel Today*

A Muslim cleric gave this warning on a Shiite radio station in Saudi Arabia: If the Saudi Sunni leadership does not grant us our rights and does not expel some two million Christian foreign workers in the kingdom, “we Shiites will behead them (the Christians) as well as the Sunni royal family.”

Following the beheadings of Daniel Pearl in Pakistan, Nick Berg in Iraq (both Jews) and Paul Johnson (a Christian) in Saudi Arabia, as well as Muslims (such as Turks and Pakistanis), these threats should be taken seriously. If the Shiites want to overthrow the Saudi leadership, the best way is to destabilize the economy through the exodus of foreign and Christian workers.

Who supports the Shiites of Saudi Arabia? Iran.

At the same time, the Sunni-Wahhabi forces of al-Qaeda are also seeking to overthrow the corrupt 5,000 royal princes of the “heretical” House of Saud. In this effort, the Iranian-backed Shiites and the Sunni al-Qaeda are ready to work together. But once the House of Saud is overthrown, the Shiites, who compose about 50 percent of the Saudi population, will turn on the Sunnis, and the kingdom will self-destruct, just like in Afghanistan.

So what will happen to Saudi Arabia’s oil resources? Will Iran then control the world economy? Will Iran control Saudi Arabia’s 120 Chinese-built Dong Feng missiles, some of which might have nuclear warheads, courtesy of Pakistan?

In Iraq, there is undeniable proof of Iranian backing for the man leading the anti-American insurgency — Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. Iranian backing for the Shiites, who compose about 70 percent of Iraq’s population, is planting the seeds of civil war with the Sunnis. Once the Americans leave, the Sunnis will be slaughtered in revenge for Saddam Hussein’s brutal massacres of the Shiites, in addition to a bloody 1,400-year history of Sunni suppression of the Shiites of Iraq.

Who then will control Iraq? The Iranians, of course!

And what happens in Kuwait, Dubai, Bahrain, and the Emirates, where the Shiites are a sizable part of the population? Well, under this reasoning, all of these countries will fall like dominoes, under the umbrella of Iran.

What does this portend for Israel at a time when Iran seeks nuclear weapons with which to nuke the Jewish state and prove that “Allah is greater” (*Allah hu akbar*) than the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob?

What does it portend for terrorist attacks on the US, Europe and the rest of the world?

In my opinion, President Bush’s next mission in the war on terror must be regime change in Iran — before it is too late. ✪

The book of Revelation gives beheading as a form of execution in the upcoming Tribulation period. (...and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God... — Revelation 20:4).
— Zola



Fabricating History

continued

Itamar Marcus



According to archeologist Miri Tawil: “The Wafq claimed that they wanted to build a new underground

mosque in the area of Solomon’s stables.

The area of Solomon’s stables was known by archeologists to have been rich in Temple-period remains and structures.

Ignoring legal requirements that would have prevented them from destroying valuable Jewish archeology and artifacts, the Islamic Wafq made any hope of excavating these Holy Land treasures a lost hope.”

“The Palestinians brought in bulldozers, front-end loaders, dump trucks, and stone cutters that poured into the underground chambers and made rubble of the historical temple area. Sculptures were covered over with cement, and a huge pit, 200 feet long and 75 feet wide, was created. The entire area was effectively stripped of its ancient remains.”

“The Palestinian Authority is struggling with the challenge of creating a Palestinian national identity when no Palestinian national history exists,” said Itamar Marcus, Director of Palestinian Media Watch. ✪

(Please see our archaeology series, described on page 4.)

United, Again

A United jet was diverted to Maine on a recent London-Washington flight. A passenger, Yusuf Islam, formerly the singer Cat Stevens, is on a watch list.

How could that airplane have taken off and carried this potential terrorist thousands of miles? It could have been blown up over the Atlantic, because that is what terrorists do to airplanes. Where was the security? United's security also failed on 9/11. —Zola

Security, According to Madonna

Pop star Madonna called for world peace recently at a Tel-Aviv conference on Jewish mysticism, a highlight of her five-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Madonna said she was hesitant to come to Israel "after seeing so many news reports about terror attacks."

"I realize now that it is no more dangerous to be here than it is to be in New York," she told the gathering.

The "Material Girl" is misinformed. With some 600 murders in New York City last year (with the approximate population of the entire nation of Israel), and 313 in Israel (including terrorism), she was nearly twice as safe in Israel as in New York City. I've talked myself blue, I have presented the numbers, and even people who go there don't appreciate that CNN, CBS, ABC NBC, *The New York Times*, and other media have simply unfairly criticized Israel and made it seem a dangerous place. It is not perfectly quiet, nor is any other democracy in this world, but it is one of the safest countries in the world, and is far safer than the United States in general. — Zola

I'll Hold Your Coat

It is always interesting to see how Muslim clerics are more than happy to send the young and the mentally unstable on suicide missions against Jews and Christians. Yet, somehow, they themselves never quite get around to putting themselves or their own children into harm's way. It is the equivalent of Christ sending his disciples out to be crucified while he tidied up after the Last Supper. — From an internet email

Words Matter

Letter to *The Washington Times*

My local paper, *The Beaufort (SC) Gazette* recently had a page-one headline, "200 Dead as School Siege Ends," leading an article about the horrendous attack on school

children and others that occurred in Beslan, Russia. In

23 paragraphs, the attackers are called captors, guerrillas, fighters, and militants, but not once, terrorists. Angry, I looked back. The article had been filed by *The New York Times* News Service. No wonder. Why would *The New York Times* call terrorists "terrorists"?

Minutes later, I realized that I wasn't the only one troubled by the misrepresentation. Michael Radu, of the Foreign Policy Research Institute, in an online article he called "Russia's Problem," pointed to the same issue.

"Perhaps, unlikely as it may seem," he wrote, "even *The New York Times* will bring itself to label as terrorists (rather than "guerrillas" or "armed insurgents"), those who take school children hostage and murder their fathers."

It helps that *The Washington Times* calls terrorists what they are. Who was it who said, "Understanding begins by calling things by their right names?" Maybe if there are no "terrorists," there doesn't need to be a war against "terrorism"!

L.S.

Dear L.S.: I think you have missed the point. What your paper, *The New York Times* and most other news organizations are also not saying is that the perpetrators are MUSLIMS! All terrorists of any importance in the world today are MUSLIMS and our "War on Terrorism" is against those MUSLIMS. — Zola

Olympic Contribution

(Letter to *The Jerusalem Post*)

Sir: It must have been heart-warming for the Palestinian athletes to be greeted with such a roar of approval as they entered the Olympic stadium in Athens for the opening ceremony of the games.

Coupled with their status as the only group with nationalistic aspirations (not an actual nation) to have been invited to participate, the Palestinian terrorists must have seen this welcome as a long overdue acknowledgement of their unique contribution to the Olympic spirit during the Munich games of 1972.

L.S. — Nahariya, Israel

At the 1972 Munich Olympic Games, Palestinian terrorists (Muslim murderers) murdered 11 Israeli athletes. — Zola



The Stowell Era at Moody

By Thomas S. McCall, Th.D.

Dr. Joseph Stowell has tendered his resignation as president of Moody Bible Institute, effective in January, 2005. This ends an era of some twenty years with him at the helm of one of the leading evangelical colleges in the country, since Dr. Stowell succeeded the venerable Dr. George Sweeting. This causes us to consider what has happened to this revered institution during his watch, and what kind of president might replace him.



Three major schools developed during the early to middle part of the 20th century as bastions of Dispensational, Premillennial, pro-Israel, Pre-Tribulation Rapture, and Biblical inerrancy teaching. These three schools were Dallas Theological Seminary, Moody Bible Institute and Biola (with its graduate school, Talbot Theological Seminary). There were, at the time, and are now, other evangelical schools, but these three were the dominant schools in the Dispensational orbit. I had personal relationships with these three schools, inasmuch as I am an alumnus of both Talbot and Dallas Seminaries, and Zola and I have published several books with Moody Press. All three institutions were founded by outstanding, published theologians, theological giants of their time, whose primary aim was to hold fast to the doctrine once and for all delivered to the saints. For decades, any deviation from doctrinal integrity in the faculty or student body was dealt with quickly and firmly. No small number of faculty and students were required to leave these schools during those days because they moved away from the strong doctrinal statements that the presidents enforced with a kindly but firm hand.

Something happened in the latter part of the last century that has fundamentally changed these three schools, including Moody under Dr. Stowell. The emphasis on theology changed, and presidents of these institutions were installed who were more skilled in fund raising, development and student body increase than in doctrinal matters. Gradually, the concerns of theology were surrendered by the presidents and boards to the faculties and department heads. Because of accreditation and other academic changes, it became almost impossible to enforce doctrinal purity, or even to dismiss a tenured member of the faculty without going through all kinds of debilitating hearings and academic procedures.

The faculties, in turn, gradually became enamored of recognition by their academic peers. They eventually

discovered that, for them to advance, to be published, and to be invited to deliver papers at various theological associations, they would have to modify their theological positions. The main doctrinal stands of the schools came into question and were compromised. Dispensationalism morphed into "Progressive Dispensationalism," incorporating many elements of amillennialism. The Blessed Hope of the Pre-Tribulation Rapture of the Church lost its centrality, and became emphasized less and less. The strong support for Israel declined as well, as the faculties began to question the Biblical legitimacy of Israel's repossession of the Land in modern times. All of these things developed over the decades in the classrooms, in the vacuum created by the inattention of the presidents and the administrations. Zola and I chronicled these developments as they were occurring in this newsletter and in our book, *Battles with Seminaries*.

Did the presidents know all of this was happening in the classrooms? We believe they did, and by and large they were not in agreement with the doctrinal deviations, but felt powerless to confront the issues decisively. What then were the presidents of these schools to do? They could have belatedly attempted to enforce doctrinal concerns, but they were not prepared for what would probably have been a general revolt by the now entrenched faculties. They could have resigned in protest to the deviations, and brought attention to the problem, but they did not. Instead, they took what appears to us to be a hypocritical approach. They allowed the faculty to go their way into deviant doctrinal pursuits, while attempting to persuade the supporting Christian public that the schools had not changed, and that they were continuing to teach the same great Biblical truths they had from the beginning. Instead of featuring the new professors who were teaching students in the classrooms, they brought out for public attention the old, well-known professors, their books and tapes. Any

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Battles with Seminaries... Defending Israel — book

Is it really worth liberalizing Biblical doctrine to enroll a few extra students? We don't think so, and this book is designed to combat the lack of interest in Israel and prophecy that has taken hold of our major seminaries. Includes letters to and from seminaries and Zola's readers regarding Progressive Dispensationalism, a pox on the church that is striking its pastors before they graduate and give their first sermons. Available on page 31.



effort to point out the things that were happening in the classrooms was met with a stone wall of indifference and denial. Concerned alumni were accused of disloyalty to the schools. Thus, the professors who were changing the doctrines of the schools were strengthened, and the alumni faithful to the original doctrinal stand of the schools were minimized.

Now the era of Dr. Stowell is coming to an end. Under his watch, Moody remains a leading institution of evangelical ministry, but Moody (along with other similar schools) has gradually moved away from the Biblical anchor of Dispensationalism, Prophecy, the Pre-Tribulation Rapture, and support for modern Israel. These are not incidental doctrines, but are at the core of the founding of Moody. Those in administration at the school who are Biblical Dispensationalists have not corrected the situation, but have circled the wagons to defend the professors who are moving toward or have actually embraced Progressive Dispensationalism. The leaders say that they do not agree with these professors, but that they are not harmful to the school.

Quo vadis? Where is Moody going? What kind of president will the board of directors obtain now? Will they get a strong theologian who will bring the faculty back to its original Biblical moorings, or will they take the path of least resistance and choose another president who will focus on fund raising and student enrollment? With regret, I believe the latter course is more likely, and, under the new president, Moody will shift further away from its Biblical foundations. We all need to pray for the leadership at Moody, that the Lord will reverse the current trends and make Moody “the name you can trust” once again. ❖

It's difficult to add anything to the astute observations of my colleague Tom McCall, but I was also very bothered by Dr. Stowell over the years and by other seminary presidents. I personally corresponded with Stowell over a period of five years in the process of simply trying to make an appointment with him. He was very disappointing in that face-to-face interview when he finally relented. Stowell was perhaps the most imperious of the seminary presidents, constantly “talking down” in his correspondence. Once I wrote to him about whether the denial of Israel prevalent at Moody was not almost like a Holocaust mentality, and he replied: “I do not choose to be offended.”

I can't say that I am sorry to see Stowell go. I just wish the other seminaries would also change presidents — back to the sort of men we had in the earlier part of the last century: spiritual, ethical and above all things, scrupulously honest and interested in the approval of the Lord, not in the approval of the yes-men they are typically surrounded by. — Zola

Our own suicide terrorists — Zola

Americans for Islam!

By Roch Hammond, www.cnsnews.com

The American Civil Liberties Union in Illinois — along with other Chicago-based legal groups — is offering free legal help to any Muslim or Arab who requests assistance in the Chicago area.

The ACLU recently announced that it is collaborating with attorneys nationwide to offer free representation to anyone approached by the FBI during “its latest round of dragnet interviews” of Arabs and Muslims.

“This dragnet technique used by the FBI is simply racial profiling and violates our most cherished fundamental freedoms,” said Dalia Hashad, the ACLU's Arab, Muslim and South Asian Advocate. “Casting blanket suspicion on an entire religious and ethnic community is not a productive means of protecting national security or civil liberties.”

Recent press reports said that the FBI is conducting interviews with Muslims and Arab Americans across the country, seeking information that would prevent a major terrorist attack in this election year.

According to *The Washington Post*, the Arabs and Muslims on the interview list will be singled out by intelligence or investigative information, and the people being questioned are not necessarily suspects themselves.

But Edwin Yohnka, director of communications for the Illinois ACLU, said the FBI's approach to interviews has been ineffective and has created “feelings of fear and mistrust.”

Donna Spiser, a supervisory special agent with the FBI, said that the new, expanded interview process is “absolutely not” racial profiling and that “there are many different possibilities” on why someone may be interviewed.

“Intelligence has dictated who we're going to attempt to contact,” she said. “It doesn't necessarily mean that a person is a subject or target.”

Spiser added that the FBI interviews are “strictly dictated by intelligence,” and that Arab and Muslim Americans are not the only ones being questioned — “that's just misperception,” she said.

But the ACLU's Yohnka insists that the FBI is targeting broad groups of Arab and Muslim Americans, something that “doesn't give us better intelligence,” he said.

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Where is the Muslim Outrage?

By Jeff Jacoby, *The Boston Globe*

They are still burying the victims of the latest atrocity committed by evildoers professing Islam — the slaughter of hundreds of children, teachers and parents in an elementary school in Beslan, Russia. And from Muslims the world over, as usual, has come mostly silence.

There have been no public demonstrations by Muslims anxious to make it clear how outraged and sickened they are that anyone could commit such unspeakable deeds as an act of Islamic faith. There has been no anguished outcry by Islam's leading imams and sheiks. Prominent Muslim organizations in the West have not called press conferences to express their disgust and anger. Once again, the world has witnessed a savage episode of Islamist terror, and once again, it strains to hear a convincing rejection of the terrorists from those who should care most about Islam's reputation.

That is not to say that there has been no criticism at all. Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia telephoned Russian President Vladimir Putin to assure him that "this terrorist act... goes against religious teachings and violates human and moral values." Syria's official news agency decried the massacre as "a terrorist, cowardly action." Sheik Muhammad Sayyid Tantawi of Al-Azhar University in Cairo lambasted the murderers for "taking Islam as cover" and said that "those who carry out the kidnappings are criminals, not Muslims."

But these are boilerplate denunciations, practically meaningless — particularly when they come from sources that sustain Islamist fanaticism (Saudi Arabia), shelter and support terrorists (Syria) or defend suicide bombers as praiseworthy "martyrs" (Tantawi). They condemn no terrorists or terror organizations by name. They offer no help in destroying the infrastructure that recruits, funds and trains them. And they contain no hint that the global scourge of Islamofascist jihad is a cancer eating away at the Muslim world.

The Council on American-Islamic Relations, which issues dozens of press releases every month, had nothing to say about the bloodbath in Russia until I requested a comment — four days after the mass-murder occurred and nearly a week after the terrorists, shouting "Allah hu akbar," first seized the school. The statement CAIR then issued doesn't even acknowledge that the killers were Muslim:

"No words can describe the horror and grief generated by the deaths of so many innocent people at the hands



of those who dishonor the cause they espouse. We offer sincere condolences to the families of the victims and call for a swift resolution to the conflict in that troubled region that will let all people live in peace and freedom."

At least CAIR went through the motions of condemning the butchery. Other voices preached a different message altogether.

Ali Abdullah, an Islamic "scholar" in Bahrain, announced that the bloodshed in Beslan "is the work of the Israelis who want to tarnish the image of Muslims." In London, Islamist cleric Omar Bakri Mohammed said that he would support hostage-taking at British schools if it were done for a good reason. "If an Iraqi Muslim carried out an attack like that in Britain," he told *The Daily Telegraph*, "it would be justified because Britain has carried out acts of terrorism in Iraq."

Fortunately, a few Muslim commentators have denounced the evil being done in the name of Islam, and have done so courageously and unambiguously. One in particular stands out: an extraordinary column in the pan-Arabic daily *Al-Sharq Al-Awsat* by Abdel Rahman al-Rashed, the general manager of the Al-Arabiya news channel.

"It is a certain fact that not all Muslims are terrorists," he begins, "but it is equally certain, and exceptionally painful, that almost all terrorists are Muslims.

"The hostage-takers of the children in Beslan were Muslims. The hostage-takers and murderers of the Nepalese chefs and workers in Iraq were also Muslims. The majority of those who manned the suicide bombings against buses, vehicles, schools, houses, and buildings all over the world were Muslims. "What a pathetic record. What an abominable 'achievement.' Does all this tell us anything about ourselves, our societies, and our culture?"

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Targeted Killings, Then and Now

Israel Today

In a failed assassination attempt sixty years ago, Claus von Stauffenberg placed a briefcase loaded with explosives under a conference table near Adolf Hitler. Von Stauffenberg, honored as a hero of the resistance, used a tactic that Israel uses today — killing the leaders of terror to prevent the loss of innocent lives.

With Israel's assassination of Hamas leaders Ahmed Yassin and Abdel-Aziz Rantissi, both of whom were responsible for hundreds of murders, terrorist attacks have dropped off sharply. No one today would condemn the man who tried to kill Hitler, yet the world condemns Israel for acting in the same way.

Capitalism Hits Gaza

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A DVD showing the recent beheading of an American hostage in Iraq is “selling like hotcakes” at Palestinian video shops in the Gaza Strip, *The Jerusalem Post* recently reported. The DVD, downloaded from the Internet and then sold for 15 shekels (about \$3.30), shows masked men reading charges against the American civilian, accusing him of aiding the “allied occupation forces” and starting to cut off the man's head. The severed head is then displayed, said the report, which did not identify the beheaded American. American civil engineers Eugene Armstrong and Jack Hensley were abducted and beheaded recently, in a grisly attack believed to have been carried out by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. The two were kidnapped in mid-September with British civil engineer Kenneth Bigley, who was still captive at press time.

Where is the Muslim Outrage? *continued*

“We cannot tolerate in our midst those who abduct journalists, murder civilians, explode buses; we cannot accept them as related to us. They are the people who have smeared Islam and stained its image. We cannot clear our names unless we own up to the shameful fact that terrorism has become an Islamic enterprise; an almost exclusive monopoly implemented by Muslim men and women.

“We cannot redeem our extremist youths, who commit all these heinous crimes, without confronting the sheiks who thought it ennobling to re-invent themselves as revolutionary ideologues, sending other people's sons and daughters to certain death, while sending their own children to European and American schools and colleges.”

When it is no longer astonishing to encounter such sentiments in the Muslim world, we will know that the corner has been turned in the war against terrorism.

A 3,500-year-old prophecy is fulfilled! — Zola

“...and he will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers.”

— Deuteronomy 30:5

Israel Today

Just 56 years after the State of Israel was created, it has achieved one of the highest living standards in the world. According to a UN report, Israel ranked 22nd on a list of 177 countries —

putting it in the top 13 percent! The report was based on several factors, including gross national product, the levels of education and technology, equality between men and women, and the average life span.

The countries with the highest standard of living were Norway and Sweden, followed by Australia, Canada and the Netherlands. The US, which is regarded by many Israelis as the epitome of the good life, ranked eighth.

Israeli media reports on the study suggested that despite the tense political situation, Israelis should stop complaining, because they are better off than they think. “There are many countries that are substantially worse off than us,” said Israeli Anat Elyashiv. “We should thank the Almighty that despite so many terrorist attacks, we have such a high standard of living.”

A comparison with Israel's neighboring Arab states reinforces the point. According to the UN report, Lebanon is ranked 80th, Jordan 90th, Syria 106th, the Palestinian Authority (already recognized as a “country” in this survey) 102nd, and Egypt 120th.

Pilgrims and tourists often express surprise at how modern and built up Israel is, and how people lead normal lives. They live in comfortable homes and apartments on tree-lined streets, and drive nice cars.

This, of course, is not the Israel people see on television. On TV, blown-up buses, bombed restaurants and masked Palestinian terrorists define life in Israel. No one would know that embattled Israel has one of the highest living standards in the world. ■



Photo courtesy Israel Today

Our intrepid contributing editor, Patrick Cox, is the consummate professional. He can e-mail an article exactly at deadline time even from a city being wrecked by a major hurricane! I had discussed with him a story based on the Lord's endtimes prediction of "earthquakes in divers places" (Matthew 24:7) and whether the Lord didn't mean natural disasters in general. Hurricanes, also occurring in Israel, may well be implied in Scripture. Hal Lindsey recently published an article with the same idea. It is most unusual that Florida has endured four major storms in a six-week period, as of this writing. In addition to the hurricanes, in the past few weeks, we've seen two earthquakes, deadly tornadoes, and a volcano.

Whether oncoming prophecy fulfillment or simply a bad season, the following is a harrowing description of nature's power and Patrick's courage.

The Approaching Storm

By Patrick Cox, Contributing Editor



Writing this feels like wading through the swamp. For a month, my fellow Floridians have dealt with one hurricane after another. Two weeks after Hurricane Frances passed over the island in the central Florida lake where I live with my wife and two children, I still have no electricity. A succession of hundred year old Florida pine trees were felled by some sort of localized hyperwind, barely missing my home, but destroying my closest neighbor's house utterly, and severely damaging several others.

A loyal reader of the *Levitt Letter*, my neighbor Mike "hunkered down" to wait out that storm. When the 85-foot, three-ton trees on the island began swaying like reeds, he decided to move to his basement. Minutes later, a branch a foot thick plunged through his roof and smashed the sofa into splinters where he had been sitting.

Financially, thousands of Florida residents have been ruined as business in many areas has ground to a near halt. Tourism-related industries are particularly hard hit. The Florida-based investment company that I had agreed to begin working for this month no longer even takes my calls.

Now, as I write this, wishing I had more time, the eye of Hurricane Jeanne is headed directly for us — like Frances before it. We have officially moved into the record books with this, the fourth major storm of the season, and I'm trying to finish writing something — knowing it will be unsatisfactory — so we can evacuate to the Tampa/St. Petersburg area.

Regular readers know my charter and passion, to track another sort of storm — the forces united to attack Israel and the Jewish people. Having only occasional access to the Web, I haven't been able to monitor world events as I normally do, but lately it was largely unnecessary, as a single event has dominated international news. I refer, of course, to the brutal and murderous attack by Chechen Islamofascists, with ties to al-Qaeda, that killed 342 Russians. 172 were children. One was shot simply for asking for a drink of water!

Nothing could have shaken the international politic more. Russia, like France and Germany, had subtly, and not so subtly, opposed American and Israeli efforts to root out the infrastructure of international terrorism. Within days, however, Vladimir Putin had sent a delegation of his top military and intelligence advisers, including Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, to Jerusalem. Lavrov met with Prime Minister Ariel Sharon about strategic cooperation and requested help from Israeli anti-terrorism experts.

Putin also announced that, henceforth, Russia would preemptively defend itself, regardless of the opinion of the United Nations, and would join in "the worldwide struggle." He would seek out and destroy, he said, in any nation in the world, forces that threatened his people.

Simultaneously, the commander of the Indian Air Force appeared in Israel, for the first time making an open alliance with the Jewish struggle against terrorism. The significance of these visits is profound, as both Russia and India have a long history of coddling Islamic radicals and agreeing publicly with their complaints against Israel.

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Even critics of Russia's past treatment of Chechnya have backtracked, admitting that giving that Islamic state the freedom to build another terrorist supporting infrastructure, along the model of pre-liberation Afghanistan and Iraq, might not be in the best interest of its neighbors. We are now seeing what is clearly a turning point in history. The fantasy of many, that they can deflect the animosity of jihadists by blaming Israel for the behavior of terrorists, has been shattered by the video footage of naked Russian children, murdered by people who believe that any opposition to radical Islamic theocracy merits the massacre of innocents.

For the first time, even moderate Muslim voices have begun to warn that jihadists have turned the world against their religion. On the other hand, others who continue to preach the duty of Muslims to impose their faith and will on the world have further hardened their stance. Even in England, Muslim spokesmen praised the murders in Beslan, as they have praised the 9/11 attacks.

The world is finally being forced to take sides. The horror that Israelis have experienced, truly only an extension of the pogroms and genocides that drove the Jewish people to seek refuge in a country of their own, is being shared by others.

The wind is beginning to pick up here now. My wife and kids have already packed and are ready to evacuate. Jeanne has already killed a thousand people in the islands, and tree branches around us, cracked by Frances, are beginning to fall. I know, however, that daily bombings and attacks, perpetrated by Syrians, Iranians, Saudis, Chechens, and other radicals in Iraq, are killing hundreds, almost daily, in an effort to prevent the democratic elections that so threaten those who hate freedom. Israel has also experienced a renewed spate of suicide bombing and mortar attacks by Hamas from Gaza.

Astonishingly, I just heard a local news commentator entreat Floridians to pray, speculating about whether the strongest emotion here in Florida is weariness or fear. I think I'm a few hundred words short of my regular column length, but I need to e-mail this from a friend's house before we lose power or phone service. ❖

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Yohnka said it's a "momentous" occasion when someone is contacted for an interview by the FBI, and people who are contacted should "understand fully what their constitutional rights are."

He said that Arabs and Muslims contacted by the FBI may need assistance in understanding their rights, arranging a meeting outside of the workplace to avoid "embarrassment," determining what they can or can-

not say, knowing what an official may or may not ask, and more.



Salam Al-Marayati, the executive director of the Muslim Public Affairs Council, said that the FBI interviews have "undermined the trust that we have been delicately developing for the past ten years" with federal agencies.

"The way some of these interviews are being conducted and the questions that are being asked, we don't believe it's going to get them the information they want," he said. "It's sending a chilling effect throughout the community."

Instead, Al-Marayati wants Muslim organizations to act as "intermediaries" between the government and the Muslim community.

He encourages open forums, and voluntary communications so Muslims feel comfortable giving information.

Mark Corallo, spokesman for the Department of Justice, said that the FBI interviews and other efforts to gain information are "community outreach more than anything" and have "nothing to do with racial profiling."

Corallo also said that the interviews have been "very helpful" in disrupting terrorism, but he would not divulge details of plots that may have been disrupted.

He said that recent immigrants initially seem "shocked" about law enforcement officers "being the good guys." But, he added, "The more people in these communities get to know [law enforcement], the more comfortable they are."

Regarding efforts by the ACLU, the Muslim Bar Association, Muslim Civil Rights Center, and the Chicago Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild to provide free legal assistance, Corallo said Arab and Muslim Americans have every right to legal help.

"They are here, they are Americans, they are part of the fabric of this country...their lives and their liberties are every bit as important as anybody else's," he said.

But Corallo also suggested that the ACLU has a "political ax to grind" and has launched a "campaign of misinformation" about the FBI interviews, the USA PATRIOT ACT, and other anti-terrorism, anti-crime legislation.

He defended the FBI interviews and PATRIOT ACT, and he said that the ACLU has "opposed everything this department has done to protect the American people from terrorism." ... [W]e need to think outside the box, but we are never to think outside the Constitution," Corallo concluded. ❖

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According to China's official news agency, 119 boys are now born for every 100 girls; the "natural" ratio is 103-107 for every 100. By 2020, it is estimated that China may contain 30 to 40 million restless bachelors. Unfortunately, the proposed "cure" merely continues the process that helped create the crisis: namely, social engineering.

Social engineering occurs when a centralized power tries to manipulate or override people's preferences to make them behave according to a social blueprint. It is the opposite of allowing a culture to evolve naturally according to the preferences of individuals. Rules are imposed, sometimes by dangling carrots, but usually by wielding sticks.

In the early '80s, the one-child policy was selectively imposed upon the Chinese people as a way to override the popular choice to have two or more children. Additional pregnancies were subject to coerced abortion. The one-child policy did not seek to disproportionately reduce the female population — it aimed at a general reduction. But the state's vision of "a family" did not factor in the preferences of parents.

Generally speaking, the Chinese have favored sons over daughters, partly because the culture has undervalued women. But there are also practical reasons. In rural areas, where hard labor means survival, sons can do more work. Moreover, daughters leave home upon marriage, and their adult labor enriches the husband's family. Thus, when rural families are forced to limit their families, they may act to ensure the birth of sons. If an ultrasound reveals that a fetus is female, the woman may abort. (Improved technology has also contributed to the sex imbalance.) If a female infant is born, she may be killed or sent away for foreign adoption.

The sex imbalance is what the social theorist Friedrich von Hayek called an "unintended consequence." Every act has unforeseen and unintended consequences that may determine its impact far more than the act's intended goal.

To Hayek, when a government oversteps its proper function of protecting freedom, and begins, instead, to dictate choices, it damages the dynamics of a healthy society. It prevents individuals from adapting and evolving solutions.

Part of what China faces now are the unintended consequences of a two-decade long attempt to socially engineer the Chinese family.

The proposed remedy is to introduce yet another program of social engineering, this time with the seemingly benevolent goal of increasing respect for girls. But Chinese social control does not have a benevolent history. Those who view the "Care for Girls" program in such a light should remember that the one-child program was first applauded as progressive and voluntary by many Westerners.

The issue of "the missing girls" has social commentators speculating wildly about China's future. Will roving gangs of young men overrun the nation, or will China declare war in order to siphon off her "surplus sons?"

With a new appreciation of their importance to society, the role of women in China seems poised for redefinition. The Chinese government can best help that process by getting out of the way. ■

The medical consultant to our ministry advises us that the Chinese have cultivated an overwhelming problem. In eliminating the female babies wherever they could, they have built a male-rich society and have underestimated how men behave when there are not enough women around. They are struggling with an AIDS epidemic of millions of cases.

That number could become some two hundred million by the time of Armageddon, and it won't be difficult for the Chinese dictator to persuade these sick young men to take weapons and cross the eastern hemisphere, robbing and raping as they go.

The King of the East is cited in Revelation as sending an army of that size to attack the Antichrist at Jerusalem, and all mankind would be finished, or in the words of our Lord: "And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." Matthew 24:22. — Zola



TAKING THE HIGH ROAD Israeli paramedics treat Palestinian intelligence chief Brig. General Tarek Abu Rajab after he was seriously wounded in an ambush by Palestinian gunmen in the Gaza Strip. The incident points to a growing power struggle between the Palestinian Authority and other terrorist groups as Israel prepares to withdraw from Gaza. Doctors at an Israeli hospital saved Rajab's life.

Europeans Funding Terrorism and Incitement

www.israelnationalnews.com

Since 1993, the countries of the European Union have contributed, individually and collectively, over four billion euros to the Palestinian Authority — and a new report shows that much of this sum has gone towards corruption, incitement and violence.

The new report, released by the Funding for Peace Coalition (FPC), substantiates a compelling connection between European funding and ongoing Palestinian corruption and terrorism. Entitled “Managing European Taxpayers’ Money: Supporting the Palestinian Arabs — A Study In Transparency,” it also highlights the failure of European organizations to monitor how these funds are used.

The FPC and other organizations have long stressed that the PA has soaked up huge sums of international donor aid. Even Muhammed Dahlan, a murderous terrorist himself (responsible for the Kfar Darom bus bombing in November 2000 — two killed, seven wounded, including three siblings who lost legs) and now a leading PA official, was quoted in *The Guardian* as saying that the billions of dollars donated internationally to the Palestinian Authority “have gone down the drain and we don’t know to where.”

The FPC report shows European taxpayers that their money has not reached its intended target — namely, the people living in PA-controlled areas — but has rather been diverted towards graft, terrorism and anti-Israel incitement. Often quoting underreported disclosures, many from Arab sources, the report also shows that terrorists are on the Palestinian Authority payroll — despite repeated denials by senior European politicians and civil servants. One of the conclusions is that the salaries of the very same people whom Europe has officially classified as terrorists, come directly from budgets provided by European government aid.

The report also documents the involvement of the European Union in funding PA textbooks replete with anti-Israeli incitement and hatred. A relevant excerpt:

“The Palestinian Ministry of Education has imposed a curriculum that fails to meet international standards. It uses inflammatory and racist messages, albeit in somewhat less obvious forms than were found in previous versions. The materials carefully exclude all Jewish presence from the contemporary and historical Middle East. When a child is taught that every Muslim has the personal obligation to eject a foreign presence by jihad, the intent to indoctrinate is clear. The result of this education can be seen in the expanding and escalating violence in the region, and in the increasing number of young perpetrators.” ✪



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Semper Fi, 1stSgt Dave Jobe

So pronounced is the movement away from Mr. Bush that he fails to capture even those Muslim voters calling themselves politically conservative, where Mr. Kerry leads him by a two-to-one margin.

The poll also examined the impact of Muslim organizations on American Muslim voters, and found Muslims give a great deal of consideration to these groups. The poll found 53% of American Muslim voters say they believe Muslims should vote as a bloc for a presidential candidate.



Four in five (81%) respondents to the poll also indicated they supported the agenda of the American Muslim Taskforce on Civil Rights and Elections (AMT) during the presidential election. AMT is a U.S.-wide coalition of the ten largest Muslim organizations.

The AMT has identified "a Civil Rights Plus Agenda" pertaining to the Presidential Election. This agenda consists of civil and human rights for all, domestic issues of public good and general welfare, global peace with justice, prevention of war, and U.S. relations with the Muslim world.

Over two in three (69%) said an AMT endorsement would be important in making their decision for whom to cast their ballot.

Project MAPS sponsored the two nationwide American Muslim Polls conducted in 2001 and 2004 to examine the demographics, religious practices, opinion and behavior on socio-political issues, and the effect and aftermath of September 11 on the American Muslim community.

Zogby International conducted telephone survey of 1,700 Muslims chosen randomly nationwide, and an over sample of 146 face-to-face interviews of American Muslims conducted in select Mosques. All calls were made from Zogby International headquarters in Utica, N.Y., from August 5 through September 15, 2004. The margin of error is +/- 2.3 percentage points.



Inventors and their Awards

The Wall Street Journal

Some churches in Mexico have installed jamming equipment developed in Israel to block cell phone calls and prevent interruptions during services.

The cell phone was invented by a Jew. He was never awarded the Nobel Prize. On the other hand, Yasser Arafat is the inventor of airplane hijacking. He got the Nobel Peace Prize. — Zola ✱

Pork now "kosher" *Israel Today*

A landmark decision by Israel's Supreme Court has effectively rendered pork "kosher" in the Jewish state! The court ruled that pork can be sold in secular neighborhoods because consumers have the right to choose what they want to eat.

Secular activists hailed it as a victory, but Orthodox Jews were outraged. "This erodes the Jewish Character of the state of Israel said Eli Yishai, the leader of the ultra-Orthodox Shas party. The Torah (five books of Moses) explicitly forbids the consumption of pork." (Leviticus 11:7; see also Isaiah 66:7) ✱



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