

LEVITT LETTER

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

One of the key ways that the world promotes Palestinian terrorism is simply supporting it financially. If no one had given billions of dollars to Arafat, these unproductive people would never have been active as bombers, murderers of women and children, and purchasers of weapons. Yet, as the hard-hitting article below states, we are now making the same mistake again. One definition of insanity is repeating the same behavior again and again and expecting a different result. – Zola



ZOLA LEVITT

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A Trip to La-La-Land

By Daniel Pipes, www.FrontPageMagazine.com



Father Knows Best

An Iranian man prepares his daughter, who is a member of a suicide commandos unit, by covering her face in the same style as Palestinian and Lebanese terrorists. Some 200 masked young men and women gathered to pledge their willingness to carry out suicide bomb attacks against Americans in Iraq and Israelis.

YASSER ARAFAT DIED IN NOVEMBER. His death is prompting plans for a foreign aid bounty of \$500 million to \$1 billion a year for the Palestinians.

That’s the scoop Steven R. Weisman published in *The New York Times*. He revealed that Western, Arab and other governments plan to add a 50 to 100 percent bonus to the \$1 billion a year they already direct to 3.5 million Palestinians in the territories, contingent upon a crackdown on terrorist groups and the holding of credible elections.

(Asked about Weisman’s report, White House spokesman Scott McClellan neither confirmed nor denied it. But President George W. Bush did subsequently make some hugely ambitious statements about the Palestinian-Israeli conflict: “I am convinced that, during this term, I will manage to bring peace.” and “Next year is very important, as it will bring peace.”)

Aid-wise, residents of the West Bank and Gaza have hardly been neglected until now. They receive about \$300 per person, making them, per capita, the world’s greatest beneficiaries of foreign aid. Strangely, their efforts to destroy Israel have not inspired efforts to crush this hideous ambition, but rather, to subsidize it. Money being fungible, foreign aid effectively funds

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At press time...

Signs of the End

By Zola Levitt

In our Lord’s stunning picture of the Tribulation Period, detailed in Matthew 24, He gives fair warnings of the impending “end of the age.” Among these is His dire prediction: “there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes in diverse places.”

The context is the Lord’s answer to questions from his worried disciples about Endtimes prophecy. In I Corinthians 10:11, the church, in general, is apprised that we are those “upon whom the ends of the world are come.”

What are we to make of the horrible Tsunami? Perhaps a quarter million people will perish by the time this awful disaster works its terrible ways. Most of the casualties were Muslims. An Israeli medical team and field hospital volunteered to help, as usual. They have done this repeatedly in other parts of the world, but they were turned away because they were Jewish. Hatred knows no limits — even in a time like this one.

If we are we to watch for hunger, disease and mighty earthquakes, on the day after Christmas we were presented with all three at once.

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the Palestinians' bellicose propaganda machine, their arsenal, their army, and their suicide bombers. This, however, does not faze international aid types. Nigel Roberts, the World Bank's director for the West Bank and Gaza, blows off past failures. Addressing himself to donors, he says: "Maybe your \$1 billion a year hasn't produced much, but we think there's a case for doing even more in the next three or four years."

Roberts is saying, in effect: Yes, your money enabled Arafat's corruption, jihad ideology, and suicide factories, but those are yesterday's problems; now, let's hope the new leadership uses donations for better purposes. Please lavish more funds on it to enhance its prestige and power, then hope for the best.

This la-la-land thinking ignores two wee problems. One concerns the Palestinians' widespread intent to destroy Israel, as shown by the outpouring of grief for arch-terrorist Arafat at his funeral, the consistent results of opinion research, and the steady supply of would-be jihadists. The Palestinians' discovery of their

inner moderation, to put it mildly, has yet to commence.

The other problem is blaming the past decade's violence and tyranny exclusively on Arafat, and erroneously assuming that, now freed of him, the Palestinians are eager to reform. Mahmoud Abbas, the new leader, has indeed called for ending terrorism against Israel, but he did so for transparently tactical reasons (it is the wrong thing to do now), not for strategic reasons (it is permanently to be given up), much less for moral ones (it is inherently evil).

Abbas is not a moderate, but a pragmatist. Unlike Arafat, consumed by his biography and his demons, Abbas offers a more reasonable figure, one who can more rationally pursue Arafat's goal of destroying Israel. In this spirit, he has quickly apologized to the Kuwaitis and made up with the Syrians; compared to this, reaching out to the Americans is easy. But, no less than his mentor Arafat, Abbas remains intent on eliminating Israel. This is evident, for example, from his recent comments insisting that millions of Palestinian "refugees" be

permitted to enter Israel so as to overwhelm it demographically; or from his keeping the virulent content of the Palestinian Authority's media in place.

To give additional money to the Palestinians now, ahead of their undergoing a change of heart and accepting the permanent existence of the Jewish state of Israel, is a terrible mistake, one that numbingly replicates the errors of the 1990s' Oslo diplomacy. Prematurely rewarding the Palestinians will again delay the timetable of conciliation.

As I have argued for years, money, arms, diplomacy, and recognition for the Palestinians should follow on their having accepted Israel. One sign that this will have happened: when Jews living in Hebron (on the West Bank) need no more security than Arabs living in Nazareth (within Israel).

Until that day of harmony — which I predict is about 30 years off — the outside world should focus not on showering money or other benefits on the Palestinians, but on pushing them relentlessly to accept Israel's existence. ✦

Signs of the End (cont.)

A tragedy like this one seems to bring out extremes among the reactions. While most of the world has been very generous with aid and support, some people have shown a much lesser side of themselves.

U.N. administrator Jan Egeland called the United States (far and away history's most generous supplier of financial aid) "stingy."



A Vatican official cited the Israelis for not volunteering to help (which, of course they had) and said they were only interested in making war.

Intended recipients of Israel's help stated that they did not want the Israelis to come, because "they will steal our land."

The prejudice and the ignorance are overwhelming. In Israel's 4,000 year history, it is very difficult to cite a time when that country ever took anyone else's land. That doesn't stop them from being accused of it, but they have never done it.

Lastly, the Islamic nations of the world, over a billion people strong,

and generally quite well to do, have given only the most paltry amounts to their stricken "brothers" in the Tsunami area.

Muslims are always willing to travel to other nations to fight alongside their "brothers," as in Iraq, but giving money is not nearly as thrilling or self-aggrandizing as killing Americans and Israelis.

Religious folks of all stripes are commenting on this great disaster, but only those with a comprehension of Biblical prophecy understand what's really going on.

Why Kofi Annan Must Go

By Kenneth L. Cain
www.opinionjournal.com



A liberal opinion of Kofi Annan and the U.N. — Zola

Genocide, not oil money, is the proof of Kofi Annan's failed leadership of the United Nations. A debate currently rages about whether Annan enjoys the moral authority to lead the United Nations because the Oil for Food scandal happened under his command. That debate is 10 years too late and addresses the wrong subject. The salient indictment of Mr. Annan's leadership is lethal cowardice, not corruption; the evidence is genocide, not oil.

As the controversy roiled over the past several weeks, I was on a research trip to the two ground-zeros of Mr. Annan's failed leadership while he was head of the U.N. Department of Peacekeeping Operations — Rwanda and Bosnia. We have heard from too many conservative commentators and Republican politicians recently — most of whom reject multilateralism anyway — about Mr. Annan's qualifications to lead. We have not heard from enough Rwandans or Bosnians. I thought I'd talk to a few.

Before my recent return, the last time I was in Rwanda was 10 years ago; I was counting skulls. A young U.N. human-rights officer, I was tasked with collecting evidence for the U.N.'s forthcoming war-crimes tribunal after the successful genocide of Rwanda's Tutsi minority by Hutu militias in 1994. We were looking for the mass graves of mass murder. We found them in churches, schools, gardens, latrines — anywhere Tutsis had gathered seeking protection or their killers had dumped their bodies, dismembered

and entangled, like life-size rag dolls. Some 800,000 bodies rotted in the African sun.

But it isn't just the stench of death I remember so vividly; the odor of betrayal also hung heavily in the Rwandan air. This was not a genocide in which the U.N. failed to intervene; most of the U.N.'s armed troops evacuated after the first two weeks of massacres, abandoning vulnerable civilians to their fate, which included, literally, the worst things in the world a human being can do to another human being.

It did not have to happen. Gen. Romeo Dallaire, the U.N.'s force commander in Rwanda, sent Mr. Annan a series of desperate faxes including one warning that Hutu militias "could kill up to 1,000" Tutsis "in 20 minutes" and others pleading for authority to protect vulnerable civilians. But at the crucial moment, Mr. Annan ordered his general to stand down and to vigorously protect, not genocide victims, assembled in their numbers waiting to die, but the U.N.'s image of "impartiality."

The outline of this story is well known,

but its most important detail is not: Tutsis often gathered in compounds (large church complexes, schools and even stadiums) where they had assumed they would be safe based on implicit, and sometimes explicit, promises of protection by Blue Helmeted peacekeepers. The U.N.'s withdrawal was, therefore, not a passive failure to protect, but an active, and lethal, perfidy.

Rwandans still seethe. Last month, I went to a tiny, remote village, deep in the central Rwandan hills, to meet Charles Kagenza, a famous Tutsi survivor who hid in the bell tower of a church full of Tutsis that was bulldozed to the ground, burying victims alive. When I told him I worked for the U.N. 10 years ago, just after the war, he looked me straight in the eye, with his one remaining good eye, and shot back, "What are you doing here? You had the capacity to save us, but you abandoned us."

Some 3,300 miles directly north from Kigali is the town of Srebrenica, a grim, shell-pocked village on the border of Republika Srpska and Serbia. A few kilometers down a decrepit road is a sprawling abandoned battery

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December 6, 2004

Dear Mark Levitt:

We assume your organization has received Trent Stamp's November 29th letter informing you that Zola Levitt Ministries has received a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, America's largest independent evaluator of charities.

Charity Navigator (<http://www.CharityNavigator.org>) salutes your charitable efforts. Receiving four out of a possible four stars indicates that your organization excels, as compared to other charities in America, in successfully managing the finances of your organization in an efficient and effective manner. This rise in your rating is an exceptional feat, especially given the economic challenges many charities have had to face in the last year.

Please find enclosed in this email a link that will bring you directly to Zola Levitt Ministries' rating page as it appears on our website. We have also included a link to our site where you can choose a 4-star charity logo. Both of these links should be passed along to your resident webmaster for inclusion on your website (e.g., a place where you ask for donations). By posting this link on your website, your givers have the ability to instantly access this unbiased and objective ratings data.

For the purpose of our own record keeping, we would greatly appreciate you letting us know if you decide to post this link on your website. Please email me at charitynavigator.org and include your charity's name as the subject heading of the email. Should you have further questions, feel free to email me or call me. Thank you.

Once again, congratulations on your 4-star rating from Charity Navigator.

Sincerely,
Leonie Giles
Program Analyst

CHARITY NAVIGATOR
your guide to intelligent giving

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CHARITY SUMMARY
Zola Levitt Ministries
Evangelizing the unbelievers and exhortation of the believers. Dallas, TX 75225

RATINGS
OVERALL RATING: ★★★★★ (62.79)
ORGANIZATIONAL EFFICIENCY
Fundraising Efficiency: 88.01
Fundraising Expenses: 0.8%
Program Expenses: 85.1%
Administration Expenses: 14.2%
EFFICIENCY RATING: ★★★★★ (38.33)
ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY
Program Revenue Growth: 4.5%
Program Expenses Growth: 13.9%
Working Capital Ratio (years): 0.29
CAPACITY RATING: ★★★★★ (21.23)

PEER ANALYSIS

Charity Name	Overall Score	Overall Rating
Zola Levitt Ministries	61.79	★★★★
Radio Krista Cristiana	33.45	*
The Christoffers	52.26	*
Voices of Translumen	27.50	*
ERT-7 North America	49.35	**

INCOME STATEMENT FYE 12/2003

Revenue	Amount
Private Revenue	\$3,592,099
Other Revenue	\$199,563
Total Revenue:	\$3,861,662
Expenses	Amount
Fundraising Expenses	\$19,455
Program Expenses	\$3,244,680
Administration Expenses	\$529,685
Total Functional Expenses:	\$3,793,820
Payments to Affiliates	\$0
Excess (or Deficit) for the Year	\$67,842
Net Assets	\$1,405,489

CEO PAY FYE 12/2003
Zola Levitt Chairman
Compensation: N/A
% of Expenses: Show Me
Compensation for the CEO of this charity is equal to N/A% of the organization's total functional expenses. View Info

DONOR PRIVACY POLICY
YES, this charity has a written donor privacy policy.

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December 17, 2004

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Dear Leonie,

Thanks so very much for your email of December 6. I have not seen Mr. Stamp's letter of November 29, but we were so excited about Charity Navigator awarding us a perfect score of four stars that we are announcing it at www.levitt.com, on *Zola Levitt Presents*, and in our newsletters.

The surge in our "Efficiency Score" stems mainly from the addition of our new airtime on PAX on Thursday mornings. Just recently we put our program on the World Harvest Network (WHT) at 9:00 PM Central Time on Saturdays. WHT is on DirecTV's Channel 321, and it reaches 20 million homes.

Our "Capacity Score" may have to fall. The fact is we have dipped into our already modest cash on hand in order to buy superior air times. Though PAX is beginning to break even, we are not yet covering the costs of corresponding with PAX's viewers while they prayerfully decide to support us. We are appealing to our donors to help us stabilize our financial circumstances. More than seeking an optimum "Capacity Score" from Charity Navigator, we intend to be prepared for our next airtime opportunity.

Honestly, Leonie, it has been a test of faith on our part to expand as rapidly as we have. We feel such a burden to get the Word out and counteract the liberal media's biases against Bible believers, the church and Israel.

Regardless of whether we continue to expand, we will continue to be transparent by offering independently audited financial statements to whoever requests. I hope you will have time to weigh the value of what we teach – that salvation is a gift of grace, that the Jewish roots of Christianity enrich the Believer's walk in the Lord, that Israel remains "the apple of God's eye" and that the pre-tribulation Rapture will initiate a new realm of happiness and contentment for every soul who has come to Jesus. Bless you, Leonie, for honoring our work that we submit unto the Lord.

In His service,

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Dear Friends:

In my zeal to comment on the Presbyterian Church USA denomination for divesting from Israel (and the Episcopalians who intend to dutifully follow them), I haven't, for the moment, been talking about other liberal churches. After all, the prize for the world's most unbiblical church is still in contention. God, however, called this to my attention when I received two e-mails, which shed a lot of light on what is going on elsewhere in the liberal church community.

One of our viewers e-mailed her pastor as follows:

Dear Pastor:

I don't know if God is trying to tell me something or what, but I keep coming across all this stuff that the United Methodist Church believes and promotes. Quite frankly, it's making me sick. I don't have the fortitude to fight the establishment like the group "Confessing UMC" has. And, in good conscience, I can't bring myself to tithe when I see what it is supporting. I don't care if it's one half of one percent of what I give — it's not right.

We sent my dad to Israel last October for his 70th birthday. He went with a group through Zola Levitt's ministry. Zola is a Messianic Jew based in Dallas. Anyway, I picked up dad's mail the other day and started reading Zola's newsletter that he sends out monthly. I came across a letter to Zola that talked about the UMC position on Israel. So I went to his archives & found this article.

When you get a moment, I'd like to hear (read) your thoughts.

Your friend, — C.W.

We have written several items in the *Levitt Letter* concerning this particular denomination, in reply to certain ministers. I pointed out in one arti-

A Note From Zola

cle how awful the United Methodist "missionaries" behaved toward the Jewish people in Israel. And, of course, I have some domestic experience with that church in general.

The pastor responded to her email as follows:

Be very careful of black and white thinking on issues that are far more complex than you or I can easily understand. There is a big difference between Israel's right to exist as a nation, which we derive from a Biblical understanding, and the very complicated religious/political/cultural situation that exists in the Middle East.

I'm sure you understand that I am not taking the side of the Palestinian Hamas fanatics. I also do not blindly take the side of Israel in everything that they are doing in that part of the world. Neither do I believe that God approves of everything that the Israeli Jews are doing in that part of the world, just as He has been overwhelmingly disappointed with them throughout their history. They are a disobedient people who have rejected the Messiah sent to them.

Their existence will never be without turmoil and conflict. You and I have very little in common with the Jews. Much less than you think. I have told you before when you have raised various issues that I would be happy to get together to talk. You've yet to take me up on it. I'll come over any-



time you want.

Regarding the Council of Bishops, they are entitled to their official statements. But never do those statements affect the larger church or the destination of our submitted funds to the larger church. That spending is determined by the larger church at General Conference, by pastors and lay people like yourself.

With much respect,

Pastor

I don't want to just give a knee-jerk reaction to this ignorance. Is it anti-Semitic? Yes. Is it anti-Israel? Yes. Is it utterly unbiblical? Of course. But I must confess to a very human weakness. The kind of wishy-washy language of this pastor absolutely galls me. I would much rather he come out and say "I don't like Jews. I don't like Israel. I don't believe the Bible and I don't understand God," rather than posturing diplomatically as he does. So having said that, please expect that I am not very sympathetic to his remarks.

I'll go through them point by point:

First, there's no difference between Biblical and modern times in Israel. If the pastor was acquainted with Scripture, he would know that unrest (like what is going on right now) is common in the Holy Land (and is common to our country as well.

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Many more people have been killed by terrorism in America than in Israel and we have far more crimes against persons).

Next, no one should ever have to say “I’m sure that you understand that I’m not taking the side of the Palestinian Hamas fanatics.” Is he guilty about something? Does he think he sounds like he favors terrorists? Perhaps he sounds that way because in his heart, he prefers them to the Chosen People. After all, elder Ron Stone of the Presbyterian USA denomination proclaimed exactly that after his inspiring meeting with those murderers.

I personally “blindly take the side of Israel in everything they are doing” because that is God’s will. That doesn’t mean that I approve of every move of the government, the military or any other contemporary issue, but I deeply approve of the Chosen People resettling the Promised Land and reestablishing their residency there, at least to promote the marching onward of God’s prophetic plan and the preparations for the Kingdom. And I might say that I don’t judge what God approves or “overwhelmingly disapproves,” as does this pastor.

How arrogant to refer to the four-thousand-year old Chosen People by saying, “They are a disobedient people. Their existence will never be without turmoil and conflict.” When he says he has very little in common with the Jews, I believe that. I don’t think he’s going to come to the Kingdom. I don’t think he’s going to live in Israel a thousand years and I don’t think he’s going to live in the New Jerusalem. In any case, if he does, I’m going to want to talk to him.

And so will the King of the Jews.

His double-talk in the last paragraph, which is very hard to understand, becomes much clearer when you study the actual spending by

Methodists. Virtually none of it goes to the support of Israel.

“That spending is determined by the larger church at General Conference, by pastors and lay people like yourself” is malarkey.

It’s the same idea as with the General Assembly of the Presbyterians who voted for that awful divestment from Israel. They did not really represent their people at all.

A few other comments:

Is the United States’ existence without “turmoil and conflict?” The pastor’s view of the world is so narrow and so caught up in his own religiosity that he literally sets my teeth on edge.

Let me invite you to send in whatever opinion you may have in reply to the pastor’s comments. I’m open to that and I will read them and perhaps learn from them. Maybe we can run a few of them in upcoming *Levitt Letters*. In any case, please know that one of Israel’s worst problems in this world is the range of false friends down to utter enemies to be found among “Christian” churches throughout America, Europe and the rest of the world.

On the other hand, Christian Zionists, like most of our viewers and readers, are always welcome in Israel as honored guests. The real people of God have no problem with the people of Israel and vice versa.

Now I owe you a very great debt of thanks for the year-end giving. Every January I say this because at each year’s end you are so very kind.

2004 was a giant leap for our ministry, and I really mean that. I was astounded when we went onto the PAX network and I saw that a ministry that had started on half a desktop shared with my high school-age son, Mark, had now become a national television force, reaching into tens of millions of homes. Potential viewership is overwhelming — most of the nation — and we are already receiving very glad and willing support from the viewers of PAX.

With their generous contributions and your own selfless year-end giving, we have balanced our costs on that network and are on to even bigger and better things. As the Lord leads, we will stay at our posts until the end.

As for Israel, believe me, it will survive. Despite these Methodists, Presbyterians and Episcopalians and the others of our “generation of vipers,” Israel will gladly welcome any right-thinking Christian Zionists at any time.

Please make your plans early for our upcoming spring tours to Israel. Our Deluxe Tour is scheduled from March 13-23 and the Grand Petra Tour to Israel and Petra, is March 13-27. A special feature of our March tour will be a Volunteer Day of visiting and helping pack up lunches for the boys and girls serving in the Israeli Army. You’ll have a chance to meet real soldiers at a real army base and believe me, you will “lay up treasure in Heaven.”

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

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



Deep Sorrow

Dear Zola:

I just read "Wrong, Wrong, Wrong" (December '04 *Levitt Letter*) and I feel a deep sorrow for D.M. and everyone who is deceived by their denomination and cling to their churches. They have been led astray by the elected few because they want to believe in the comfort and security of a church.

They have become accustomed to and don't want to open their eyes to the evil and corruption that are seeping into our denominations because they don't want to stand up and make waves as churches become complacent or anti-Semitic and pro-abortion and pro-homosexuality. I am a member of a Presbyterian Church of America which totally split from the Presbyterian Church USA for these very reasons. My church is a Bible teaching ministry and supports Israel and the Word of God.

Sincerely, — M.C.

P.S.: Don't stay in a church that goes against the very Word of God! I would like to thank Zola and all those like him who bring to light any denomination that has turned against a Bible Teaching Ministry.

Contribution Appreciated!

Dear Sir:

It has been recommended by donors who wish to remain anonymous to send you a generous donation from their Advise & Consult Fund at the Presbyterian Church of America Foundation.

It is my privilege as President of the PCA Foundation to be a part of the stewardship efforts of our donors as they support your ministry.

Your receipt should be made out and sent to the PCA Foundation. Any letter of acknowledgement may also be sent directly to the Foundation and we will forward it to the donors. May the Lord bless your ministry.

In Him, Randel N. Stair, President
Enclosure: PCAF Check



Some letters have been edited for space.

Dentists Needed

Dear Zola:

Our dear friend, Dr. John Baldwin, brought to our attention the "note" you posted on the Zola's Bulletin Board of the November 2004 issue, in regards to dentist volunteers for our clinic in Jerusalem.

We wish to convey our deepest appreciation for your efforts in helping DVI become more and more of common knowledge to all. We pray that this will indeed help dentist volunteers find their way to us in Jerusalem and treat the needy children of our holy city.

Thank you again for all your efforts,

Dorit Levy, Dentist Volunteers Coordinator

For more information visit: www.dental-dvi.co.il or call: 011-972-2-678-3144 or email: shatour@netvision.net.il

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Join the King David Club!

Be a ruler in Israel! Help us to bring in the Kingdom!! If you can give us a donation of \$10,000 (which will create a new national TV program), you will receive the following with our grateful thanks:

- 1) One each of all of our teaching materials (about \$1,500 worth), not for your library, but to give away.
- 2) One \$500 discount on each of up to four (4) of our tours to Israel.
- 3) A one-on-one telephone conference with Zola to discuss this ministry's goals, plans and visions.

No doorman, no limos, just the front entrance to our ministry.



Article from a viewer —

“The Seductive Melodrama”

For those who don't know, Dennis Miller is a comedian who has a show on CNBC. He is not Jewish. He recently said the following about the Mideast situation:

“A brief overview of the situation is always valuable, so as a service to all Americans who still don't get it, I now offer you the story of the Middle East in just a few paragraphs, which is all you really need. Here we go:

The Palestinians want their own country. There's just one thing about that:

There are no Palestinians. It's a made-up word. Israel was called Palestine for two thousand years. Like “Wiccan,” “Palestinian” sounds ancient but is really a modern invention. Before the Israelis won the land in the 1967 war, Gaza was owned by Egypt, the West Bank was owned by Jordan, and there were no “Palestinians.”

As soon as the Jews took over and started growing oranges as big as basketballs, what do you know, say hello to the “Palestinians,” weeping for their deep bond with their lost “land” and “nation.”

So for the sake of honesty, let's not use the word “Palestinian” any more to describe these delightful folks, who dance for joy at our deaths until someone points out they're being taped. Instead, let's call them what they are: “Other Arabs Who Can't Accomplish Anything In Life And Would Rather Wrap Themselves In The Seductive Melodrama of Eternal Struggle And Death.”

I know that's a bit unwieldy to expect to see on CNN. How about this, then:

“Adjacent Jew-Haters.” Okay, so the Adjacent Jew-Haters want their own country. Oops, just one more thing. No, they don't. They could've had their own country any time in the last thirty years, especially at Camp David. But if you have your own country, you have to have traffic lights and garbage trucks and Chambers of Commerce, and, worse, you actually have to figure out some way to make a living.

That's no fun. No, they want what all the other Jew-Haters in the region want: Israel. They also want a big pile of dead Jews, of course — that's where the real fun is — but mostly they want Israel.

Why? For one thing, trying to destroy Israel — or “The Zionist Entity” as their textbooks call it — for the last fifty years has allowed the rulers of Arab countries to

divert the attention of their own people away from the fact that they're the blue-ribbon most illiterate, poorest, and tribally backward on God's Earth, and if you've ever been around God's Earth, you know that's really saying something.

It makes me roll my eyes every time one of our pundits waxes poetic about the great history and culture of the Muslim Mideast. Unless I'm missing something, the Arabs haven't given anything to the world since algebra, and, by the way, thanks a lot for that one.

Chew this around and spit it out: Five hundred million Arabs; five Million Jews.

Think of all the Arab countries as a football field, and Israel as a pack of matches sitting in the middle of it. And

now these same folks swear that if Israel gives them half of that pack of matches, everyone will be pals.



Really? Wow, what neat news. Hey, but what about the string of wars to obliterate the tiny country and the constant din of rabid blood oaths to drive every Jew into the sea? Oh, that? We were just kidding.

My friend Kevin Rooney made a gorgeous point the other day: Just reverse the numbers. Imagine five hundred million Jews and five million Arabs. I was stunned at the simple brilliance of it. Can anyone picture the Jews strapping belts of razor blades and dynamite to themselves? Of course not.

Or marshaling every fiber and force at their disposal for generations to drive a tiny Arab state into the sea? Nonsense. Or dancing for joy at the murder of innocents? Impossible. Or spreading and believing horrible lies about the Arabs baking their bread with the blood of children?

Disgusting.

No, as you know, left to themselves in a world of peace, the worst Jews would ever do to people is debate them to death. After September 11th, our president told us and the world he was going to root out all terrorists and the countries that supported them. Beautiful. Then the Israelis, after months and months of having the equivalent of an Oklahoma City every week (and then every day) start to do the same thing we did, and we tell them to show restraint.

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Bad News and Good News

U.S. Joint Chiefs Chairman General Richard B. Myers, following the horrific December 22 suicide bombing of a U.S. military dining tent (by a Saudi medical student and son of a Saudi diplomat) in Mosul, Iraq, said in a news briefing the following day: “We have had a suicide bomber apparently strap something to his body and go into a dining hall. We know how difficult this is to prevent — people bent on suicide, and stopping them.”



General Myers

I respectfully disagree. It’s not difficult to prevent this. The solution is: NO Muslims on our military bases! Repeat: NO Muslims on our military bases! That’s the answer. If there were Swedish suicide bombers, I’d say no Swedes. If there were New Zealander suicide bombers, I’d say no New Zealanders. But since ALL suicide bombers are Muslims, NO Muslims near the base or, for that matter, in the service at all. I have never understood why we have the enemy in our armed services in the first place.

Without Muslims, the number of deaths from suicide bombers on military bases would immediately and permanently drop to zero. For some reason, Muslims like to kill people around them. If we have them on our bases, American servicemen will die, maybe by the dozens, or maybe by the hundreds. If we have no Muslims on our bases, then at least there will be no suicide bombings and no soldiers will die in that manner.

Unfortunately, the same holds true for the entire United States. If we continue to allow Muslims to come in and build their mosques and teach hatred of America, etc., Americans will die — by the thousands, perhaps by the millions. It’s very, very simple. I honestly cannot understand why we pretend that Muslims are just another minority when they have already attacked us.

We could learn something from the Israelis, who have built a fence to keep Muslim murderers away from them. On a military base, we should at least put up a barrier, so they can’t come in. Believe me, there are no Palestinian terrorists on Israeli army bases. They are invariably eliminated at checkpoints along the way.

The entire pullout of Israeli settlements from Gaza seems to be based on the idea of getting away from Muslim murderers. PM Sharon, an experienced general, and nobody’s fool, realizes that the U.S. is going to force our “Road Map to Peace” through and create a Palestinian state, if not in 2005, then as soon as we can. He understands that the new state will immediately begin to

assault Israel full time, and he is planning to defend his people in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa, and all along the Mediterranean coast, and not having to deploy several battalions to protect 7,500 settlers who would be in easy rocket and mortar range in Gaza. Those settlements are being evacuated now because of an oncoming showdown.

The end of the “insurgency” in Iraq will be that we prevail. It took us seven years of occupation in Japan after WW II, and four years in Germany, both with casualties. People don’t seem to remember that, and our present news reporters, educated in our pathetic schools and colleges, have utterly no knowledge of history to understand that. In both cases, we were perfectly successful. The end of the Iraqi insurgency will be the implanting of a new democracy in the Middle East. President Bush is on the right track, but we all have to realize that the process is costly. Especially if we want to be so politically correct as to invite enemy murderers to enjoy meals with us in military dining tents.

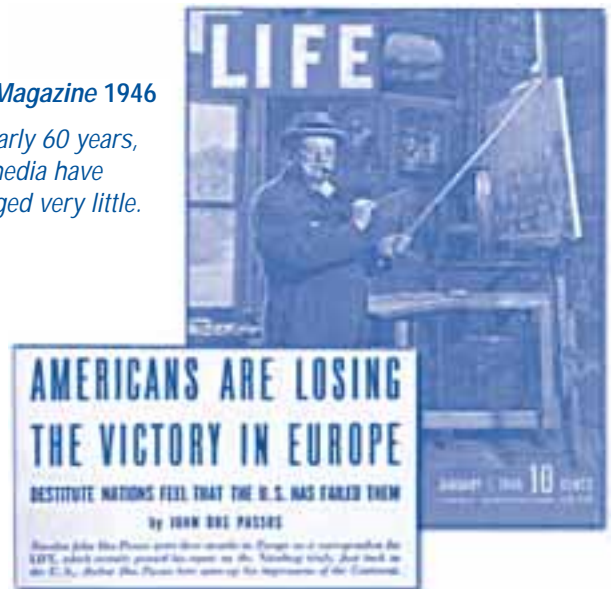
The end of the Israeli situation will be the end of the “Palestinian” people once and for all. When they have their new state and they attack a much smaller, but still well-armed Israel, the Israelis will simply wipe them out. This will bring on the invasion of Gog and Magog, and finally, Armageddon, as prophecy readers understand, but it will not be the end of Israel, by any means.

All of this will take us to the absolutely peaceful Millennial Kingdom. Only those former Muslims who are saved will attend!

So, there’s bad news and good news. — Zola ✦

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*In nearly 60 years,
the media have
changed very little.*



HebrewLesson



The Lord's Prayer -Part 5

By John J. Parsons

וְאֵלֵינוּ לֹא תְבִיאֵנוּ לִיְדֵי מַסָּה כִּי אִם־תְּצִילֵנוּ מִן־הָרָע:

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. (Matthew 6:13)

וְ	אֵלֵינוּ	לֹא	תְבִיאֵנוּ	כִּי	אִם־	תְּצִילֵנוּ	מִן־	הָרָע:
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ha-ra	min	ha-tzi-lei-nu	'im	ki	mas-sah	li-dei	te-vi-ei-nu	ve'al
from the evil one	deliver us	but	into the hands of massah	and lead us not				

Hebraic Insight – The “hands of Massah”

Massah comes from a root that means to melt, dissolve, or consume — as by fire that tests the quality of something. As a noun, the word is often translated as “test,” “trial,” or “temptation,” and is directly used to name the place where the children of Israel rebelled against God in the wilderness (Exodus 17:7; Deuteronomy 6:16, Psalms 94:8; Hebrews 3:7-9). Significantly, *massah* can also mean “despair,” in the sense of “melting of heart,” and is usually rendered as mockery or scorn (Job 9:23).

When we petition the Father to be “led not into temptation,” we are asking to be redirected in our heart’s attitude in the face of difficult and trying moments. To fall into the “hands of Massah” means yielding to despair — and to the psychological dissolution that results in bitterness, scorn, and mockery.

Deliverance from *Yetzer Hara*

The origin of this despair is what Jewish tradition calls *yetzer hara*, or the inner impulse to gravitate toward selfish gratification (idolatry). This concept first appears in Genesis 6:5 where the wickedness of man

is described as “every *imagination (yetzer)* of the thoughts of his heart was only evil (*ra*).” In the New Testament, *yetzer hara* is called the “carnal mind,” the “old nature,” or the “natural man.”

The word *yetzer* itself is a neutral word used to refer to something formed or shaped, like pottery fashioned by the hand of a potter. Just as a potter purposes a shape before forming an object, so that which is intended within the heart will form our character. But since God has “power over the clay” to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor (Romans 9:21), we are to appeal to the Father alone for deliverance from the evil impulse.

The ultimate source of the evil impulse is *hara* itself, that is, the evil one, since it is Satan who seeks to entice us into idolatry. Satan does this in order to rob God of His glory by blinding us to the truth of His love and of our desperate need for Him. He seduces us with vain imaginations that we might be satisfied with things other than God Himself. But Yeshua instructs us to pray to be delivered from the evil one by the power of God’s salvation. May you be so delivered today.

Discovered! The Pool of Siloam

Progress continues at the excavation of the Siloam Pool, located at the southern end of the City of David in Jerusalem. Until recently, only a small part of the stone staircase leading to the pool had been uncovered, but now some 30 yards of the stairway, along with a corner of the pool, can be seen.

The only permanent water source for the city of Jerusalem in the first century AD, the pool is viewed as one of the most exciting discoveries of recent times. Israel’s President Moshe Katsav introduced the excavation to the public at a small ceremony.

The stones date back to both the First and Second Temples, when repairs at the pool were carried out. Fed by the waters of the Gihon Spring diverted through Hezekiah’s Tunnel, this was where Jesus sent the blind man to wash the clay from his eyes and receive his sight (see John 9: 6-7).

The present-day Siloam Pool is situated about 50 yards west of the Biblical pool, which can be reached by going along a newly excavated connecting canal.



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Should We Stay on WHT?

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If you watch *Zola Levitt Presents* on Saturday evenings on DirecTV's World Harvest Network, Channel 321, we need to hear from you whether:

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- b) You could just as easily watch Zola on ABC-Family late-late on Sundays, TBN early on Mondays, or PAX early on Thursdays.

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Our ministry's website maintenance is an ongoing project that has grown with the array of all that's there: Zola on Internet TV, the newsletter archive, our live chat room, the huge discussion board (a forum), the national TV airing schedule, Zola's catalog of teaching materials, etc. Our webmaster, Greg Hartwig, voluntarily maintained our website for years. More recently, he has accepted a subsistence-level income, which, though modest, continues to add up. With increasing traffic, our bandwidth expenses alone surpass what most families spend on groceries. The majority of web surfers are clueless about the costs associated with a professional, meaningful Internet presence. If the cyber-branch of Zola's ministry has blessed you, then please consider designating a contribution to the www.Levitt.com fund. Thanks.



If America were being attacked with an Oklahoma City every day, we would all very shortly be screaming for the administration to just be done with it and kill everything south of the Mediterranean and east of the Jordan.”

Dennis Miller is not a Believer, to my knowledge. He's just truthful, almost a freakish quality in the media today. — Zola

Fascinated

Dear Staff:

Hi! I just want to say how absolutely fascinated I am by the guest Zola had on the program today! Gerald Schroeder, author of *THE HIDDEN FACE OF GOD*. Being a great-grandmother 73 years of age, I had to listen especially hard to understand everything Dr. Schroeder was saying. But he spoke so clearly, in the simplest terms possible, with such wonderful analogies, that I did indeed understand!

Please pass my appreciation on to Zola! The programs are always educational and exciting, sometimes with guests, sometimes with Zola's music which I love, and sometimes with such beautiful scenes from Israel. I look forward to, and enjoy, every one of them on WAQP, Saginaw, Michigan. — J.C.

Nice Guys Finish Last Letter to U.S.A. Today

Immediately after a tsunami disaster of biblical proportions killed untold thousands, a United Nations official called America — the world's most generous benefactor — “stingy” for not committing more in its initial financial response.

The U.N., a corrupt cabal, has done so much to derail democracy and humanity, yet it never misses an opportunity to insult the world's most persistent promoter of these noble causes. Furthermore, members of the U.N. plan to oversee disbursement of America's financial aid to the devastated region. I find this ironic in light of the U.N.'s failures to disburse oil-for-food funds, which enriched despots and left many intended beneficiaries homeless and starving — much as countless South Asians are now homeless and starving.

When the tsunami devastated region is finally rebuilt, I predict that the United States will have shouldered most of the burden. And, as is the case when America's largesse benefits foreign lands, the hatred of many U.N. nations for the U.S. will far outpace their gratitude. —J.R., Oxford, MS



“Death for Allah”

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook
Palestinian Media Watch Bulletin

The hope that the situation in the Palestinian Authority (PA) will improve dramatically with the demise of Yasser Arafat is based on the mistaken assumption that the problems in the PA stemmed mainly from Arafat as an individual and not from the society he created.

But an interview with a Palestinian mother on PATV indicates the depth of the PA society's worship of Death for Allah (Shahada), and support of suicide terror, which has not changed merely because of a change of leadership. In this program, a Palestinian mother of a suicide terrorist talks about how she and other mothers in her position see their sons' Shahada death as a positive event — like a joyful wedding.



The following is an excerpt from the PATV, Nov. 17:

Moderator: “They [Israelis] accuse the Palestinian mother of hating her sons and encouraging them to die. This is what we hear from Israelis. Is this true?”

Mother Um Al-Ajrami: “No, we do not encourage our sons to die. We encourage them to Shahada [martyrdom] for the homeland, for Allah.”

[She then talks about a group of women, all mothers of Shahids, who go to other mothers of Shahids during the period of mourning]:

“We don't say to the mothers of the Shahids, ‘We have come to comfort you’, but ‘We have come to bless you on the wedding of your son, on the Shahada of your son. Congratulations to you on the Shahada...’ For us, the mourning is joyous. We give out drinks, we give out sweets. Praise to God — the mourning is a joyous occasion.”

The “Islam Online” website (www.islamonline.org) points out that this woman, Um Al-Ajrami, is quoted as saying: “I brought sweets and biscuits in order to change the day of joy to a new wedding, not mourning. I will sweeten anyone who will come to me to bless me on the occasion of the first holiday of the Shahada of my son.”



“Bias, Baloney and Bigotry”

By Wesley Pruden, *The Washington Times*

You never know who’s looking for a new place to sit down until you put out an empty chair.

For a lot of the journalists of television’s “entertainment news,” the most inviting chair in town is at CBS, where Dan Rather will soon leave for “other duties” with the seat of his pants on fire. He can take his faked documents with him. Now the moguls at “Black Rock” are looking around to see whose bottom might be big enough to fill his chair.

This is particularly rich for the millions of viewers who have been throwing shoes at their TV screens for years, frustrated by the bias, baloney and bigotry spread out before their eyes by pretty faces with IQs of a hamster. But now the times, they are a-changing. The dominant media culture is as arrogant as ever, often as ignorant as ever, but not quite so dominant as it used to be, and getting less so.

Television news in particular is not what it used to be. The Internet, with its hundreds of news sources, some reliable and many others not so reliable, is doing to television news what television news did to newspapers a generation ago, nibbling away at audience. Some of the bites are getting dramatic. The audience for network newscasts is but a shell of what it used to be. Advertisers are taking notice; Internet advertising is growing spectacularly.

What has often infuriated newspapermen is that television news couldn’t exist without newspapers, since the newspaper is where the television producers not only clip most of their news, but where they go to find out what’s news and what’s not. You’ll see dozens of reporters and columnists from major newspapers as talking heads on your television screen, but rarely if ever see the byline of a television personality on the op-ed page of a serious newspaper.

Compounding the irony now, the newspaper sites are the major purveyors of news on the Internet, thus giving some newspapers audiences of a size that dwarfs that of a network newscast. The *Drudge Report*, despised as it may be by the media elites who read it (as if) religiously, can strike with a bigger impact than a network news broadcast.

The gloom at CBS is particularly dark, wet and deep, because Dan Rather, for all his huffing and puffing, is the fading face of a shriveling medium. The “CBS Evening News,” once the gold standard of television news, has

struggled and stumbled to an audience behind both NBC and ABC and even on rare nights, Fox News. The sacking of Dan Rather, even if a self-sacking, gives the network an opportunity to throw out a lot of the deadwood. Andrew Heyward, the president of CBS News, may soon be on the street himself, rubbing his own raw hind quarters.

Scott Pelley and Matt Lauer are replacement hopefuls, and even Bill O’Reilly, the chief spinmeister at Fox News, has mailed in his resume with a remarkable hymn to both CBS and Dan Rather, published in the *New York Daily News*, the fiercest rival of the *New York Post*, which is owned by Mr. O’Reilly’s current employer.

If a chair is big enough, somebody will want to sit in it, even if there won’t be room for both his bottom and his ego. ✪

I.Q. Test

By Jack Kinsella, www.omegaletter.com

I recently received an email castigating me for teaching the words and sayings of a ‘mythical historical figure,’ with the writer speculating that if it weren’t for people as dumb as me, John Kerry would be president today.

According to my correspondent, Jesus wasn’t a genuine historical figure, but was instead a composite of a number of historical figures from His era.

He dismissed what he termed “obscure references in Josephus,” arguing that there is no genuine historical evidence for the life of Jesus outside the Bible.

And he thinks I’m dumb? ✪



Terrorists' Little Helpers

By Heather MacDonald, www.opinionjournal.com

How long will it be before Washington's political correctness leads to new hijackings?

One of the highest priorities for the new Homeland Security Secretary should be to take political correctness and a fear of litigation out of national security decisions. From immigration enforcement to intelligence gathering, government officials continue to compromise safety in order to avoid accusations of "racial profiling" — and in order to avoid publicly acknowledging what the 9/11 Commission finally said: that the enemy is "Islamist terrorism." This blind antidiscrimination reflex is all the more worrying since radical Islam continues to seek adherents and plan attacks in the U.S.

The government antidiscrimination hammer has hit the airline industry most severely. Department of Transportation lawyers have extracted millions in settlements from four major carriers for alleged discrimination after 9/11, and they have undermined one of the most crucial elements of air safety: a pilot's responsibility for his flight. Since the charges against the airlines were specious but successful, every pilot must worry that his good-faith effort to protect his passengers will trigger federal retaliation.

Litigation phobia is the mindset that the Department of Transportation is hoping to cultivate in flight personnel: Ten days after 9/11, the department started rolling out "guidance" documents on nondiscrimination. While heavy on platitudes about protecting civil rights, they are useless in advising airlines how to avoid the government's wrath. The closest the DOT gets to providing

airlines a concrete rule for avoiding litigation is a "but-for" test: "Ask yourself," advise the guidelines, "But for this person's perceived race, ethnic heritage or religious orientation would I have subjected this individual to additional safety or security scrutiny? If the answer is 'no,' then the action may violate civil rights laws."

In application, the "but-for" test reduces to a "never-ever" rule: Ethnic heritage, religion or national origin may play no role in evaluating risk. But when the threat at issue is Islamic terrorism, it is reckless to ask officials to disregard the sole ironclad prerequisite for being an Islamic terrorist: Muslim identity or its proxies—national origin or ethnic heritage.

American Airlines contested a DOT action over their denial of boarding for a passenger, but fighting the government civil-rights complex is futile. In February 2004, the airline, while denying guilt, settled the action for \$1.5 million, to be spent on "sensitivity training." American's pilots were outraged. "How dare they second-guess our decision?" said Denis Breslin, a pilots' union official.

Not satisfied with just one scalp, DOT lawyers brought identical suits against United, Delta and Continental. Those carriers also settled, pledging more millions for "sensitivity training" — money much better spent on security training than on indoctrinating pilots to distrust their own security judgments. And in the government's wake, the private civil-rights bar, led by the ACLU, has brought its own airline discrimination suits. An action against Northwest is seeking government terror-watch lists, Northwest's boarding procedures, and its cabin-training manual. If these materials got loose, they would be gold to terrorists trying to figure out airline-security procedures. ❄

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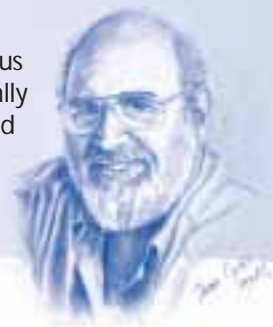
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Leadership and Indifference in Humanitarian Crises



The Bush and Blair administrations have taken heat for not responding quickly enough and with significant aid to tsunami stricken East Asia. World leaders and their countries should take the lead and set the example for others through their level of monetary, food, medical, and other aid, or so the argument goes. But with multiple nations and populations affected by this tragedy, is it fair to blame one or two countries for alleged foot-dragging and stinginess? As the scope of the tragedy became clearer, nations began to pour more money and resources into the relief effort.

Several of the countries affected by the earthquake and tsunami have significant Muslim populations, including the world's largest Muslim population in Indonesia, an estimated 182 million. Speaking on NBC's *Meet the Press*, Secretary of State Colin Powell said of the American relief effort: "We should be seen not just because it's a Muslim nation, but because these are human beings in need. The fact that it is also a Muslim nation, I think, contributes to the importance of the effort." While some may argue that the response of the world's Western and democratic nations may have been initially too slow and too little, it has since picked up speed and continues to grow by the day. But what have the world's Arab and Muslim regimes contributed to help their suffering brethren?

As of January 5th, CNN reported the following numbers (in millions of US dollars): Algeria, 2; Bahrain, 2; Kuwait, 10; Libya, 2; Qatar, 25; Saudi Arabia, 30; Turkey, 1.25; UAE,

20. This brings the total monetary donations from Muslim nations to approximately \$92.25 million. Additionally, Muslim Aid, a private charitable organization based in London, has pledged £1.1 million (approx. \$2,059,000) for the relief effort.

While this is a respectable amount, it would be much higher if the remainder of the world's 57 majority Muslim nations decided to pitch in. In order to put the total \$94.3 million number and individual country contributions into clearer perspective, let's look at some of the following information.

Michael Schumacher, seven-time world formula one champion, personally pledged to give \$10 million, more than Algeria, Bahrain, Libya, Turkey, and Muslim Aid combined.

Suha Arafat will receive a \$22 million a year pension for the rest of her life from the Palestinian people.

In April of 2002, soon after the attacks of 9/11 and the subsequent American response in Afghanistan, several Arab nations held telethons to raise money for the Palestinian people, a year and a half into their latest violent uprising. The telethons were billed as an outlet for Muslims to vent their anger at the US and Israel, and were highly criticized in the US for inciting violence. Saudi Arabia raised over \$100 million, while other Arab nations had smaller hauls: UAE, \$35 million; Bahrain, \$10.5 million; Qatar, \$8.2 million; and Abu Dhabi TV (based in UAE) \$50 million. The total amount raised by Arab nations for the Palestinians was roughly \$203.7 million, or more than double their tsunami relief contributions.

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A Church Joke

(From a circulating Internet e-mail)

There was a feud between the Pastor and the Choir Director of The Hicksville Southern Baptist Church.

It seems the first hint of trouble came when the Pastor preached on “dedicating yourselves to service” and the Choir Director chose to sing: “I Shall Not Be Moved.”

Trying to believe it was a coincidence, the Pastor put the incident behind him. The next Sunday, he preached on “giving.” Afterwards, the choir squirmed as the director led them in the hymn: “Jesus Paid It All.”

By this time, the Pastor was losing his temper. Sunday morning attendance swelled as the tension between the two built.

A large crowd showed up the next week to hear his sermon on “The sins of gossiping.” Would you believe the Choir Director selected: “I Love To Tell The Story?”

There was no turning back. The following Sunday, the Pastor told the congregation that unless something changed, he was considering resignation. The entire church gasped when the Choir Director led them in: “Why Not Tonight?”

Truthfully, no one was surprised when the Pastor resigned a week later, explaining that Jesus had led him there and Jesus was leading him away.

The Choir Director could not resist: “What A Friend We Have in Jesus.”

A French Joke

Associated Press

Police at Paris’ top airport lost track of a passenger’s bag in which plastic explosives were placed to train bomb-sniffing dogs. Warned that the bag may have gotten on any of nearly 90 flights from Charles de Gaulle, authorities searched planes upon arrival in Los Angeles and New York.

French police said the explosives were harmless and there was no chance of their going off, since no detonators were connected to them.

More than 300 passengers were evacuated and their luggage searched when their Air France flight from

Charles de Gaulle arrived in Los Angeles, the U.S. Transportation Security Administration said.

One American Airlines and two Air France flights to Paris were also searched in New York City, TSA spokesman Norm Brewer said. No explosives were found on any of the flights.

French police at Charles de Gaulle deliberately placed up to five ounces of plastic explosives into a passenger’s luggage, police spokesman Pierre Bouquin said.

But a “momentary lack of surveillance” led to the bag being lost on a conveyor belt carrying luggage from check-in to planes, he said.

Authorities immediately alerted the relevant airlines that one of between 80 and 90 planes that left the French capital could be carrying the explosives, Bouquin said.

Four of the flights were en route to the United States, while others were headed to places like Japan and Brazil, Bouquin said. Some were domestic French flights. The flight searched in Los Angeles was delayed two to three hours before continuing on its next leg to Tahiti in the South Pacific.



The Clinton Legacy

By Niles Lathem, *New York Post*

Billionaire Marc Rich has emerged as a central figure in the U.N. oil-for-food scandal and is under investigation for brokering deals in which scores of international politicians and businessmen cashed in on sweetheart oil deals with Saddam Hussein, the *Post* has learned.



Marc Rich



Rich, the fugitive Swiss-based commodities trader who received a controversial pardon from President Bill Clinton in January 2001, is a primary target of criminal probes under way in the U.S. attorney's office in New York and

by Manhattan District Attorney Robert Morgenthau, sources said.

“We think he was a major player in this — a central figure,”

a senior law-enforcement official told the *Post*.

Investigators are looking into a series of deals that took place in the months after his pardon from Clinton. If criminal wrongdoing is established in these deals, he could be subject to prosecution.

Investigators say they have received information that Rich and Ben Pollner, a New York-based oil trader who heads Taurus Oil, set up a series of companies in Liechtenstein and other countries that they used to put together deals between Saddam and his international supporters in the controversial oil-voucher scheme — which the dictator designed to win international support against U.S. sanctions at the United Nations.

Under the scam, hundreds of international political and financial figures from France, Russia and other countries were awarded middleman vouchers allowing them to purchase set quantities of Iraqi oil at discount rates. These so-called “non-end users” could then resell the oil on the open market and make profits of up to 50 cents a barrel. Benon Sevan, who headed the U.N. oil-for-food program, is among those listed in Iraqi Oil Ministry documents as having been a recipient of the vouchers.

Since most of the recipients did not have refineries or cargo ships, they needed to sell the oil to someone else who could ship the oil out of Iraq in order to cash in. Investigators now believe Rich and Pollner brokered many of the deals by finding buyers for the oil allocated to people who were bribed by Saddam. The discount Iraqi oil would be resold to major oil companies at higher prices and Rich and Pollner would pocket percentages of the profits, worth hundreds of millions of dollars, sources said.

As our Lord said of those seeking money, “they have their reward.” — Zola

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“Middle East” Problems

Abdullah, boy King of Jordan, made a recent appearance on Chris Matthews' *Hardball*, in which he stated that “all problems in the Middle East, including Iraq and everywhere else, have their roots in what he called, ‘the Israeli Palestinian situation.’” With a perfectly straight face, he tried to say that the entire worldwide terrorist movement is caused by Israelis who won't allow Palestinians to continue murdering their people.

Israel, as always, is referred to as “The Middle East” by all concerned, including Matthews, Abdullah, and even by radio talk show host Laura Ingraham. Matthews calls the situation an “open sore.”

Once again, the only problem in Israel is murderers, just like in Washington or New York, except that the people in Washington and New York have far more murders.

Laura Ingraham pointed out that there are Wahhabi textbooks in German schools where Saudis send their kids (likewise about everywhere else). Ask the question, will bin Laden and al-Zarkawi really stop their terrorism if there is some sort of peace deal with the Palestinians?

Naturally, as I have said repeatedly, as in the Middle East we also have some problems here in America with minorities, except for Muslims, whom we seem to love so much we don't see a problem in their taking over our country. — Zola

“Catch and Release”

Gary Bauer's *End of Day Report*

Grab your blood pressure medication before you read this item. According to analyst Heather MacDonald, writing in today's *New York Post*, we are routinely releasing illegal aliens captured on both the Canadian and Mexican borders! But don't worry. When we release them, we tell them to report back for a deportation hearing. Of course, they virtually never do.

MacDonald says that every week on the border between Vermont and Canada, we apprehend and release Middle Easterners and North Africans. And she points out, “Since all these aliens chose to evade the visa process, none has had a background check by a consular official that might have uncovered terrorist connections.” This idiotic “catch and release” policy is in force because there is inadequate detention space! Sorry, but that is no excuse. With both the White House and the Congress in Republican hands



there is no excuse for this scandal to continue — not while our enemies continue to work on ways to kill us.

Many good conservative congressmen have been sounding the alarm over this mess for the last four years. It is time for the president to be thoroughly briefed and it is time for him to act. ✦

Can you imagine an ACLU-type organization running around Saudi Arabia suing Muslims, claiming that Islamic symbols are offensive to Christians and must be removed from all public places? — Zola

Islamic Stars, Menorahs, but no Nativity Scenes www.worldnetdaily.com

Two prominent legal cases battling policies that outlaw public display of the Christian Nativity while allowing symbols of other religions have reached a critical stage.

In New York City, arguments will be presented in a federal lawsuit challenging the city's display of the Jewish menorah during Hanukkah and the Islamic star and crescent during Ramadan in more than 1,200 public schools while barring Nativity scenes during Christmas.

In Florida, U.S. District Court Judge Cecilia Altonaga will soon rule on a request for a temporary restraining order that would require the town of Bay Harbor Islands to allow a Christian resident to display the Nativity alongside existing Jewish menorahs.

Both cases are being argued by attorneys with the Michigan-based Thomas More Law Center.

“Christmas is under siege throughout our nation, and the cases in New York and Bay Harbor Islands demonstrate the kind of hostility and double standard being used by officials to deny Christians the right to publicly celebrate one of their holiest seasons,” said Richard Thompson, president and chief counsel of the Law Center.

The New York suit against the city's Department of Education is in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit after senior U.S. District Court Judge Charles Sifton ruled the city's discriminatory policy was permissible because it was an accommodation of “multiculturalism” and “an attempt to diversify the season and provide non-Christian holidays with parity.” ✦

This last paragraph clearly explains why the U.S. Senate must stop the filibustering of President Bush's judicial nominees. — Zola

The ACLU Never Sleeps

Gary Bauer's *End of Day Report*

I'm sure you sleep better at night knowing that the ACLU is on guard 24-hours a day against any threat to our liberty. The latest threat they have identified is the Dover Area School District in Pennsylvania that decided in October to include the concept of "intelligent design" in its 9th grade science curriculum along with evolutionary theory.

Intelligent design theorists argue that the complexity of the universe is evidence of the hand of a "higher power" (God) that has guided creation. Increasing numbers of scientists, physicists and biologists embrace this idea and best-selling books have been written presenting the scientific case for intelligent design.

But to the ACLU this is another violation of the separation of church and state. Even if God created the world and man was made in His image, the ACLU prefers that children are told only one theory: that we are descendants of the chimp at the local zoo.

In my humble opinion, it requires a bigger "leap of faith" to believe that all of the miraculous wonders of this universe just happened by accident!

Making Good Muslims Out of American Kids

Gary Bauer's *End of Day Report*

We get reports every day of our public schools being "sanitized" of anything that refers to the Judeo-Christian heritage of our country.

In California, for example, a teacher couldn't get permission from the school principal to pass out copies of the Declaration of Independence because the document asserts that the Creator is the author of our liberty.

Meanwhile, in the name of multiculturalism, some public schools are increasingly exposing students to Islam. In fact, Daniel Pipes has discovered a website, www.DawaNet.com (see "Dawa Methods" section), whose goal is to use the public schools to "make America an Islamic Nation." Be alert to what happens in your children's classrooms.

He Stopped Breathing www.opinionjournal.com

Yasser Arafat won a Nobel Peace Prize in 1994, and it appears he has finally done something to promote peace:

The Jerusalem Post reports that Arafat's death "has left most Palestinians optimistic regarding the future and opposed to the continuation of terror attacks on Israel, according to a public opinion poll published by the Jerusalem Media and Communication Center."

A majority (51.8 percent of the Palestinians polled) said that they were opposed to "military operations" against Israeli targets and consider them harmful to Palestinian national interests, compared with 26.9% last June. Only 41.1% of the Palestinians believe that terrorist attacks should continue, compared with 65.4% last June.

According to the poll, a majority of Palestinians, 59.3%, feel optimistic regarding the future in general, compared with 45.3% last June.

Arafat remains in stable condition after dying in a Paris hospital.

But Who Will Ride in the Limos?

Paul Weyrich, Chairman and CEO,
Free Congress Research and Education Foundation



The current UN cannot live without the United States. We pay about a quarter of its budget and for what?

To have us slapped down by a group of bloodthirsty dictators who hate our system of government?

To have human rights abuses investigated by a committee composed of the worst human rights violators on the face of the earth?

To have UN people run for cover as soon as the situation gets tough in Iraq?

For the life of me, I can't figure out any benefit to staying in the UN.

To be sure, the losers will scream bloody murder. After all, the losing Presidential candidate, Senator Kerry, made it clear that he believed in the UN more than he believed in the USA.

In fact, it was clear that he viewed the United Nations as a vehicle to restrain the aggressive, imperialist United States.



The LARK Program

(from a circulating Internet e-mail)

A person wrote a letter to the Pentagon complaining about the treatment of a captive taken during the Afghanistan war. Attached is a copy of the letter they received back:

Secretary of Defense
The Pentagon
Washington, D.C.



Dear Concerned Citizen:

Thank you for your recent letter roundly criticizing our treatment of the Taliban and al-Qaeda detainees currently being held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Our administration takes these matters seriously, and your opinion was heard loud and clear here in Washington. You'll be pleased to learn that, thanks to the concerns of citizens like you, we are creating a new division of the Terrorist Retraining Program, to be called the "Liberals Accept Responsibility for Killers" program, or LARK for short. In accordance with the guidelines of this new program, we have decided to place one terrorist under your personal care.

Your personal detainee has been selected and scheduled for transportation under heavily armed guard to your residence next Monday. Ali Mohammed Ahmed bin Mahmud (you can just call him Ahmed) is to be cared for pursuant to the standards you personally demanded in your letter of admonishment.

It will likely be necessary for you to hire some assistant caretakers. We will conduct weekly inspections to ensure that your standards of care for Ahmed are commensurate with those you so strongly recommended in your letter.

Although Ahmed is sociopathic and extremely violent, we hope that your sensitivity to what you described as his "attitudinal problem" will help him overcome these character flaws.

Perhaps you are correct in describing these problems as mere cultural differences. He will bite you, given the chance. We understand that you plan to offer counseling and home schooling. Your adopted terrorist is extremely proficient in hand-to-hand combat and can extinguish human life with such simple items as a pencil or nail clippers. We do not suggest that you ask him to demonstrate these skills at your next yoga group. He is also expert at making a wide variety of explosive devices from common household products, so you may wish to keep those items locked up, unless (in your opinion) this might offend him.

Ahmed will not wish to interact with your wife or daughters (except sexually) since he views females as a subhuman form of property. This is a particularly sensitive subject for him, and he has been known to show violent tendencies around women who fail to comply with the new dress code that Ahmed will recommend as more appropriate attire. I'm sure they will come to enjoy the anonymity offered by the burka — over time. Just remind them that it is all part of "respecting his culture and his religious beliefs" — wasn't that how you put it?

Thanks again for your letter. We truly appreciate it when folks like you, who know so much, keep us informed of the proper way to do our job.

You take good care of Ahmed — and remember, we'll be watching. Good luck!

Cordially,

Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense



For the humanitarian crisis in Darfur, Sudan in 2004, only two Muslim nations donated money through the UN for relief causes. Saudi Arabia gave \$3 million (1% of all donations) and Oman gave \$2,865.

In December 2004, a fundraising meeting was held for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), an organization established specifically to deal with issues concerning Palestinian refugees. The donor countries pledged \$90 million to UNRWA, only \$2,035,000 of that coming from Muslim nations. According to UN sources, Arab nations made up a total of only 2.76% of global humanitarian contributions in 2004, just slightly less than Denmark at 2.96%. When it comes to world humanitarian and disaster relief, Muslim nations in general appear not to donate money and goods on par with the Western and democratic nations.

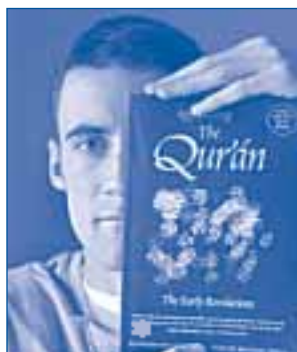
However, to say that Arab and Muslim nations don't give generously would be incorrect. Apparently, Arab and Muslim nations prefer to make their contributions directly to their favorite charity, the Palestinians, thereby circumventing any accountability in organizations such as the UN. According to Israeli government figures, Arab nations contribute approximately \$45 million per month directly to the Palestinian Authority. There also exists a multitude of Muslim charities which send money directly to the Palestinians, some of which have come under US and international scrutiny for their funds distribution.

It is clear that when it comes to humanitarian and natural disasters, whether they occur in a Muslim country or not, the world can count on only symbolic support from the oil rich Arab and Muslim nations. The very fact that America, Britain and other Western and democratic nations were criticized so vociferously underscores where the world looks for leadership and help during its most challenging situations. In contrast, the absence of criticism of the Arab and Muslim nations' relief response is the world's acknowledgement and acceptance of the fact that humanitarian help is apparently not expected of them. ✦

Legal Challenge

USA Today

Kris Wampler has joined two other students in suing the University of North Carolina because *Approaching the Koran* is required college reading.



factory. Ten years ago, thousands of Muslim civilians concentrated here seeking shelter at a U.N. base. But Serb militias separated the men and boys from their women and put them on buses. Armed Blue Helmeted U.N. peacekeepers — tasked under Mr. Annan's leadership to protect Srebrenica's civilians in this U.N.-declared "Safe Area" — watched passively. The women of Srebrenica never saw their men again. Across the street lies a new cemetery and memorial for the 8,000 fallen men of Srebrenica. The remains of most of Safe Area Srebrenica's men have not yet been identified through DNA, but 1,300 have, and they rest in fresh mounds of earth on one end of the mostly empty graveyard. A long desolate green field waits to bury the rest of the remains.

"Do you think the U.N. was at fault?" I asked. "Not the soldiers, she said, but the leaders. If they had done their job, and were responsible, this would not have happened."

Liberal multilateralists on the left, like me, are often skittish about offering too pungent a critique of Mr. Annan, because it offers aid and comfort to the "enemy" on the conservative unilateralist right. But if anyone's values have been betrayed at the U.N. over the past decade it is those of us who believe most deeply in the organization's ideals. Just ask the men and women of Rwanda and Srebrenica. ✦

Mr. Cain served in U.N. peacekeeping operations in Somalia, Rwanda, Haiti, and Liberia.



Oasis: An unusual rain creates pools in the Negev Desert

I'm always asked to explain Progressive Dispensationalism, which no one can clearly explain. Below is a good discussion of the real thing, now called Normative Dispensationalism. Moody, Dallas Seminary and others no longer teach the following Biblical clarities, but instead opt for some sort of Christianity that all but eliminates the End-times and especially Israel. Everyone, in my view, should understand the following explanation of Scripture. — Zola

Rightly Dividing the Word

By Jack Kinsella, www.omegaletter.com

As I've noted before, I get a lot of email from well-meaning folks criticizing me for teaching "error" because I teach pretribulationist theology from a Dispensationalist perspective.

Dispensationalism, simply stated, is a systematic overview of theology that says that, during different periods of human history, God dealt in different ways with different people or groups, depending on the historical timeline.

In the case of Adam and Eve, God walked with them "in the cool of the evening" enjoying personal one-on-one fellowship with the two sinless people created in His Image and in His likeness. This is called the Age of Innocence.

It is followed, after the Fall, by the Age of Conscience that resulted in the Flood.

The Tower of Babel incident marked the start of the Age of Government. God's Covenant with Abraham ushered in the Age of Promise.

The reception of the Ten Commandments by Moses introduced the Age of the Law.

The Church Age, which began at Pentecost, is the Age of Grace, and it concludes with the removal of the Holy Spirit's ministry of restraining evil on the earth at the Rapture.

Since Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would indwell the Body of Christ until Jesus returns for His Bride, the Bride can't be here either, without concluding He sent us the Comforter for all time — except for just at the time we need Him the most.

He can't indwell me during the Tribulation Period WITHOUT restraining evil, unless I am prepared to argue that, apart from His indwelling, I am capable of restraining it in myself.

That would be news to the Apostle Paul:

"For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) dwelleth no good thing; for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not." (Romans 7:18)

The removal of the Restrainer sets the stage for the final, unfulfilled 70th "week" of Daniel, the Tribulation Age.

At His 2nd Coming at the end of the Tribulation Age, Jesus sets up His Millennial Kingdom during the Thousand Year Millennial Age.

There is no doubt in my mind that this current Dispensation, the Age of Grace, is about to draw to a close with the Rapture of the Church, which means the Tribulation Age is just around the corner. ✦

Target Practice?

In a recent report of a routine Israeli retaliation for terrorism in Gaza, *Reuters* referred to the event as "what Israel called" an attack on a known terrorist.

If it was only what they "called" an attack, I'm puzzled about what else it might have been. Were the Israelis just doing target practice? Were they hunting? Did their guns just go off by themselves?

Reuters is trying for an award for Israel bashing, that's not easy to get in a world of CNN and *The New York Times*. Competition is really tough on decimating our best ally and sister democracy. — Zola



But They're Not Even Jewish!

(From Brazilian writer J.R.R. Abrahao)

The State Department tells Americans not to go to Rio de Janeiro, and they are right in this case.

Think of this: On the Gaza strip in the Middle East, between the years 1987-2003, 450-some people died violently. But on a 15-mile strip of land along a tourist beach in Rio de Janeiro in Brazil, over the same 1987-2003 time frame, 9,800 people were murdered!

In the Angolan Civil War, fought between 1980 and 2000, there were 350,000 violent deaths. In Rio de Janeiro in the same period of time, 650,000 people were murdered!

Each year, 60,000-65,000 common citizens are murdered in Brazil: Twenty percent of them in my hometown of Sao Paulo, fifteen percent in Rio de Janeiro, and the rest all over the country... more than all the Americans killed in all the years of the Vietnam War. This, in Brazil in just one year... and it happens every year.

Where People Don't Take Kindly to the Lord Being Insulted

Since the Mustang, Oklahoma, school superintendent decided that the Nativity play could not include the baby Jesus, the people voted down an \$11 million bond issue for school improvements.



Why don't we all do that? Get the unbeliever where he worships — in his wallet. Cut their cash — it's the thing they most love.

Oklahoma's a place where they don't warm to big changes, especially with regard to faith. I can recall a friend of mine from Oklahoma analyzing why Muslims tended to live up north — Detroit, Minneapolis, Dearborn, etc. I said, "After all, they're desert people, why don't they move to the south?"

My friend opined in his hometown drawl, "If they tried to pull that stuff down here, we'd run 'em outta town."

Here's to Mustang and all the other places that will defend our Lord and His birth, and lay up treasure in Heaven. — Zola

The Three Ways to Bring Peace

Don't get too excited about the "new possibilities" for peace in what the media call "The Middle East" and what normal people call Israel. The Palestinians haven't changed.

On-again, off-again presidential candidate Marwan Barghout, serving umpteen life sentences for numerous civilian murders, is really running the show from his jail cell. Arafat puppet Mahmoud Abbas has made strong statements that the Palestinians will never give up their claim on Jerusalem (whatever that may mean) or their insistence on the return of refugees to their homes in Israel, a nation in which most of them have never set foot. (Wouldn't it be interesting if the world would be consistent and demand that everybody affected by World War II, were now to be returned to where they were when the war started!)

The two issues — Jerusalem and the refugees — were articulated by Barghout recently and dutifully repeated by the human copy machine, Abbas, a few days later.

Abbas used to obey Arafat and repeat everything whispered in his ear by the old murderer and Nobel Peace Prize winner. Now he listens to Barghout in the same manner.

As King Solomon observed, "There is nothing new under the sun."

The *Levitt Letter* solution to peace in Israel remains the same as always. The Palestinians need to very carefully undertake three projects. They are —

"Stop the murders, stop the murders and stop the murders."

As to the U.S. government, the best thing it could do for Israel would be to simply butt out. Quit trying to please the Saudis by pretending we can make a democratic Palestine. Our government has probably caused more Israeli deaths than anyone other than the Palestinians themselves. We have no idea how to cope with Muslims. That's obvious, and we have bigger fish to fry.

Once again, and I'll never stop saying it, if we don't get into the business of taking down Saudi Arabia, Iran and Syria, whatever that takes, we can lose this war and enter a new Dark Age. — Zola

What Palestine?

From John Gibson, Fox News, quoting an Arab commentator:

“Only in Arab countries occupied by a foreign power are there ever free elections.” The commentator was referring to Iraq and Palestine.

In the case of Palestine, there are three mistakes. 1) There is no Palestine. 2) Israel is not occupying it, and 3) Palestinians never have real elections. But since they are now contemplating one, we’ll wait and see.

Gibson’s report also stated that “Israel behaves in Palestine just as the U.S. behaves in Iraq,” which, of course, is a ridiculous comparison. — Zola

The Judeo-Christian Tradition

From a column by Thomas Sowell, www.capmag.com

A church in Monterrey, Mexico, has installed equipment that jams cell phones so that church services won’t be disturbed by ringing phones. This equipment should be installed in every school, auditorium, restaurant, etc. Incidentally, the equipment used by this church was manufactured in Israel.

Let’s hear it for interfaith cooperation and the Judeo-Christian tradition. ✦

The acerbic Ann Coulter, wrote this the day after the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks. — Zola

“This is War”

By Ann Coulter, September 12, 2001



This is no time to be precious about locating the exact individuals directly involved in this particular terrorist attack. Those responsible include anyone anywhere in the world who smiled in response to the annihilation of patriots like Barbara Olson (killed in Pentagon crash 9/11). We don’t need long investigations of the forensic evidence to determine with scientific accuracy the person or persons who ordered this specific attack. We don’t need an “international coalition.” We don’t need a study on “terrorism.” We certainly didn’t need a con-

gressional resolution condemning the attack this week.

The nation has been invaded by a fanatical, murderous cult. And we welcome them. We are so good and so pure we would never engage in discriminatory racial or “religious” profiling. People who want our country destroyed live here, work for our airlines, and are submitted to the exact same airport shakedown as a lumberman from Idaho. This would be like having the Wehrmacht immigrate to America and work for our airlines during World War II. Except the Wehrmacht was not so bloodthirsty.

“All of our lives” don’t need to change, as they keep prattling on TV. Every single time there is a terrorist attack — or a plane crashes because of pilot error — Americans allow their rights to be contracted for no purpose whatsoever. The airport kabuki theater of magnetometers, asinine questions about whether passengers “packed their own bags,” and the hostile, lumpen mesomorphs ripping open our luggage somehow allowed over a dozen armed hijackers to board four American planes almost simultaneously on Bloody Tuesday. (Did those fabulous security procedures stop a single hijacker anywhere in America that day?)

Airports scrupulously apply the same laughingly ineffective airport harassment to Suzy Chapstick as to Muslim hijackers. It is preposterous to assume every passenger is a potential crazed homicidal maniac. We know who the homicidal maniacs are. They are the ones cheering and dancing right now. We should invade their countries, kill their leaders, and convert them to Christianity. We weren’t punctilious about locating and punishing only Hitler and his top officers. We carpet-bombed German cities, we killed civilians. That’s war.

And this is war. ✦



Native Americans in the Holy City

On a visit to Israel’s capital, chiefs from 12 Native American tribes hailing from the US and Canada met Jerusalem Mayor Uri Lupolianski.

Photo Courtesy Israel Today

The Enemy in Plain View

www.opinionjournal.com

Saddam's regime has not yet been defeated.

Washington must seem like a very strange place from the vantage point of Baghdad. While the world's so-called power capital debates whether Donald Rumsfeld has been solicitous enough of U.S. Senators, on the front lines of the war on terror three Iraqi election workers are dragged from their car in Baghdad and murdered in front of the world's cameras.

Do we need any clearer picture of the stakes, and the nature of our enemy in Iraq than the photo of those assassinations that appeared on front pages? The dead Iraqis were targeted precisely because they are trying to build a new, democratic Iraq. Their killers can't abide a free election, or a newly legitimate Iraqi government, because they know it will make it less likely that they can ever return to power. The car bombs targeting Shiite Muslims in Karbala and Najaf are sending the same brutal message.

These events ought to put to rest the canard that what we are facing in Iraq is some kind of "nationalist" uprising opposed to U.S. occupation. The genuine Iraqi patriots are those risking their lives to rebuild their country and prepare for elections. They are being threatened, and murdered, by members and allies of the old regime who want to restore Sunni Baathist political domination. Or to put it more bluntly, we haven't yet defeated Saddam Hussein's regime.

If Mr. Rumsfeld has made a single large mistake as Defense Secretary, it has been underestimating the resilience of this enemy. To be fair, this is a familiar mistake in U.S. history, the tendency to declare victory too soon and let the enemy regroup and fight on. To be fair, mistakes are inevitable in war and Mr. Rumsfeld has been far from alone. The CIA seems to have completely missed that Saddam's strategy from the beginning was to disperse his allies and conduct a decentralized insurgency. And

we don't recall John McCain predicting today's events. The first person we saw who noted this likelihood was retired Marine colonel Gary Anderson, in an April 2, 2003 op-ed in *The Washington Post*. His warnings were dismissed at the time, especially by the CIA, which still believed that Iraq could be pacified with a "decapitation" strategy eliminating Saddam and his top aides.

But the more we learn about the insurgency, the more Mr. Anderson's analysis has proven true. The latest evidence comes from a batch of intelligence documents reported in *U.S. News & World Report*. Reporter Edward Pound cites U.S. documents saying "former regime elements" are behind most of today's terror attacks in Iraq. He quotes one document as noting that Saddam and his allies "appear to have planned for an insurgency before the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom." Months before the Coalition invasion, members of Saddam's intelligence service and Fedayeen were planning how to build roadside bombs and to target convoys and such soft targets as water plants and oil pipelines.

When these columns endorsed the war in Iraq, we didn't sign up for a short or easy war. We signed up to support whatever it takes to win. No war ever goes as planned, and Iraq is no exception. But surely we can all admit that when we see those enemy assassins on our front pages, we are staring at what would be the consequences of U.S. defeat. ✱



The Assault on Democracy

By Patrick Cox, Contributing Editor



Some events are so obviously historic that the world understands immediately that the course of human events has changed. Some, however, seem to get lost in the swarm of journalistic trivia.

An example of the latter sort took place in the weeks leading up to the elections in Iraq, when various media, military and intelligence sources reported new evidence that Syria is allowing former Iraqi government officials to organize and fund terrorist attacks in Iraq. Journalists have reported that Iran and Syria are cooperating to destabilize Iraq, as they did successfully in Lebanon. Mosques operating in both countries as de facto government agencies, are openly recruiting and funding jihadists to fight in Iraq.

Interim Iraqi Prime Minister Iyad Allawi, President Bush and other administration officials have all pointedly warned Syria and Iran to cease and desist — with no apparent effect. The seriousness of the situation is difficult to overestimate.

There was a time, before Afghanistan's Taliban and Iraq's Baathist tyrants were quashed, when the Arab/Muslim world had reason to wonder if the infidel West had the will to take action against Middle Eastern tyrannies — but those days have passed. The message that governments supporting terrorism will be treated as terrorists themselves, has gotten through even to Libyan dictator Moammar Qaddafi, who has backed off from many of his previously provocative policies.

While Iran's game of brinkmanship might be explained by the insular world of self-reinforcing narcissism surrounding the ruling mullahs, this is not the case with regard to Syria. President-for-life Bashar Al-Assad has never exhibited the peculiar arrogance behind Osama bin Laden's and Saddam Hussein's certitude that a morally weak West could be perpetually intimidated and outfoxed.

Bashar Al-Assad had taken refuge in England, studying medicine and computer technologies while staying clear of his family's internecine and frequently lethal power struggles, when the heir-apparent to the Syrian dictatorship, his older brother, was killed in an 1994 car accident. Assad, who speaks perfect English, knows the risks he is taking by meddling in Iraq.

His strategists may be hoping that the U.S. is too busy with Iraq and Afghanistan to undertake another invasion,

but the signs are that the American military would forgo “nation building” and simply decapitate the existing governments of Syria and Iran if it became necessary. It would not, in fact, be difficult. A joke, circulating now in military circles, has it that it would take twenty minutes to destroy Syria's military capabilities — one minute to target and launch the missiles, and nineteen minutes to laugh about it.

This, of course, begs the question; why are Syria and Iran willing to risk, by waging a not-very-covert cold-war, a reprisal that could easily bring down their governments. The answer is that both fear, more than U.S. military intervention, a democratic eruption on their borders.

As did Saddam Hussein, Assad leads a minority elite ruling over an exploited and resentful majority population of a differing Muslim sect. His attempts to interfere in Iraq without provoking American retaliation may seem risky business, but he would be in even greater personal danger if he neglected the interests of the ruthless Alawite aristocracy — a group well-schooled in the dark arts of conspiracy and assassination. Iran also has a healthy and growing opposition movement, especially among the student population, that is increasingly angry at the privileged clerics who maintain a monopoly on political power in their country.

Though little is said in the state-run media of the Arab and Muslim world, the recent and successful Afghan elections have shaken the Middle East to its core. Fearing that elections in the Palestinian territories and Iraq will plant further democratic notions in the minds of their subjects, representatives of the ruling Arab powers met in November at the Sharm Al-Sheikh summit to declare the elections in Iraq illegitimate — because of the presence of the occupying coalition.

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Remarkably, a number of Arab writers have broken ranks, speaking out against their rulers' hypocrisy and garnering considerable attention in the process,

Columnist Salama Ni'mat, for example, wrote in the London-based daily *Al-Hayat*:

"It is outrageous and amazing, that the first free and general elections in the history of the Arab nation are to take place in January: in Iraq, under the auspices of American occupation, and in Palestine, under the auspices of the Israeli occupation.

It is sad and pathetic that the eyes of the entire world are upon the Palestinian and Iraqi elections that will be held under the lances of foreign occupation, while the peoples of the 'independent, free, and sovereign' Arab countries have no way of expressing their will. It is sad and pathetic that certain countries today are treating the Iraqis with the cheapest kind of political hypocrisy, even though no one heard any particular Arab protest during the time of the regime of the mass graves.

Although the Taliban's regime of darkness has become history, and Saddam Hussein sits in his cell awaiting trial on charges of war crimes and crimes against humanity, the Arab regimes still act as if nothing has happened. Further, [they act] as if history is not happening as long as they do not acknowledge its existence and do not announce it in the papers and on the television channels which they control. Can anybody ask the Arab League why the media in occupied Iraq and Palestine enjoy freedom under the occupation, while the media in the other Arab countries do not?"

Even on the Islamist-dominated Al-Jazeera television network, Egyptian journalist Nabil Sharaf Al-Din said: "We are not being fair to the current Iraqi government, but history will do justice to them. These people are establishing the first democracy in the Middle East. This country will be a platform for liberties in the whole region. In Iraq, the days of a leader who remains on his throne until he dies are gone. This is over. For the first time, the Iraqi leader will be elected by Iraqi ballots."

If there is an upside to the efforts by Arab and Muslim leaders to delegitimize and sabotage elections in Iraq, it is that they couldn't make it more obvious that the last thing they want is democracy, for their own people least of all. For decades, these totalitarian regimes have managed to convince the naive and gullible that the problems of the Middle East are caused by democratic Israel — even while they funded and directed terrorists anxious to kill anyone, Jew or Arab, who does not share their fear and hatred of democracy.

Could the truth be any clearer? ❄

The Trouble with Tarry

By Zola Levitt

I was so shocked and disappointed by an article that I found in the December 6 *US News and World Report* that I sent them this editorial. In the story by Jay Tolson, which covered some four pages, the magazine all but weeps over the fact that a potential Notre Dame professor, Tariq Ramadan, will not be joining that faculty at all due to the US State Department, "acting on advice from the Department of Homeland Security" revoking his visa.



Tariq Ramadan

The opening page bears a picture of a rather handsome, athletic-looking Muslim with a deeply concerned expression. The article specifies that despite various pretenses, he is as radical and dangerous an Islamic operative as one could find, even on an American university campus.

One of his credits refers to him as "gentle jihadist," and the article states: "If not an advocate of violence, his detractors say, Ramadan provides the ideological seedbed of a highly politicized Islam — Islamism as it is called — in which more violent forms can take root." Citing that Ramadan, typical of many Islamic speakers, talks differently depending on who's in the audience, the article states: "Islam condones dissimulation in dealing with 'unbelievers.'" Dissimulation means, according to the internet dictionary, "To disguise (one's intentions, for example) under a feigned appearance," but in this case, it's garden variety lying.

The would-be professor is the grandson of the Egyptian terrorist who founded the bloody Muslim Brotherhood. "There is a miasma around him," says Daniel Pipes, director of the Middle East Forum in Philadelphia. "You can explain one, two, three, four, five things. But finally, when there are so many charges, you can't explain everything away. We don't need him in this country."

That's the issue — discussion over whether this particular Islamic professor is radical enough to do some damage or whether he's worth hearing from. But now comes the part that disheartened me. Writers Anna Mulrine in Berlin and Elizabeth Bryant in Paris join Tolson in stating: "The controversy clearly weighs most heavily upon the man and his family, but it has much wider implications. Above all, it raises questions about how America, and the West in general, are engaging in the struggle for the hearts and minds of the Muslim world."

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That's the part that confuses me. I didn't understand that we were in a struggle for the hearts and minds of the Muslim world. I thought we were trying to keep the Muslim world from continuing to murder us.

The writers go on to say: "It is hardly news that a decisive conflict is underway in that global community (of Islam) with a small but well-financed minority hoping to make its absolutist and puritanical construction of religious law (or Shari'a) the foundation of an all-encompassing political and social order." Well, personally, I wouldn't say that Shari'a represents any particular "construction of religious law." Shari'a is the stuff where they behead folks, hang young girls for acting romantic, cut out tongues, etc. This is no "absolutist and puritanical construction" of anything. It's barbarism. It belongs in a jungle of ten thousand years ago.

The article goes on to say: "The question, of course, is how America and the West can identify and encourage those other Muslims — particularly intellectual and clerical elites — who see the radical Islamist agenda as a betrayal of the true spirit of traditional Islam and an unworkable blueprint for future states..."

Well, yes, there I do agree. I really do think World Trade Center attacks, mass graves, totalitarian dictatorships, enslaved hundreds of millions, and the like, really is "an unworkable blueprint for future states." I would prefer that our own states, the United States of America, once they're taken over by Muslims, not follow that blueprint. (The takeover, as I've said many times, is well under way.)

A professor at The Institute of Political Studies in Paris talks about "the deplorably politicized state of Middle Eastern and Islamic studies in the United States, where much scholarship divides into simplistic pro-Arab or pro-Israel camps." Well, I've never heard of a pro-Israel camp at any American university, where I always volunteer to speak in the hopes of promoting fairness to Israel. What are known as Middle Eastern and Islamic studies in this country are simply Israel-bashing exercises. This is too obvious to even articulate.

The issue surrounding Professor Ramadan was settled for me toward the end of the article where it's reported that the then-French Interior Minister, Nicholas Sarkozy, debated Ramadan in November 2003. The Minister "challenged him to call for the aboli-

tion of the stoning of women for adultery, a practice considered Islamic according to some fundamentalist interpretations of Shari'a. Ramadan... refused to issue a blanket condemnation, calling instead for a moratorium on the practice so that its legitimacy could be debated among learned Muslim scholars and jurists — the *ulema* — throughout the world."

Well, that settled it for me. I don't know about you.

What a difference from Jesus, who was presented with a woman taken in adultery and simply said, "I do not condemn thee." I guess the "learned Muslim scholars and jurists" are without sin and can cast stones.

The most irritating part of the article was the highly partisan writing, deeply championing this odious Islamic scholar with statements like: "The pity of excluding Ramadan on the grounds that his ideas might be dangerous, many believe, is that it seems to reject the American confidence in the marketplace of ideas." That's just politically correct gibberish. If anyone believes that the stoning of human beings has any credence in "the marketplace of ideas," he needs to see a psychiatrist. Yet, Ebrahim Moosa, a professor of Islamic Studies at Duke University, objects to the whole discussion on the grounds that it is "a velvet glove Inquisition that insists on what can or cannot be a proper conversation on Islam in the modern world."

If I hadn't thrown up my hands before, imagine my reaction to: "If there is something inherently incompatible between the fundamentals of this spiritual formation (that is Islam as, above all, a spiritual discipline) and the ideals and institutions of free, liberal societies, then Ramadan does not see it."

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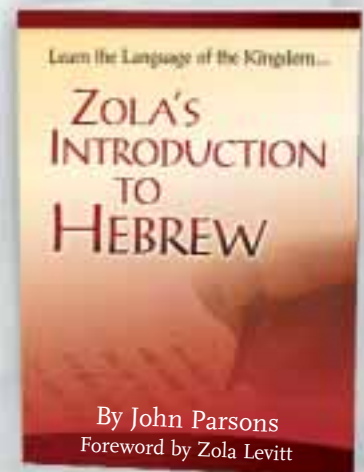
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Legacy of a Dead Terrorist

By Victor Mordecai, *Israel Today*

I will never forget a conversation my wife, Rachel, and I overheard years ago in a Jerusalem restaurant. An Arab patron next to us began arguing with the waiter, who was also an Arab. They didn't know we understood their conversation, which basically went like this: "When are we Palestinians going to get rid of Arafat? When will we have democracy and a normal life like the Israelis?"

Between 1976 and 1986, we had a business that often took us to the Palestinian areas. We NEVER had a problem with the Arabs. We loved them and were always well received. In 1987 the first intifada began.

Following the signing of Oslo I in September 1993, IDF assessments were that there would never be a Palestinian state for two reasons:

1. If the Palestinians had a state with territorial contiguity with Jordan, they'd be able to launch anti-aircraft missiles (stingers, SAMs and Strellas) and bring down any plane from any airport in the center of the country, including Ben Gurion, Israel's gateway to the world.
2. Arafat would always remain a terrorist, for whom guns and bullets took precedence over bread and butter for the local Arab population. He never had the good of his people at heart.

At an IDF officer's training course I attended, we were told that Arafat would not encourage local Palestinian businessmen to develop an entrepreneurial economy. Instead, he would shake down and destroy the very same men we'd done business with in the earlier years. Arafat knew that money equals power, and he wanted it all for himself.

In July 2000 at Camp David II, Arafat walked away from Israel's most generous offer and chose instead a second intifada that destroyed indigenous Palestinian businesses and industries and sent their owners fleeing abroad.

Thanks to Arafat, Palestinian unemployment leaped from 6 percent in September of 2000 to 50 percent in Judea and Samaria, and 70 percent in Gaza today. Arafat's legacy was always destruction and suffering for the Palestinian people.

The decision by Israel's left-wing leadership in 1992 to undergo a "peace process" with Arafat breathed new

life into the financially and politically bankrupt PLO terrorist ranks, which Arafat helped found in 1964, with the goal of liquidating Israel.

Arafat's legacy is a generation of children brought up to believe that being a human bomb that kills as many Jews as possible brings glory to Allah and honor to their family.

The question now is — will the new Palestinian leadership address these issues and begin preparing the next generation to live in peace? Or will Arab children continue to imbibe hatred of Israel to fuel the cycle of war and suffering?



The Trouble with Tarry continued

In the last paragraph, USN&WR editorializes with reckless abandon: "The cost of shutting out Muslim thinkers such as Ramadan could be very high for America if the nation is really committed to winning the long-term war of ideas behind the war on terror." Once again, I'm mystified. I didn't realize that we are in a long-term "war of ideas" with the Muslims. Once again, I thought we were trying to prevent them from continuing to kill innocents, including schoolchildren, and from taking over country after country in order to subjugate the whole world to their cockamamie system.

I just wonder what ideas are on their side of this "war of ideas." If we have an idea that healthy people should not have their limbs amputated as punishment, what is the competing idea from their side, and what can we learn from it?

New York University Law Professor Noah Feldman, author of *After Jihad: America and the Struggle for Islamic Democracy* and a former constitutional advisor to the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq, supplied the following propaganda: "We can only learn what we need to know about contemporary Islam if we have a chance to encounter people like him (Ramadan) in our universities. Unless a person is an active security threat, excluding him or her from an academic visit is shooting ourselves in the foot." No. A thousand times no. Encountering people like him in our universities is what is causing the awful subversion of our values and our youth.

And if excluding that sort of professor from a major university is shooting ourselves in the foot, well, I think that accepting him is simply shooting ourselves in the heart. ❁

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