

# LEVITT LETTER

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

As the world studied the situation in Gaza, it became clear that it was a very complex political maneuver. This editorialist has some thought-provoking theories. – Zola



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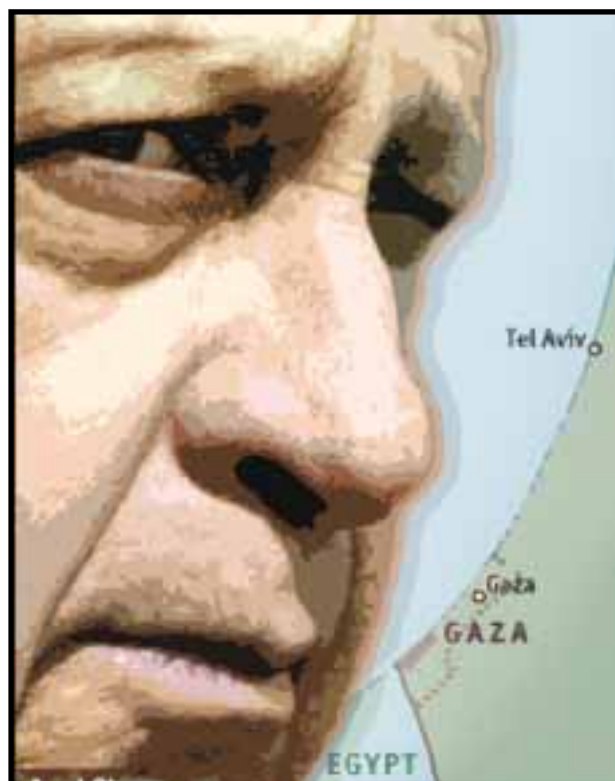
# The Secret of Gaza

By David Frum, *National Review*

## WHY DID ARIEL SHARON EVACUATE GAZA?

It was not because he believed that a decent Palestinian state would emerge after the Israelis withdrew. Nobody believed that. The almost universal consensus among experts on the region was that post-occupation Gaza would become a Mediterranean Somalia: an unstable failed state in which gangs compete for power and extremist Islam finds a sanctuary.

Nor was Sharon responding to international pressure. His plan for unilateral evacuation surprised and displeased the United States and the European countries. They wanted Sharon to negotiate with Abbas. They wanted the deal to involve all the Palestinian territories, not just Gaza. And they wanted the whole thing to happen very, very slowly.



Israel’s strategic situation did not force Sharon’s hand: Israel was more than capable of holding Gaza for years to come.

Domestic public opinion is not the explanation: Sharon won Israel’s 2003 elections by *opposing* a Gaza withdrawal.

So why, why, why?

Let me try a theory.

Israel is the victim of an organized international hypocrisy. After the experience of the 1990s, few people retain any illusions

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## To Kill an American

By Peter Ferrara, *National Review*

In September of 2001, there was actually a report that someone in Pakistan had published in a newspaper there, an offer of a reward to anyone who killed an American, any American.

So I just thought I would write to let them know what an American is, so they would know when they found one.

An American is English...or French, or Italian, Irish, German, Spanish, Polish, Russian, or Greek. An American may also be African, Indian, Chinese, Japanese, Australian, Iranian, Asian, or Arab, or Pakistani, or Afghan.

An American is Christian, or he could be Jewish, or Buddhist, or Muslim. In fact, there are more Muslims in America than in Afghanistan.

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about the likely character of any Palestinian state. The Palestinian leadership is corrupt through and through.

The only effective opposition to that leadership is violent and extremist. Palestinian public opinion utterly rejects coexistence with Israel. A Palestinian state, whatever its borders, will wage terror war against Israel — and give sanctuary to Islamic extremists from around the world. It will murder Israelis and threaten the security of Europeans and Americans.

European and American political leaders recognize this depressing fact. But they also recognize that the Palestine issue has excited passions throughout the Muslim world — and among Muslim minorities in the West. These leaders believe that if they want to quell Muslim extremism, they must be seen to work toward the creation of a Palestinian state.

In Charles Dickens' novel *David Copperfield*, there is a character who answers every request with a sigh: Ah, if it were up to him, he would of course say "yes" with pleasure — but his partner, Mr. Jorrock, is so very difficult... In just such a way, European and American political leaders favor a "peace process" that moves the Palestinians ever closer to statehood, without ever quite reaching it; a process that positions the Israelis as the Mr. Jorrock of the world.

Ariel Sharon has decided to put an end to this play.

The world wants a Palestinian state? Very well — let them have it. And the result, as we are seeing, is something close to panic in the foreign ministries of the West. Not just the West: the Middle East too. The Egyptians

do not want a Hamas state on their borders. They had expected Ariel Sharon to place a cordon between Egypt and Gaza. He has said he will not do so — that he is leaving the job up to the Egyptians. And indeed, last month, Israeli Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz announced that 750 Egyptian soldiers would soon arrive to replace the Israeli Defense Forces.

Is this Egyptian role on the border a precursor to a larger Egyptian role within Gaza? Egypt, after all, remains far more vulnerable to Islamic extremist ideology than Israel. The Egyptian authorities have crushed the extremist movement within their borders. Do they wish to see a jihadist state emerge on their borders? It seems unlikely.

Could it be that Sharon is calling the bluff of Western governments and the Arab states? By creating the very Palestinian state that those governments and those states pretend to want, but actually dread — Sharon is forcing them to end their pretense and acknowledge the truth:

The Palestinian leadership is incapable of creating a state that can live at peace with anyone, not Israel, not the other Arab states, not Europe, not the world. Somebody else must govern the restless and violent Arab-majority territories west of the Jordan River. Israel has suffered four decades of condemnation for doing the job. Sharon is now resigning the task to anybody else who would like to step in and take over the job. Nobody wants to. But Egypt and Jordan may soon realize that they have no choice. If there is a secret behind Sharon's plan — that is it. ♦

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An American is also free to believe in no religion. For that he will answer only to God, not to the government, or to armed thugs claiming to speak for the government and for God.

An American is from the most prosperous land in the history of the world. The root of that prosperity can be found in the Declaration of Independence, which recognizes the God-given right of each man and woman to the pursuit of happiness.

An American is generous. Americans have helped out just about every other nation in the world in their time of need. When Afghanistan was overrun by the Soviet army 25 years ago, Americans came with arms and supplies to enable the people to win back their country. As of the morning of September 11, Americans had given more than any other nation to the poor in Afghanistan.

An American does not have to obey the mad ravings of ignorant, ungodly cruel, old men. American men will not be fooled into giving up their lives to kill innocent people, so that these foolish old men may hold on to power. American women are free to show their beautiful faces to the world, as each of them choose.

An American is free to criticize his government's officials when they are wrong, in his or her own opinion. Then he is free to replace them, by majority vote.

Americans welcome people from all lands, all cultures, all religions, because they are not afraid. They are not afraid that their history, their religion, their beliefs, will

be overrun, or forgotten. That is because they know they are free to hold to their religion, their beliefs, their history, as each of them choose.

And just as Americans welcome all, they enjoy the best that everyone has to bring, from all over the world. The best science, the best technology, the best products, the best books, the best music, the best food, the best athletes.

Americans welcome the best, but they also welcome the least. The national symbol of America welcomes your tired and your poor, the wretched refuse of your teeming shores, the homeless, tempest tossed.

These, in fact, are the people who built America. Many of them were working in the twin towers on the morning of September 11, earning a better life for their families.

So you can try to kill an American if you must. Hitler did. So did General Tojo and Stalin and Mao Tse-tung, and every bloodthirsty tyrant in the history of the world. But in doing so, you would just be killing yourself. Because Americans are not a particular people from a particular place. They are the embodiment of the human spirit of freedom. Everyone who holds to that spirit, everywhere, is an American.

So look around you. You may find more Americans in your land than you thought were there. One day, they will rise up and overthrow the old, ignorant, tired tyrants that trouble too many lands. Then those lands too will join the community of free and prosperous nations. ✦

## A Letter to the Pope from Walid Shoebat



Dear Holy Father:

It is with great sadness that your new papacy has gotten off to an unfortunate start with regard to its relations with Israel and the Jewish people. You recently condemned suicide attacks in many parts of the world, but failed to include a recent suicide attack in Israel that killed five innocents.

Our organization had hoped that this was just an innocent omission, but alas not. Instead of apologizing for this omission, you justified the statement on terror by the amoral justification that Israel does things that "infringe on International law." This is a great affront to the Jewish people.

The UK is fighting terror in Iraq, and many in the media and internationally, including the Vatican, feel the UK is not conforming to international law. Turkey's human rights, not to mention Egypt's, are well below par. The UK police managed to gun down a Brazilian tourist in an execution style killing, yet Israel, which has had to deal with 25,000 terror attacks over the last five years, needs to conform to some international law that no other country seems to adhere to. And they (other countries) also have much less of a terror problem.

Anti-Israel bias always leads to anti-Semitism. The type of verbal omission and then justification you made was the very reason the Holocaust became a reality.



I used to be a terrorist. I now dedicate my life to making people understand terror from someone who was indoctrinated to hate. Israel is the only country that continually turns the other cheek, yet no one recognizes their love. Jesus turned the other cheek and was also rejected. The Jewish people are God's Chosen People and behave exactly like our Messiah, who was a Jew. As I always say, confession is the beginning of healing. Holy Father, please confess!

Yours, — Walid Shoebat

# A Confession

By Patrick Cox, Contributing Editor



The goal of a writer ought to be, I believe, to identify the important events and trends of history, and present them in some sort of light that helps differentiate the trivia from the truth. For two weeks now, I've sat down every evening and tried to find a way, in this rather small and too-infrequent forum, to add something to the sandstorm of information that pummels anyone who pays attention. This is a confession of my failure.

The images and reports of Israelis being forced to leave their homes in the Gaza loop constantly in the background. Having repelled three full-scale invasions by vastly outnumbering and better-armed Muslim neighbors, Israel has nevertheless repeatedly given back lands that are not only theirs historically, but the legal spoils due the winner of defensive wars.

The Oslo Accords provided that no such withdrawal would occur until neighboring Arabs put an end to the institutionalized effort to drive the Jews from the Middle East. Official Palestinian media continue to crow, however, that the Gaza withdrawal is only the first step in a process that will end in the institution of Islamic Sharia law over the entire region. Hamas, the Palestinian terrorist organization and legally recognized political party, openly declared credit for having driven, through martyrdom attacks on Jewish men, women and children, the infidel from Gaza. They too, predict that this is just the first step in the eradication of the Jews. Polls show that most Palestinians agree with the Hamas line.

Frenzied celebrations took place throughout the Palestinian territories, replete with posters bearing the pictures of suicide bombers who contributed to the victory by murdering Jewish children. The Palestinian Authority distributed flags, banners, T-shirts and even coffee cups bearing the promise that Jerusalem would also fall to their control. It was an unsurprising footnote finding out that the United Nations had paid for these genocidal souvenirs.

Coincidentally, America's new ambassador had just moved into his UN offices as news broke that the organization's logo had dignified the modern and unfounded claim that Islam has some special claim to Jerusalem. Jews, in fact, have far better documented rights to Medina (in Saudi Arabia).

But this is the nature of the international community. Any claim against the Jews by Muslims is automatically applauded, but no claim by Jews is tolerated. Nothing

is seen as wrong with the Palestinian demand that no Jew live in their presence, but over a million Arabs live in Israel proper with full rights and citizenship.

Demands for *Judenrein* ("Free of Jews" in German) zones are perfectly acceptable, but Jews are vilified for setting up checkpoints to keep bombers from slipping into their homeland along with the many Palestinians who vie for and depend upon jobs in Israel.



I think it is also worth noting that Ambassador John Bolton, whose official appointment was successfully filibustered, first rose to prominence when he took on the thankless task of trying to overturn the UN's despicable resolution labeling Zionism, the belief that Jews have a right to a nation in their own ancestral homeland, as a racist ideology.

Another ironic data point in this lampoon of justice is that, even as the withdrawal proceeded, news emerged that archaeologists had made important discoveries involving the ancient Pool of Siloam and King David's temple in Jerusalem.

Back in America, Cindy Sheehan had reached the status of a national media obsession. Sheehan, who claims she is entitled to a second meeting with the president, so she can tell him that her soldier son had died in Iraq because of an Israeli conspiracy, was proclaimed the

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# Roadmap to Armageddon...

## "Ye shall be hated of all nations"

Twelve 30-minute TV programs on Three 2-Hour VHS Tapes. *Please order from page 31.*

This new addition to our *Signs of the End* series is specifically aimed at the "Road Map," the latest internationally inspired peace process directed at Israel and the Palestinians. We are very skeptical of that plan for reasons thoroughly explained in these twelve programs.

### Chorazin: A Warning

Zola speaks from the archaeological site of Biblical Chorazin, located on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. This was once a flourishing city, but its ruins are a reminder of what happens when we do not listen to God.

### Rumors of Wars

From the studio, Zola shares his thoughts about the End Times. He warns that the Road Map reflects a part of the Lord's prophecy: Matthew 24 says "...ye shall be hated of all nations." Zola quotes several news sources as examples of the media's distortion of the truth.

### General of the North

Zola interviews Brigadier General Avi Mizrahi at his headquarters in the Golan Heights. The General defends the Israel Defense Forces' actions in Jenin, comparing Israel's efforts at controlling terrorism to the US efforts in Iraq.

### Peace by Piece

From a panoramic view of Jerusalem, Zola speaks about the danger in the Road Map's plans to divide the city. The Holy City was divided between 1948 and 1967, and it obviously didn't work. In part II, West Bank settler Stu Arden talks about the history of the area, starting with the British Mandate and leading to the present-day Palestinian efforts to divide Israel "peace by piece."

### Into the Swine

Zola interviews Nisim Mezig, an archaeologist who has spent many years digging at Biblical Gergesa, presently called Kursi. It was here that the first Gentile Christian pilgrims came and built their first church. Recently uncovered ruins reveal the biggest monastery ever found in the Holy Land.

### Isaiah Returns

Zola interviews an old friend, Jerusalem resident Dan Hendrickson, who has played the role of Isaiah on a past program. Dan says that there can be no change in Israeli-Palestinian relations until there is reform in Palestinian education.

### The Refugee Problem

From the Mount of Olives, Zola talks about the Al-Aqsa mosque.

Sitting atop the Temple Mount, this mosque was built in the 8th century by the Arabs and has become a symbol of their occupation, along with the neighboring Dome of the Rock.

### The Coming Invasion

A bridge over the Jordan River serves as Zola's backdrop as he talks about the coming End Times events. During the invasion by Gog and Magog, the enemy must cross this bridge. The US has inadvertently helped to provoke this future invasion.

### The Battleground

Standing next to a Syrian bunker in the Golan Heights, Zola presents the history of the area, starting with the story of Rebecca. Biblical sites such as Bethsaida and Kursi are nearby. In the 20th century, battles over the area intensified.

### The Miracle at Deganya Kibbutz

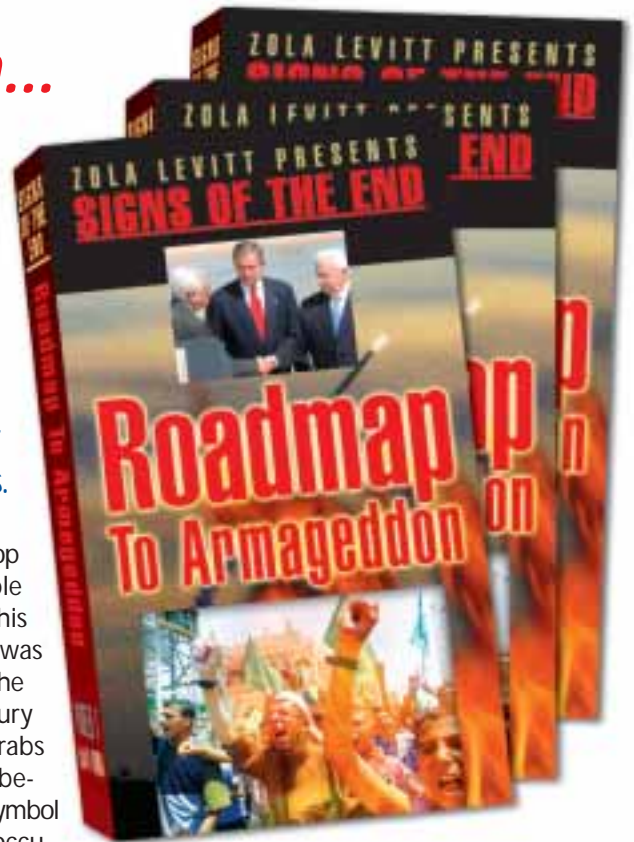
Zola tells the fascinating story of how the Syrians attacked a small, unarmed kibbutz in 1948 with 26 tanks, and lost. One of those tanks remains as a memorial to the daring defense mounted by virtually unarmed Israelis living on Deganya Kibbutz.

### The Watchman

Itamar Marcus, Director of the Palestinian Media Watch, monitors the daily media seen in the Palestinian areas. He is concerned about the seeds of terror that are sown in the Palestinian news, talk shows and music videos. Itamar asserts that, all too often, the media glorify "death for Allah."

### Marching for Zion

We hear from Americans who gathered in Crawford, Texas, to voice their objections to the Road Map at the summer home of President Bush. Crawford is usually a quiet, sleepy little town, but when the pro-Israel marchers take to the streets, the Bible becomes a vibrant reason to "lift your voice unto the Lord."



voice of moral authority by the media elite. Those who pointed out that Sheehan had participated in a fundraiser for New York lawyer Lynne Stewart were accused of character assassination. Lest you have forgotten, Stewart was convicted, on the basis of clear surveillance recordings, of aiding terrorism by passing instructions from the jailed blind Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman to his al-Qaeda-connected followers — ordering them to murder Israeli Jews and others. Rahman, of course, was serving time as the convicted mastermind behind the first World Trade Center bombing that killed six and injured more than a thousand in 1993.

Coincidentally, Islamists chose that week to detonate a hundred terrorist bombs in Bangladesh, a Muslim nation that is so hostile to Israel that a leading journalist, Shoaib Choudhury, was jailed for suggesting that there ought to be a dialogue between his Islamic government and the Jewish nation. Islamofascists are at war with modernity the world over, but even in the besieged West, Israel alone is blamed for its own, and others' victimization.

The Presbyterian eldership, for example, is withdrawing its investments from Israel alone, because of the decision to put up a security barrier between Jews and those who would murder them. There is, of course, no Presbyterian disinvestment plan regarding Arab countries openly dedicated to the destruction of Israel: countries that treat their own women as chattel and imprison Christians, including Presbyterians, who simply proselytize within their borders.

I would like to make one thing clear, however. I do not see that Prime Minister Ariel Sharon had any real choice in his decision to withdraw from Gaza. Unlike their neighbors, the Israeli people will not endorse genocide against their enemies or even mass expulsions. Given this reality, Israelis were faced with only three choices. The first was a permanent, costly and politically unsupportable apartheid. The second was to annex the Arab controlled lands and allow the more populous Muslims to democratically disassemble Israel. The third was to accept the reality of ongoing war, and withdraw to economically and militarily defensible borders.

Now, having rambled thus, let me point out the obvious. History is accelerating as it never has before. There are few voices defending Israel in an overtly anti-Semitic world, and Zola Levitt's is one. He rarely asks for support and has never encouraged me to do it on his behalf. In fact, I haven't communicated with him since his heart surgery, but this is the time. There is much more that he could do if he had the resources.

I don't know if anything Zola or anyone else does can change the course of history one iota, but I am convinced that it is important we try. Cut the guy a check. ❀

## The Bible, Shakespeare and The Three Stooges

By Ernst Lefevre, *The Washington Times*

When I attended public school in York, Pa., in the 1930s, the teacher began each day by reading 10 verses from the Old or New Testament without comment. We then recited the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance — two decades before the words "under God" were added.

But things have changed. Since the turbulent 1960s, the secularization of American culture has proceeded apace. The "free exercise" of religion guaranteed by the First Amendment has been under increasing pressure by the ACLU, the National Education Association and other liberal voices who insist that "religion" be banned from the public square.

Americans differ on the role of religion in society, but virtually all of them believe that public schools should not be used to proselytize for one religion over another. But they disagree on whether the Bible, sacred to Jews and Christians alike, should have any place at all in the curriculum of tax-supported education.

Some educators insist that the Bible be banned from public schools because its presence would seriously breach the "separation of church and state" — their words, not the Constitution's. They contend that teaching the Bible would promote sectarian strife and subvert our multicultural society.



But the tide may be turning. A recent survey conducted by the Bible Literacy Project funded by John Templeton found that 90 percent of the top American English teachers consulted agreed that the Bible has had a profound and positive influence on the “laws, morals, politics, and other literature” of Western civilization, and that knowledge of the Bible is crucial to a well-rounded high school education. They emphasized that there are no legal barriers to teaching the Bible as literature and that the Supreme Court has not banned the Bible from public schools.

To no one’s surprise, recent surveys have documented widespread historical illiteracy in our public schools. One poll found that more teenagers can name the Three Stooges than the three branches of government. And the top 10 hip-hop tunes are better known than the Ten Commandments. A Gallup poll found that less than one-third of the teens could identify any quotation from the Sermon on the Mount and that 1 in 10 thought Moses was a disciple of Jesus.

The illiteracy on weighty issues also reflects the corrosive impact of a “political correctness” that questions the wisdom and legitimacy of Western Civilization itself — including the contribution of “dead white males” such as Homer, Plato, Aristotle, and Shakespeare.

Respondents to the Temple survey believe that teaching the Bible as literature in the public schools would help close this crucial knowledge gap and foster an appreciation for our rich Western culture. Knowledge of history, geography, politics, art and science — and religion — is essential to a well-rounded education. But they believe that teachers should not press their personal religious convictions.

All literate Americans know that the Bible is a treasury of literature, history and poetry, but that it is preeminently a book of religion — portraying the pilgrimage of the Jewish people and the emergence of Christianity. So understood, the Bible serves as an introduction to the moral heritage of the West.

Like Shakespeare and other Western thinkers, America’s founders drew heavily on Biblical wisdom. The signers of the Declaration of Independence were profoundly influenced by the Bible’s somber but hopeful view of man and history. They confidently asserted that humans were “endowed by their Creator” with certain basic rights,

including “Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

William Shakespeare has likewise had a profound influence on American thought. The Bible and Shakespeare are, by far, the most quoted sources in the Western world. In *Bartlett’s Familiar Quotations*, the King James Bible rates 53 two-column pages while the Bard gets 85 pages. In contrast, Charles Dickens gets four pages and Herman Melville three.

Both the Bible and Shakespeare deserve an honored place in America’s public schools. ❖

## Iraqi Citizenship: Anyone but Israelis

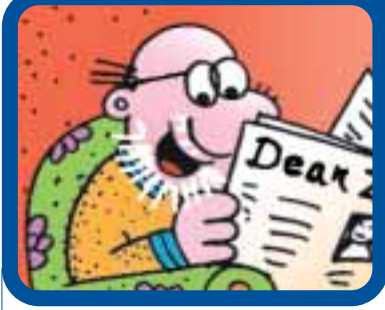
The current draft of Iraq’s new constitution specifically excludes Israelis from obtaining citizenship in the new Iraq. The proposed document states:

“Any individual with another nationality (except for Israel) may obtain Iraqi nationality after a period of residency inside the borders of Iraq of not less than ten years for an Arab or twenty years for any other nationality, as long as he has good character and behavior, and has no criminal judgment against him from the Iraqi authorities during the time of his residency on the territory of the Iraqi republic.”

Iraqis are allowed, according to the draft bill to have more than one citizenship, but only, “if the nationality is not Israeli.”

The Israelis will be so disappointed! — Zola





# Letters to Zola

## Still Jewish

Dear Zola:

I was disheartened to read in your article "So Many Ways to God" (editorial on page 22 of June 2005 issue) that you stated that "Well, I'm Messianic" and later "I was raised a Jew and then I became a Christian."

I am a Messianic Jew, a Jew who accepted the Messiah Yeshua. I have not given up my being a Jew, and it is not necessary to accept the Lord. Yeshua/Jesus was Jewish, the Apostles were Jewish and the first Believers were predominantly Jewish.

G. M.

Dear G.M.: I have not given up being a Jew, either, but give me a break. I was talking to a spiritually empty, liberal Christian, the Chaplain of Southern Methodist University, and trying to introduce a new concept to his limited Biblical knowledge. And frankly, it is necessary for all Believers, Jewish or Gentile, to do a volitional act of accepting the Lord. The world is full of "Christians" who simply have no relationship with the Lord, because they've never really undertaken it. — Zola

## Teaching in Parables

Dear Zola:

I watched your recent program with Tim LaHaye as your guest. While the course of the discussion dealt with the End Times, you took time to recommend the *Left Behind* books. I have not recommended these books.

The main reason why I would not endorse the *Left Behind* series is because it is nothing more than a fictionalized story of the tribulation period. This only encourages people to read a story of fiction instead of reading the Bible. I do not recommend Mel Gibson's movie *The Passion of the Christ* either, for much the same reasons.

You made the statement that End Times prophecy is not being taught enough. There are ministries that do teach End Times prophecy, but they also have false teachings, such as the so-called prosperity theology, etc. The one subject that seems to be ignored is apostasy.

The question that should have been asked of Tim LaHaye is: does he believe in the Bible code? If not, why then did he endorse such a book as Paul Crouch's? Another question for Tim LaHaye would be: does he believe in the prosperity theology? If not, then why endorse a book written by a teacher of this false theology? There are other questions I would like to submit, but this is sufficient for now. These questions should be submitted to Hal Lindsey, too.

May God bless you always,

R.M.

Dear R.M.: But our Lord Himself used fictional stories to teach subtle points of scripture. They are called parables. I've known Tim LaHaye over my Christian lifetime and find his teachings very accurate and badly needed.

Sorry to say this, but your unkind tone reflects intolerance. Apparently, God has chosen our teachers for reasons of His own.

— Zola





## High Standards

Dear Zola:

I am an 89-year-old widow. God has given me everything I need.

I left the Presbyterian Church the first of this year because of our General Assembly boycotting Israel. I have always been pro-Israel and always will be. I don't feel our organization should be involved in politics. We should not go against God's word.

I joined the New Life Christian Fellowship Church. Pastor Serratt is very pro-Israel and he preaches from the Bible.

I had been a member of the Presbyterian Church for 58 years. It certainly isn't the church it was in the 40s and 50s.

I pray the Lord will continue to bless your ministry. You are one of the few ministers who speak the truth.

Love,

Mrs. G.B.

Dear Mrs. G.B.: I deeply appreciate your approval. I can see that your standards are high. — Zola

Thinking is not their forte, and I won the discussion in a way I had not intended. I did segregation time because of it. *(Use of a segregation cell, where the inmate doesn't get to go out for 30, 60 or 90 days, is the prison's ultimate tool for control. — Ed.)*

Heck, there were three of them.

Drive on!  
R.J.C.

Dear R.J.C.:  
No Believer can be segregated from our Lord. — Zola

## Another Shoebat Fan

Dear Zola:

I have taken the courses of the Institute of Jewish-Christian Studies and I have been a disciple of Zola's since the early 90s. I am very grateful for the profound truths I have learned over this period of time.

I am especially grateful for the shows that highlight Walid Shoebat... what a beautiful example of God's restorative love through Jesus Christ!

God bless you,  
J.Y.

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## Bumping Heads

Dear Zola:

Due to circumstances I could not avoid, I have been relocated to a new correctional facility. Please forward me the *Levitt Letter* at my new address! I have not received it since March.

Certain followers of the Nation of Islam and I bumped heads over Israel and the War on Terror. Apparently, we disagreed on a couple of points which are contrary to their leaders' fantasy.

They struck first.



## "No Holds Barred"

Dear Zola:

Shalom. This is a note to tell you that my wife and I, from this day forward, will be supporting your ministry to help you spread the Gospel. I have been reading the *Levitt Letter* for over a year. I have found it eye-opening and entertaining, as well as provocative. I like your "No Holds Barred" attitude in telling the truth, especially about Israel.

Every time I receive your newsletter, I put everything else aside and read it. Later I read and go over it with my wife. I have mentioned on several occasions that I would rather contribute to your ministry than any other. She said "Let me pray over it."

This past Sunday she asked me what I thought about supporting your ministry. I asked her what brought her to this decision, and she showed me the May 2005 edition with the back cover picture titled: "Ministry Clamps Down." She said that not only did she see you in the picture, but she could see the Messiah standing behind you also. This brought her to tears and this is what the Lord wanted us to do. My heart jumped for joy!

So, we humbly pray that you will accept our donation.

A brother and sister in Christ,

Ray and Hyo Topping

P.S.: You have our permission to print this and our names.

## Crucial Knowledge

Dear Zola:

I have just finished reading my July *Levitt Letter*, and it was so very informative. The in-depth explanation of the Muslim goal to annihilate all Christians and Jews was the best you have ever done. You have a wealth of resource people who bring the news to us with a clear understanding. I think more people should know the facts about what they see in the news and on television when the situation in the Middle East is reported. They should know about the real "Palestinians" and that Jesus will bring the only roadmap to peace when He returns.

Many members of my Methodist Church really don't understand. Yes, they have had Bible study on the book of Revelation and probably twenty times in their lives, but they can't seem to grasp the significance of what is going on today and what is prophesied in the Bible about Christ's return. It is crucial that more Christians know the Abrahamic Covenant and live by it.

Sincerely, L.W.S.

## Suicide by Stupidity

A Letter to *The Jerusalem Post*

Dear Sirs:

The belief that the war in Iraq caused the attacks in London has been nauseously overstated. It's a red herring propagated by those who live in a fool's paradise.

The designs of the terrorists did not begin with the first boot in Iraq and the will not end with the last boot out. The radical Islamist hate movement will seek any justification to fulfill its twisted fantasies. They hate us for who we are and what we have, and nothing else.

Who remembers the "justification" behind the 1993 attack on the Twin Towers?

If the leaders in the West are serious about confronting terrorism, they will pressure moderate Muslims amongst us to cough up the few bad Muslims. They will encourage Muslim women to stand up for their rights throughout the world (this would transform the Middle East faster than any bombs will). They will insist that the Wahhabist hate factories in Saudi Arabia be shut down, as no civilized society should ever lecture hatred against another people. And if the good people of the Muslim faith are solemn about peace, they will issue a *fatwa* on Osama bin Laden and his ilk.

As for us, we must stop teaching our youth that western civilization is a product of slavery and oppression. The West created the very notion of human rights and freedoms, for which many have fought and died.

If the West continues to put ridiculous red herrings above common sense, it will slowly commit suicide by stupidity.

R.K., Ottawa

## Is Fanatic Islam a Global Threat? (book)

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Available on page 31.



## No Longer A Jew?

Dear Zola:

I have been witnessing to a Jewish man who is extremely hostile and angry at groups like Jews for Jesus, groups he says distort the truth of Judaism and use unfair means to lure unsuspecting Jews away from their faith.

Another thing he says is that once a person becomes a Christian, they are no longer a Jew, and should not be called “Jewish” because they have abandoned Judaism.

Can you tell me how best to respond to his two accusations?

How best to continue to witness to him, or should I just pray for him?

Sincerely,

D.

Dear D.: Probably your friend knows better than to accuse a Biblical group like Jews for Jesus of distortion. Frankly, the ones who “distort the truth of Judaism” are the rabbis with their unscriptural teaching and their arbitrary laws. As to losing one’s Jewishness, that’s not possible. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John are as Jewish today as when they met the Lord. There is a point when one needs to move on to another witness — intellectual arguments tend to exhaust both parties. The Gospel is work for the heart, not the brain. — Zola

## “It’s All Zola’s Fault!”

Dear Zola:

The other day, I was sitting in my home in Indiana, reading an article by Caroline Glick on *The Jerusalem Post* website when I realized “This is all Zola Levitt’s fault!” I mean, what was I doing reading Caroline Glick’s comments about Israel? In *The Jerusalem Post*, even?! And why did I even care?

At that moment, it dawned on me how for over twenty years, since not long after I came to faith in the Jewish Messiah in the early 1980s, that my wife and I came across a born-again Jewish guy named Zola Levitt, who seemed to have an insight into the Word of God that went deeper than the pastor’s at church. That insight into the Jewish roots of Christianity set off a chain reaction in us that has led us on a journey through the Word with the Lord, the likes of which we had never dreamed of twenty-three years ago. Please accept this long-overdue thank you.

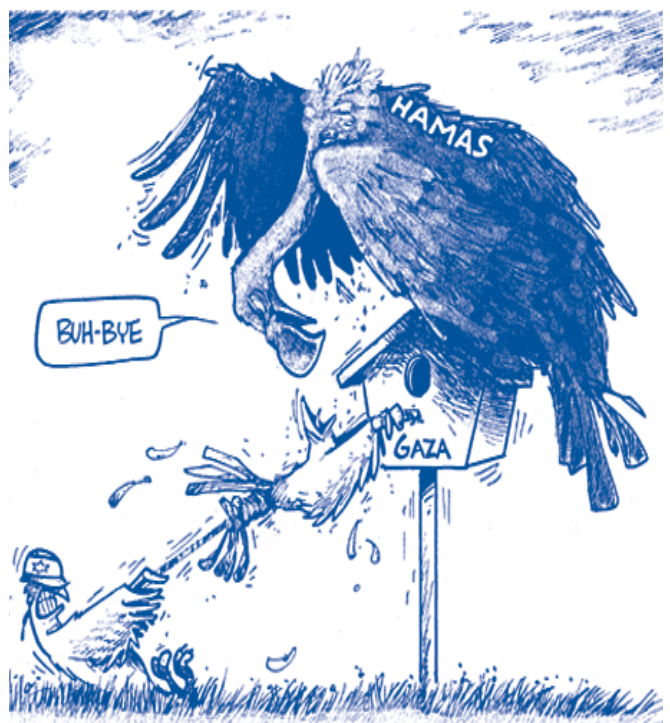
Because of being able to witness and play a tiny role in works of God such as yours and others, our walk with the Lord has had such a depth and immediacy, such a *reality* to it that faith never waivers. These are the living evidences of the things not yet seen; we can work with the substance of the things for which we hope. And your lone witness to us in 1982 started it all.

Because of air times, we rarely get to watch your show much these days, but we do consume the *Levitt Letter* from cover to cover upon its arrival in our mailbox. Please remain faithful in what the Lord has given you to do in that regard. You are doctrinally dead-accurate: regardless of what they say, most “Christian” denominations hate Israel and the Jewish people; our president(s) couldn’t care less about Israel, Jerusalem, the Jews, and their places in Holy Scripture: it’s all just more problematic foreign policy to them and their legacies; and the American Left and media in their madness really are playing an instrumental role in Western capitulation to Islam.

We are now probably witnessing the confluence of these sins and errors with the United States moving “the Stone of Jerusalem,” with Islam well-positioned to be one of our country’s chastisements for doing so. Why has the church glossed over and not challenged our president’s duplicity to both Israel and we who voted for him for his supposed Biblical foundation?

Zola, thank you again for your faithfulness. Oh, and you also influenced how I close letters these days:

For Zion’s Sake, M.O.



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It is none too soon to begin booking for our Spring Tour, which Zola plans to lead personally: the 10-Day Deluxe Israel Tour (March 19—30) and the 14-Day Grand Israel/Petra Tour (March 19—April 2). For your tour info folder, please call Tony at (214) 696-9760 during regular business hours, or for free brochures:

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## Federal Court Freezes PA Assets in the U.S. *Israel Today*

A US District Court in Rhode Island has frozen all assets of the Palestinian Authority (PA) in the United States. The move came after the PA refused to pay a \$116 million judgment awarded to the family of the late Yaron Ungar, who along with his wife Efrat, was killed in a Hamas terrorist attack during a visit to Israel in 1996. The head of the PA's office in Washington, DC, Hasan Abdel Rahman, has asked the US government to intervene, claiming that he is unable to pay his office staff. "It paralyzes the function of the office, and I think that is the intention of the plaintiffs," Rahman said. Keeping the office open is in the best interests of the United States, said Rahman, adding that President George W. Bush feels the same way.

Zola and Sandra will personally conduct the New Year's

## Holy Land Experience in Orlando

weekend at The Holy Land Experience in Orlando, December 30 – January 1. Among the many fascinating replicas at The Holy Land Experience, our group will carefully study a model of Jerusalem from the time of Jesus. This makes a great visual as Zola teaches about the 4,000-year history of the City of God — the only eternal city! Ask Tony for details at (214) 696-9760 during the workweek or anytime at 1-800-WONDERS (800-966-3377).



## Thanks for the Prayers!

At press time, my recovery is going along relatively smoothly and I am working on our publications and other ministry services. This bypass is more complex than my previous one 22 years ago, needless to say. I'm older and hopefully wiser, but I don't have the same stamina. But my heartbeat is steady, strong and much improved over what it was before the operation.

All things considered, though, the operation has already made significant improvements and I look to be getting outside and driving a car shortly. At this point, I plan to at least see off the November tour at the JFK airport chapel.

I can only thank you from the bottom of my newly repaired heart for the prayers, the cards and letters, and the wonderful support you have sent. I think no man has better friends, and I look forward to serving as your messenger for a long time to come. — Zola

## Zola Goodies on eBay

To bid on various collections of Zola's books, music, videos, and *The Institute of Jewish-Christian Studies*, just visit [www.ebay.com](http://www.ebay.com) and type "Zola Levitt" into the search box. There you will find a variety of our teaching materials bundled together in appealing packages that are available for bidding. As the highest bidder, you probably will experience some remarkable savings. For questions call (214) 696-8844 and ask for Scott, or email him at [sphillips@levitt.com](mailto:sphillips@levitt.com).



# A Modest Proposal

By Burt Prelutsky, [www.chronwatch.com](http://www.chronwatch.com)

Only the hopelessly naïve, the same fools who believed Hitler was going to be satisfied with merely gobbling up the Sudetenland, actually believe that the Islamic fascists would all become saints and shepherds if only the United States got out of Iraq or out of the Middle East altogether.

If that were all it took, life would be a bowl of cherries. Heck, I'd even be happy to move all the Jews out of Israel and into one of our northern states. If they could turn the desert into a garden, think what they could do with North Dakota. At the very least, Bismarck would have first-rate hospitals, a terrific university, a heck of a state National Guard, more entrepreneurs than the Silicon Valley, and a world-class symphony orchestra.

In the meantime, under Palestinian stewardship, the land formerly known as Israel would revert to sand and rubble. And the Muslims could get back to doing what they do best: namely, slaughtering one another.

**“The Muslims don’t hate us because we’re in Iraq, but because we exist.”**

Unfortunately, life’s never that simple. The Muslims don’t hate us because we’re in Iraq, but because we exist. They hate us because we’re everything they are not — advanced technologically, democratic, powerful, and Judeo-Christian. We don’t subjugate and mutilate our women, we don’t behead our enemies, and our young men don’t blow themselves up in the hope of spending eternity in a celestial brothel.

They despise our music, our movies, our tattoos and body-piercing, our TV shows, and even the way we dress. Okay, there’s something to be said for their side, I’ll grant you, but not much.

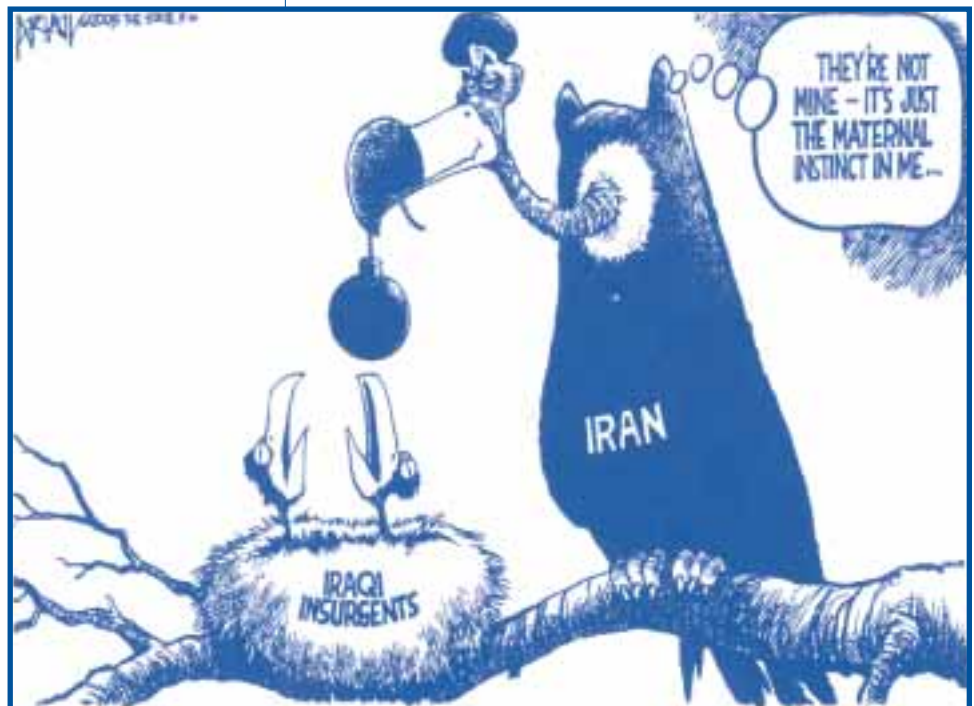
If all the Muslims around the world would move back to the

backwaters from whence they came, back to the good old days of the ninth century, I, for one, would happily bid them adieu. But, instead, certain of them are busy causing misery and havoc all over the place — butchering civilians in Bali, London, Madrid, the Philippines, South Africa, New York, and Washington — all in the name of Allah.

I understand that I am tarring people who have never lifted a hand in anger, people who are presumably disgusted by the activities of their co-religionists. But that’s not good enough. By and large, even here in America, their silence is deafening. One doesn’t hear their religious leaders condemning the terrorists; at most, you hear them whining about racial profiling. Odd that the same religion that put a two million dollar price on the head of novelist Salman Rushdie hasn’t seen fit to place a reward of even a plugged nickel on the head of Osama bin Laden.

Fourteen hundred years ago, Mohammad, founder of Islam, converted at the point of a sword, and I’m afraid that his followers got the message. Islam, in spite of modern day spin, does not mean peace. The word actually translates to submission or surrender.

Assuming there are decent Muslims in the world, people who are not a disgrace to the human race, I have a suggestion to offer. Rather than be shamed every hour of every day by the revolting barbarism of your fellow Islamics, why not forsake Mohammad for a religious leader who not only preached, but practiced, kindness, charity and love? Why not do unto others as you would have others do unto you, and convert...to Christianity?



## Pray For Your Enemies

So many people are trying to assign a reason for the terrorists and their killing. Among the usual theories are what the terrorists themselves say, something about a religious duty or the shortcomings of the victims (America or Britain or Israel are so decadent that their people need to be murdered).

But I grew up in east Pittsburgh, and I know something about violence. There were very bad guys in my grade school and high school who went around beating people up, damaging property, driving cars in dangerous ways, and the like. There was never a clear reason why they behaved this way, but they were just called “tough,” and their behavior was what tough guys always did. When I think about the Islamists, I compare them in my mind to, say, the Los Angeles gangs or the Mob or the drug dealers or the Klan or the militias. It’s not that we don’t still have “tough guys” around, but they just have more complex excuses and more lethal weapons. The backpack bomb has changed the ordinary tough guy into a suicidal mass-murderer.

The Muslims have their religious reasons, and the gangs feel put upon by the other people of the city, and the Mob says it’s just doing business, etc. They all give a reason for what they do, but I think in the end there is no rational basis. The fact is, Muslims kill people because it makes them feel important and it makes them feel like soldiers. They imagine that they are in a great religious battle (which they are not). They discharge their bloody work as if it were a solemn duty. They even testify that way in courtrooms.

Recently, I was on the Jim Bakker television show in Branson, and he asked me to characterize, from my experiences in the Middle East, how suicide bombers behave and why they do what they do. It’s the Holy Spirit that answers such queries. I told Bakker that a Muslim fellow 24 or 25 years of age is like guys anywhere — he needs a sense of making an impact. He wants to feel important and he thinks of himself as a potential field marshal.

But, the truth is, he has no money. He has no job. He has no girlfriend, and he has no importance at all. He has no future and no real hope of making an impact on anyone. And, therefore, he is frustrated. And so, he kills innocent people and himself.

And, after all, what greater impact can anyone make than to exercise authority over life and death itself? If he kills his “enemy,” then he has truly asserted himself. And if he takes his own life, then his troubles are over. He hardly even needs the false promises of the

# Notes From Zola:



Islamists about virgins in Paradise, etc.; he just needs to feel very important.

Prayer can help and we should be praying. Our Lord said to pray for our enemies.

In the end, the only solution to such behavior is to give cash and importance and impact to everyone in the world, and that is impossible — until the Lord comes and starts His Kingdom, in which every single soul will be a relative of the King Himself!

## Thank You!

Our colleagues in tourism have problems just as we do with airplanes, buses, chefs, and hotel staffs at times like this. But their gravest problem is the lack of crucial staff — guides and drivers who really handle the tour itself.

TEI (our in-house travel agency) has no such problems. Our tourism staff of believing expert guides and drivers is supported by our *Good News From A Far Country* fund, established in December of 2000, and our donors have sent over \$75,000 since then. Our important people, believe me, are still at their posts.

Tour guiding in Israel is a very complex career. It’s very expensive to get a license. It involves a two year college-level course. Understandably, many quit their posts during the four year intifada. They are not now available or ready. But we do not have that problem, either. We have people on the ground who have kept going through this time of intifada. They have lived from small tour to small tour, including ours, but they have also depended on your generosity. We printed thank you notes from them. The postcard of our head driver, David, painstakingly printed in English, included all his family members’ names. It would present the same difficulty as if any of our readers had been writing him a thank you note in Hebrew (if you do, we’ll send it along with an acknowledgement).

Our November tour is big, but will be totally up to standard and more, because our staff is more than eager to serve.

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Believers give them so much love — even perfect strangers who never could go on a tour. Paul was so right when he told us to remember the Mother Church of Jerusalem. It is a theme of the New Testament that the family and the home of our Lord need our constant support — especially in a time like this, when Presbyterian USA, UCC, etc. divest, the American government misunderstands politics, and the whole world simply hates the Jews, as always. We stand almost alone, our ministry, our efforts, our people, and we hold back all this hatred and continue to enjoy one of the safest and most interesting lands in the world with the best of leadership and guidance.

Thank you for your sacrificial giving and this wonderful witness sent “From a Far Country.”

### Non-story of the Year

We all saw the Gaza pullout and that it was a bit difficult in some cases. Ladies were screaming about having to leave their homes, young boys were manfully wrestling with the soldiers and... that's all.

This is a case in which the media have earned their just deserts. Having hyped Israel as some kind of global center of human tension and a powder keg leading us to World War III, the reporters stood out there in rows upon rows of troublemakers with no trouble to write about.

If I were the head man of the media over there, I suppose I would have sent five reporters, or at the most, maybe one for each settlement. That would have been twenty-one. But what actually showed up was a huge army of 2,500 reporters from the world press, all determined, as far as I could tell, to cover the cries of one very upset settler mom.

The media's love/hate relationship with Israel began in the early 1970s with the Arab boycotts, and they have honestly been on the wrong track since then. Israel is not dangerous and it never was. Jewish people do not kill other Jewish people. And on the tapestry of world commerce, that tiny nation matters not a bit. Biblically, of course, it will be the head of the nations in the Kingdom to come, but right now it's treated as a newsworthy punching bag.

It takes real cash to house and feed 2,500 professionals so far from their offices with all their equipment, etc.

I imagine they didn't capture a story worth more than a nickel a word (what I was paid as a reporter in the '60s) and there were very few words at that.

The whole enterprise amounted to nothing much more than a mostly peaceful exercise in removal of citizens, during which typically young men protest and women cry. For that, they did not have to hype us up for many weeks to expect a major battle.

And now we'll have to endure weeks or months of wrongheaded analysis of “what comes next.”

My advice to the press covering Israel never varies. Wake up, pack your things and go home. Play reporter somewhere else.

### A Slap in the Face

With the tsunami, the news media have turned away and left many volunteers and teams of helpers with the real work of taking care of the casualties. I received a letter from HonestReporting.com specifying the following: “One of the most recent media injustices we have exposed has been during the tragic tsunami disaster. Within a day of the tragedy, Israel began its assistance. These included a jumbo jet filled with 18 tons of supplies, a medical team from Hadassah Hospital carrying medicine and baby food, and an Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) team with 80 tons of aid including 10,000 blankets, tents, nylon sheeting and water containers, a Health Ministry contingent to aid and rescue efforts, a rescue and recovery team, and \$10 million in aid.”



A cynic would think that Israel, strapped as it is for all of these items, buying blankets and so forth with money from charities, made all this effort for the public relations value. After all, wouldn't it look good in the eyes of the media and the world for Israel to extend itself so altruistically?

But the Israelis don't think that way, nor should they. The media do not cover good things about Israel. In this case, the letter goes on, "With the exception of UPI, not a single other major news outlet even mentioned this in passing. The Associated Press sent out instead a dreary story about the construction of a new IDF base near Jenin, making sure to remark that "it did not seem like the Israeli Armed Forces planned to pull out any time soon."

Jenin is the town where the IDF was ludicrously accused of conducting a massacre. After much investigation and worldwide publicity shattering to Israel, they had to print their usual page-25 retractions.

I interviewed General Avi Mizrachi, Commander of Israel's Northern Forces, who had responsibility for Jenin. This general was an eyewitness to the goings on since he actually went in with his men and took part in the gun battles, the booby traps, the suicide bombings, etc., perpetrated by the Palestinians. I was rather moved by his story, and I asked if it were not dangerous for a commander of his high rank to expose himself in a pitched battle. He said he wasn't really picked out by the enemy because he had removed all of his insignia.

To wrap up these thoughts, Israel is a brave, free, democratic nation consisting of many heroes similar to Gen. Mizrachi, who are totally maligned by the world media, the trash-talking Muslims, the UN, Europe and Russia, and the US State Department. No one could help more with even their Muslim enemies, such as in the tsunami or earlier in Turkey or Kosovo or Bosnia, and the reward they get is pretty much a slap in the face. Forgive me for saying I'm getting pretty sick and tired of this.

### A Dirty Word

The term "fundamentalism," widely misunderstood by the media and the public, is constantly utilized in the news. Obviously, its primary reference is to Muslim fundamentalists, the ones practicing the Wahhabism exported from Saudi Arabia. This doctrine is represented by the terrorists who attacked the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, and by the

awful mosques with their anti-American teaching right here on our own soil. Fundamentalist Islam has proven to be a worldwide threat to Jews, Christians and all others. It is these fundamentalists, led by Osama bin Laden, who mean to take over every possible nation, and finally, to rule the world.

Fundamentalist Jews do not get as much attention, but are often lumped in with the fundamentalist Muslims as simply another sect of some all-embracing religion thought of as "fundamentalism." But these Jews are the Orthodox or ultra-Orthodox, who wear the peculiar costumes and go to lengthy prayer services and keep all festivals. The black suits and hats (reappearing in the American Amish) are meant to celebrate a bygone era (as with the Amish), that of the early 19th century Eastern European ghettos. The Jews back then observed the wealthier Gentiles of the town dressed in these silk jackets and white stockings and so forth, and began to copy this garb in order to set themselves aside as godly "aristocrats." They separated themselves especially from the oncoming Reform and Conservative movements in Judaism, which were much more lenient and un-costumed.

They have never been the least bit hostile, and to my knowledge, have never killed anyone.

Fundamentalist Christians, also lumped into this strange new media religion of fundamentalism, are associated with Scripture. They are simply Bible readers who intend to carry out the tenets of the Bible and to live lives exemplified by the Apostles and by the Messiah Himself. They would not hurt a fly and they are pledged to love all other peoples, including Jews and Muslims. They are accused of being some sinister "religious right"

The following story came across the wire just as we went to press. — Zola

### An American Friend

Fox News

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has written to President Bush offering Israeli assistance for the Gulf Coast hurricane disaster. Sharon is offering to send hundreds of Israeli doctors, nurses, specialists, field hospitals, reinforcements for existing hospitals, and equipment for temporary housing in the region.





in America, or of having some plot behind the scenes to take over the world (they actually will in the Kingdom to come, but that will be the work of the King!). They are more interested in the next life than this one, and in the next world than this one, and that is what Scripture teaches. They are powerful in that they certainly helped elect the president, because at a point where they see the world turning to evil, they rightly object. They have greater numbers than are usually estimated. Even among liberal denominations, I discover fundamentalist “Bible literalists” in my travels.

And so, in the end, the word “fundamentalism” is a very unclear distinction to make between the different religious faiths. One might just say that those who cover their heads or those who pray all day are somehow dangerous or subversive, and, of course, that would be ridiculous. There is no reason at all for “fundamentalism” in itself to continue to be a dirty word.

*(Please see our book on Fanatic Islam on page 10.)*

Tourism is expanding by leaps and bounds in Israel, and though our November tour has officially closed, you can still put your name on a standby list.

If you are looking for a family getaway, our tour at The Holy Land Experience in Orlando, Florida is a wonderful opportunity. Join Sandra and me, December 30, 2005 — January 1, 2006 for a very informal time at this “must see” Orlando theme park. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sandra and I intend to stay in the Clermont, Florida area near Orlando through January and February. Churches are welcome to contact Cynthia at 214-696-8844 or at [zolaspeaks@levitt.com](mailto:zolaspeaks@levitt.com) for speaking engagement scheduling information.

And it's not too early to begin making plans to visit Israel in the spring of 2006. Tentative dates for our Spring Tours are, March 19-30 for the Deluxe tour (Israel only) and March 19-April 2 for the Grand Petra tour (Israel & Petra).

For more information, or to request a brochure for any of these tours, call Tony at 214-696-9760 during business hours, 1-800-WONDERS (1-800-966-3377) anytime, or go to [www.levitt.com](http://www.levitt.com) and click on “Zola's Tours.”

Please pray for the peace of Jerusalem,  
Your messenger,



## Shooting or Shouting?

By [www.honestreporting.com](http://www.honestreporting.com)



Martin Fletcher

Regardless of one's politics or particular perspective on recent events, the Gaza disengagement is a historic time for Israel. These fateful days are filled with emotion and angst among both supporters and opposition to the disengagement plan. Media around the world have focused their pens and lenses on Israel. With all of this attention, one might think that respectable media outlets would be working overtime to get the story right. In this regard, it seems that the team at NBC News has failed.

In “Settlers Believe Evacuation Betrays God's Will,” Martin Fletcher of NBC News describes the disengagement:

***But, the screaming, the shooting, and cursing, that's from everyone. All the settlers have been screaming and shooting at the army...***

In fact, the disengagement was remarkable in that neither side, the evacuees nor the soldiers, bore weapons. And certainly no evacuees fired guns. Perhaps this NBC report was a typo: In an updated online version of this article, one (but not the other) of the references to “shooting” was changed to “shouting.” But why such sloppy editing in the first version? And why only a partial correction in the second version?

Further into Fletcher's report:

***These youngsters who are living by themselves in these small settlements — playing the guitar, singing songs, half of them are probably smoking dope, praying, and they are violent.***

“Dope?” “Half of them?” Fletcher brings no evidence for this characterization. If a similar baseless charge were leveled against another group, would it be stood for?

Fletcher appears absent from reality in describing Palestinian activity during this period:

How have the Palestinians helped ease the process?

***So far they have helped... The fact that the Palestinian leadership promised calm, and so far has been the case, that is a major contribution by Palestinians to the smooth function of this process which so far has been very smooth indeed.***

What about the multiple sets of mortars fired by the Palestinians at Gaza evacuation sites, or the Palestinian shooting of an Israeli soldier? Or the attempted suicide bombing by Islamic Jihad of Israelis in Gaza? This is all in addition to the rhetoric of those like Hamas leader Khaled Mashaal who stated that the disengagement is “the beginning of the end for Israel.”

At this very sensitive time, journalists have a duty to be extra-cautious in presenting this story in a fair and accurate manner. In this instance, Martin Fletcher and NBC News have failed. ❖

Fletcher and NBC News have more than failed in the above story. They were absolutely lying. To make up such inflammatory claptrap is to aggravate an already touchy situation. I never watch NBC News or the other networks. This story gives good reason. — Zola

## An Answer Found

By Mike & Karen Bizzell, missionaries to Israel

My wife, Karen, and I recently had the opportunity to go with Zola Levitt Ministries as missionaries to the Jews of Israel. I would like to share with you one of our many experiences there.



Mike Bizzell stands near one of many blocks of marble to be used in a "peace gate" being constructed by both Jewish and Arab artisans. Taken at the Jesus Boat Museum.

It was our first morning in Jerusalem, and we had planned to go to Beersheba by train via Tel Aviv, and visit with another missionary couple. But try as we might, we could not get our plans coordinated. As it turns out, the Lord had other plans for us that day. We asked the Lord to re-chart our paths, and headed out for the Old City.

We were walking through the Jewish Quarter, and met a young Israeli lady. As we began talking to her, the conversation came around to religion, and she wanted to know if we were Christians. She also asked if we had seen Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ*. She said that the movie answered many questions for her, but that she still had many questions.

We stayed in that location of the Jewish Quarter for nearly two hours, talking and answering her questions. Eventually, we asked if we could treat her to lunch. She said she was fasting that day, but that she would take something to drink while we ate.

During lunch, I asked her if she knew about Jesus' burial and resurrection. She said no, so we began to explain it to her. We asked if she had ever seen the Garden Tomb. She replied that she'd never heard of it! We invited her to go there with us, she accepted, and we headed toward the Jaffa Gate. On our way there, we had to pass by Christ's Church. I then remembered Todd Baker, a theologian with Zola's ministry, saying that this church was where he often buys his *Brit Hadashas* (Hebrew New Testaments). I asked the young lady with us if she had a *Brit Hadasha*. She said she did not, so I asked if I could buy her one, and she said yes. From there, we left for the Garden Tomb.

Upon entering the garden, she remarked that it was a special place. We all sat in front of the tomb, and then

Karen and I began to explain God's Plan of Salvation to her. During this time, a group of worshipers above us were singing "Because He Lives." I could tell she was very moved, hearing the Gospel at the very spot it all came true! She told us she wanted to first read the *Brit Hadasha* before making any decisions. I encouraged her to not only read the *Brit Hadasha*, but to read it alongside the *Tenach* (Old Testament), and to ask God to reveal her Messiah to her.

Upon leaving, she told us that she had been up all night praying and fasting, and now felt that she needed to come to Jerusalem to pray at the Western Wall. Her prayer was that God would show her something new, and make her open to it. Then she told us we brought her that answer. Little did she know, God had answered our prayer as well!

The following day, I glanced at *The Jerusalem Post*. On the front page, there was a picture of a train wreck. The train had hit a coal truck that was parked on the tracks. 191 passengers were injured, and seven people were killed. This train was headed from Tel Aviv to Beersheba, and very well could have been the one we would have been on.

We serve a great and mighty God, and I have learned to totally depend on Him each and every day.

## "Go and Wash"

By Thomas H. Maugh II,  
*The Los Angeles Times*



Workers repairing a sewage pipe in the old city of Jerusalem have discovered the Biblical Pool of Siloam, a freshwater reservoir that was a major gathering place for ancient Jews making religious pilgrimages to the city and the reputed site where Jesus cured a man blind from birth, according to the Gospel of John.

The pool was fed by the now-famous Hezekiah's Tunnel, and is "a much grander affair" than archaeologists previously believed, with three tiers of stone stairs allowing easy access to the water, according to Hershel Shanks, editor of *Biblical Archaeology Review*, which reported the find.

"Scholars have said that there wasn't a Pool of Siloam and that John was using a religious conceit" to illustrate a point, said New Testament scholar James H. Charlesworth of the Princeton Theological Seminary. "Now we have found the Pool of Siloam... exactly where John said it was."

# Briefs

A Gospel that was thought to be “pure theology is now shown to be grounded in history,” he said.

The discovery puts a new spotlight on what is called the pilgrimage to Jerusalem, a trip that religious law required ancient Jews to make at least once a year, said archaeologist Ronny Reich of the University of Haifa, who excavated the pool.

“Jesus was just another pilgrim coming to Jerusalem,” he said. “It would be natural to find him there.”

## “A Sizzling Economy”

[www.haaretz.com](http://www.haaretz.com)

Encouraged by Israel’s “sizzling” economic growth in the second quarter of 2005, Merrill Lynch raised its growth forecast for the year from 3.8 to 4.2 percent.

“Israeli economic growth surged at a higher-than-expected pace in the second quarter. Real GDP expanded at a 5.6 percent annual rate in the quarter after growing at a 3.9 percent pace in the first quarter [revised up from an initial estimate of 2.9 percent],” the investment bank wrote in its analysis.

Drivers of growth included consumer and government spending, which both increased by 5 percent and more in the second quarter. Consumer spending surged 5.3 percent in the quarter, after a mere 0.4 percent in the first quarter, driven by low interest rates and strong employee growth, says the investment bank.

Tourism is recovering as the feeling of security is restored, and exports “were solid”, rising 13 percent in the quarter, Merrill Lynch wrote. Imports soared 24.9 percent.

## And Now it Begins

[www.usenglish.org](http://www.usenglish.org)

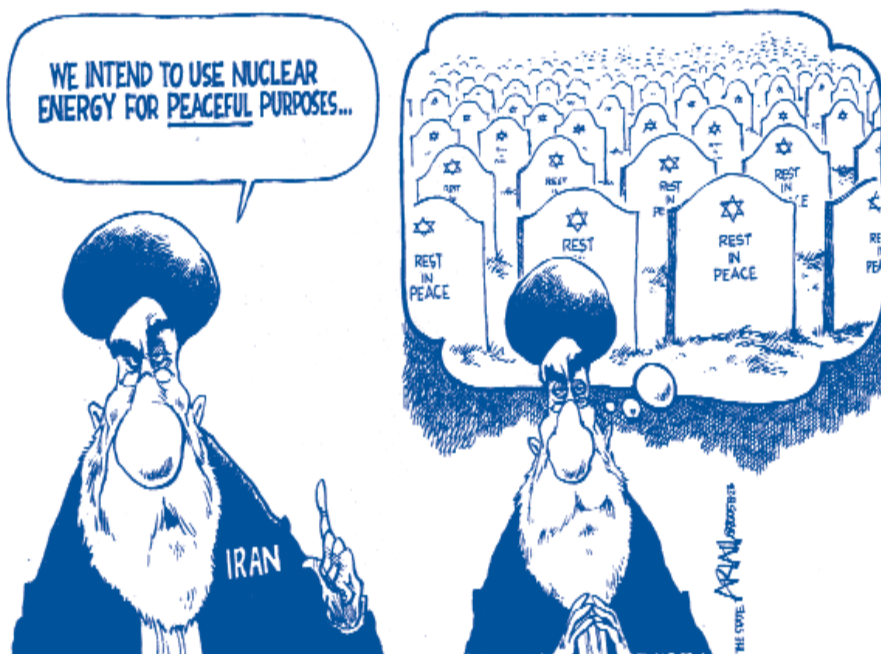
In a sharp break from American tradition, the Denver Public Library is promoting a plan that would make seven of its branches “Spanish focused,” banishing English language books to the backroom. The “Languages and Learning” plan would dramatically increase Spanish-language offerings and staff, designating some locations as Spanish dominant. The proposal is currently under review by the Library Commission and an advisory board.

“Denver’s action is a dubious first in American history: a major U.S. city is creating a public institution that intentionally excludes native-born Americans,” explained Mauro E. Mujica, Chairman of the Board of U.S. English, Inc. “This action goes against the model of assimilation that has successfully served the United States for centuries.”

“In a nation of immigrants, focusing on a single non-English language is the type of favoritism that we should have abandoned years ago. The taxpayers of Denver — residents who speak 68 languages — should not stand idly by while their money goes to support immigrants from El Salvador or Colombia over immigrants from Vietnam or Egypt.”

Library officials counter that the switch to Spanish-dominant libraries is an extension of the institution’s purpose. They claim that the “Languages and Learning” plan will assist Spanish-speaking residents in becoming members of their community. Proponents call the plan “cutting edge” and “revolutionary.”

“I fail to see how an ‘Official Spanish’ Library will aid immigrants in learning English and becoming Americans,” Mujica continued. “If anything, it will further the notion that Spanish-speaking immigrants can live in relative comfort without needing to learn our common language. If we are to successfully continue as a nation of immigrants, we cannot send an ‘English Optional’ message to any immigrant group.”



## Two Pens

*Israel Today*

A new Jewish-Arab newspaper is showing that there is another way. It is entitled *Du-Et*, a play on words that literally means “two pens” in Hebrew, but which also means “duet,” a symbol of harmony and working together.

The paper deals with the complex challenges that Israel faces as a Jewish and democratic nation with many people from different cultures and a large Arab minority.

One article called “Crossing the Lines” tells the story of an ultra-Orthodox journalist who visits an Islamic college and an Arab journalist who interviews Jewish settlers. The Gaza pullout, politics and religion are discussed openly by members of the other side. *Du-Et* will appear occasionally in mainstream Israeli newspapers such as *Ha’aretz* and *Ma’ariv*, as well as in Arab papers. The paper, printed in Hebrew and Arabic, already has a readership of 900,000. Selected articles in English will be published on a quarterly basis.

The Jewish-Arab Press Club established the newspaper to combat the negative stereotypes in Israeli society and to promote cooperation and dialogue between Arabs and Jews.

## American and British Churches Impose Sanctions on Israel

*Israel Today*

The Anglican Consultative Council (ACC) passed a unanimous resolution to penalize companies that support “Israel’s occupation of the Palestinian territories,” while recommending investments that support the infrastructure of a future Palestinian state. The decision set the stage for the Anglican Church to divest from Israeli companies in their territories and others that ostensibly support the “occupation.”

There were angry reactions from Jewish leaders. “Moves toward divestment represent a flawed and disastrous course,” said Rabbi Barry Marcus, an adviser to Britain’s Chief Rabbi Jonathan Sacks. “They will do nothing to

advance the twin causes of security for Israel and statehood for the Palestinians.”

The ACC was following the lead of America’s Episcopal, Presbyterian and Methodist churches, as well as the World Council of Churches, which adopted the same strategies. The dominos continue to fall, and the United Church of Christ (UCC) followed suit at its General Synod in Atlanta. Rabbi Abraham Cooper of the Simon Wiesenthal Center described the UCC as “functionally anti-Semitic.”

## “Homeless Beggars and Welfare Bums”

By John Curran, Associated Press

An online thesaurus struck a listing recently for the word “Arab” after Arab-American groups complained the entry listed derogatory synonyms.

The entry, which appeared on thesaurus.com, listed the word as a noun meaning “beggar,” and gave 16 pejorative synonyms including “homeless person” and “welfare bum.”

The American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee contacted the synonym book’s online publisher to complain about the entry; the American Arab Forum also criticized the listing.

“I looked it up and I couldn’t believe what I was seeing,” said Aref Assaf, president of the American Arab Forum, which is based in Paterson, N.J.



Several hours after *Roget's Thesaurus* was called by The Associated Press, all entries for "Arab" had been pulled from the site.

Barbara Ann Kipfer, editor of the third edition of *Roget's 21st Century Thesaurus*, said the entry had likely been on the site for years, but never made it into printed versions of the thesaurus.

"We're simply going to take it out," she said. "The last thing you want with a thesaurus is to offend anyone."

Kipfer said an 18th-century term, "street Arab," had appeared in other thesauruses, referring to a homeless child who has been abandoned and roams through the streets.

## U.N. Chooses a Side

[www.foxnews.com](http://www.foxnews.com)

The Gaza Strip is one of the poorest, most overpopulated areas in the world with 1.4 million Palestinians crammed into a 100-square-mile area. With 50 percent unemployment, the vast majority of Gazans live below a poverty line of \$2 a day.

It's exactly the kind of situation that the United Nations Development Program was set up to deal with, and the U.N. is spending millions of dollars there every year.

But Fox News has discovered that not all that cash is going to alleviate poverty. Instead, some of it is funding a Palestinian political campaign under the slogan, "Today Gaza, tomorrow the West Bank and Jerusalem."

Both the West Bank and Jerusalem are disputed areas, yet it is U.N. money that is paying for posters, T-shirts, even bumper stickers bearing that slogan. On August 16, as Israeli security forces clashed with angry Jewish settlers protesting their eviction from the Gaza Strip, Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia wore a T-shirt saying, "Today Gaza. Tomorrow the West Bank and Jerusalem."

When FOX News confronted the UNDP representative in Gaza about the apparent misuse of U.N. money, he brushed off the concern.

"Almost anything new in Palestine has an element of politics in it," said the representative, Timothy Rothermel. "This was something, that particular poster which was prepared by the disengagement office with financial support from UNDP, but obviously what it says is also consistent with the relevant U.N. resolutions in the Security Council decisions about the status of Palestine."

But others are livid.

"This is simply outrageous," said Dore Gold, former Israeli ambassador to the United Nations. "The West Bank is disputed territory under the U.N. Security Council Resolution 242. The United Nations has no business getting involved in sloganeering to call the Palestinians to also take tomorrow the West Bank and East Jerusalem."

Gold claims the UNDP has also been giving money to organizations tied to Hamas. One UNDP bank transfer request, obtained by Fox News, shows the organization giving thousands of dollars to a Jenin-based organization with links to the militant group.

When the evidence obtained by Fox News was shown to UNDP headquarters in New York, officials said the funding was given "without their knowledge" and they said they were "surprised," but there has been no word if the funding will stop or if disciplinary action will be taken.

It is well to remember that whatever the problems of the Palestinians in Gaza, they invariably result from self-inflicted wounds. — Zola



IN THE FUTURE AT THE UN ?

# “Don’t Buy from Jews”

Israel Today

Although several large Christian denominations have called for a boycott against Israel, it’s wrong to generalize about all American Christians. Nonetheless, the boycott is reminiscent of the call from the Nazi era, “Don’t buy from Jews!”

This latest series of boycotts began last year when the Presbyterian Church USA passed a resolution stating they would no longer be part of any investments in Israel. Then, the Episcopal Church followed their lead by demanding a total boycott against Israeli products and no dealings with companies doing business with Israel. Last, but not least, in April 2005, at their annual meeting in Atlanta, the United Methodist Church joined the boycott of Israeli products and investments in Israel.

Church spokesmen said that the boycott was an expression of support for Arab Christians (2.7 percent of the Palestinian population), which was meant to improve their status among their Muslim neighbors.

But there’s another side to the story. At the beginning of May, the Evangelical Lutheran Church voted for “constructive investment” both in Israel and the Palestinian territories to “further the peace process.”

For Biblical reasons, American evangelical Christians have consistently stood behind Israel. And the Vatican’s declaration that anti-Zionism is the same as anti-Semitism helped clarify matters as well.

Under the same sun, butter melts and clay hardens. Faced with the self-same situations in Israel, some become more open to the Jewish state, while others become increasingly closed.

# “Our Best Option”

By Lou Hays, Editor

The political left is going crazy, with Cindy Sheehan and her crowd camping out at Crawford, displaying small crosses everywhere, while the mainstream press breathlessly shows every bloody car bomb crater and notes each American G.I. death in Iraq and Afghanistan. Every death is tragic, but we are in a war, and soldiers die in wars.

To put things in perspective, in the Battle of Okinawa during WWII, we lost 1,000 soldiers and airmen *every day*. We are currently losing 900 soldiers *per year* in the War on Terrorism. But who knows how many thousands of American lives we are saving each year simply by fighting this war outside of our borders?

We ultimately prevailed in Japan against fanatics, including suicide bombers (kamikazes who sank huge ships) and now, fully sixty years after that fighting and those casualties, Japan remains a flourishing democracy and a valuable ally.

The story was much the same with Germany.

If we can plant a real democracy in Iraq, terrorism may become a thing of the past. In any case, this war still remains our best option for a more peaceful world.

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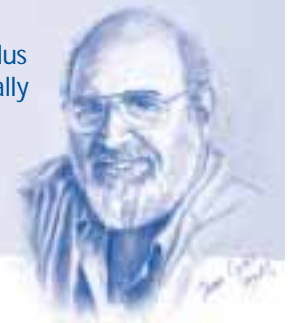
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# "Withdrawal of Despair"

By Charles Krauthammer, [www.washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com)



The Israeli abandonment of Gaza is a withdrawal of despair. Unlike the Oslo concessions of 1993, there is not even the pretense of getting anything in return from the Palestinians. Nonetheless, unilateralism is both correct and necessary. Israel has no peace partner — Mahmoud Abbas has nothing to offer and has offered nothing — and in the absence of a partner, there is only one logical policy: Rationalize your defensive lines and prepare for a long wait.

Gaza was simply a bridge too far: settlements too far-flung and small to justify the huge psychological and material cost of defending them. Pulling out of Gaza leaves behind the first truly independent Palestinian state — uncontrolled and highly militant, but one from which Israel is fenced off.

If Israel can complete its West Bank fence, it will have established a stable equilibrium and essentially abolished terrorism as a regular and reliable means of attack — i.e., as a usable strategic weapon. That will leave the Palestinians a stark choice: Remain in their state of miserable militancy with no prospects of victory or finally accept the Jewish state and make a deal.

That is Israel's strategy. There are two problems with it: What about the rockets? What about the world?

The first problem is that while the fences do prevent terrorist infiltration, they do nothing about rockets. For months, Palestinians have been firing rockets from Gaza into towns within Israel proper. The attacks are momentarily in suspension, but with the enhanced ability to smuggle in weapons from Egypt, and with no Israeli patrols looking for them, the attacks will resume and get far worse.

What to do? Something Israel should have done long ago: active and relentless deterrence. Israel should announce that henceforth, any rocket launched from Palestinian territory will immediately trigger a mechanically automatic response in which five Israeli rockets will be fired back. There will be no human intervention in the loop. Every Palestinian rocket landing in Israel will instantly trigger sensors and preset counter-launchers. Any Palestinian terrorist firing up a rocket will know that he is triggering six: one Palestinian and five Israeli.

Israel would decide how these five would be programmed to respond. Perhaps three aimed at the launch site and vicinity and two at a list of predetermined military and strategic assets of the Palestinian militias.

This policy would echo, though in far more benign form, America's Cold War deterrence policy of "massive retaliation." That was all somewhat theoretical, but the Soviets apparently thought otherwise when they backed down during the Cuban Missile Crisis. In Gaza, the issue is not theoretical. Once Israel leaves, there is no way to dismantle the rockets. Deterrence is all there is. After but a few Israeli demonstrations of "non-massive retaliation," the Palestinians themselves will shut down their terrorist rocketeers.

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Zone	All Pacific Times			
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# Saving Arabs from Themselves

By David Gutmann, [www.frontpagemag.com](http://www.frontpagemag.com)

A heated debate rages over the instigators of murderous jihad. Hawks often portray Islam as essentially violent — a creed for Holy Warriors — while doves usually make a distinction between the Koranic text and the murderous practices of its extreme adherents. Doves argue that Islam is one of the Great Religions, a “religion of peace,” whose Koran has been hijacked to serve the purpose of jihad.

Maybe it is. But in 1948, my Hagana officers told us grunts to kill ourselves rather than face capture by jihadists: “Always keep a bullet or a grenade for yourself” was their considered advice. I doubt that they would have given the same warning were we facing Unitarians or Anglicans.

Nevertheless, I do not agree with many hawks that Islam by itself is the prime mover of Arab violence. When I consider the obsessions, the language and the actions of the extremists, it becomes evident that, perhaps even more than religion, overlooked aspects of national character contribute to the fevers of jihad. As a Jew who owns a Koran (Oh Imams, is this permitted?) it appears to me that the more lurid stanzas of that generally inflammatory text are being used, by Islamic extremists, to rationalize their fury over perceived insults that have nothing to do with Islam per se.

That fury is not a product of the Koran. Rather, it has to do with a prior, psychological cause: the vulnerabilities of Arab national character, which is centered on the maintenance of honor and the avoidance of shame. Some readers will probably accuse me of psycho-babbling. Note, however, that some very smart observers — the Israeli anthropologist Rafael Patai, for instance — have already documented the Arab phobia against the experience of shame.

That sensitivity is now at fever pitch. The Arab world is suffering a crisis of humiliation. Their armies are routed not only by Americans, but also by tiny, Jewish Israel; and as Arthur Koestler once remarked, the Arab world has not, in the last 500 years or so, produced much besides rugs, dirty postcards, elaborations on the belly-dance esthetic (and, of course, some innovative terrorist practices). They have no science to speak of, no art, hardly any industry save oil, very little literature, and portentous music which consists largely of lugubrious songs celebrating the slaughter of Jews.

Now that the Arabs have acquired national consciousness, and they compare their societies to other nations, these deficiencies become painfully evident, particularly to the upper-class Arab kids who attend foreign universities. There they learn about the accomplishments of Christians, Jews (Freud, Einstein, for starters) and women. And yet, with the exception of Edward Said, there is scarcely a contemporary Arab name in the bunch. No wonder, then, that major recruitment to al-Qaeda's

ranks takes place among Arab university students. And no wonder that suicide bombing becomes their tactic of choice: it is a last-ditch, desperate way of asserting at least one scrap of superiority — a spiritual superiority — over the materialistic, life-hugging, and ergo shameful West.

But this tactic is not, I suggest, a product of Islam. Rather, it is a product of the bruised Arab psyche. Remember that the Japanese also turned to suicide tactics in WWII to evade the humiliation of defeat. Though their religion was Shinto rather than Muslim, they too constituted a paradigm shame/honor culture, and defeat brought about, as with the Arabs, a furiously suicidal/homicidal response. After their armies had been defeated, their fleets sunk,





their cities set aflame, and their home islands invaded, they launched the kamikaze bomber offensive, thereby committing a hi-tech form of hara-kiri, their usual remedy against intolerable shame. It is in this way that the modern Arab world resembles the Japan of World War II. In both cases, it is not religions, but psychic wounds, the wounds inflicted by defeat and evident inferiority, that inspire suicide bombers.

It is often asserted that the changes set in motion by modernization are particularly toxic to the Arabs. No doubt this is true. But if we are going to be therapeutic, our diagnoses need to be more specific; we need to identify the particular pathogens that are released by modernization. Besides sharpening their sense of inferiority relative to the West, modernization threatens to bring about the liberation of women (as in Afghanistan and Iraq). I say “threatens,” because the self-esteem of Arab males is, in large part, predicated on the inferior position of their women.

The Arab nations have, for the most part, lost their slaves and dhimmis, the subject peoples onto whose persons the stigmata of shame could be downloaded. But anyone who has spent time among them knows that Arab males have not lost their psychological need for social and sexual inferiors. In the absence of slaves and captive peoples, Arab women are elected for the special role of the inferior who, by definition, lacks honor. Arab men eradicate shame and bolster their shaky self-esteem by imposing the shameful qualities of the dhimmi, submission and passivity, upon women. Trailing a humbled woman behind them, Arab men can walk the walk of the true macho man.

Hence the relative lack of material achievement by Arabs: the Arab world has stunted the female half of its brain pool, while the men acquire instant self-esteem not by real accomplishment, but by the mere fact of being men, rather than women. No wonder, then, that the Arab nations feel irrationally threatened by the very existence of Israel. Like America, the Jews have brought the reality of the liberated woman into the very heart of the Middle East, into *dar al-Islam* itself. Big Satan and Little Satan: the champions of Muslim women.

I contend that female liberation is the most hopeful development in the Middle East, greater even than the first stirrings of democracy. I believe that Arab women have a greater stake in liberal democracy than Arab men, and as they acquire political power, they will fight for it. As for suicide bombings, jihadism and the macho posturing of Arab men, they are desperate remedies against further humiliation, against the perceived threat of “castration,” by their own women. Until Arab women achieve freedom and independence, we can expect, at least for awhile, to see Arab men cling to these remedies.

Even then, some Arab men will probably backslide to even greater suicidal/homicidal tantrums. Others, (perhaps even a majority), no longer able to project their deficiencies onto Arab women, will begin to recognize the flaws in themselves. These converts would adopt the self-critical stance that is already showing up among some daring Arab intellectuals and even religious leaders. And when Arab men can no longer acquire instant self-esteem by demeaning their women, some of them might even turn to the arts of peace, and try to acquire the sense of self-worth via instrumental rather than illusory psychological means.

We cannot, in the end, correct all the distortions of the Arab shame/honor ethos. But by pledging our support for Arab women’s liberation — for instance, by advocating expanded liberties for women in the text of the new Iraqi constitution — we can hasten its erosion.



“The Arab world is suffering a crisis of humiliation.”

# "Well, They Got Me..."

By Michael Graham, [www.townhall.com](http://www.townhall.com)

The First Amendment and I have been evicted from ABC Radio in Washington, DC.



On July 25th, the Council on American-Islamic Relations demanded that I be "punished" for my on-air statements regarding Islam and its tragic connections to terrorism. Three days later, 630 WMAL and ABC Radio suspended me without pay for comments deemed "hate radio" by CAIR.

CAIR immediately announced that my punishment was insufficient and demanded I be fired. ABC Radio and 630 WMAL have now complied. I have been fired for making the specific comments CAIR deemed "offensive," and for refusing to retract those statements in a management-mandated, on-air apology. ABC Radio further demanded that I agree to perform what they described as "additional outreach efforts" to those people or groups who felt offended.

## I refused. And for that refusal, I have been fired.

It appears that ABC Radio has caved to an organization that condemns talk radio hosts like me, but has never condemned Hamas or Hezbollah, and one that wouldn't specifically condemn al-Qaeda for three months after 9/11.

As a fan of talk radio, I find it absolutely outrageous that pressure from a special interest group like CAIR can result in the abandonment of free speech and open discourse on a talk radio show. As a conservative talk host whose job is to have an open, honest conversation each day with my listeners, I believe caving to this pressure is a disaster. I, for one, cannot apologize for the truth and I cannot agree to some community-service-style "outreach effort" to appease the opponents of free speech.

If I had made a racist or bigoted comment — which my regular listeners know goes against everything I believe in — I would apologize immediately, and without coercion. When I have made inadvertent fact errors in the past, I apologized promptly and without hesitation.

But we have now gone far beyond that, with demands that I apologize for the ideas my listeners and I believe in. It is not a coincidence that, after my suspension on July 28th, WMAL received more than 15,000 phone calls and emails protesting my removal from the airwaves.

Why such a huge response? It wasn't about me; the listeners I spoke to said they felt betrayed by my suspension because the vast majority of them agree with me on the subject of Islam. By labeling my statements as unacceptable, these listeners felt that WMAL management was insulting them, too.

I cannot speak for anyone else, but I care about the listeners of 630 WMAL. I respect them and I appreciate the amazing support they have given me. I could not dishonor their principled support for free speech by giving into these demands. I cannot join ABC Radio in bowing to CAIR's wishes. And I will not apologize for my opinions or retract the truth.

The whole point of the Michael Graham Show is what my listeners and I call the "natural truth," those obvious facts about modern life that the p.c. police and mainstream media believe should never be discussed. That includes the tragic, but undeniable relationship between terrorism and Islam as it is constituted today.

The conversations my listeners and I had on this subject were not offensive or bigoted in the least. In fact, Ibrahim Hooper of CAIR (who has appeared on my show several times) credited "criticism from talk radio," in part, for the recent fatwa against terrorism issued by a group of US Muslim scholars. Ironically, it was issued the day before I was suspended.

That's the real tragedy here. The people who most need free speech and open dialogue on the issues facing Islam today are America's moderate Muslims. These are people of good will who have the difficult job ahead of reforming and rescuing their religion. They need all the help they can get.

The decision to give CAIR what it wants — a group with well-publicized ties to terrorists and terror-related organizations — will make it harder for the reformers to successfully face Islam's challenges. Still worse, silencing people like me will make it easier for Islamist extremists to dismiss all sincere calls for reform as mere "bigotry."

When CAIR is able to quell dissent and label every critic a "bigot," the chilling effect is felt far beyond ABC Radio and 630 WMAL. If anyone is owed an apology, it is the moderate, Muslim community which has been failed once again by the mainstream media.

I've had several people tell me that ABC Radio says I'm not really fired, that I have "chosen" not to go back to work. I don't know what to say to that except that I received a hand-delivered letter announcing that I was "terminated immediately." If there is some other definition of that other than "you're fired," I am not familiar with it.



The second problem is world reaction to the Gaza withdrawal. Far from Israel getting any credit for this deeply wrenching action, the demand now is for yet more concessions — from Israel. *The New York Times* called the Gaza withdrawal “only the beginning” and declared sonorously that Ariel Sharon “must also be forewarned” that giving up the West Bank must be next. This is a counsel of folly. The idea that if only Israel made more concessions and more withdrawals, the Palestinians would be enticed into making peace is flatly contradicted by history.

We are not talking ancient history here; we are talking the past 12 years. Under Oslo, Israel made massive, near-suicidal concessions: bringing the PLO back to life, installing Yasser Arafat in power in the West Bank and Gaza, permitting him to arm militia after militia, and ultimately offering him (at Camp David 2000) the first Palestinian state in history, with a shared Jerusalem and total Israeli withdrawal from 95 percent of the for-

merly occupied territories (with Israel giving up some of its own territory to make the Palestinians whole). How were these concessions met? With a savage terrorist war that killed 1,000 Israelis and maimed thousands more.

The Gaza withdrawal is not the beginning, but the end. Apart from perhaps some evacuations of outlying settlements on the West Bank, it is the end of the concession road for Israel. And it is the beginning of the new era of self-sufficiency and separation in which Israel ensures its security not by concessions, but by fortification, barrier creation, realism, and patient waiting. Waiting for the first-ever genuine Palestinian concessions. Waiting for the Palestinians to honor the promises — to recognize Israel and renounce terrorism — which they solemnly made at Oslo and brazenly betrayed. That’s the next step. Without it, nothing happens.



# HebrewLesson



## The Suffering Tzaddik

By John J. Parsons

### Hebraic Insight: *The Suffering Tzaddik*

In the Jewish tradition, a *tzaddik* is a guru-like figure who has devoted his entire life to the study of the Torah and the practice of its commandments. According to Jewish legend, at all times there are said to be “Lamed-Vav tzaddikim,” 36 hidden saints, whose virtue and faith are said to withhold God’s judgment from destroying the world.

The Scriptures declare that the Lord Jesus is the only true Tzaddik, since He alone truly fulfilled the Torah of Moses and gave Himself as a sacrificial offering upon the cross to save the world from the wrath of God (2 Cor. 5:19; John 3:36). Those who trust in Him are also justified as tzaddikim, since “the tzaddik shall live by faith” (see Hab. 2:4, Rom. 1:17, Gal. 3:11).

Jesus told us that tzaddikim will suffer many troubles in this life (John 16:33), and the Apostle Paul wrote: “For unto you it is given on behalf of Messiah, not only to believe in him, but also to *suffer* for his sake” (Phil. 1:29). In other words, many of the

evils we face come not because we lack faith, but because we have it: *Rabbot ra’ot tzaddik*.

We tend to think of suffering as a bad thing, perhaps as a consequence for our sins. But there is another dimension to suffering—*righteous suffering*—which is born out of love. Righteous suffering takes on the pain of others and bears it in their place. It is patient, kind, and provides healing for that which is broken. Indeed, the righteous suffering of the tzaddikim “fills up what is lacking in Messiah’s afflictions for the sake of the church” (Col. 1:24), and manifests the resurrection life of *Adonai Tzidkeinu*, the Lord our Righteousness, inside the heart of faith.

Despite the afflictions of the *tzaddik*, God has promised ultimate deliverance: *umikullam yatzilenu Adonai* – “the Lord will deliver him out of them all.” Interestingly, the word *yatzilenu* comes from *natzal*, a verb that means to physically snatch away, suggesting the rapture of the tzaddikim just before the Great Tribulation breaks out. While a life lived by faith, hope, and love may cause us heartache and pain, suffering is not the last word, since love will be one day be fulfilled and perfected when we are in the Presence of the Lord Himself.

רבות רעות צדיק ומכלם יצילנו יהוה

Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.  
(Psalm 34:19)

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the LORD	will deliver him				but from them all			the righteous		the evils of	many (are)		

# Who are the Real Occupiers?

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This is a wonderful history lesson for all readers of the *Levitt Letter*. — Zola

The term “Palestinian” is itself a masterful twisting of history. To portray themselves as indigenous, Arab settlers adopted the name of an ancient Mediterranean tribe, the Philistines that disappeared almost 3,000 years ago. The connection between this tribe and modern-day Arabs is nil. Romans, in order to conceal their shame and anger with rebellious regions, changed the references to Judea and Samaria by naming them Palestine.

1. Nationhood and Jerusalem — Israel became a nation in the 14th century B.C., two thousand years before the rise of Islam.
2. Since 1272 B.C., the Jews have had dominion over the land for up to 1,000 years, with a continuous Jewish presence in the land for the past 3,300 years.
3. The only Arab dominion since the Arab invasion and conquest in 635 A.D. lasted no more than 22 years.
4. King David founded the city of Jerusalem. Mohammed never came to Jerusalem.
5. For over 3,000 years, Jerusalem has been the Jewish capital. Jerusalem has never been the capital of any Arab or Muslim entity. Even when the Jordanians occupied Jerusalem, they never sought to make it their capital, and Arab leaders did not come to visit.
6. Jerusalem is mentioned over 700 times in *Tanach*, the Jewish Holy Scriptures. Jerusalem is not mentioned once in the Koran.
7. Jews pray facing Jerusalem. Muslims pray facing Mecca (often with their backs toward Jerusalem).
8. In 1854, according to a report in the *New York Tribune*, Jews constituted two-thirds of the population of that holy city. (The source: A journalist on assignment in the Middle East that year for the *Tribune*. His name was Karl Marx. Yes, that Karl Marx.)
9. In 1867, Mark Twain took a tour of Palestine. This is how he described that land: A desolate country whose soil is rich enough, but is given over wholly to weeds. A silent, mournful expanse. We never saw a human.
10. In 1882, official Ottoman Turk census figures showed

that, in the entire Land of Israel, there were only 141,000 Muslims, both Arab and non-Arab.

11. A travel guide to Palestine and Syria was published in 1906 by Karl Baedeker. The book estimated the total population of Jerusalem at 60,000, of whom 7,000 were Muslims, 13,000 were Christians and 40,000 were Jews.

12. As the Jews came and drained the swamps and made the deserts bloom, Arabs followed. They came for jobs, for prosperity, for freedom. And, they came in large numbers.

13. In 1922, with what was widely acknowledged as the illegal separation of Transjordan, the Jews were forbidden to settle on almost 77% of Palestine, while Arab settlement went unrestricted and encouraged by British mandatory authority.

14. Prior to the Second World War, Moji Amin, a member of the Arab Defense Committee for Palestine, proposed the idea “that all the Arabs of Palestine will leave and be divided up amongst the neighboring Arab countries. In exchange for this, all the Jews living in Arab countries will leave and come to Palestine.”



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15. Saudi Arabia was not created until 1913, Lebanon until 1920. Iraq did not exist as a nation until 1932, Syria until 1941; the borders of Jordan were established in 1946 and Kuwait in 1961. Any of these nations that would say Israel is only a recent arrival would have to deny their own rights as recent arrivals as well. They did not exist as countries. They were all under the control of the Turks. Over 80% of the original British Mandate land was given to Arabs, without population transfer of Arabs from the land designated for Jews.

# Focus On

16. In 1947, the Jewish state huddled on 18% of the original British Mandate land. The Jews accepted it gratefully. The Arabs rejected it with a vengeance and seven Arab states immediately declared war against Israel.

17. In 1948, the Arab refugees were encouraged to leave Israel by Arab leaders promising to purge the land of Jews. Most of them left in fear of being killed by their own Arab brothers as traitors.

18. Some 850,000 Jewish refugees were forced to flee from Arab countries, due to Arab brutality, persecution and pogroms.

19. The number of Arab refugees who left Israel in 1948 is claimed to be around 630,000. (Where did they get this number?) Based on population census, the estimated number of Arabs who left Israel was around 460,000. They were ordered to leave by Arab leaders at the time.

20. From 1948 until 1967, Arabs made no attempt to create a Palestinian state. Under Jordanian rule, Jewish holy sites were desecrated, 58 synagogues in Jerusalem were destroyed and the Jews and Christians were denied access to places of worship. Under Israeli rule, all Muslim and Christian sites have been preserved and made accessible to people of all faiths.

21. Arabs began identifying themselves as part of a Palestinian people in 1964 on the initiative of Egyptian-born Yasser Arafat. The idea became a popular Arab propaganda tool after Israel recaptured Judea, Samaria and Gaza in the defensive Six-Day War of 1967.

22. Out of the 100,000,000 refugees since World War II, Arab-Palestinians are the only refugee group in the world that has never been absorbed or integrated into their own peoples' lands. Jewish refugees were completely absorbed into Israel.

23. Arab refugees were *intentionally* not absorbed or integrated by the rich Arab oil states that control 99.9 percent of the Middle East land mass. They are kept as virtual prisoners by the Arab power brokers with misplaced hatred for Jews and Western democracy.

24. There is only one Jewish state. There are 60 Muslim countries, including 22 Arab nations.

25. The PLO's charter still calls for the destruction of the State of Israel.

26. Pan-Arabism, or the doctrine of Muslim Caliphate,

declares that all land that used to belong to Muslims must be returned to them. Thus, Spain, for example, must eventually be reconquered.

General Assembly resolution 181, of Nov. 29, 1947 calls for the partition of Palestine into Jewish and Arab states, with Jerusalem to be controlled by a "special international regime" to protect its holy places. The Zionist movement seeking to establish a Jewish state accepted the partition, the Arabs rejected it. The resolution was not carried out. After Israel declared its independence on May 14, 1948, war broke out pitting the embryonic state against seven surrounding Arab states. Israel gained more land than it would have had under the partition resolution. Neither Israel nor Jordan, which controlled the divided parts of Jerusalem after the war, accepted control of the holy city by an international body.

U.N. Security Council resolution 242, Nov. 22, 1967 calls for "withdrawal of Israel armed forces from territories occupied" in the 1967 Six Day War and for "respect for and acknowledgment of the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of every state in the area and their right to live in peace within secure and recognized boundaries free from threats or acts of force." The resolution was not carried out because the Arab side did not recognize Israel, and Israel refused to withdraw. ❖



# Blue vs. Orange: the Jewish Street

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When talking about the “violence in the Middle East,” the Western media like to make light of how this “violence” affects ordinary people, also known as “the Arab street.” When homicide bombers attack, the cameras are usually quickest to show up at the door of the bomber’s family, rather than the victims’. The Western media audience is inundated daily with how the Arabs feel, how they are being put down and humiliated, and in the background, how this can lead to further “violence” and even justify it.

I would like now to shift focus to “the Israeli street,” where what’s being talked about most is Prime Minister Sharon’s disengagement plan. Without even talking to anybody, one can see that the streets themselves speak volumes. Throughout the country, cars, homes, bicycles, backpacks, and almost anything else you can imagine are decorated with either blue (pro-disengagement) or orange (anti-disengagement) ribbons. This is a passive way for people to express their political views, and the war of the ribbons is in full swing. Activists from both camps stand on street corners handing out ribbons (the orange cost between 1 and 2 shekels, while the blue are free), with the predominant color in the capital being orange.

town reading, “Gush Katif and Samaria in blood and fire.”

As the date for the disengagement drew closer, the “orange” activists organized more and bigger demonstrations against the plan, some of them ruled illegal by the police. The demonstrations were held in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Sderot, Kefar Maimon, and many other places around the country. After only a couple of attempts with smaller-than-expected turnouts at each event, the “blue” camp has since given up organizing major demonstrations in favor of the disengagement plan. The “blues” now like to refer to themselves as “the silent majority,” rather than trying to match the range of support that the “orange” enjoy in demonstrations, ribbons, and other visible symbols.



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Other activists have taken to the streets placing posters and spray painting graffiti denouncing Sharon, the government and the terrorists. One poster appearing in downtown Jerusalem features a child’s picture with the headline “Judenrein,” referring to the Nazis’ policy of ridding Jews from the Rhineland, and written below, “Again expelled?” Another poster portrays several masked (presumably Palestinian) gunmen with the words, “Expel enemies, not brothers.” Popular graffiti includes “The Supreme Court endangers the [Jewish] people,” (because of their extreme leftist rulings), and another that appeared on the busy Jaffa Street in down-

Early opinion polls showed a clear majority in favor of the disengagement plan. Over the course of time, however, leading up to the actual disengagement, new polls revealed that the public was evenly split. The word on the streets in Jerusalem, where the government meets to make its decisions on disengagement, is that this is a retreat under fire with nothing in return, a clear victory for the terrorists. It is for this very reason that Finance Minister Benjamin Netanyahu finally quit the cabinet, threatening a split in the ruling Likud party.

Despite the popular support that the “orange” camp enjoys, it will all be for naught so long as the prime minister (and once father of the settlement movement) remains firmly “blue.”

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