

# Levitt Letter

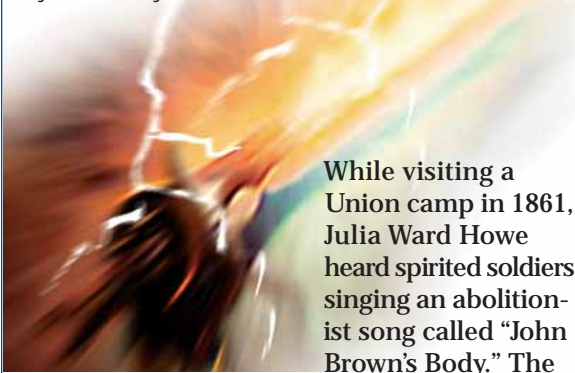
"Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved."—ROMANS 10:1



Reflecting on American Independence Day, freedom spirit, and the question of how to deal with Islamic incursions, Jeff developed the following short Bible study with political commentary. God expects us to live by and preserve His laws.

## Christian "Freedom Fighters" and the Muslims Among Us

By Dr. Jeffrey Seif



While visiting a Union camp in 1861, Julia Ward Howe heard spirited soldiers singing an abolitionist song called "John Brown's Body." The

"freedom fighters" hymn moved her to pen a rapturous song of her own: "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." Her upbeat tune so struck a cord with Westerners that it was employed at the funerals of Sir Winston Churchill, Senator Robert Kennedy, and Presidents Reagan and Nixon.

Lines like "Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword; His truth is marching on!" have fired national enthusiasm and left a lasting impression on the American psyche. Howe's fifth stanza was edited: "In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea, With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me: As He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free; While God is marching on." Originally, however, she wrote: "As He died to make men holy, let us *die* to make men free," and then followed with "Glory! Glory! Hallelujah...." *(continued next page)*

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## Religious Profiling in Europe

By Gary Bauer,  
*End of Day Report*



Gary Bauer

Recently, *The Washington Times* reported that security officials throughout Europe have endorsed a plan to "profile mosques on the Continent and identify radical Islamic clerics who raise the threat of homegrown terrorism." One of the key issues security officials will be investigating is sources of funding. For years, I have been critical of the role Saudi money is playing in the spread of Wahhabism, an extremely virulent form of radical Islam that breeds jihadist sentiment. In my report about the Muslim radicals arrested for plotting a massacre of U.S. troops at Fort Dix, N.J., I suggested that the mosque they attended should be investigated and Saudi-funded extremism kept out.



“Die to make men free....” While many of today’s Christians seem to have trouble finding a “cause to die for,” Muslims apparently do not—evidenced by a seemingly brazen disregard for their own lives and others’. Muslims killed Bobby Kennedy in 1968, kidnaped and murdered Olympic athletes in 1972, took the U.S. embassy in Iran in 1979, commandeered the *Achille Lauro* in 1985, hijacked TWA flight 847 in Athens in 1985, bombed Pan Am flight 103 in 1988, bombed the World Trade Center in 1993, and bombed embassies in Kenya and Tanzania in 1998.

Muslims, of course, hijacked airplanes in 2001 and flew them into the WTC’s Twin Towers, Pentagon, and a field in Pennsylvania, killing multiple thousands. These are but a few examples.

Set “on edge” by it all, let us attend to the following question: *How should we deal with Muslims among us?* To find our answer, let’s examine some classic Jewish literature: Deuteronomy 16:18-20.

18 You shall appoint judges and... they shall judge the people with just judgment.

19 You shall not pervert justice; you shall not show partiality....

20 You shall follow what is altogether just, that you may live and inherit the land which the Lord your God is giving you.

The italics above denote the premium Moses placed on the administration of justice *for all*. “Altogether just” in the English translation of verse 20 literally reads in Hebrew “Justice, justice shalt thou follow.” The seeming redundancy of “justice, justice” presses the point forcefully and emphasizes the literature’s insistence on righteous evenhandedness in the administration of justice. Accordingly, criminal convictions were to be secured on the basis of more than one witness (19:15-21) and judges were to “make careful inquiry” of facts (19:18). In no uncertain terms, Bible readers note that *God demands justice, and is not kindly*

*disposed toward those who deny it to those in need of it!*

Judeo-Christian “freedom fighters” believe that all of humankind was created in “God’s image” (Gen. 1:26) and, therefore, possesses inalienable rights, whether Muslim, Jew, or atheist. Rights due every person, irrespective of race, religion, sex, and creed, include—and are not limited to—(1) *honor*, (2) *personal dignity and respect*, (3) *freedom to think and be different*, and (4) *freedom to benefit from the fruits of one’s own labor*. Given the above, injustice—toward anyone, for any reason—is, by nature, deemed a blasphemous disrespect toward *God*.

A “freedom fighter” myself, I am compelled to grant others the freedom to worship according to the dictates of their own wishes (not mine); thus, I impose no vision or action upon the religious rights of our multicultural citizenry. And to those who mistake our culture’s freedom/strength for a weakness, as a “freedom fighter” I suggest the following: *Anyone among us who enjoys the freedoms granted by us should experience the full weight of the justice administered through us.*

So, how should we deal with Muslims among us? Because our Judeo-Christian constitution demands that we treat everyone fairly, we must be restrained in our judgments and keep our swords in their sheaths. That said, we should also serve the following notice: Anyone—citizen, alien, anyone—and everyone who steps outside the bounds of our distinctly Judeo-Christian way of being, our code of law, will be held accountable. Regarding those deviants, I agree with Julia Ward Howe that we should “loose the fateful lightning of the terrible swift sword,” letting them know that they misconstrued our meekness as weakness, and demonstrating that, in the wake of “due process,” we have the liberty and obligation to unsheathe our swords and deal them a blow of justice.



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# The Pervasive Internet

By Patrick Cox,  
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Patrick Cox

Obviously, there is a delay between an essay's creation and when you read it, especially if you read it on paper—as opposed to, say, in an email. The words have to be edited, approved, graphically formatted, printed, addressed, transported to a post office, and eventually delivered to you.

By the time you read this essay, its news won't be new. I say this to point out that the world has been mightily changed by the Internet. Yet, I think that a lot of people don't really understand how changed it is. Two recent events help demonstrate the scope of the Internet's influence.

One of them is the widely circulated video of a Palestinian kiddy show featuring "Mickey Mouse" preaching Islamic supremacism and urging children to martyrdom as a means to destroy the nation of Israel and eventually rule the world. Similar videos have circulated before, including one that I've written about here: 12-year-old Mohammed al Dura beckoning from paradise and encouraging other Palestinian children to join him by dying in jihad. Al Dura's death was blamed on Israeli soldiers, a fabrication by Palestinian propagandists spread by French television and the Internet.

The Internet's surge since al Dura is huge. Millions of people have watched aghast as the imitation Disney character urges murder and genocide. I doubt the Hamas government expected anyone to tape and subtitle snippets of the kiddy show and release it to the Internet or that it would have such an impact in the West. They still think in terms of the old media days when they could pull off propaganda like the al Dura fraud. In that, they are not alone.

Still, several aspects about the hail of criticism the show provoked are worth noting. One is the relative impotence

of Disney's lawyers, renowned for their zeal and effectiveness in preventing copyright infringements. In the world that respects the rule of law, nothing like the mouse video could take place. Proving that the Palestinian Authority is not part of that world, a Hamas spokesman claimed that suggestions the show be removed from the air constituted a "criticism of Islam." I invite you to ponder the depths of that sophistry for a moment.

## "Criticism of Islam"

The other event regards the six New Jersey Muslims who were arrested before they could carry out their planned murders of Fort Dix soldiers. Somehow, these men of mostly Albanian descent became convinced that Fort Dix was attacking Islam. In reality, the base played an instrumental role in the destruction of the Christian Serb government, thereby protecting Albanian Muslims during the Clinton years.

How did the arrested men get it so wrong? News reports say that they were saturated in Islamist Internet propaganda. The same loathsome death cult that corrupted an American cartoon icon among Palestinians managed to turn men with every advantage against the country that cradled and tolerated them. You may have heard this from others by now; still, I ask you to consider how much more effective this immersive cultural darkness must be when children literally grow up in it.

In Islamist-influenced countries around the world, hundreds of millions of people believe that they can enter paradise by dying in the effort to kill or conquer anyone who disagrees with their religious and political philosophy. Their numbers increase daily. The fact that American troops risked—and gave—their lives in order to protect the religious rights of ethnic Albanian and other Muslims during the conflict in Yugoslavia, yet these would-be terrorists still view American soldiers as their enemies, indicates to me that there is no change we can make, short of converting to Islam, that will lessen their hatred of us. ★

*For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.* EPHESIANS 6:12

# Shalom From Sandra



Being on the replica of a first-century boat on the Sea of Galilee in Israel always reminds me what Kelly Strong's poem says: that "freedom is not free." After we have boarded the boat, one of the first things we do is play the Star Spangled Banner and raise the American flag. We all stand with our right hands over our hearts and sing. I usually end up crying. Then we play HaTikva, Israel's national anthem, and raise the Israeli flag. (I usually end up crying here, also.) This is done in the middle of the water, in full view of the Golan Heights and the mountains all around—like a bowl with the Sea of Galilee in the middle. Out in the middle of the Sea—a lake really, 7 miles by 14 miles—we have no protection other than our prayers. Gospel music blares from a CD player and we are singing and dancing. One of my favorite worship songs that we sing has the words, "put your hand in the hand of the Man from Galilee." Here we are on the water where Messiah walked and taught. It is a great visual. We are also sitting targets for anyone who wants to harm us, and yet there is a peace that passes all understanding (Phil. 4:7). We are in His hands. It is just the boat, the water, and us. No other protection. It is, for me, the whole picture of life in full view.

The Golan is a tiny part of Israel, about 300 square miles, that was occupied by the Syrians from 1948 until 1967, when the IDF (Israel Defense Forces) took back the land. It is strategic for the security of Israel, for beyond Syria lies Iraq. When the Jews really started coming home in the late 1800s, *kibbutzim* were established in the areas of the Golan, Hula Valley, Jordan Valley, and, of course, Galilee. The Jews came home to land that was mosquito-infested, swampy, and with very little vegetation. No one

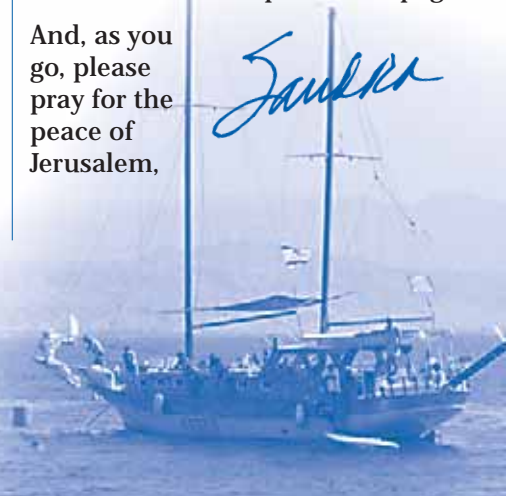
wanted it. It had been destroyed and left to rot. The Jews bought the land, paying many times more than what it was worth. The Jews just wanted a home, so they paid the price. Their enemies would fire guns at boats on the Galilee and attack the *kibbutzim* without hesitation. Those early returning Jews made great personal sacrifices, dying not only from terrorists, but also from diseases such as malaria.

On the boat in the middle of the Sea of Galilee, I realize how much has been sacrificed for me. My Savior sacrificed His life for my sins and my eternal salvation. Men and women who fought for my country's freedom from tyranny and oppression sacrificed their lives for me. The Jewish people sacrificed their lives to rebuild a home for me—for Israel is my eternal home.

I thank God everyday for His Son, the Messiah. And, especially this month when we celebrate American independence, I thank the men and women in our armed services for their sacrifices in protecting America's freedom. No, freedom is not free.

Please pray about seeing your home, Israel. Our Fall Tour begins October 16 and includes four options, see page 32.

And, as you go, please pray for the peace of Jerusalem,



Those who have been on Zola's tour to Israel know our head guide, Zvi, a veritable encyclopedia. Who can forget getting on the bus and hearing "*Boker tov* (good morning), I am still Zvi and there is no snow in Jerusalem today." And, when we get off the bus, the infamous "Let's go." We have left this article about the Pool of Siloam unedited in order to retain the flavor of Zvi's unique presentation. Enjoy! — Sandra

## The Pool of Siloam

By Zvi



In Hebrew, *Shiloah*—it means, "The water is sent." All this began when the Assyrians with King Sennacherib came to attack the Southern Kingdom of Israel, Judah (called *Yehudah* in Hebrew), destroying some cities (such as Lachish), and were in the way to the capital, Jerusalem.

King Hezekiah of *Yehudah*, prepared Jerusalem for that war and fortified the walls of Jerusalem (the broad wall), dug the Hezekiah's Tunnel to bring the water of the Spring of Gihon to a pool of water called Shiloah/Siloam, which will be within the walls of the city. 2 Chronicles 32:2-4, 30

All these were ready by 701 B.C. So, when the Assyrians came, they found a ready city and God destroyed the Assyrian army—a great miracle of God. Year 586 B.C. the Babylonians destroyed Jerusalem and the Pool of Shiloah and the walls around it. Seventy years later the city of Jerusalem was rebuilt.

The Pool of Shiloah/Siloam which is mentioned in the Book of John 9:7—connected to the miracle made by

Yeshua—Jesus—healing a man born blind, telling him to wash in the Pool of Shiloah/Siloam.

Those two mentioned pools were unknown, or mistaken known as very little pool in the end of Hezekiah's Tunnel, with some ruins around and a mosque beside. It was hard to believe that it was the famous biblical pool, but it was the official tradition, leaving a very bad taste to people who expect something more impressive.

The Israelis liberated the political East Jerusalem in the Six Days War 1967, with great miracles of God, but they didn't act as winners of war which was started by enemies who wanted to eradicate the Jewish Nation from the world including their history, heritage, present, and future. They didn't start a massive archaeological dig in the real Old City of Jerusalem—the City of David—, but dug few square yards here and there. In 2004, just by chance, few old stones were found few yards southeast of the traditional pool and then the excavations started in the summer of 2004 (it's still going on), but they are very limited to about 11% of the size of the monumental Second Temple period—Yeshua's time—just because Israel is afraid to declare all the area around as a very important for archaeology (the reasons are political reasons, a fear from the world, United Nations, etc.). This is a sign of weakness and not of a free nation in her homeland. At least we can see some of the real pool. The traditional pool is Byzantine 4th century A.D. and it's brand new. (In Israel everything after year 70 A.D. is brand new, up to 70 A.D. is ancient.) God bless you in Yeshua name. See you in Israel. ★



# For Zion I Will Not Be Silent. U.S. Rabbis Arrested

By Baruch Gordon, [IsraelNationalNews.com](http://IsraelNationalNews.com)

On April 17th, 50 rabbis, students, and laymen staged a sit-in protest calling on the United Nations Secretary General to expel Iran from the international body for its threats to wipe the State of Israel off the map. The protest began with a demonstration at the Iranian mission to the UN, and continued with a march through the streets of New York to the Isaiah Peace Wall.

*The day begins with a protest at the Iranian Mission to the UN.*

*Photo: Stephen Belsky*



*Marching through Manhattan's streets  
Photo: Stephen Belsky*

It was under this wall bearing Isaiah's prophecy of world peace that the group of distinguished Jewish leaders acted on the prophet's declaration: "For Zion's sake I will not be silent and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be still." In a glaring act of civil disobedience, the U.S. Jewish leaders sat down on the busy New York City sidewalk obstructing pedestrian traffic.

New York City police warned the activists to voluntarily clear the way or face arrest and charges of disorderly conduct. The rabbis chose the latter option, and one by one, they were handcuffed and hauled away. Three paddy wagons of rabbis, students, and lay leaders were brought to Central Booking where they joined together in a spirited afternoon, *Mincha*, prayer service. They were later released.

The event was organized by Rabbi Avi Weiss's AMCHA—The Coalition for Jewish Concerns.

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

All streams of American Judaism were represented. In the words of participant Rabbi Mark Ankcorn,

**“There were Orthodox, Conservative, Traditional, and Reform rabbis all in custody for protesting at the UN, and I was proud to be with them.”**

*Arutz Sheva* ([IsraelNationalNews.com](http://IsraelNationalNews.com)) presents a photo essay of the historical event including

videos and links to comments by participants.



*The protest underway  
Photo: Rabbi Mark Ankcorn*

The American public looks on via the TV cameras as Jewish spiritual leaders begin to be handcuffed for the sake of Zion.



*The arrests begin. L-R: Rabbi Bruce Ginsburg (in trench coat), Rabbi Avi Weiss, Rabbi David Kalb  
Photo: Yonah S. Berman*

*Police bring Rabbis Avi Weiss and David Kalb to the police paddy wagon.*

*The handcuffed rabbis are loaded into a police van  
Photo: Stephen Belsky*



Zola Levitt Ministries will inquire about deploying missionaries from our “To The Jew First” program for the next sit-in.

The presence of gentile Believers will mean so much more than assurances that “our prayers are with you.”

If you, the reader, consider yourself a candidate to travel to the next sit-in protest and be arrested with those calling for the expulsion of Iran for its threats against Israel, then please write to Mark's attention.



## ***For Zion's Sake I Will Not Keep Silent***

*Isaiah 62:1*

I'd like to extend a heartfelt thanks to the many who are helping us construct a bulwark against the prevailing darkness in Europe, in Israel, and in America.

# DeSeifering Our World

By Dr. Jeffrey Seif



With most Europeans seemingly given to a low view of Christian faith and practice and a high view of cowardly acquiescence to its mushrooming Islamic population, I am troubled, fearing that we are experiencing the inevitable death of Judeo-Christian civilization in Europe.

Europeans need vast amounts of petroleum to fuel their industrial complexes and economies. They placate their Arabic trading partners in North Africa and throughout the Middle East to ensure that they'll be able to meet their incessant energy needs. I believe that political and economic expediencies will continue to press Europeans to abandon the Jews en masse as a precondition for keeping the false peace with their Islamic trading partners. This, coupled with Europeans' need to appease the many, many millions of European Muslims living and reproducing among them and pressing upon them, will continue to edge out Christian ethics and—barring a fortunate revival!—will contribute to the demise of Western civilization on the European continent.

If reading about this potential calamity bothers you, please realize that writing about it troubles me. But this is what God has put on my heart and I must speak out—boldly, loudly, and broadly.

I just recently returned from Europe where I shot a six-part series that looks

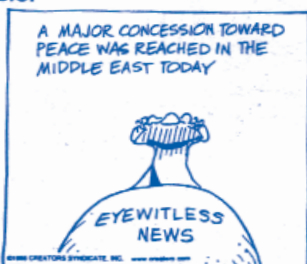
back at the Holocaust while looking ahead and considering Islamic aggression today. This “in your face” series is slated to be broadcast in the States, throughout Europe, and in the Middle East—assuming it is not censored. Given the gutsy nature of the series and our political incorrectness, I will not be the least bit surprised if European stations opt to marginalize our ministry and drop the series mid-run. Do pray for favor, please.

I believe the world needs to hear this message. I personally never dreamed that I would speak this boldly or be given a platform to speak this broadly—literally around the world, to millions. If the Lord has blessed you with resources beyond what you have anticipated, please join your miracle to my miracle: together we can be a blessing by shedding light in a darkened world.

After finishing our June Discovery Tour to Israel, I'm off to Turkey, Greece, and Rome to shoot a major teaching series, *In the Footsteps of the Rabbi From Tarsus*. I am anxious to explore the Jewish roots of Paul's teachings and to finish my new book on the subject, which we expect to release in advance of the series. Your letters indicate you're looking forward to this series, too. I appreciate your feedback and support.

Your messenger,  
Jeffrey Seif

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WHEN, IN ANSWER TO THE MORE HUMANE USE OF RUBBER BULLETS BY ISRAELI PEACE KEEPERS,



By Johnny Hart



# Staying In Step

By Charles R. Swindoll, [www.insight.org](http://www.insight.org)



Better than any other word I can think of, *change* describes our world. Vast, sweeping changes, especially in the last 150 years. Simply to survive requires adjusting, and to make any kind of significant dent calls for a willingness to shift in style and to modify methods.

Consider two of the more pronounced changes in our world.

*Population.* It was not until 1850 that the number of people on this globe reached one billion. By 1930 (a mere eighty years later), the number had doubled. Only thirty years later—1960—it had shot up to three billion.

*Speed.* Until the early 1800s the fastest any human being could travel was about 20 miles per hour—on the back of a galloping horse. By 1880 the “streamline” passenger train whipped along at 100 miles per hour, an unheard of and fearsome velocity. Today... manned space rockets jump the speed to 16,000 miles per hour.

And I haven’t even mentioned the technological advancements in the last century, or the enormous changes made in military armament and defense, agricultural processes, housing, modes

of transportation, medicine, music, architecture and engineering, luxury items and personal conveniences, computers, clothing, and cars.

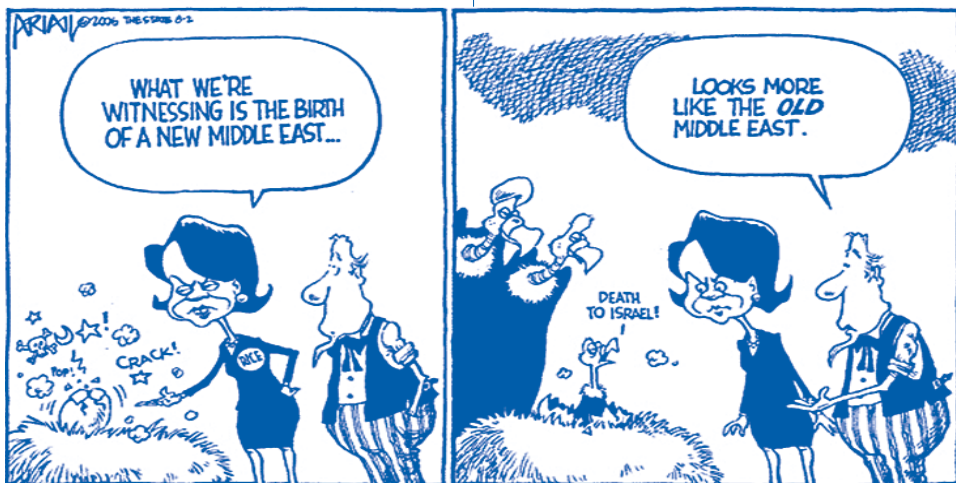
Since God is eternally relevant, since none of this blows Him away (omniscience can’t be mind-boggled!), He is still in touch, in control, and fully aware. Why He has caused or allowed this radical reshaping of human history, nobody can say for sure. But we can reasonably surmise that God is up to something.

Some would suddenly shout, “These are signs predicting Christ’s soon return.” Quite possibly. But what about until then? What is essential? We’re back where we started, aren’t we? Being adaptable, willing to shift and change.

Take communication. We must hammer out new and fresh styles on the anvil of each generation, always guarding against being dated and institutionalized. This calls for creativity, originality, and sensitivity.

More than anything else, I’m convinced, the characteristic that attracted people to Jesus was His fresh, authentic, original style in a world of tired phrases, rigid rules, and empty religion. Remember the report made to the Pharisees? “Nobody ever spoke like this man.” He was in step with the times without ever stepping out of the Father’s will.

Though times may change, the Lord is constant. ★



# Hamas's Mouse of Hatred

By Will King,  
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Will King

The Palestinian Authority, led by the radical Hamas terrorist group for over a year, has introduced yet another program of hatred and incitement to violence against Jews, this one aimed at children. A weekly television program aired on a Hamas-run station features a Mickey Mouse look-alike who encourages children to “resist the Zionist occupation until we win.” The Hamas mouse also promotes resistance in Iraq, taunting U.S. President George W. Bush and U.S. Secretary of State Dr. Condoleezza Rice by name.

The TV program’s co-host is a young girl who appears to be around only 12 years old and dresses in Muslim religious fashion. As the video on Palestinian Media Watch ([www.pmw.org.il](http://www.pmw.org.il)) shows, she speaks directly to her audience of fellow children watching the program and proudly proclaims the Hamas doctrines of resistance and Islamic defeat over the West. She and the mouse speak of liberating the Al-Aqsa mosque and all of “Palestine” (including Israel inside the Green Line), and of resistance and war. Children can call into the show, and several sing songs spewing the same kind of hatred.

By the way, the impostor Mickey Mouse is called *Farfour* which means “butterfly” in Arabic.

At first, a look-alike Mickey Mouse named butterfly might seem odd, but not when you know something about Israeli children’s TV. The program *Parpar Nechmad*, meaning lovely butterfly, has been a popular Israeli children’s program since 1982. Partly animated and partly children interacting with puppets and adult hosts, the program teaches children about holidays, stories, songs, and other specific children’s topics. Hamas simply stole a symbol popular to American children, Mickey Mouse, and named it after a popular Israeli children’s program, *The Lovely Butterfly*, in order to teach Palestinian children about fighting and hatred of Israel and the U.S.

Phase I of the Roadmap peace plan requires that, “All official Palestinian institutions end incitement against Israel.” With the formation of the Palestinian unity government, the difference between Fatah—the “good” Palestinians who supposedly want peace—and Hamas—the terrorists—has disappeared. By choosing to sit in the same government with the terrorist group Hamas, the Fatah Party and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, whom the U.S. labeled as a partner in peace, become equally responsible and accountable for the effluents issuing from their government partner Hamas, including the hate-filled mouse program.

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The question arises, how stupid are we, the West, that we continue giving money to the Palestinians, which they use to indoctrinate their children with messages of hate against us? After the Hamas government was elected and the international community froze funding to the PA, money has been back-doored to them through international aid organizations. Also on the Palestinian Media Watch website is an article by Itamar Marcus detailing how USAID (United States Agency for International Development) funding of Palestinian universities is against U.S. laws that forbid supporting sponsors of terrorism. And now many European countries and Japan are indicating that

they are in favor of resuming direct aid to the Palestinian government!

The West needs to learn that money can be a powerful weapon, but that it can't buy peace. The Palestinians have to want to live peacefully with Israel, which will never happen as long as groups like Hamas continue to use our money to teach hatred and violence. Only when Palestinian textbooks end incitement and fix historical inaccuracies, and only when there are children's programs like *The Lovely Butterfly* on Palestinian TV instead of *Farfour* the Hamas Mouse, can we begin to hope that peace is possible with the next generation. ★

## U.S. Taxpayers Fund Anti-Israel Comments

By Barry Schweid, [www.FOXnews.com](http://www.FOXnews.com)

Overseers of the United States government's Arabic-language satellite television network say a speech by Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah was not screened for anti-Israel content before broadcast because no supervisor spoke Arabic.

"Mistakes were made," Joaquin Blaya, of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, told the House Middle East subcommittee, referring to the broadcast last December and others by the network, Al-Hurra, that he said "lacked journalistic or academic merit."

The subcommittee chairman, Rep. Gary L. Ackerman, a Democrat, said that in several instances Nasrallah used the U.S. government's satellite television network as a platform for inciting a crowd to violence against Israel.

"Why are American taxpayer dollars used to spread the hate, lies, and propaganda of these nuts, when our goal was to counter them?" Ackerman asked.

Focusing especially on the Nasrallah speech, Ackerman said the Hezbollah



Hezbollah Leader Hassan Nasrallah

leader spoke for more than 30 minutes live on the U.S. network inciting violence against Israel.

"Doesn't anybody watch the broadcasts?" he asked.

A new vice president for news, Larry Register, has been appointed, and editors are now accountable for monitoring news items before and while they are delivered.

Board member D. Jeffrey Hirschberg said he knew of no recurrences of anti-Semitic incidents. "The Broadcasting Board of Governors promotes freedom and democracy," he said. ★

# Young U.S. Muslims Support Suicide Bombers

By Alan Fram, [www.breitbart.com](http://www.breitbart.com)

One in four younger U.S. Muslims says suicide bombings to defend their religion are acceptable at least in some circumstances, though most Muslim Americans overwhelmingly reject the tactic and are critical of Islamic extremism and al-Qaeda, a poll says.

The survey by the Pew Research Center, one of the most exhaustive ever of the country's Muslims, revealed a community that in many ways blends comfortably into society. Its largely mainstream members express nearly as much happiness with their lives and communities as the general public does, show a broad willingness to adopt American customs, and have income and education levels similar to others in the U.S.

"Twenty-five percent is a hair-raising number," said Radwan Masmoudi,

president of the Washington-based Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy, which promotes the compatibility of Islam with democracy. "U.S. Muslims have growing Internet and television access to extreme ideologies," he said, adding, "People, especially younger people, are susceptible to these ideas."

Federal officials have warned that the U.S. must be on guard against home-grown terrorism, as the British suffered with the London transit bombings of 2005.

Even so, U.S. Muslims are far less accepting of suicide attacks than Muslims in many other nations. Support in some Muslim countries exceeded 50 percent, while it was considered justifiable by about one in four Muslims in Britain and Spain, and one in three in France.

Six in 10 said they are concerned about a rise in Islamic extremism in the U.S., yet, only 40 percent said they believe Arab men carried out the attacks of September 11, 2001.



# Why the Peaceful Majority is Irrelevant

By Paul E. Marek, [IsraelNationalNews.com](http://IsraelNationalNews.com)

I used to know a man whose family were German aristocracy prior to World War II. They owned a number of large industries and estates. I asked him how many German people were true Nazis, and the answer he gave has stuck with me and guided my attitude toward fanaticism ever since.

“Very few people were true Nazis,” he said, “but many enjoyed the return of German pride, and many more were too busy to care. I was one of those who just thought the Nazis were a bunch of fools. So, the majority just sat back and let it all happen. Then, before we knew it, they owned us, and we had lost control, and the end of the world had come. My family lost everything. I ended up in a concentration camp and the Allies destroyed my factories.”

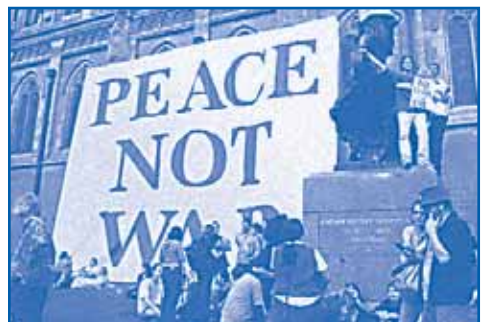
We are told again and again by experts and talking heads that Islam is the religion of peace, and that the vast majority of Muslims just want to live in peace. Although this unquantified assertion may be true, it is entirely irrelevant. It is meaningless fluff, meant to make us feel better, and meant to somehow diminish the specter of fanatics rampaging across the globe in the name of Islam.

The fact is that the fanatics rule Islam at this moment in history. It is the fanatics who march. It is the fanatics who wage any one of 50 shooting wars worldwide. It is the fanatics who systematically slaughter Christian or tribal groups throughout Africa and are gradually taking over the entire continent in an Islamic wave. It is the fanatics who bomb, behead, murder, or execute honor killings. It is the fanatics who take over mosque after mosque. It is the fanatics who zealously spread the stoning and hanging of rape victims and homosexuals. The hard, quantifiable fact is that the “peaceful majority” is the “silent majority,” and it is cowed and extraneous.

Communist Russia was made up of Russians who just wanted to live in peace, yet the Russian Communists were responsible for the murder of about 20 million people. The peaceful majority were irrelevant. China’s huge population was peaceful as well, but Chinese Communists managed to kill a staggering 70 million people. The average Japanese individual prior to World War II was not a warmongering sadist. Yet, Japan murdered and slaughtered its way across Southeast Asia in an orgy of killing that included the systematic murder of 12 million Chinese civilians — most killed by sword, shovel, and bayonet. And who can forget Rwanda, which collapsed into butchery? Could it not be said that the majority of Rwandans were “peace-loving”?

History lessons are often incredibly simple and blunt; yet, for all our powers of reason, we often miss the most basic and uncomplicated of points. Peace-loving Muslims have been made irrelevant by the fanatics. Peace-loving Muslims have been made irrelevant by their silence. Peace-loving Muslims will become our enemy if they don’t speak up, because, like my friend from Germany, they will awaken one day and find that the fanatics own them, and the end of their world will have begun.

Peace-loving Germans, Japanese, Chinese, Russians, Rwandans, Bosnians, Afghans, Iraqis, Palestinians, Somalis, Nigerians, Algerians, and many others have died because the peaceful majority did not speak up until it was too late. As for us, watching it all unfold, we must pay attention to the only group that counts: the fanatics who threaten our way of life. ★



*Demonstration against the Iraq war in Melbourne, Australia, 2003*

# I Wanna Blow Up Just Like Mommy!

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

Incitement within the Palestinian media and education system is certainly not a new phenomenon. Promoting hatred and brainwashing children into a cult of death worship, this shocking form of child abuse poisons young minds and destroys any prospects for peace in the future. The international media recently took up this challenge by high-lighting the appalling Mickey Mouse look-alike who incites children and promotes Islamic domination on a Hamas-run TV station. (See related stories pp. 3 & 10)

Why do the media ignore another equally abhorrent video, which is still running on Hamas TV? Why have they turned a blind eye to this latest horrifying example of Hamas's incitement of children into becoming terrorists and suicide bombers?

Follow this address to see the video in question: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cqHUdwePfbM>

In the video, as documented by Palestinian Media Watch, the four-year-old daughter of female suicide bomber Reem Riyashi sings to her dead mother and vows to follow in her footsteps.

*Reem Riyashi killed four Israelis and wounded seven at the Erez crossing between Gaza and Israel in 2004. She gained the sympathy of the Israeli soldiers at the checkpoint by telling them that she had a metal plate in her leg that would trigger the metal detector. After she was taken to a room to be searched privately, she detonated the bomb hidden under her clothes.*

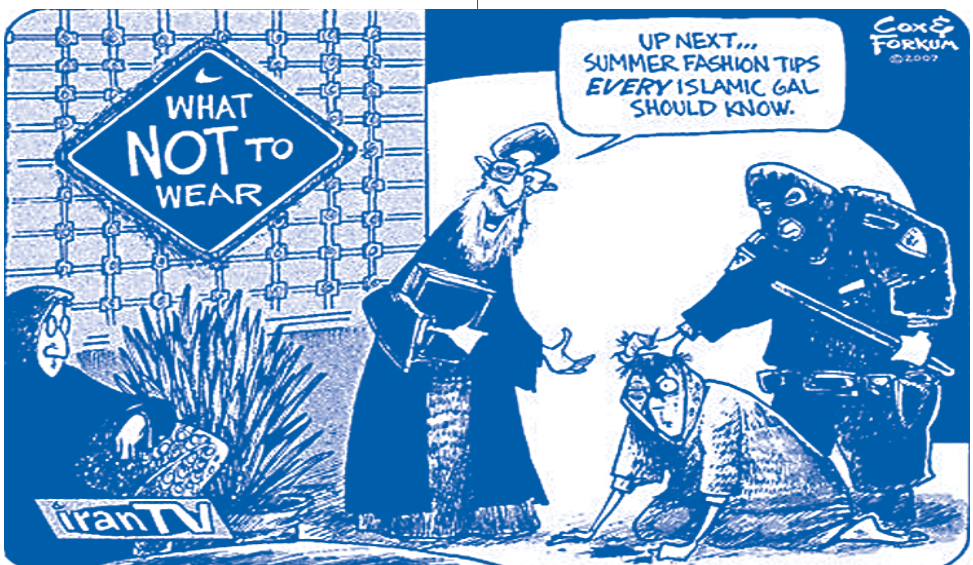
The Al Aqsa TV children's program shows a child actress playing the daughter, watching Riyashi preparing the bomb and asking her mother, "Mommy, what are you carrying in your arms instead of me? A toy or a present for me?" She later sees a TV news story about her mother's suicide mission and death, and realizes her mother had been carrying a bomb.

"Only now, I know what was more precious than us..." she sings of the bomb.

Although she misses her mother, she vows to follow in her footsteps. The video ends as she opens her mother's drawer and picks up the sticks of explosives her mother had left there.

**Question:** Why must the Israelis endure such treachery?

**Answer:** Because when God chose them, so did Satan.



## Jerusalem Women's Conference Report

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

Six hundred Jewish and Christian women met in Israel in May to “promote the status of women based on biblical values.” Organized by the Knesset Christian Allies Caucus, it was hailed as a success despite criticism leveled by the Chief Rabbinate of Israel, which accused some

Christian participants of using the event to missionize Jews.



“Every year 1 to 3 million women lose their lives from gender-based violence; our conferees saw that they were their sisters’ keepers,” said U.S. pastor Kay Arthur, adding, “Women were created in the image of God. In God’s design, men are to be the protectors of women, not their predators.” ★

## Iraqi Girls School Rigged for Death

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

American soldiers discovered that a girls school being built north of Baghdad had become an explosives-rigged “death trap.”

The plot at the Huda Girls School in Tarmiya was a “sophisticated and premeditated attempt to inflict massive casualties on our most innocent victims,” military spokesman Maj. Gen. William Caldwell said. The military suspects the plot was the work of al-Qaeda because of its nature and sophistication, Caldwell said in an interview.

The plot was uncovered when troopers found detonating wire across the street from the school. They picked up the wire and followed its trail, which led to the school. Once inside, they found an explosive-filled propane tank buried beneath the floor. There were artillery shells built into the ceiling and floor, and another propane tank was found, the military said.

The wire was concealed with mortar and concrete, and the propane tanks had been covered with brick and hidden underneath the floor, according to a military statement. Soldiers were able to clear the building.

“It was truly just an incredibly ugly, dirty kind of vicious killing that would have

gone on here,” Caldwell said. Iraqi contractors were responsible for building the school, which was intended to bring in hundreds of girls.

“Given the care and work put into replacing this IED, it is likely it had been planned for a long time,” the military said, adding that it is thought “the IED was not intended to be set off until the building was occupied.” Authorities intend to question the Iraqis involved in the school’s construction.

I am reminded of Golda Meir’s observation, “There will be peace when the Arabs love their children more than they hate us.” —Mark Levitt ★

## Dry Bones

HEZBOLLAH  
“HOUSEGUESTS”



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



A chador-clad Iranian policewoman warns a woman about her clothing and hair in the pre-summer clothing crackdown.

## Tehran Police Enforce Summer Cover-up

[www.telegraph.co.uk](http://www.telegraph.co.uk)

Iranian police have begun a summer campaign to ensure that women do not flout the nation's sharia dress code as temperatures soar.

Such crackdowns have become a regular feature of Iranian life in the summer as police confront growing numbers of young women testing the limits of the law with shorter, brighter, and skimpier clothing. Under sharia law, imposed in Iran after the 1979 revolution, women are obliged to wear a head-to-toe black chador or cover their hair with scarves and choose long, loose-fitting clothes.

Women who "violate" the law can receive lashes, fines, or imprisonment. A police spokesman said, "Police have started to confront those women who appear in public in an inappropriate way." He added that in the first weeks of enforcement, police in the capital, Tehran, had stopped more than 1,300 women and warned them against breaching the dress code.

Now, there's *real* police work in action! —Mark

## Iran Bans Western Haircuts, Eyebrow Plucking for Men

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



Iranian police have warned barbers against offering Western-style haircuts or plucking the eyebrows of their male customers, the Iranian media said.

The report appeared to be another sign of authorities cracking down on clothing and other fashion deemed to be against Islamic values.

"Western hairstyles ... have been banned," a reformist daily newspaper said in a front-page headline.

It came a week after police launched a crackdown against the growing number of young women testing the limits of the law with shorter, brighter, and skimpier clothing ahead of the summer months.

Young Iranian men in recent years have started paying more attention to the way they look and dress, especially in affluent parts of the capital Tehran. Spiked up hair, by using gel, is known as the *Khorusi* (Rooster) style and some also use makeup.

Several hairdressers for men in Tehran offer cuts in the style of Hollywood movie stars and other Western celebrities. Clients can also have their eyebrows plucked.

Since hard-line President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad won the presidency in 2005



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on a promise of returning to the values of the revolution, hardliners have pressed for tighter controls on what they consider immoral behavior.

## Palestine Issues Fatwa on Hairdressers

Ma'an News Agency, [www.maannews.net](http://www.maannews.net)

The Supreme Fatwa Council of Palestine has issued a fatwa permitting men's and women's hairdressers to operate on condition that they do not break Islamic law.

The fatwa stated that women can be employed as hairdressers as long as they only cut the hair of women who want to look attractive for their husbands and not other men or foreigners; this would be *Haram* (forbidden).

It also stated that if a foreign man is present in the hairdressers, women must be prohibited from entering it.

The fatwa also said that men can work as barbers, and activity in the barbershops is not prohibited in any way, as long as it is not against Islam.

## Hezbollah Captures Israeli Balloons

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

When the children of Kiryat Shemona in northern Israel released helium balloons inscribed with the words, "We Want Messiah Now," they probably never imagined where they might end up.

The Arab television station Al Manar showed Hezbollah terrorists proudly displaying their captured loot. While Al Manar reported the children's balloons were sophisticated Israeli reconnaissance equipment, in fact they were emblazoned with a message they would find repugnant.

When the station finally figured out what the Messianic message was, the report was quickly pulled—but not before it was captured for the world to see—first on Israeli television and now on the Internet for everyone.



Internet video capture

Note: As we go to press, the video remains posted at <http://nycjewishnews.com/hezbollah-captures%E2%80%A6chabad-balloons>

## Prophecy, Israel, Play Roles in God's Plan

By Wayne Stewart, *The Palestine (Tx) Herald-Press*

In many churches today, the significance of prophecy and the role Israel plays in God's plan is not taught. End-times prophecy is thought of as scary and cryptic by many people. The truth of the matter is, if you have not accepted Christ as your personal savior, then end-times prophecy *should* scare you. The fear people feel when it is discussed is the Holy Spirit's way of saying Christ's return is imminent and it's time to get affairs in order.

There are some who feel Israel no longer plays a part in God's plan. They will cite certain verses in the New Testament they say point to this. For every verse they single out, there's an entire Bible screaming it isn't true; even the apostle Paul said it isn't the case.

I ask then, Did God reject his people? By no means!

Don't fall for replacement theology. It is not the gentiles' destiny to replace the Jews, but to share with them Christ's redemption which we received through them.

Wayne Stewart presents scriptural arguments against replacement theology. Read the full article at [www.levitt.com/news](http://www.levitt.com/news) ★

### **BROKEN BRANCHES Book – Zola on Replacement Theology**

What can replace Israel and the Jews in God's plan? Certainly not America and not the Church. Nonetheless, well-intentioned denominations seem to have sprouted blinders to their heritage, the very roots of their Christianity. Let us restore the foundation to our Christianity and quit using Grace as an excuse to cast away the Jews and the Promised Land.

*(Please see Order Form on page 31.)*



### **Can You Hear Me Now?**

*This photo of Jews at the Western Wall in Jerusalem was one of Zola's all-time favorites. It seemed to contrast the old ways to reach God to the modern way... via cell phone.*



# Our Church Speakers Will Set Your World on Fire!

Consider inviting ministry representatives **Dr. Jeffrey Seif**, **Sandra Levitt**, **Dr. Tom McCall**, or **Dr. Todd Baker** to your church. Our speakers are available to address a wide range of subjects such as: aspects of the Gospel from a Jewish perspective, the prophetic relevance of today's news, how the Old and New Testaments connect, and more. You already know Jeff and Sandra. Dr. Tom McCall co-authored eight books with Zola, and Dr. Todd Baker founded our ministry's department of missions to Israel. Please contact Scott in our office at sphillips@levitt.com or (214) 696-8844 for information on having any of our speakers visit your church to stimulate missions and world awareness.



## Contribute from your IRA

If you are 70 1/2 or older, you can make a tax-free charitable contribution directly from your IRA. The Pension Protection Act of 2006 allows such gifts—*but only until this December 31.*

### What you need to know:

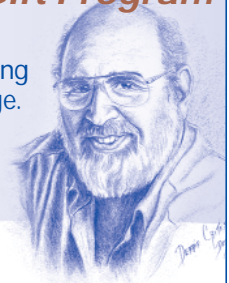
- Make a charitable gift directly from your IRA by December 31, 2007.
- Your contribution will count towards your mandatory IRA withdrawal and won't be taxed.
- The maximum gift allowed is \$100,000.
- Your gift must be made directly from your IRA to a qualifying charity on List 78, which includes *Zola Levitt Ministries*. Please contact your IRA custodian to arrange a transfer.
- You will not receive a charitable income tax deduction for this type of gift. However, because these gifts do not fall under normal deduction rules, you can make gifts in excess of the 50 percent of Adjusted Gross Income ceiling.

Please allow extra time for the request to process before the December 31 deadline. For more information, you can consult IRS Publication 526 or contact Mark Levitt at (214) 696-8844.

## Zola's Monthly Gift Program

### We Need Your Help... Automatically!

You can increase the effectiveness of your contributions by reducing our expenses in processing them, plus save your time and postage. Once you enroll in our **Monthly Gift Program**, our ministry will electronically receive a monthly offering from either your checking account or credit card.



If you wish to use your **checking account** for donations, please follow directions numbered 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 below:

1. Withdrawal amount: (please circle one) \$8 \$12 \$16 Other \_\_\_\_\_
2. Transfer date: (please circle one) 5th 20th
3. Enclose your check payable to Zola Levitt Ministries (ZLM) for this month's gift. The monthly transfers will begin in about 4 weeks, and you can cancel at any time.
4. Signature \_\_\_\_\_ (required for processing)
5. Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_

If you wish to use your **credit/debit card** for donations, please follow directions 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10 below: Your charge date will be between the 15th and 20th of each month. You may cancel at any time.

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10. Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_



# Letters to ZIM

## Law of Return

Dear Levitt Ministries,  
Why does Israel as a nation refuse to allow Hebrew-Christians to be citizens of Israel? If this is true, I pray that the Lord will open their hearts.  
Love, R. L.

Greetings R.L. —

The information is half true. Israel has what's called "the Law of Return," under which any Jew, from any part of the world, can come to Israel and get citizenship in the ancestral homeland. The question is whether that law applies to Jews like me, who believe in Jesus, but still consider ourselves Jewish. Rabbinic authorities in Israel have determined that because we are no longer "really Jews," we are not entitled to automatic citizenship on the basis of the "Law of Return," which is for Jews. Because Israel is a democracy, individuals who are citizens, however, have no problem worshipping as they want, and needn't fear being deprived of their citizenship. — Jeffrey Seif

Dear Jeff,

I love the way you answer the letters from Jewish people with truth, love, and gentleness. You and Sandra are doing an amazing job continuing the Levitt program and newsletter. Thank you so much for still sending the *Levitt Letter* even when I could not send a contribution. — Gratefully, J.D.

## A Nice Belly Laugh

Hi, All!  
Yet another reason why I like Zola Levitt Ministries: You are down-to-earth and not afraid to tell things as they are so one can receive a living perspective. I also appreciate all the foundational information you share for free on your website. Your return policy of "unconditionally guaranteed until the Rapture" gave me a nice belly laugh.

God Bless you all.  
C. from NY



## You're Coming To Europe!

Dear Staff,  
I am a listener in the Republic of Ireland. I have watched many of the programs you've posted on the Internet and am delighted to hear that you have plans to broadcast in Europe.

Europe needs to hear about the miracle that God has worked in our lifetime, of returning Israel to life as a nation and bringing Israel's sons and daughters home just like He said He would. Prophecy coming true like that is only something God can do. I think if more people in Europe paid attention to these things, not only would they have a more balanced view towards Israel, but even more importantly, they might see that the God of Israel is very much alive and at work in our day.

You'd be surprised how much resistance you meet here when you try to broadcast religious programs. This is true even in the Republic of Ireland, which is predominantly traditional Roman Catholic and much less evangelized than Northern Ireland or the U.K. Thank God for the Internet! But what about non-Christians who would not seek out this important message online? They need to hear it most of all.

May the Lord's face shine on you as you pursue this call.

— M.H.

## ZLM Website Comments

**J.G.:** Please keep sending the *Levitt Letter!* I am sharing it with other guys in my helicopter squadron while we are on deployment.

**K.L.:** Please update my Navy rating as I have advanced in rank since my last correspondence. Also, please tell Dr. Seif and Sandra that I am leading a weekly Bible study for Koreans in Pusan, Republic of Korea, utilizing Zola's and Dr. McCall's book, *The Bible Jesus Read*. I thought of this study group idea when I realized I needed to read this book as a prerequisite to the *Institute of Jewish-Christian Studies*. I'm sure you'll agree there's no better way to learn a subject than to teach it.

Each week, my Korean co-leader translates a page or two into Korean. The Koreans get to practice their English and I get to practice my Korean. We hope to translate other materials from ZLM so that more Koreans can come to saving faith in our Lord and Savior! I also hope to organize a trip to the Holy Land for Koreans in a year or two. But, that may come sooner rather than later, as our study group is growing. We would love to have a guest speaker over here, so please pray about that, too! Lastly, as a former Dallas Police Officer, I am interested in Dr. Seif's book, *Guns & Moses*. Great title and, knowing Jeff, likely an even better read. God bless y'all back home in Dallas. Be safe in the Lord and stay in the battle! ★



## Sunni Education

Shalom Dr. Seif,

I am a Sunni Muslim. To educate you, let me say that the fundamental foundations of the Islamic social system rest on the belief that all human beings are equal and constitute one single fraternity. In short, Islam regards all distinctions of birth, of high and low among men... as a manifestation of their ignorance. It declares that all human beings in the world have sprung from the same parents and therefore have equal status as human beings. Thus the prejudices which have arisen among mankind such as “shapes of groupings” and organizations based on race, color, language, nationality, etc. are disapproved by Islam. Islam is the source of all sorts of goodness, moral beauty, science and civilization. Your newsletter makes fun of Islam, of *Iman* (faith), and the commandments of *Allahu ta'ala* (God). It wants others to follow its example and become excessive and eccentric, commit injustice, do evil and perpetuate savagery. As for your nation, contrary to popular belief, the United States is not a Christian nation, nor was it founded as such. In fact, the founders of your nation harbored rather critical views about religion and were quite explicit that the republic was not founded on Christianity.

Yours, — Y.S. al-M.

Greetings to you Mr. al-M. —

I was thrilled to get your letter. Corresponding with Muslims fascinates me and I trust that you, I, and my newsletter's readers will benefit from the experience.

In your opening salvo, you extol the lofty rhetoric of Islamic virtue in a profound manner. Let me say that I am aware how the beautiful “peace on earth and goodwill toward men” theme is eloquently voiced within Islam. In Arabic too, it is my understanding, the poetic language is verbal beauty in motion. For that matter, the language of the Koran, Arabic itself, is so attractive that various important Jewish works were penned in it and, even more, Arabic had a profound, positive, and lasting impact upon the classical, biblical Hebrew language. It's beautiful.

Still, while cognizant of the wonderful transcendent rhetoric, I am nevertheless persuaded that an enormous chasm exists between the Islamic reality and the religious rhetoric you so eloquently put forth. If you were in charge of the religion, and it functioned just exactly as you say, know that I would get behind you one hundred percent. But my musings and your romantic language aside, the truth is that this idealistic vision does not prevail beyond your pen and imagination.



Am I going out of my way to make fun of Islam and prompt Americans to be uneasy with your religion as you say? Mr. al-M, I do not think Americans need any persuasion from me to feel uneasy, as, despite your lofty rhetoric, we perceive that Islamic values don't work like that at all, and we aren't nearly as impressed by what is said in your words as we are by what we see happening in the world.

While I grant that Christians have not been spotless in their dealings with Muslims, and while conceding that Europeans have, in days past, conducted themselves in an odious manner in the Middle East, I believe that Muslims likewise have committed grave atrocities in the past, and that they want to gloss over those and simply use Christian abuses—be they real or imagined—to impose onto American Christians a false sense that we owe you because we hurt you.

I believe that the problem in Islamic culture is that the virtues you espouse are not amply demonstrated. As for our culture, let me respectfully say that I believe you to be incorrect when asserting that ours is not a Christian nation. If you wish to lay siege to the claim of being a Muslim scholar, I will not con-

test; on the basis of your comments about America, however, I must offer a mild protest, believing that you need better information there.

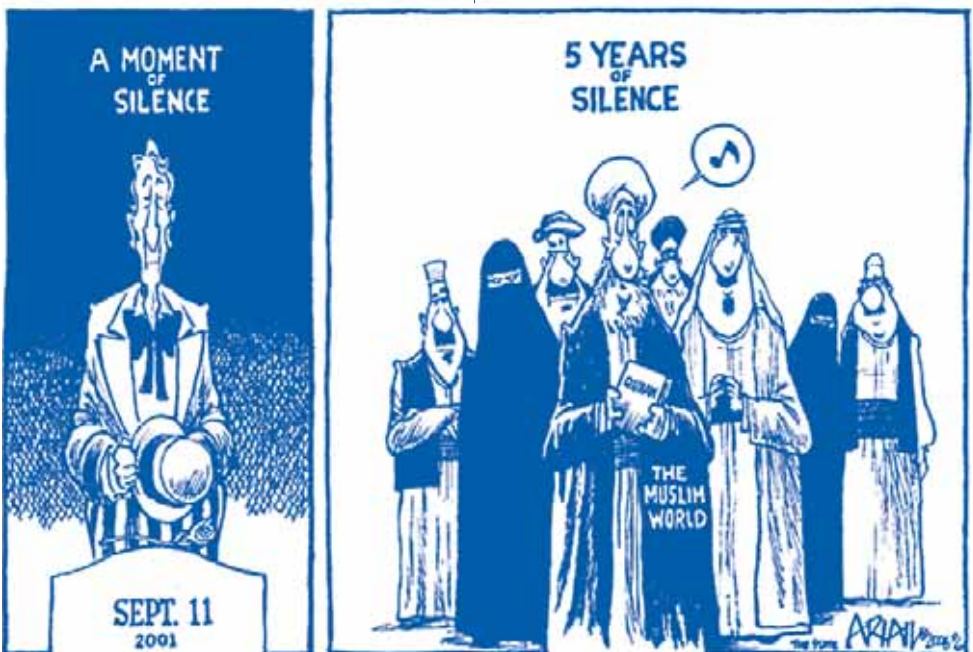
Thanks for writing.  
Shalom, Jeffrey Seif

## Muslim Invitation

Dear All,  
Please become Muslims! Please say, "There is no God but one God (viz Allah) and Mohammed is his messenger!" I am glad that Zola Levitt became a Christian from being a Jew. Now it is time for all of you to become Muslims. Please note: Jesus was also a messenger of the prophet of God. He was not God or a Son of God. Jesus did not die on the cross. For more information, please read *Meaning of the Glorious Koran* by Muhammad Marmaduke. For more information, please read *Where did Jesus Die?* by J. D. Shams, late imam of the London mosque. Please say, "There is no God but one God (Allah) and Mohammed is his prophet." I have invited you to Islam with all sincerity.

Yours very sincerely,  
G.A. (Servant of God)

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Dear Mr. A. —

Thank you for writing. Based solely on what you have said, I have no reason to doubt the sincerity of your gracious-sounding words. However, I am mindful that Islam commends that prior to taking over a person's life and property, and/or destroying the non-believer outright, it is good, right, and fitting for Muslims to extend a formal invitation that the non-believer repent and become a Muslim. That being so, I hope you'll forgive me if I hear words that sound like a gentlemanly invitation and construe them as being a bit threatening.

I mean you no ill will, sir. I am a Jew—and intend to remain as such! Suggesting that Zola and/or I were once Jews but became Christians is a misconception—we are Jews for Jesus, but Jews still; furthermore, thinking that there is an evolutionary trend upward—from a lower Jew form, to higher form of Christian, to the highest life form of a Muslim—reflects operating assumptions that I do not accept. Yours is an insulting triumphalism, sir. I conclude that your mind's eye perceives Muslims as superior sorts, and that, by association, we non-believers are a sub-species, morally and religiously lower on the food chain.

While respecting your right to your beliefs, know that I do not operate with this understanding, as I prefer instead to judge individuals on the basis of earned merit, on the basis of what they

are doing positive with their lives and how they are bettering humankind. These are the winners, sir. To my way of thinking, there is room in the “winners circle” of life for Muslims, Christians, Jews, and atheists. I say this because good people everywhere can decide to participate in human betterment and win my respect by so doing, irrespective of their religion.

I do not believe as you do, sir. There is room for people like you in my world. Tell me; is there room for people like me in yours?

Yours, Jeffrey Seif

Dear Mr. Seif,

Regarding “Crossed the Line” [May '07 issue], yes, I am the one who wrote the letter to your staff, as I did not know who was responsible for the picture. I saw the original one with its original headline—“Comforting Embrace”—on the Internet .... This ministry [of yours] intentionally turned that positive into a negative... Your caption “The God of Love vs. Allah, the God of Hate” will never impart a better understanding between Muslims and Christians... Let me be frank with you, it is the Christians who make your ministry possible. I will never agree with what you did... The only reason I continue to support you is in memory of Zola Levitt.

Respectfully, S.N.





Dear S.N.—

I am responsible for the caption. When I saw its placement by editorial staff, I had the option of removing it—and thought about it some; but I chose not to do so. With my editors, I believe that Islamic ethics and Judeo-Christian values and vision are not identical. The fruits of the two religious systems seem evidenced to me by the fruit they bear. The bombastic slaughtering of innocents is one of those fruits, and I am shocked by how it is not only officially condoned in Islam, but often done beneath the guise of religious virtue. That stance seems uncontested even by moderate Muslims, likely because they are afraid to speak out. I am not! I stand by the caption. Please send me the copies of your written rebukes to the Islamic press for allowing such activity and for their clerics not decrying it; and by all means include all the editorials you have written to major secular networks in America, too. As for your letter to me, let me thank you for reminding me that “Christians make this ministry possible.” Did you think that I did not know that, or were you just being “catty?” Irrespective, I am befuddled by your insulting statement that “the only reason I support your ministry is in memory of Zola Levitt.” Do you feel better now that you have slapped me in the face with your words? As for those words, if you think that Zola Levitt was some nice, non-offensive sweetheart, and I an out-of-control ogre of a sort, let me recommend that you not support our ministry any longer, but that you use the money for therapy instead. There’s too much non-reality in your thinking. Zola built this ministry with “straight talk,” and as I intend to build upon it in like manner, please be advised that I have no intention of

being dissuaded from so doing.

— Yours, Jeffrey Seif ★

## Correction Needed

Dear Staff,

After reading your article “Chaplain Fired for Praying in Jesus’ Name” in the April *Levitt Letter*, I searched through the Internet and found an article that contradicted your information. You need to check out [opinionated.goupstate.com](http://opinionated.goupstate.com) where an article titled “Klingenschmitt Is Guilty” states that he was found guilty of disobeying an order by wearing his uniform to political meetings. Your article is very misleading.

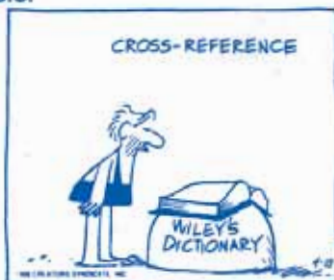
D.H.

Dear D.H.—

Thanks for checking our facts. We do, too. Klingenschmitt left the Navy in May 2007, but his saga continues. You can follow it at reputable websites like [WashingtonPost.com](http://WashingtonPost.com) and [ArmyTimes.com](http://ArmyTimes.com), or Google his name for updates. You’ll find that, yes, his court-martial specified the uniform infraction, but that’s like insisting that Al Capone’s conviction for tax evasion had nothing to do with racketeering. Sometimes prosecutors try the case they can win. If you backtrack Klingenschmitt’s history, you’ll see that the harassment began when he defended an Orthodox Jew, and escalated when he disobeyed an order by continuing to pray in the name of Jesus. By the way, earlier this year, [WorldNetDaily.com](http://WorldNetDaily.com) reported, “Congress got involved and ordered the Navy to rescind that particular policy, and allow chaplains to pray as their conscience dictates,” so some good came of it.

Keep checking, — Editor ★

B.C.



By Johnny Hart

## Dialogue With A Questioning Jew

Dear Zola Levitt Ministries,  
I have some questions that I have repeatedly tried to get answered. I am a Jew, and my wife is Christian. I think I have a pretty good understanding of Christianity except for one area in which the rabbis refuse to tread and the pastors can't give me anything except rote answers that don't really answer my question, which is this: Christians say that unless you believe in, and accept Jesus into your heart, you are doomed to Hell. But, if Jesus is the sacrifice for the whole world, for all people, forever, then, why does it matter whether you believe it or not?

Cases in point: 1) An illiterate Jew unaware of the annual Yom Kippur sacrifice would still have been covered by it along with all the people of Israel. 2) A first-born son in Egypt at the time of the Passover, even if he thought that painting the doorposts with blood was nonsense, would still have been passed over, as were believers. 3) I can understand the theology of blood sacrifice and how Christians say Jesus did it once, for everyone, for all time. Our Scripture says over and over that if we come to God with *teshuvah* (repentance), God will forgive us. Nowhere is belief in Messiah a condition. From what I read in the New Testament, it says that if you believe you will be saved, but it never says that if you do not believe you will be lost. That would be contrary to Torah, anyway. If God changed His mind between Torah and

the New Testament, then Christians worship a different god. 4) According to Christianity, even Jews who tried to keep Torah, when they went into Nazi ovens went into everlasting fire because they never believed in Jesus. Did millions of our people go into everlasting fire when they went into the ovens? God forbid!

Perhaps you can shed some light. I am tired of rote answers with no Torah to back them up. Without Torah back-up, they become only interpretations of a particular theology.

Shalom, A.D.

Dear A.D. — These are excellent questions. Because you have received unsatisfactory responses from ministers and rabbis, I realize that I could be added to the list. But, I'll give you my answers and if you find merit, great; if not, I still wish you well as you wrestle with it all.

First, it is my understanding that Jesus' death is not an automatic remedy for the whole world, but rather, with His death, all individuals have the opportunity to come to God through Him. His sacrifice/death provides an opportunity for everyone, not an automatic pass to paradise for the whole world. That the annual Yom Kippur sacrifice could be obscured from Jewish view, as you note, underscores why the "Day of Atonement" was a particularly special, all-Israel convocation: at issue was bringing it center-stage, given its importance. Lev. 17:11 informs readers that in the absence of that blood sacrifice, there is no remission of sin. Likewise, smearing the blood of the Paschal sacrifice under-

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### By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



scores that Someone had a “Divine design” that He wanted to commend to a generation then, and to future ones: at issue here, as with the “Day of Atonement,” is that sacrifice wasn’t to be merely a footnote to the Jewish people and religion, but an intrinsic, central element. Salvation, then, seems to me to be preconditioned by coming to terms with these: a sacrifice in both cases. While I grant that the Torah doesn’t say “accept the Messiah”—as you correctly note—it, nevertheless, does direct attention toward these issues. And these are often ignored in classical Judaism, though they are central in the Gospel—which I see as an extension of Jewish theology, hope, and expectation. It is there, I believe!

What becomes of those who “went into the ovens” without this? I’ll let the Judge who tries the individual cases sort through the particulars and render His verdicts. In my case, however, I want a nice Jewish lawyer advocating for me at the Judge’s bench. The fact that my lawyer (Jesus) is related to the Judge (God) suits me just fine! I say that those who want Moses to represent them, instead, should attend to the issues Moses raised in his writings; issues that you say are too-often ignored in classical Judaism. The need for sacrifice and priest is an essential element in Moses, much as it is in the Gospel.

Did I shed any “light”? I hope this helped. For my money, for these and

other reasons, Moses’ light leads to Jesus’ light.

Whether or not you agree with my answers, I appreciate that you care enough to raise the questions, and wish you the best in your search.

— Shalom, Jeffrey Seif

Dear Dr. Seif,

Thank you so much for your reply. I think you are approaching what I am looking for—and I will attempt to state it here along with my understanding of the universe.

In the beginning, God provided a way to atone for the sin of Adam and *Chavah* (Eve) through the blood of an animal. Since then, humankind, with limited understanding, has been trying to develop atonement theology.

Historically, we were brought out of Egypt as a new nation, needing instructions in order to be a holy people before God, so God gave us Torah through Moses. This was, and is, the plumb line to which everything needs to line up. The Torah gave us instructions for atonement and sacrifice. Since we didn’t quite catch on to God’s plan, He sent us the Prophets and Writings, during which period, and still not getting it, we ended up exiled in Babylon where Messianic hope and theology began to develop.

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Jumping forward a few hundred years, we find Yeshua telling Nicodemus he must be born again through *mikvah* (water) and *Ruach Kodesh* (God's Spirit). Yeshua's answers to the questions of the times always point back to the plumb line, Torah.

A couple hundred years later, we come to the Council of Nicea (325 A.D.) and the formal break of Christianity with Judaism. For the past 1,800 years, Christians have been developing theologies based on New Testament writings and almost completely ignoring the Hebrew Scriptures.

Two overriding problems with modern Christian thought are: 1) it interprets Torah and the Hebrew Scriptures through New Testament writings and modern interpretations of those writings, forgetting that Torah is the plumb line and everything should be interpreted through Torah. And, 2) its explanations of atonement theology exclude a direct Torah (plumb line)-based reference.

To me, as a Jew, there is a huge disconnect here. As Adam was sinless when he first sinned, so must the perfect atonement be sinless in order to restore the world. Ritual sacrifice was an imperfect replacement for the perfect sacrifice to come. Just as Adam's sin put the world into darkness, so too should the perfect atonement put the world back into the light.

I say all this to show that it is not a matter of whether one believes it or not. Truth is truth and untruth is untruth regardless of what we believe. Therefore, if Yeshua is that perfect atonement, then the blood has been spilled and painted on the doorposts of the world for all time. As a Jew, I see another disconnect between Torah teaching and the common Christian teaching of, "Say the prayer and you're in." To me, this disagrees with both the requirements of Torah and the teachings of Yeshua.

My struggle, then, is twofold. The first is that one doesn't have to believe in

the sin of Adam for it to affect the world and the individual; so it should not take belief in the atonement of Yeshua for it to affect the world or the individual, except for the requirements of Torah. The second struggle is getting clear Torah-based answers that connect New Testament writings instead of the other way around. For me as a Jew to accept Yeshua in the Christian way, there needs to be some movement in these areas.

One more question: If God has hardened our hearts, as the New Testament says, is He not responsible to provide for our salvation?

Thank you again,  
A.D.

Greetings A.D.—

Though I thank you for granting that I may be "approaching what you are looking for," I do not presume to know what that is—given that our heart's intents can be secretive, even from ourselves. From what you have written, however, I observe that you have invested an inordinate amount of energy, working with and through these matters, and this prompts me to conclude that your weighty and impressive questions reflect the inquiries of a fellow who cares about these matters more than most. Wow! Compliments aside, let me note how I think we differ.

Your most recent correspondence picks up with what I believe is a mistaken, universalistic "atonement theology." Though I am genuinely impressed by your narrative's development, I do not believe God has waved a "magic wand" over humankind and thereby inculcated forgiveness into humankind. I believe the means has been provided, but the acquisition is predicated, to a certain degree, upon our affirmative response to Him, which begins with that "prayer" that you took issue with. Secondly, though you and I—and erudite Jewish historians and theologians, generally—observe that "Messianic hope" surfaced explicitly in and around the Babylonian captivity, I think it is

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mistaken to assert that it began there. I believe that Messianic theology is rooted early in Moses' writings where, (1) with the problem of sin's entrance came the possibility of redemption and covering, and (2) with the advent of Moses' liturgical system came an institutionalized vision for sacrifice that presages the Messiah's ultimate sacrifice. These, and others, strike me as markers pointing ahead to a future redemption, one that finds expressions more fully in the person of God's Agent, the Messiah. In this sense, Jesus wasn't just a Jew pointing back to Torah—as you so aptly state (and I agree with you)—but, more than that, He is argued to be the object of the Torah, which pointed ahead to Him.

How the Jesus and Messianic faith got so disconnected from the Church makes for a troublesome, but interesting study. Should you be interested, might I suggest you acquire a book I wrote, published by University Press of America, entitled: *The Evolution of a Revolution: Reflections on Ancient Christianity in its Judaistic, Romanistic and Hellenistic Expressions?* You might find it helpful, as I explore the strange rift. (Or, if you contact me in the fall, I'll get you a copy of a lecture I am giving this summer at the Union of Messianic Jewish Congregations conference on the subject.)

With you A.D., I acknowledge problems with imposing non-Jewish eyes and sentiments on biblical interpretations. But, because I view the New Testament itself as a Jewish book, I do not have a problem interpreting the Torah with New Testament lenses, believing that it offers a better telling than rabbinical Judaism, which, among other things, obscures and/or ignores the aforementioned mandates for sacrifice.

Getting "in" by simply saying "the prayer" sounds problematic, I grant. I am more inclined to believe that the prayer is a reflection of one's "entering in." Consider that all of life's adventures begin with a first step. The first step in marriage isn't when the rabbi pronounces "husband and wife," but

more when the parties give voice to their intention. That intentionality is the necessary precondition, the first step—when they go "in" and toward the new future; the ceremony merely ratifies it. In much the same way, the "sinners prayer"—which I suggest you and all men pray—is the necessary "knock on the door" to get back into the garden. It is when we admit to ourselves, never mind to God, what we already know—that we are sinners; that sin separates us from Him; and that we want that problem remedied so we might walk with Him, as with Adam at the beginning—and reach up to Him, according to the Scriptures, that we experience a regeneration through the means by which He provided it—the Messiah.

You close by commenting on a passage where a rabbi named Paul noted there being a veil that lies on some Jewish eyes and a consequential blinding and/or a "hardening of the hearts." While I grant that that sounds patently offensive, I still can't help but wonder how a system of thought could develop that obscures the obvious, and reduces Jewish faith and practice to a form of observance that is disconnected from Mosaic literature, though reverential toward it.

Furthermore, I believe that the Message being delivered with assorted signs and wonders—miracles!—should itself have underscored its veracity. For these reasons, I construe that a frustrated Paul said, in effect, "Look, they just don't get it...." "Look, they just don't get it. They don't want to get it!" But not for the reasons you stated. At issue back then wasn't Jews becoming non-Jewish in their thinking and being; rather, at issue in the Jewish book called the New Testament was some of them lacking a willingness to respond to the fulfillment of Jewish hopes and expectations.

That's how Seif understands the world. Blessings, —Jeffrey Seif





## The Valley of Decision

By John J. Parsons

וְאֲנֹכִי וּבֵיתִי נִעְבֹּד אֶת־יְהוָה

But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD (Joshua 24:15b)

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### The Valley of Decision

Before his death, Yehoshua (Joshua), the great successor of Moses, assembled the people of Israel together at Shechem for his final speech.

Shechem was near Mt. Gerizim and Mt. Ebal, the place where the LORD unconditionally promised Abraham the Land of Israel (Gen. 12:6-7). It was also the place where Joseph was abducted (and later buried), and where the “blessings and curses” were recited after Yehoshua led the Israelites back to the Promised Land (Deut. 27:12-29:1, Josh. 8:30-5).

Since the people who gathered at Shechem did not directly experience the giving of the Torah at Sinai (as their ancestors who died in the wilderness had), Yehoshua inscribed large stones with the words of the Torah written on them and built an altar at the foot of the mountain (just as Moses had done at Sinai). After offering sacrifices, six tribes stood on Mt. Gerizim, representing the blessings, and the other six tribes stood on Mt. Ebal, representing the curses. The Kohanim and the Levites, along with the Ark of the Covenant, stood in the valley in between. The Levites then proclaimed curses on those who performed various sins (such as idolatry) and blessings on those who obeyed the LORD. All of the twelve tribes were to respond to each blessing and curse with “Amen.”

Undoubtedly Yehoshua did this to re-enact the Sinai experience for those who would dwell in the Promised Land.

Yehoshua’s final speech reminded the Israelites how the LORD vanquished all their enemies and overthrew all the so-called gods of the nations on their behalf. He passionately warned them to abstain from any hint of idolatry and to fear the LORD in sincerity and faithfulness. Yehoshua finally asked the people to *make a decision*—either to vainly serve idols or to serve the LORD alone.

Paradoxically, we are forced to freely choose whether to live as a *tzaddik* (righteous person of faith) or as a *rasha* (idolatrous person of unbelief)—and we cannot not choose! All of us have ultimate concerns and values, but if we spurn faithful submission to the LORD, we will invariably be consigned to a life based on the *yetzer hara* (the natural state of the soul) and self-serving idolatry.

Will we serve the LORD or spurn His commandments in favor of our own selfish lusts? Each of us must make up our own mind and “choose this day whom we will serve.”



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Sarkozy

The French Jewish umbrella organization CRIF has hailed the election of Nicolas Sarkozy as the new president of France as a positive sign. Sarkozy, of the ruling Union for a Popular Movement (UMP), defeated Socialist Party candidate Ségolène Royal in the second-round runoff by 53% to 47%, with a record turnout of 86%. The former interior minister is seen by Jewish organizations as a friend to Israel and an important figure in the fight against anti-Semitism.

CRIF president Roger Cukierman said in a letter of congratulation to Sarkozy: "Your position statements during the electoral campaign carry much hope for a France that needs to be reconciled with itself. I was touched by what you said, and I understand that you intend to be a standard bearer of the French values we so cherish, those of a republic that allows each of its citizens to find his and her place in a framework of values that respect every individual and leave no room for intolerance, racism, and anti-Semitism." Political expert Frederic Encel called Sarkozy "by far the most pro-Israeli French presidential figure Israel could have hoped for." Encel said Sarkozy's campaign speeches, political program, and advisers will mean a more balanced approach on Israel.

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# Mission to Israel Spring 2007

By Kathryn LeGrand

To my delight, I was invited on my second short-term mission trip this spring with a “To The Jew First” mission team. What a privilege to return to Israel and share the Good News with God’s beloved Chosen People who first shared His Word with us. I am still overwhelmed by the Message we have to share and at being part of this outreach.

As our plane approached Tel Aviv airport, Torah-observant men in prayer shawls recited their morning prayers to *Adonai*. It was good, and I was blessed. I felt I was in His will.

Our travels in Israel took us from Tel Aviv to the West Bank, to Tiberius, to the Golan Heights and Mount Hermon, to Jerusalem, to Haifa, and back to Tel Aviv. We witnessed to many people from all walks of life and communed with other Believers as well.

Jerusalem’s Zoo, also called the Zoological Gardens and the Biblical Zoo—with Bible verses posted at various exhibits—is built on two levels and provided some wonderful “Divine appointments.” My mission partner, Robert Cuccia, and I talked with a Jewish couple who were visiting from England with their grandson. We connected well as I lived in England myself one year.

*Kathryn LeGrand gives a B’rit Hadashah to a young man after witnessing to him about Yeshua, the Messiah.*



A gentleman named Elei, who was spending the day with his young granddaughter and grandson, when I handed him a tract in Hebrew, thanked me in English.

“Oh, you can speak English,” I remarked, and we had a very long conversation with him about Yeshua and the Bible. Elei actually speaks Hebrew, Yiddish, French, English, and German. Robert learned about Jewish customs and traditions from Elei while sharing the Good News with him. A retired IDF officer, Elei is now a licensed guide with his own touring business. He is also a reserve police officer and I am a campus police officer in Texas. During our visit, his granddaughter slept in his arms while he sat on a bench, and his grandson admired a nearby animal exhibit. Both children were angels! Elei gave us his phone number and business card and asked us to contact him again sometime. Meeting Elei was just one of our many Divine appointments during this productive trip to Yeshua’s homeland, sponsored by Zola Levitt Ministries.

Please pray for the continued outreach of love and compassion to the Chosen People of Israel and all over the Earth. The Great Commission given to us by Yeshua, Jesus, the Messiah, requires us to share the Good News and truth. If we don’t speak the truth, someone else will propagate false truth. Let us clearly state the Good News! The harvest is plentiful and rich in this captivating land of Israel! ★

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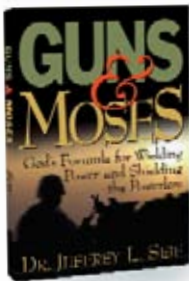
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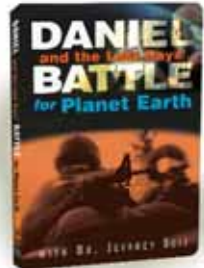
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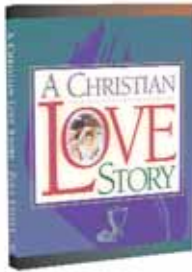
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