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

Here's a breath of fresh air to counter the usual venom from the Arab community.

Am With Israel: **One Arab**-American's Salute By Emilio Karim Dabul, www.nydailynews.com



One of the greatest Arab poets of the 20th century was a Syrian named Nizar Qabbani. He was, in his own way, the Pablo Neruda of the Middle East. His love poems in particular are on a par with anything Don Pablo wrote.

So, it was with great disappointment that I came across one of Qabbani's poems written in the late 1990s, entitled, "I Am With Terrorism." I hoped the title would prove ironic. It didn't. Not even close. In fact, it is one of the most naked, awful pieces of anti-Israel, anti-U.S. drivel I've ever read. Witness this rhetorical device in which he is able to insult two peoples with one poetic stone:

"I am with terrorism as long as this new world order is shared between America and Israel half-half."

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Israel Closer to Curing Cancer

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Israeli scientists have managed to identify the mechan-



isms that control the growth and spread of breast cancer, moving the Jewish state one step closer to discovering a cure to the killer disease.

The findings by the scientists at Israel's Weizmann Institute of Science regarding metastasis of breast cancer cells were published in Nature Cell Biology www.nature.com

A spokesman for the institute said the findings will enable scientists to better understand how cancer spreads throughout the body, and possibly lead to the development of medication to successfully combat the disease.

I AM WITH ISRAEL...continued

And that is actually one of the more moderate sections of the poem. As an Arab-American, I came away from reading it with a real sense of despair. If one of the great voices of Middle East poetry can do nothing more than recycle the Arabs-as-victims stance, justified in horrendous acts of violence against their

"oppressors," then what hope is there ever that Arabs and Israelis will know true peace?

Having just passed the sixth anniversary of 9/11—and in the midst of a new conversation about the so-called "Israel Lobby" that allegedly dominates U.S. foreign policy—I want to offer an antidote to that toxic verse and the other vitriol that has poisoned too much Arab thought.

Israel, with all its imperfections, remains the beacon of light for the Middle East. For that reason, I wish to salute her not only as one of America's greatest allies in the war on terror, but as one of the true miracle countries of this time or any other.

With no apologies to Qabbani, I give you my twist on his verse:

"I am with Israel because a people so long denied bread and freedom, crushed under the wheels of pharaohs, emperors, czars, and Führers, has done more than any other people to free the world from itself.

What single people in history have contributed more to faith, science, philosophy, and the arts?



And done so against the greatest odds, with a sword at their throats...

I am with Israel

because my people, so long in the desert, have not had the courage to acknowledge the great teachers among them, but instead have turned on them, blamed them for all evil and shed their blood...

What other people could crawl away from the wreckage of the Holocaust and, instead of seeking revenge, build the miracle called Israel?

Why, as Wufa Sultan has asked, have there been no Jewish homicide bombers? Perhaps it is because despite all the spit, kicks, and insults they've faced, along with the constant threat of extinction, the Jews would rather build than destroy.

I am with Israel because I am with life, and because beyond its verdant desert, Israel offers the knowledge that those most desirous of peace and freedom are a people who have so long been denied it,

and who with all they know of the world, look still toward Jerusalem and reach for their enemy's hand."

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Iran-Syria Weapons Connection

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Additional proof of cooperation between Iran and Syria in the development and deployment of weapons of mass destruction was revealed in a *Jane's Defence Weekly* report that dozens of Iranian engineers and 15 Syrian officers were killed in a July accident in Syria.

According to the report, the joint Syrian-Iranian team was attempting to mount a chemical warhead on a Scud missile when the explosion occurred, spreading lethal chemical agents, including sarin nerve gas and VX gas.

The factory was created for the purpose of adapting ballistic missiles to carry chemical payloads, *Jane's* claimed.

Although reports of the accident were circulated at the time, no details were released by the Syrian government, nor was the Iranian connection revealed.

Syria-Korea Nuclear Connection

www.timesonline.co.uk

Israel had been monitoring for some time a northern Syrian facility purported to be an agricultural research center on the Euphrates River, concerned that it was being used to extract uranium from phosphates.

There is no doubt that North Korea has nuclear cooperation with Syria, helped by the network of A.Q. Khan, the disgraced creator of Pakistan's nuclear weapons. John Bolton, who was undersecretary for arms control at the State Department, told the United Nations in 2004 the Pakistani nuclear scientist had "several other" customers besides Iran, Libya, and North Korea. Some of his evidence came from the CIA, which had reported to Congress that it viewed "Syrian nuclear intentions with growing concern."

The links between Syria and North Korea date back to the rule of Kim Ilsung and President Hafez al-Assad in the last century. In recent months, their sons have quietly ordered an increase in military and technical cooperation.

Foreign diplomats who follow North Korean affairs are taking note. There were reports of Syrian passengers on flights from Beijing to Pyongyang and sightings of Middle Eastern businessmen from sources who watch the trains from North Korea to China.

Syria possesses between 60 and 120 Scud-C missiles, which it has bought from North Korea over the past 15 years. Diplomats believe North Korean engineers have been working on extending their 300-mile range. It means they can be used in the deserts of northeastern Syria.

The triangular relationship between North Korea, Syria, and Iran continues to perplex intelligence analysts. Syria served as a conduit for the transport to Iran of an estimated \$100 million of missile components and technology sent by sea from North Korea. The same route may be in use for nuclear equipment.



SHALOM FROM SANDRA LEVITT

The way of the Lord is strength for the upright, but destruction will come to the workers of iniquity. Proverbs 10:29

Shalom From Sandra

I love to "dig" in Israel. This past summer I had the privilege to dig—or rather sift—materials from the Temple Mount.

This was especially exciting for me because there are those who are seeking to destroy all history of the Jewsand I had the chance to make a difference. In 1999, illegal construction and excavation took place on the Temple Mount. Material, including artifacts, was removed by bulldozers and trucks and discarded in the Kidron Valley by the Waqf (the Muslim religious body in charge of Muslim holy sites). In 2004, archaeologist Dr. Gabriel Barkai started a project in conjunction with Bar Ilan University that seeks to save those Jewish artifacts. which date from the First Temple period.

The dig is not far from the 7 Arches Hotel in what looks like a parking lot. Mounds and mounds of dirt and debris surround it. I later found out that these mounds were from the Temple Mount. The archaeologists initially dig from these mounds and put dirt in buckets. The buckets then make their way to a shed and are ready to be sifted. I picked up a bucket, turned the dirt over and started looking for treasures. I sorted pottery, bones, glass, metals, and trash. After I finished looking and sorting, I would call a staff member to come over and make sure I had not missed anything. Also in the shed were artifacts displayed according to their dates. It was fascinating to see items from the First Temple period, Second Temple, Roman, Persian, Ottoman, early Israel from the 1900s, right up to today. I got a real sense of the history of our spiritual home. That I found a Hasmonean coin one day didn't hurt either.

This past summer, according to Dr. Barkai, one of Israel's premier archaeologists, "the Muslim *Waqf* began digging a trench more than 400 meters (1300 feet) long—the largest such work ever carried out on the Temple Mount... these are criminal acts that have no place in a cultured country. Some manworked stones have been found in the trench, as well as remnants of a wall that, according to all our estimations, are from a structure in one of the outer courts in the Holy Temple." www.IsraelNationalNews.com

Dr Barkai is right—what they are doing is just wrong! And I want to stop this disgrace now. I was taught that not only do you identify the problem, but also you should have some solutions. Members of the Committee to Prevent the Destruction of Temple Mount Antiquities, headed by Dr. Eilat Mazar, have demanded that Prime Minister Ehud Olmert (fax 011-972-2-670-5475 from the U.S.), Jerusalem Affairs Minister Rafi Eitan, and the Antiquities Authority order the work stopped immediately. They have also demanded that tractors not be allowed to work on the Mount at all, nor any digging take place without appropriate archaeological supervision.





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According to Israel Today, The Temple Institute has issued a statement strongly urging Bible-believing Christians to petition their governments and the government of Israel to put an end to Muslim destruction of important Jewish artifacts atop the Temple Mount.

The *Waqf* will not stop after they have destroyed all the Jewish artifacts. Believe me, they will be coming for the Christian sites and relics next. In 1995, the Christian community had the opportunity to protest when Israel gave up Bethlehem to the PLO. We did nothing. What was once a thriving Christian community is now home to terrorists. Let's stand up as a community of Believers and make a difference. Call, write, and fax our government and the government of Israel. If you would like me to hand deliver your letter to the Prime Minister's office in April, send it to me attn: Prime Minister Olmert. Please be sure to mention that you support actions that would halt the work on the Temple Mount, ban outright tractors from the Mount, and allow no digging to take place without appropriate archaeological supervision. Be sure to express these same sentiments to Washington, too.

As always, I invite you to join Jeff and me for a tour of Israel. We will see the Temple Mount and dozens of other religious sites.

And please, pray for the peace of Jerusalem. Faulka

Blessings, Sandra

WHAT A WORLD!

Israeli-Arabs: El Al Security Too Tight!

By Ezra HaLevi, www.IsraelNationalNews.com

An Israeli-Arab group has called for a boycott of El Al Airlines to protest security measures the airline takes to maintain its record of zero hijackings.

"The annoying and humiliating checks of Arab passengers are an intolerable form of discrimination," said Amin Makhul of the Supreme Follow-up Committee of the Arabs in Israel (also known as the Higher Arab Monitoring Committee) at a press conference in Nazareth.

El Al responded that it operates in accordance with guidelines of Israel's Aviation Authority. Those carrying out security procedures for Israel departures are not associated with El Al, but work for Ben Gurion Airport and a division of the Defense Ministry. For arrivals to Israel, El Al security officers, trained by official Israeli bodies, question passengers.

The Supreme Follow-up Committee of the Arabs in Israel is the same group that published a position paper last year calling to do away with the uniquely Jewish aspects of the State of Israel. Supreme Follow-up was initially formed as a movement in support of the Israeli-Arab Islamic Movement and its militant leader Sheikh Raad Salah. Most recently, the Committee has announced its intention of fighting the "persecution" it sees against Arab Members of Knesset who illegally visit enemy states such as Syria.

Salah, who was present at the press conference, faces charges of incitement to violence after calling for an Israeli-Arab uprising during the construction of the Rambam footbridge at the Western Wall Plaza earlier this year.

The El Al boycott is the decision of a subcommittee within the organization and has not yet been adopted by the group. At the press conference, however, members said they encourage all Israeli-Arab organizations to comply with the boycott. *

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On Religious Intolerance

Arab-American Psychologist Wafa Sultan, from Los Angeles, declares that mankind faces a clash between between barbarity and rationality, freedom and oppression. The five-minute video of her debate with a Muslim imam is posted at:

http://switch3.castup.net/cunet/gm.asp?ai=214&ar=1050wmv&ak=nul

Her many strong arguments include: "Only Muslims defend their beliefs by burning down churches, killing people, and destroying embassies... the Muslims must ask themselves what they can do for humankind, before they demand that humankind respect them."

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Fighting Off Merchants of Death By Mark Levitt



Marlboro has refused to stop mailing their promotions to

our ministry unless we send them a signed affidavit from Will King, "Our Man in Jerusalem." Will King has lived in Israel for years, has never smoked, and yet Marlboro hopes to hook him on their cancer sticks by mailing solicitations to him at our office in Dallas, Texas.



Two "Marlboro Men," Wayne McLaren and David McLean, were both longtime smokers who died of lung cancer. Wayne, a pack-and-a-half smoker, was diagnosed with lung cancer at age 49. Despite chemotherapy, a lung removal, and radiation treatments, the cancer spread to his brain and killed him at age 51. His anti-smoking TV commercial juxtaposed images of the handsome, young Wayne in a Stetson hat with shots of his withered form in a hospital bed just prior to his death.



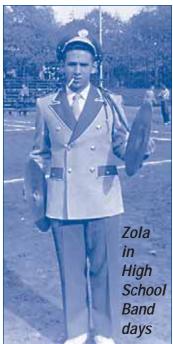
Cigarettes are the only product that, when used exactly as directed, kill you.

The star-studded movie *Thank You for Smoking* (2005) satirizes the interaction of the tobacco industry, the government, the media, and the public. Its protagonist is mass murderer Nick Naylor, a lobbyist for the tobacco industry, who says, "I earn a living fronting an organization that kills 1,200 human beings a day." When pressed, he sometimes falls back on the "yuppie Nuremberg defense" —"Everyone's got a mortgage to pay."

1,200 people per day! My father, Zola Levitt, was one of those human beings. Despite chemo and radiation treatments, he died of metastasized lung cancer on April 19, 2006 at age 67.

Zola was one of Philip Morris's best customers. Before he quit smoking 25plus years ago, he had been a two-packa-day cigarette smoker for more than a quarter century. Arteriosclerosis, attributable to tobacco, clogged his arteries badly enough at age 44 that he underwent a triple coronary bypass. Zola's brother and sister, both non-smokers, are still alive and kicking today at ages 86 and 82. Neither has had cancer, and Zola's brother didn't have a bypass until age 74, thirty years later in life.

It is no accident that cigarettes are horrendously addictive. The movie The Insider (1999) exposes Big Tobacco's hidden secrets. including its secretive chemical manipulation of tobacco to make it more po-



tent and more addictive, and to deliver nicotine faster than in its natural state.

To persuade Marlboro's mass mailers that tobacconists have caused this ministry enough grief, you can telephone them toll-free at (866) 257-4635 and give them their mailing label number for Will King: 3980405811474765. Tell them to remove it from their mailing list, and while you're at it, tell those merchants of death about God's gift of eternal life. I recently returned from a whirlwind trip to Turkey, Greece, and Italy, where Sandra, Will, the camera crew, and I filmed a twelve-

part series on the life, travels, and teachings of Paul, entitled In The Footsteps Of The Rabbi From Tarsus. After finishing filming in Rome, we all took a day off to see St. Peter's basilica, visit the Vatican Museum and more. Never in my life have I been exposed to such an impressive collection of artistic treasures from the medieval world.

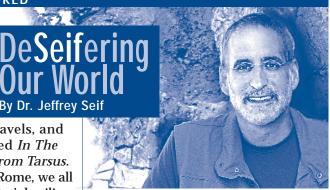
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The artist in me thought it was breathtaking; the church history professor inside me was amazed: the biblical theologian in me, by contrast, wasn't impressed, but was outright distressed by what was observed. While reviewing thousands of images from the Christian past-sculptures, paintings, mosaics, and more-I was struck by how Jesus' story was framed exclusively in non-Jewish and anti-Jewish terms. Here's one example:

A closeup of the Sistine ceiling



In 1475, Pope Sixtus IV commissioned Pontelli to design the Vatican's "palace chapel." Thirty-three years later, Pope Julius II called upon a then-budding artist named Michelangelo to leave his mark on the chapel's ceiling. Though already engaged in the construction of



Julius II's tomb, Michelangelo accepted the additional commission, began the project, and worked with dogged determination until he finished in November 1512.

Michelangelo's ceiling contains a variety of non-biblical images. Colossal ignudi ("nudes") are found throughout, as are depictions of pagan sibyls (ancient female prophets)—all intermixed with famous biblical prophets. Paired opposite Jonah, for example, is the pagan Sibyl of Libya; the prophet Daniel is opposite the Cumaean Sibyl; Isaiah is paired with the Delphic Sibyl, etc.

Contrary to the biblical prohibition (Exodus 20:4), God is depicted in human form on the ceiling, and as having His arm around a nude woman. Biblical prophets and non-biblical, pagan noteworthies alternate on the chapel's lateral walls-all of whom are depicted as peering intensely into the future. Their doing so arguably harks to man's restless quest to know the future. In like manner, with God's being in human form, it also attests to the Church's having lost sight of its Jewish roots and of its fondness for borrowing from pagan sources to tell its story.

It seems to me that Christians in general would do well to open themselves up to the Church's real-world Jewish heritage and forgo its love affair with paganism, as with its employment of pagan tradition in the telling of the salvation story. Sadly, it seems to me that many resist coming to terms with this and, contrary to reason, prefer embracing non-biblical and anti-biblical realities.

Your messenger, Jeffrey Seif

Swedish Cartoonist Shrugs at Islamic Death Threat

By David Charter, www.timesonline.co.uk

Swedish companies lowered their profiles in the Middle East amid fears that a newspaper cartoon depicting the Prophet Mohammed with the body of a dog could spark bloody reprisals.

Ericsson, the telecoms giant, removed the Swedish flag from offices in several countries, including Iraq, after a statement purporting to be from al-Qaeda put a \$100,000 bounty on the head of the cartoonist, Lars Vilks.

The statement, in the name of Abu Omar al-Baghdadi, head of al-Qaeda in Iraq, offered a 50 percent bonus if Vilks was "slaughtered like a lamb" by having his throat cut. It also placed \$50,000 on the life of Ulf Johansson, editor-in-chief of *Nerikes Allehanda*, the local newspaper that printed the cartoon this past August.

The row recalls the controversy over 12 cartoons lampooning Islam published in a Danish newspaper in 2005 that provoked violent demonstrations, including attacks on Danish embassies. Islam forbids as idolatry any depiction of Mohammed.

Vilks, who lives in an isolated area of Sweden, has been given police protection. He said, "I suppose you could say I was an easy target. But I think I possess a healthy rationality; I know that there are some risks involved, but one should not exaggerate them either.

It is also good to know how much one is worth."

The Internet threat stated: "We know how to force you to apologize. If you do not, expect us to strike



the businesses of firms like Ericsson, Scania, Volvo, IKEA, and Electrolux."

The Swedish Ambassador to Saudi Arabia expressed his "regret at the controversy created by the publication, but not for the publication itself."

A leading Swedish daily newspaper, *Dagens Nyheter*, republished the cartoon in an act of solidarity with the local paper that first printed it.

Thorbjörn Larsson, the editor, said in an opinion piece: "We live in a country where freedom of expression is not dictated by fundamentalists, nor by governments. To me, publishing it was the obvious thing to do."

The daily newspaper *Svenska Dagbladet* urged Swedes to defend their right to free speech in the face of religious fanaticism. It said: "Freedom of expression is not a privilege for the media companies and journalists, but a guarantee that citizens can have different impressions, numerous sources of information and inspiration, as well as the possibility of drawing their own conclusions."



OUR MAN IN JERUSALEM

Rome's Jewish Community

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By Will King, www.imagesofisrael.com

Rome is not only famous for the Coliseum, the Caesars, and pizza and spaghetti, but also boasts one of the oldest Jewish communities in all of Europe. Jews began settling in Rome in the second century B.C. when the Maccabees were in control of the Land of Israel, just before the coming of the Roman army. However, the relationship between Jews and Rome hasn't always been what it is today.

In the year 1555, Pope Paulus IV ordered the Jews of Rome to live within a ghetto that was locked every night. The Jews were also forced to wear distinctive signs: yellow hats for men and a type of shawl for women. The Jewish ghetto in Rome wasn't abolished until the rule of Pope Pius IX in 1848.

In 1938 under fascist rule, several anti-Jewish laws were enacted and the Jewish community began to suffer and decline. Some 2,000 Roman Jews perished in the Holocaust.

Today the Jewish community in Rome numbers around 15,000 out of a total estimated 35,000 Italian Jews. There are some 10 synagogues in Rome, the largest of which is the Great Synagogue of Rome completed in 1904 on the shore of the Tiber River, overlooking the former ghetto. Pope John Paul II made a visit to this synagogue in 1986 in what was seen as an effort to improve the relations between the Catholic Church and Rome's Jews. The Great Synagogue houses the offices of the Chief Rabbi of Rome as well as a museum.

Today in the Jewish district, Israeli flags proudly fly at several homes and businesses, as well as on buildings adorned with stone carvings of menorahs. Kosher restaurants, hotels, and Judaica stores can be found clustered around the Great Synagogue. The Jews of Rome seem a proud community, and the other citizens of Rome also point with pride to the relationship they share with the Jewish community. Today, the seat of the Catholic Church and the oldest Jewish community in Europe live beside each other and prosper in Rome.

I was in Europe forty years ago and remember Rome as the highlight of that tour. It was such a blessing for me to show Will Rome this past September when we were filming *In The Footsteps Of The Rabbi From Tarsus.* —Sandra

> The Great Synagogue ▲ Jewish shops in Rome

LAV ISRAEL

Airline Seat Reduces Deep Vein Thrombosis

By Nicky Blackburn, www.Israel21c.com

A new Israelideveloped airline seat that allows air travelers to move their legs more freely dur-



ing a flight could reduce the risk of deep vein thrombosis (DVT) in air travelers according to a new study.

The research by Dr. Harry Abramowitz and Prof. David Gertz, both from the Department of Surgery and the Vascular Surgery Unit of Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Jerusalem, shows that of 25 volunteers who tested the modified seat, NewSit, developed by Israeli entrepreneur Arnold Jonas, 23 saw improvements in their leg volume after using the seat.

DVT is the formation of a blood clot in one of the deep veins of the body, usually the legs. It occurs mostly in people who have been immobile for long periods, such as a flight. Blood passing through the deepest veins in the calf or thigh, begins to flow more slowly and a clot can occur. Once this clot reaches the heart or the brain, the damage is caused. In the U.S., about 200,000 people die of complications due to DVT every year, and about half of these deaths are thought to be related to air flights.

Jonas invented NewSit after spending a number of years commuting once a month between Israel and California. The seat, which has been patented, looks like a regular seat but is made in two parts. With the push of a button, the front quarter of the seat rises up, lifting the passenger's legs off the floor, and enabling him to swing them back and forth in the narrow space between the seats. The swinging movement by itself is good to increase blood circulation, but on the swing down, the passenger also compresses his calf muscle against the cushion, which further helps to circulate the blood. At present, the movement must be initiated by the passenger himself, but it is possible to automate the chair so that it can move while a passenger is asleep.

Aside from helping blood circulation, the seat also provides a more comfortablesitting and sleeping option for passengers, by providing an additional four inches of leg support.

Holy Books Used for Smuggling Narcotics

www.LittleGreenFootballs.com

Should we expect a surge of outrage from the Islamic world over this? My guess is no.

Customs Collectors in Rawalpindi, Pakistan, recovered a huge quantity of heroin and hashish concealed in the Holy Koran and other religious books being shipped in parcels to the United Kingdom through international mail.

Customs collectors received information that a drug mafia active in Pakistan was sending huge consignments through the mail for a long time,



sources said, adding that authorities conducted raids at international mail offices in Rawalpindi and Islamabad.

Checking parcels headed for

England, authorities found four suspicious parcels contain-

ing the Holy Koran and other religious books (Tafheem-ul-Koran), as well as garments.

During the search, the raiding party recovered 12 pounds of hashish and oneand-a-half pounds of heroin concealed in the cavities of the Holy Koran and Tafheem-ul-Koran, the sources said.

Proud To Be A Jew

By Annie Stancheler, Paris, France, groups.msn.com/proudtobejewish

In 2006, with war raging in the Middle East, with global terror reaching new heights, and with anti-Semitism on the rise, Annie Stancheler thought it might be a good time to reflect on why she's proud to be a Jew. Her pride stems from the values embraced by Judaism, which remain constant though the circumstances and particular foe may change.

I'm proud to be a Jew because Jewish education does not consist of teaching martyrdom and hatred.

I'm proud to be a Jew because my religious leaders and religious services don't whip me into a frenzy to kill others.

I'm proud to be a Jew because in the middle of a war, Jews still demonstrate and protest to protect the rights of the Arab-Israeli minority to voice its opposition to the war.

I'm proud to be a Jew because even when Israel is wrongly accused of killing innocent civilians, Jewish leaders apologize for any loss of life instead of passing out candy and shooting celebratory gunshots into the air.

I'm proud to be a Jew when the Israeli army drops leaflets and calls Lebanese citizens on their cell phones to warn them to evacuate before bombing begins. I'm proud to be a Jew when entire Israeli towns are reduced to ghost towns and yet not one looter empties out the property of others.

I'm proud to be a Jew when the UN's Human Rights Commission comprises Syria, Libya, and Iran—and Israel is not asked to join.

I'm proud to be a Jew when magician David Blaine announces a trip to Israel to entertain the children living in bomb shelters and tells the press he's doing it to encourage other performers to stand up for Israel and its right to defend itself.

I'm proud to be a Jew when a Russian/ Israeli businessman single-handedly creates not one but two tent cities on the beach to house Israelis fleeing the North and provides shelter, bedding, food and drink, showers, and bathrooms all without red tape in a matter of 24 hours to house over 6,000 Israelis, one of whom described it as a "poor man's Club Med."

I am proud to be a Jew when 97% of the country is united in its own defense, when Israelis from Jerusalem give shelter to families from Haifa, when food from the Negev is donated to feed soldiers at the front, when the IDF deploys soldiers to deliver diapers to shelters and to entertain and calm the frightened children.

And I am proud to be a Jew because when we proclaim that God is on our side, we have The Book to prove it.



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Our Followers Must Live In Peace Until Strong Enough To Wage "Jihad"

By Andrew Norfolk, www.timesonline.co.uk

One of the world's most respected Deobandi scholars believes that aggressive military *jihad* should be waged by Muslims "to establish the supremacy of Islam" worldwide.

Justice Muhammad Taqi Usmani argues that Muslims should live peacefully in countries such as Britain, where they have the freedom to practice Islam, only until they gain enough power to engage in battle.

His views explode the myth that the creed of offensive, expansionist *jihad* represents a distortion of traditional Islamic thinking.

Mr. Usmani sat for 20 years as a *sharia* judge in Pakistan's Supreme Court. He is an adviser to several global financial institutions and a regular visitor to Britain. Polite and softly spoken, he revealed to *The Times* a detailed knowledge of world events and his words, for the most part, were balanced and considered. He agreed that it was wrong to suggest that the entire non-Muslim world was intent on destroying Islam. Yet this is a man who, in his published work, argues the case for Muslims to wage an expansionist war against non-Muslim lands.

Mr. Usmani's justification for aggressive military *jihad* as a means of establish-

ing global Islamic supremacy is revealed at the climax of his book, *Islam and Modernism.* The work is a polemic against Islamic modernists who seek to convert the entire Koran into "a poetic and metaphorical book" because, he says, they have been bewitched by Western culture and ideology.

The final chapter delivers a rebuke to those who believe that only defensive *jihad* (fighting to defend a Muslim land that is under attack or occupation) is permissible in Islam. He refutes the suggestion that *jihad* is unlawful against a non-Muslim state that freely permits the preaching of Islam.

For Mr. Usmani, "the question is whether aggressive battle is by itself commendable or not." "If it is, why should the Muslims stop simply because territorial expansion in these days is regarded as bad? And if it is not commendable, but deplorable, why did Islam not stop it in the past?"

He answers his own question thus: "Even in those days...aggressive *jihads* were waged...because it was truly commendable for establishing the grandeur of the religion of Allah."

These words are not the product of a radical extremist. They come from the pen of one of the most acclaimed scholars in the Deobandi tradition.

Mr. Usmani told *The Times* that *Islam and Modernism* was an English translation of his original Urdu book, "which at times gives a connotation different from the original."



SERENDIPITY

The Jesus Boat

By Lamar Keener, www.ChristianExaminer.com

Considered one of the most remarkable archaeological finds in the world, an ancient wooden boat was discovered in Israel in 1986 that has been dated back to the first century.

During a severe drought that had lowered the Sea of Galilee to record levels, two brothers found a piece of wood jutting out of the seabed. The vessel had been buried in, and protected by, the seabed's sediments.

Assisted by experts from around the world, the Israel Antiquities Authority rescued the boat during an 11-dayand-night excavation. The weak and waterlogged hull was subject to crumbling after being exposed to light and air. Although the wood looked strong, it was soft and shattered upon touch.

Much of the excavation was done by volunteers lying face down in the cold mud to remove the wet sand and clay by hand in order to preserve the fragile wood.

After workers carefully packaged the vessel in a cocoon of fiberglass and polyurethane, they floated it to the nearby Yigal Allon Centre, a museum dedicated to Galilean history, where it underwent an extensive 11-year conservation process—synthetic wax replaced the water in the wood cells. Allowed to dry slowly, the hull was then cleaned of excess wax, allowing it to be exhibited in an atmosphere-controlled museum environment.

The boat is built in the typical ancient Mediterranean shell-based construction. Numerous repairs, the reuse of timbers and a variety of wood types (12 in all), seem to indicate the vessel had a long work life and an owner of meager means.

Archaeological evidence suggests the boat was used by local villagers for fishing and transport and is firmly dated to the first century. It is likely this is the type of boat referred to in the Gospels as used by the disciples of Jesus, thus referred to by many as "The Jesus Boat."

While not suggesting that the boat discovery has any religious significance, officials admit that if the boat had been unearthed more than a few years earlier, the technology would not have been available to rescue and preserve the fragile vessel.

On my first trip to Israel in 1998, I saw this "Jesus" (Yeshua) boat in a room no bigger than a closet, waiting for the museum to be finished.

It is a fascinating vessel with documentation proving it is from the first century —the same time as Yeshua. The boat is now in the museum and its story is broadcast in many languages. It is one of my favorite sites. I always ask our pilgrims how many types of wood were used to make the boat... The correct answer is 12.

-Sandra

Go to Israel with us! See Holy Land tour information on page 32.

Islamic-Mexican Connection



By Sara A. Carter, www.WashingtonTimes.com

A ranking House Republican demanded a hearing based on recent reports that Islamic terrorists embedded in the United States are teaming with Mexican drug cartels to fund terrorism networks overseas.

Rep. Ed Royce (R-CA), on the House Foreign Affairs Terrorism and Nonproliferation Subcommittee, said a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) document highlights how vulnerable the nation is when fighting the war on terrorism. "A flood of name changes from Arabic to Hispanic and the reported linking of drug cartels on the Texas border with Middle East terrorism needs to be thoroughly investigated," he said.

The DEA document revealed startling evidence that Islamic radicals are camouflaging themselves as Hispanics while conducting business with violent drug-trafficking organizations.

Michael Maxwell, a senior analyst with the House Appropriations Homeland Security Subcommittee, said that the report is evidence that terrorism cells exist in the U.S. and are being aided by dangerous narco-trafficking cartels. "The information suggests terrorist tradecraft is evolving and relationships now exist between Mexican and Middle Eastern individuals or groups, embedded here in the United States," he said.

Palestinian Child Abuse

At least the Associated Press isn't trying to tell us it's a "toy gun" this time.

A Palestinian girl holds a weapon next to militants from Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, a militia linked to the ruling Fatah movement, during a rally in the Old City of the West Bank city of Nablus. (AP Photo/Majdi Mohammed)

Appease Sky God? Airline Sacrifices Goats www.reuters.com

Officials at Nepal's state-run airline have sacrificed two goats



to appease Akash Bhairab, the Hindu sky god, following technical problems with one of its Boeing 757 aircraft, the carrier said in a statement.

Nepal Airlines, which has two Boeing aircraft, has had to suspend some services in recent weeks due to the problem. The goats were sacrificed in front of the troublesome aircraft at Nepal's only international airport in Kathmandu in accordance with Hindu traditions, an official said.

"The snag in the plane has now been fixed and the aircraft has resumed its flights," said a senior airline official without explaining what the problem had been. Local media blamed the company's woes on an electrical fault. The carrier runs international flights to five cities in Asia.





UK Teachers Attend Holocaust Course in Jerusalem

SELEC

By Jonny Paul, www.jpost.com

Teachers from across the UK

participated in a Holocaust education seminar organized by the Holocaust Educational Trust (HET) and Yad Vashem.

At the 10-day intensive course, 21 teachers from across the UK represented a variety of backgrounds and denominations, teaching a range of subjects including history, English, languages, religious education, citizenship. They were chosen for the course from a large number of applicants based on their personal experiences of teaching the Holocaust and what they indicated they would get from attending such a course.

The initiative served as a vocal response to the trend, reported in a British newspaper in April, that some schools in the UK are dropping the Holocaust from history lessons to avoid offending Muslim students.

"The whole experience of learning about such a significant event in the history of the Jewish people, in Jerusalem and in Israel, is having the most profound impact on the participants," the chief executive of the Holocaust Educational Trust said.

Ancient Tunnel Discovered in Jerusalem

By Amy Teibel, The Jerusalem Post

Israeli archaeologists in September stumbled upon the site of one of the great dramatic scenes of the Roman sacking of Jerusalem 2,000 years ago: the subterranean drainage channel Jews used to escape from the city's Roman conquerors.

The ancient tunnel was dug beneath what would become the main road of Jerusalem in the days of the second biblical Temple, which the Romans destroyed in

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the year 70, the dig's directors, archaeology Professor Ronny Reich of the University of Haifa and Eli Shukron of the Israel Antiquities Authority, told a news conference.

The channel was buried beneath the rubble of the sacking, and the parts that have been exposed have been preserved intact. The walls—ashlar stones one meter deep—reach a height of 3 meters in some places and are covered by heavy stone slabs that were the main road's paving stones, Shukron said. Several manholes are visible, and portions of the original plastering remain.

Pottery sherds, vessel fragments, and coins from the end of the Second Temple period were discovered inside the channel, attesting to its age, Reich said.

The discovery of the drainage channel was momentous in itself, a sign of how the city's rulers looked out for the welfare of their citizens by organizing a system that drained the rainfall and prevented flooding, Reich said.



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Israel Tourism Reaches 7-Year High

By Alisa Odenheimer and David Rosenberg, www.JPost.com

The number of foreign tourists visiting Israel leaped 82 percent in August from a year earlier, bringing arrivals in the first eight months to their highest level since 2000. About 223,000 tourists entered the country in August, boosting the total to 1.46 million in the eight months through August, according to the Central Bureau of Statistics.

"The August figures prove that the tourism sector has recovered from the crisis it had following the Lebanon War," Tourism Minister Yitzhak Aharonovitch said in a statement.

Tourism accounts for about 2% of the country's economy, bringing in about \$2.5 billion last year. That contribution may more than double when all tourism spending is included, according to a Knesset study. Visitor arrivals are at their highest since the millennial year brought a record number of tourists.

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Iran Reaches Key Nuclear Goal news.bbc.co.uk



Iran has met a key target for its nuclear program and now has 3,000 centrifuges enriching ura-

nium, President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has said. Mr. Ahmadinejad said Iran would continue its drive in spite of UN sanctions.

Enriched uranium can be used for power stations, but also for nuclear bombs. The West has accused Iran of trying to develop weapons—a charge Iran denies. A BBC correspondent says there is some skepticism about Iran's claim, with the UN believing it is short of the 3,000.

"We have more than 3,000 centrifuges working and every week a new set is installed," Mr. Ahmadinejad was quoted as saying by Iranian news agencies. "[The world powers] were thinking that with each resolution the Iranian nation would retreat. But after each resolution the Iranian nation presented another nuclear achievement."

A recent International Institute for Strategic Studies report said that if Iran could operate 3,000 centrifuges smoothly, one nuclear bomb could be produced within nine to eleven months.

Israel's Mini-Nose Sniffs Out Explosives By David Brinn, www.Israel21c.com



Sniffing out explosive material is priority number one at airports around the world. So what

better way to go about implementing that task than by utilizing a device that mimics the human nose to literally "sniff out" would-be terrorists with homemade explosive devices.

The Israeli-developed Mini-Nose is a portable, hand-held, highly-sensitive device that digitally recreates the mammalian olfactory processes for trace and particle detection.

Developed by Herzliya-based Scent Detection Technologies Ltd. (SDT), the Mini-Nose is a two-piece hand-held explosives detector consisting of a sampling unit and an analyzer, and was designed based on specifications provided by security organizations in both Israel and the U.S., including the Department of Homeland Security and the Pentagon.

This new trace detection technology can be used to screen clothing, baggage, ID cards, tickets, cargo, and containers for any trace level of explosive chemicals.

Explosives detection is just the tip of Mini-Nose's capabilities.

"This core technology gives us the capacity to check every scent and molecule in nature. Today we're focusing on explosives, but part of our future R&D will be sensors for use in narcotics, chemical, and biological agent detection, as well as for water security," said a company vice president.

HebrewLesson

The Sacred Name By John J. Parsons



יְהוָה יְהוָה אֵל רַחוּם וְחַנּוּן:

The LORD, the LORD a God merciful and gracious - Exodus 34:6a

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In the Jewish Scriptures, YHVH is the personal name of God and his most frequent designation. Because it is composed from the four Hebrew letters Yod, Hey, Vav, and Hey, it is sometimes referred to as the "Tetragrammaton," which simply means "the four letters." It is often translated as "LORD" (all caps) in English translations.

There is some controversy about how the name YHVH should be pronounced. Since ancient Hebrew did not use any vowel markings, the historical pronunciation of the sacred Name is simply not known. To avoid violating the third commandment ("Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain"), Jewish tradition avoids the issue by substituting the (biblical) word Adonai ("my Lord") in its place.

When God commissioned Moses to be Israel's liberator from the bondage of Pharaoh's Egypt, Moses asked for God's Name in order to validate his God-given role to the Children of Israel (see Exodus 3:14). God simply answered Moses, "ehyeh-asher-ehyeh."

This phrase (translated "I am that I am" in the KJV) derives from the Qal imperfect first person form of the verb *havah*: "I will be," and therefore indicates a connection between the Name YHVH and being itself. YHVH is the Source of all being and has being inherent in Himself (i.e., He is necessary Being). Everything else is contingent being that derives existence from Him. The name YHVH also bespeaks the utter transcendence of God. In Himself, God is beyond all "predications" or attributes of language: He is the Source and Foundation of all possibility of utterance and thus is beyond all definite descriptions.

Nonetheless, there are some people who pretend to "truly" understand the phonetics of the Sacred Name and offer to "restore it" to those of us willing to be initiated into their secret knowledge. These "Sacred Name" enthusiasts, as they are called, often allege that the term "Adonai" (despite being a biblical title of the LORD (Gen 15:2, Ex. 34:23, Deut, 10:17, Psalm 8:1, etc.), should not be used, but instead substitute their own version of pronunciation, often derived from dubious methods of "permutation" based on Kabbalistic speculations.

The search for the "perfect" conjuration of the Sacred Name is actually a form of occultism, symptomatic of people who elevate spiritual technique and "abracadabra" above the shared meaning of the "Presence of God." Moreover, such conjuration is a sign of unbelief, since once you understand the *meaning* of the Name, the words you use to express it are incidental. Perhaps this explains why there is such an abundance of Names and Titles of God given in the Scriptures (there are

literally HUNDREDS, many of which reveal profound truth about the LORD and His ways). Like poets, the sacred writers sought for various words to express the Reality that the words pointed to. But once you get a hold of the Reality (or rather, the Reality gets a hold of you), the words you use to express your awe will always seem limited and inadequate. (continued at right)





Letters to ZLM

Some letters have been edited for space.

Comments from www.levitt.com

From D. —

Shalom Sandra,

For those of us who cannot go to Israel regularly, your blog is like taking us with you. I feel like I can see the sights and sounds; I feel like I know your friends and family. You do a great job bringing us along with you. Thanks so much, or is it *Toda*?



From M.A. —

I find studying God's Word incredibly interesting, how it fits together like a puzzle. Through the Institute of Jewish-Christian Studies I can understand the Word from the Jewish culture. What a wonderful way to fully enter into the love God has for us as expressed through the gift of Christ.

Don't Tone It Down, Bro!

Jeff,

I just read your Sept. '07 Personal Letter and want to take a few moments to encourage you. In that letter, you mention that "impassioned individuals" allege that you are "mean spirited, too judgmental, too anti-Islam, or un-Christian."

Just know that on the flip side there are impassioned individuals who support you and believe that you're right on. In fact, we really like you.

Don't tone it down or quit. Keep the fires stoked, Bro. T. & S.



"Mr. Seif, You Are Disgusting!"

Mr. Seif,

Wow!!! For a so-called Christian man you sure are in love with yourself. Do you know what it is called? Pride. You are filled with it! Fifty-one times you use I, *continued next page*

The Sacred Name continued

For the last word on this subject we look to Jesus Himself, who taught us that the Name of God is best understood as "Father." In fact, Jesus used the common Aramaic word for "daddy" (*abba*) to refer to His relationship with God, and He wanted his disciples to do likewise.

We do not need gnostic awareness or ethereal speculations to help us understand the Name of God. He relates to us intimately as a good earthly father relates to his children. We do not need incantations or "shibboleths" to access God, since we trust in the plain invitation of our Father to come to Him through the gracious sacrifice of His Son on behalf of our alienation. We do not trust in emanations of spiritual forces hidden in Hebrew letters, since we can know the "Word that is behind the word" in the life and love of Jesus our Savior.

It is well and good to understand the meaning of the hundreds of Names and Titles of God as revealed in the Scriptures, of course, but in the end we need to trust in Him as a small child trusts in the love of His daddy. If we are truly trusting in Him, Jesus told us God would never neglect the cry from our heart: "Abba!"

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LETTERS TO ZLM continued

me, and mine in your recent letter. You must be so impressed with yourself... You sir are a disgusting and sinful man. You desperately need counseling to deal with your inadequacies and for being so insecure. You are such a turnoff to me, that I will no longer watch Zola Levitt Ministries until you are removed. You said God put it on your heart to go to Europe and share the Gospel with those people. I highly recommend you move to Europe. You are no "Dr." Sir, confess your sins, repent and become like Jesus-humble. I sincerely hope you take this letter to heart. I will pray that you humble yourself, do God's will and move to Europe. Have a safe one-way trip.

God bless you, your family, and ZLM. C.D.P.

Well, C.D.P.—Where do I begin? In your over-the-top and mean-spirited letter you take issue with my employing the pronouns "I, me, and mine," what for you is proof that I am prideful and "disgusting," as you put it. By way of response, let me start by agreeing with you that I am sinful-as we all are. Furthermore, know that with you, I am pleased to affirm the importance of being "humble" and becoming "like Jesus." After reading your diatribe, I went to the New Testament book of Philippians where the image of Jesus as the humble servant is underscored. In the process of so doing, I counted all the times the Apostle Paul used the pronouns I, me, or mine in that very letter. He used them 27 times in the first chapter, 19 in the second, 19 in the third, and 24 in the fourth-thus 89 times in but one short letter. Why don't you write God a letter and tell

Him you're turning Him off until He gets rid of that disgusting Apostle? I acknowledge that I have foibles; still, I think your letter says more about yours than about mine. —Jeffrey Seif

We Give To You Because He First Gave For Us

Dear Mark,

This note is just to thank you for being there. I am not one of the big contributors to Zola, nor am I even a small contributor. But still I receive the magazine. I am warmed by the articles inside and even the personal letter from you. Since I am unable to send money, I sometimes feel I have no right to enjoy these mailings. However, I am just selfish enough to want them anyway.

Please accept my thanks and humble pardon for being a prisoner of this fine State of Texas. I am a born-again Believer in Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who died for my sins. In God's love, K.

Dear K.—

You are no more selfish for accepting the free gift of these newsletters than are we ministry workers who have accepted the free gift of salvation. "Free," in these instances, is somewhat of a misnomer because Jesus paid for our sins and our other newsletter readers joyously pay for your subscription. Now it is my honor to convey your thanks to them, the rightful recipients of your gratitude. Please share our newsletters with fellow prisoners and acquaint them with the Lamb of God. That service unto the Lord will multiply the bread that we "cast upon the waters." - Mark



Reconciled As A Completed Jew

Dear Sandra and Jeff,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord, Yeshua. As a Jewish Believer, I am grateful for Zola's ministry, which carries on beyond what I thought possible—all to God's great glory! Jeff, God has equipped you well; you are a dear, dear teacher.

Sandra, your grace through Zola's passing was a personal inspiration to me. My stepmother recently passed away, and while she was receptive to my personal salvation, she could never get past feeling that it would be a betrayal to Judaism for her to accept Jesus Christ. This stumbling block for the Jewish people must grieve the heart of God greatly! This is one of the reasons I believe Zola's ministry is so very important: that God's Chosen do not have to feel they have betrayed their faith by believing in Jesus Christ, but that through Him, in Him, they are totally reconciled to God as completed Jews.

In His love, L. & J. S.

Hi, God. Please Hold.

To whom it may concern: Your newsletter's cartoon with the picture of Adam and God, fingers bending toward each other, naked Adam with his laptop covering his "unmentionables," seems totally irreverent to me. (I've seen this painting at the Vatican, and of course Adam is not covered in "that area" at all.) Please, please remember, society has crossed the line so unconscionably in morals and decency. I hate to see such liberties taken, especially by a messianic ministry, which will surely incite criticism. M.T.

Dear M.T.-

You are referring to the parody of Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel ceiling painting, which depicts naked Adam reaching to make contact with God, index finger to index finger. The cartoon appears on the flap portion of page 17 of our August Levitt Letter. Whether or not you would be less offended if Adam's "unmentionables" showed may be less relevant than the cartoon's point. Adam, you see, is busy not only with his notebook computer, but he is also talking on a cell phone. Too busy for God. Consequently, he is raising his index finger, giving God the "just a minute" signal. Though Adam is communicating, "Hold on, God... I'll be with you in a moment," God continues to wait. His hand extended toward Adam.

Beyond this, it is worth noting that God (depicted in human form, contrary to the biblical mandates) has His other arm around a naked woman—Sophia. Speaking of irreverence, when God manufactures the sun, moon and stars, He turns sideways and shows His buttocks, arguably the origin of the expression "flashing the moon." M.T., who or what binds us to respected anti-biblical cartoons? Irreverent is the manufacture of the ceiling itself with the various inappropriate nuances.

-Jeffrey Seif



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Not Just Talking To A Wall

Dear Sandra,

I just received the latest *Levitt Letter* and was surprised and pleased to find the picture of the young man using a cell phone at the Western Wall printed on page 17, the open flyleaf in the center. I took that picture on a tour with Zola in 1996 and later sent it in to him. I believe it was printed shortly after in the newsletter.

The young man would take a call and then place his head against the wall for a time. I guess it's the Hebrew diala-prayer. It looked like one could call in one's prayer request to him at the Wall. I wanted to talk to him but felt it would have been an intrusion on his privacy. S.C.

Dear S.C.—

Now you know that we not only savor the mail that comes to us, but we also save and cherish some of it as well. Speaking of which, because of our limited resources, we mostly answer the letters that we publish in the newsletters. Your Western Wall photo is more than ten years old. Remarkably, it relates serendipitously to a cartoon that we recently published—one which M.T., in her letter above, found objectionable. Cell phones, like computers (and the Internet) can facilitate fellowship and enhance closeness to God much the same as their misuse can distract us from Bible reading, prayer, and fellowship. Your photo remains a classic with us because it shows man using modern technology to help others stay in touch with God at this planet's physical location where some of us feel closest to Him. -Mark

How Are Things in Anatot?

Dear Mark,

I used to read about Zola's help to the town of Anatot, Israel. Is anything still being done to help Jeremiah's former hometown? J.B.

Dear J.B.—

Once Anatot's more pressing needs were met, we created a fund that was designated for Yad Hashmonah. Prior to both of them, we relayed 100% of designated offerings to "The Chicken Lady," an elderly lady who provided chickens each day to hundreds of underprivileged families in Israel. Our "Good News from a Far Country" fund helped sustain workers in the Israel tourism sector. Now that the Israel tourist business is booming again, we have established a "Good News" fund. which is a general benevolence fund that meets needs for fellow ministerial organizations as they arise. More recently it has subsidized the dental and vision needs of The Trinity Foundation, a local charity that runs a homeless shelter and relentlessly investigates wealth-mongering televangelists. Their workers all take vows of poverty and periodically have needs that they depend on the Lord to meet. If you wish to designate funds to particular causes, such as those listed on page 31, you are welcome to specify them. Otherwise, we encourage you just to designate gifts to our "Good News" fund and then rest assured that we will use your offerings where they will do the most good. -Mark



Broadcasting to Arabs

Dear Mark,

Do you have satellite capability over Arab countries? Can you overcome blocked TV signals? T.W.

Yes. T.W., we do. Our satellites reach the Middle East, including Israel and Arab nations where the local governments object to Christianity. Censorship may block access to cable outlets for our broadcasts, and governments may forbid decoders for our satellite signals. Fortunately, the Internet plays an increasing role in our ministering around the world. Unfortunately, some countries are unreachable no matter what we try. Regarding our international broadcasts on The God Channel, www.god.tv please pray that the programs reach viewers who welcome them and that we receive enough feedback to determine that this mission field will eventually become fruitful. — Mark

Still Digesting It All

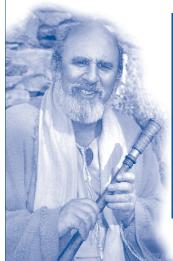
Dear Tony, Jeff, and Sandra, I've been meaning to write and thank you since returning from the summer tour. I couldn't have imagined how great it was going to be, and I don't think anyone could have done a better job than your ministry. You were all so thoughtful in every aspect. I felt as though you all really cared about what we were to see and learn and bring home with us. I am still digesting it all... and I can't wait to go back! Thank you, thank you, thank you. May God continue to bless and to keep you, J.A.

Dear J.A.-

We *do* truly care about making each Israel tour the memory of a lifetime. After we have groomed and cultivated Israel guides, drivers, hotels, and restaurants for a quarter century, they know to treat our tour groups the best-not only because we are loyal to our suppliers and tip well, but also because we love Israel and the Chosen People. We don't cut corners on hotel quality or the excursions for which some tour operators charge add-on fees. To say it another way, we have perfected the ways to make the most of our tourists' time in the Holy Land. We don't run from one gift shop to another to generate commissions for ourselves. We also don't fill our tour with piddley sites of questionable authenticity. The result is a fast-paced, yet not strenuous, study tour that fosters a combination of memories that make for an overall optimal tour. -Mark

Women Just Not a Happening Topic

Dear staff@levitt.com, We love you guys and have for years. We just want to let you know your TV series right now about "woman" is not the right timing. The world is a HUGE



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mess right now. What is happening such as wars, rumors of wars, earthquakes, etc. This long series on "woman" ... is just not right for right now. Just thought you would want to know how the general public is feeling about your program. We will keep watching and praying to be fed by God's Word. Love you, D. L.

Hi. D.L.— I can deal with that. You have (1) expressed your love for our ministry, (2) voiced your concerns that we might be off track a bit, and (3) closed by informing that you'll stay with us, differences aside. I like that D.L. From my vantage point, though, I do not think that visible, global struggles are the only flash points of contention in our upside down world. It seems to me that the abuse women suffer is much less publicized in the news, but is equally horrific. Rape, abuse, neglect, abandonment, and betrayal are all too common, both in our culture and in the broader worldculture. It is my hope that the women's series will get into the hearts and minds of backslidden Christians, into the fabric of hurting secular families, and into Islamic men and women who will happen upon our programs in Europe and the Middle East, and that the biblical vision for humankind will be cast in such a way that God will be glorified and people helped. Should my response fail to sway you, though, know that the subsequent series,

look forward to watching *Zola Levitt Presents* each week as I learn about Israel and the Jewish roots of my faith. I also appreciate your doing the series *She Shall Be Called Woman*. I am continuing to pray for you and your ministry, and for the peace of Jerusalem. God Bless and Shalom, K.C.

Go Ahead—Offend More Christians

Dear Staff,

My mind is always boggled when I read how "Christians" are offended when someone has the courage to present the truth about Muslims, Iran (their evil intent to destroy Israel & US—us!), and last day prophecies. Are we, as the body of Christ, so apathetic that we are afraid of being moved out of our comfort zone to listen to the truth? That truth, by the way, is the only hope we have of seeing the lost set free.

Thank you for writing the TRUTH. Jesus is coming soon, Iran is bent on destroying Israel and anyone who will try to get in their way—they have more friends around the globe these days than we do—and the Church is apparently asleep!

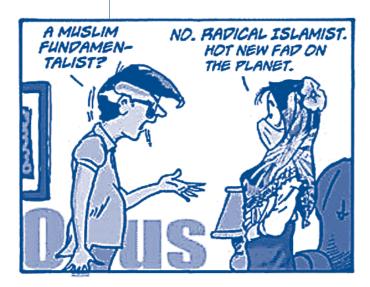
Keep up the good Word and Work! May the Lord Jesus bless you for it! B.

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Bad Moon Rising, deals with wars present and past, as you wish. — Jeffrey Seif

Thanks For the WOMAN Series

Dear Sandra Levitt, Jeffrey Seif, and Zola Levitt Ministries, Thank you for doing such a wonderful job carrying on the Lord's work through ZLM. I



HIGH-TECH TERRORISTS

Hezbollah Video Game Celebrates War with Israel

By Richard Engel, worldblog.msnbc.msn.com

It was a launch party that would have made Microsoft proud, if Microsoft were an anti-Israeli militant group.

Hezbollah held what was basically a giant garden party to announce the release of its latest video game, "Special Force II," in which players destroy Israeli tanks, shoot down helicopters, and destroy warships; killing Israeli soldiers earns bonus points.

Under a giant marquee in Beirut's dusty southern suburbs, Hezbollah displayed captured Israeli helmets, rifles, and ammunition in glass trophy cases. The turret of an Israeli tank and Jeep Hezbollah captured during its 34day war with Israel in 2006 were set on mounds like garden statues, artistically lit by red and green spotlights. Families took pictures of the Israeli weapons as their children paid \$10 for a copy of Special Force II, designed by Hezbollah's "Internet Division."

Hezbollah held weeklong victory celebrations to coincide with the end of the conflict in August 2006, which Hezbollah considers a major victory. It's a war Hezbollah says is not over. Hezbollah leader Sayid Hassan Nasrallah declared there is "no ceasefire" with Israel, but only a "halt of offensive operations." Nasrallah also claimed his forces are fully rearmed with rockets that can reach "anywhere" in Israel, but added that he does not want another war.

Until there is a new war—many Lebanese fear it could happen at anytime young people here can now relive the fighting on their computers.

Hezbollah's celebrations and new video game may also have a domestic political goal. Many Lebanese now question if the nation gained anything from what Nasrallah



calls his "Divine Victory" over Israel. During the war, as Israel targeted the country's infrastructure, most people here were united behind Hezbollah.

But today, Lebanon remains in tatters, and ongoing Hezbollah-led protests against the U.S.-backed Prime Minister Fouad Siniora have closed most of the businesses in downtown Beirut and scared away tourists. Lebanon has not moved forward since the war. Lebanon has turned on itself. But that's not part of the video game.



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Arabs Fight With Arabs

By Jeffrey Gettleman, www.NYTimes.com

The New York Times—a publication usually prone to bashing Israel and praising Islam—recently published the following story among a string of articles reporting on how Arabs are forever at each other's throats, murdering each other all around the region and with brazen disregard for each other. It appears that even *The New* York Times may be coming to terms with this reality. It also underscores how difficult it is to work with this segment of the Earth's population, and that the problem has nothing to do with Jews-despite Islamic jargon to the contrary. — Jeffrey Seif

Some of the same Arab tribes accused of massacring civilians in the Darfur region of Sudan are now unleashing their considerable firepower against each other in a battle over the spoils of war that is killing hundreds of people and displacing tens of thousands.

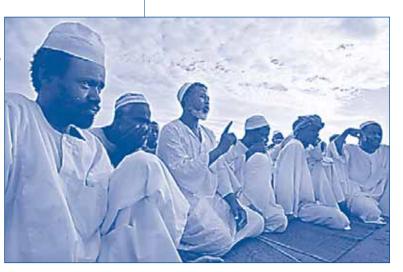
In the past several months, the Terjem and the Mahria, heavily armed Arab tribes that United Nations officials said raped and pillaged together as part of the region's notorious janjaweed militias, have squared off in South Darfur, fighting from pickup trucks and the backs of camels. They are raiding each other's villages, according to aid workers and the fighters themselves, and scattering Arab tribesmen into the same kinds of displacement camps that still house some of their earlier victims.

United Nations officials said that thousands of gunmen from each side, including some from hundreds of miles away, were pouring into a strategic river valley called Bulbul, while clashes between two other Arab tribes, the Habanniya and the Salamat, were intensifying farther south.

Darfur's violence has often been characterized as government-backed Arab tribes slaughtering non-Arab tribes, but this new Arab-versus-Arab dimension seems to be a sign of the evolving complexity of the crisis. What started out four years ago in western Sudan as a rebellion and brutal counterinsurgency has cracked wide open into a fluid, chaotic, confusing free-for-all with dozens of armed groups, a spike in banditry and chronic attacks on aid workers.

United Nations officials said tribal and factional fighting was killing more people than the battles between government and rebel forces, which, except in a few areas, have declined considerably. Though the recent round of clashes between the splintering groups has not come close to taking as many lives as the thousands who were dying each month during the height of the conflict in 2003 and 2004, many aid officials say they fear the situation is getting out of control.

Terjem elders at a camp for displaced people in southern Darfur. Witnesses reported that the tribe's former allies, the Mahria, opened fire on a Terjem funeral. (Evelyn Hockstein for The New York Times)



HERE WE GO AGAIN

Rick Warren Should Be In Prison





Imagine walking into your local library, planning to read a theologian such as Reinhold Niebuhr or Karl Barth, or a popular inspirational work, such as Rick Warren's Purpose-Driven Life or Harold Kushner's When Bad Things Happen to Good People.

But instead of finding such important and popular titles, you discover that the religion section has been decimated - stripped of any book that did not appear on a government-approved list.

That's exactly what's happening right now to inmates in federal prisons under a Bush administration policy. As The New York Times put it, "chaplains have been quietly carrying out a systematic purge of religious books and materials that were once available to prisoners in chapel libraries."

The news reports seem implausible. The idea of government bureaucrats drafting a list of approved books on religion seems like something out of Soviet-era Russia, not the United States of America, where freedom of religion –even for those behind prison walls -is something we treasure.

But the reports are true. All of the books and authors named above have been removed from prison libraries. In some instances, according to The Times, chaplains have been forced to dismantle "libraries that had thousands of texts collected over decades, bought by the prisons, or donated by churches and religious groups."

The Bureau of Prisons says they merely want to ensure prisons are not recruiting grounds for terrorists and other militant groups. So why are they removing the vast majority of materials on faith and religion? And if prisoners are not free to pursue their own faith journeys, what cause for hope should they have?

Christians from across the political and theological spectrum are justifiably outraged. As Mark Earley, president and chief executive officer of Chuck Colson's Prison Fellowship, told The Times, "It's swatting a fly with a sledgehammer. There's no need to get rid of literally hundreds of thousands of books that are fine simply because you have a problem with an isolated book or piece of literature that presents extremism."

Lebanese Man Arrested with Bombs in Ontario

By San Grewal, Simona Siad, and Tracy Huffman, www.TheStar.com

Toronto police charged a man whom they suspect was involved with sending letter/parcel bombs that were received around southern Ontario recently.

Deputy Chief Tony Warr confirmed police seized three bombs, found in the trunk of a sedan at a gas station, but he would not provide any details about the power or size of the bombs. The suspect entered the gas station around 10 p.m. and was arrested as he left, according to witnesses.



Police took the bombs from the scene (see photo above). Moving the bombs was safer than detonating them in the densely populated area where they were found.

The suspect is a landed immigrant from Lebanon with a Canadian passport, but police do not believe the crimes were motivated by religion or politics.

"There is absolutely no pattern as far as any religion, ideology, or nationality," Warr said, though he believes specific locations were targeted. "We know there were targets. They weren't just random targets. There was a reason why he delivered the parcels to certain addresses." -

Education or Indoctrination: Inquiring Minds Want to Know

By Ken Connor, www.TownHall.com

Abraham Lincoln once famously observed, "The philosophy of the school room in one generation is the philosophy of government in the next."

The truth of Lincoln's observation is, no doubt, at the core of the apprehensions that New Yorkers have expressed about the Khalil Gibran International Academy in Brooklyn. Adding to their apprehensions is the fact that KGIA is just three blocks from a mosque which has a history of employing radical imams and which was frequented by one of the terrorists implicated in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing.

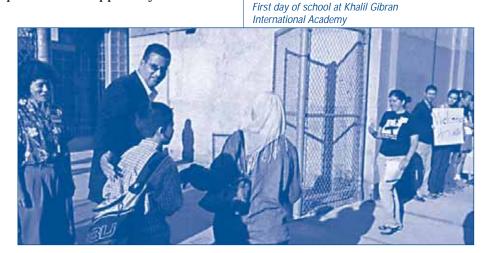
It takes a lot to rankle Gotham City dwellers, but, given their experience with radical Islam, one can sympathize with their angst. Mind you, KGIA is a public school and will be funded with public tax dollars, some of which will come from families of the victims of 9/11. WorldNetDaily.com reports that the school's curriculum "will integrate intensive Arabic language instruction and the study of Middle Eastern history and historical figures," including the life and teachings of the prophet Mohammed. Field trips will include destinations in the Middle East and teacher materials will be adapted from publications supplied by the Council

on Islamic Education. New York City school officials have tried to assure the public that the school will be "non-religious" and will not promote a political or religious ideology, but skepticism abounds.

Our current climate of political correctness in this country has produced a dizzying double standard as it relates to Christianity and competing worldviews —including Islam. Can you imagine the response of New York City educrats to school organizers who advocate publicly funding a school to focus on the life and teachings of Jesus, promote the virtues of Western Civilization, and offer field trips to the holy city of Jerusalem (complete with side trips to Bethlehem and the Sea of Galilee)?

Sadly, those who dare to voice their concerns are branded "intolerant bigots" by the NYC educational elites. For the elites, to be deemed "intolerant" or "bigoted" is a fate worse than death in the Age of Tolerance and Moral Relativism.

The fact that the school officials do not credit even facial legitimacy to the concerns being raised by ordinary citizens speaks volumes about the critical thinking skills of New York's educational establishment, many of whom are products of New York City schools. One can only conclude, therefore, that the NYC public school system is, in fact, in dire need of radical reform—just not the kind that radical Islamists have in mind.



DIVINE MANDATE

Why Is Israel Afraid to Be Israel?

By Ellis Washington, www.WorldNetDaily.com



I am four things—I am a black man, an American, an academic without a home, and a lover of the Jewish people and the nation of Israel. Years ago, I made a vow to dedicate my career and my talents to defending the Jewish people and proclaiming the truth about this great nation. This article is my feeble but earnest attempt in this regard.

I believe that Israelis must ask themselves this question: Why is Israel afraid to be Israel? Three thousand years ago on the windswept hills of Judea, Israel's future greatest king, then just a lowly anonymous shepherd boy of 16, saw the armies of Israel cowering in their bunkers listening to the daily taunts and blasphemies of the 9 foot-6 inch Philistine champion, Goliath. David, shocked at his own people's cowardice and indifference to defend their own national heritage in the face of this pagan, uncircumcised enemy that David believed in his heart could be easily vanquished, asked a most sublime and profound question — *Is there not a cause?*

Indeed, if Israel doesn't have a cause, yea, as Prime Minister Begin iterated, even a God-ordained right "to all of Israel," then surely *no* nation on earth can claim a better title to any land in its possession. Therefore, what should Israel do to be Israel? The same thing David did when he made Israel the greatest and most powerful nation at that time:

1) Conquer or neutralize all of your surrounding enemies; 2) Define and secure your borders; 3) Withdraw membership from the United Nations, because this so-called "neutral" international organization has always been one of Israel's greatest enemies and has been complicit with Arab states to bring about Israel's destruction since the U.N. was called the League of Nations in the early 1920s; 4) Immediate deportation of all Palestinians that refuse to sign a statement of sole allegiance to Israel (a mandated loyalty oath), starting with the political leadership of Fatah and Hamas: and 5) Annex Gaza and the so-called West Bank (which is actually greater Judea) and make all of Israel one united country again. *

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Jews Worldwide Should Fight Back

By Saul Elbein, www.jpost.com

While anti-Semitism is gaining ground both in Europe and the United States, Jews must fight back "without being intimidated," Anti-Defamation League National Director Abraham Foxman told *The Jerusalem Post.*

The new form of American anti-Semitism, he said, is not unlike the old. The difference is that now, that perception is gaining ground in the mainstream.

Foxman said that over the last two years, questions of Jews' loyalty to the United States and to what extent Jews dictate American foreign policy, have been given new legitimacy.

Foxman cited former president Jimmy Carter's recent book, *Palestine: Peace, Not Apartheid*, as a disturbing example of this trend. "The issue with Jimmy Carter is not that he doesn't like 'the wall' [Israel's security barrier,]" he said. "It's not that he loves the Palestinians. It's that a former president of the United States says that he was motivated to write this book because the Jews, the Israel lobby, American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), so control the means of communication in America that you cannot debate [policy on Israel]."

Other examples abound. In "The Israel Lobby," an essay published in the *London Review of Books,* John Mearsheimer and Stephen Walt, professors at the University of Chicago and Harvard, respectively, accused AIPAC and other organizations of using their power to "prevent critical comments [about Israel] from getting a fair hearing in the political arena."

The ADL and other groups slammed the essay as anti-Semitic, sparking a fierce debate over the power of the Jewish interest groups. More than a few American intellectuals saw the ADL's response as proof that Mearsheimer and Walt were right.

This, Foxman said, is what made the new anti-Semitism so insidious. By claiming that the debate over American foreign policy is controlled by Jews, anti-Semitic rhetoric can be presented as the other, untold side of the story. Then, when Jewish leaders cry foul, they can be accused of trying to "stifle the debate."

"If someone said that there was racism against blacks, Hispanics, Asians," he said, "no one would say that they were 'stifling debate.' Why is that acceptable for anti-Semitism?" Foxman asked.

He also addressed the problem of anti-Semitism in Europe. A recent ADL poll in France,



Germany, Italy, Spain, and Poland found that 51 percent of respondents believed that Jews were more loyal to Israel than to the countries in which they lived. An average of 44% of those surveyed said Jews "probably" had too much influence in international financial markets. Close to half believed that "American Jews control U.S. policy in the Middle East."

While Foxman called for the world Jewish community to do all it could to fight anti-Semitism, he rejected the idea that the Israeli government should become involved. This move, he said, could damage Israel's relationship with other countries while doing little to help those countries' Jews.

"If we have a conference on anti-Semitism," he said, "it would be better for it to be in Brussels. I think Israel is the ultimate answer to anti-Semitism, but as a place of refuge. The Law of Return is the most powerful weapon for fighting anti-Semitism that the Jewish people could have ever created."

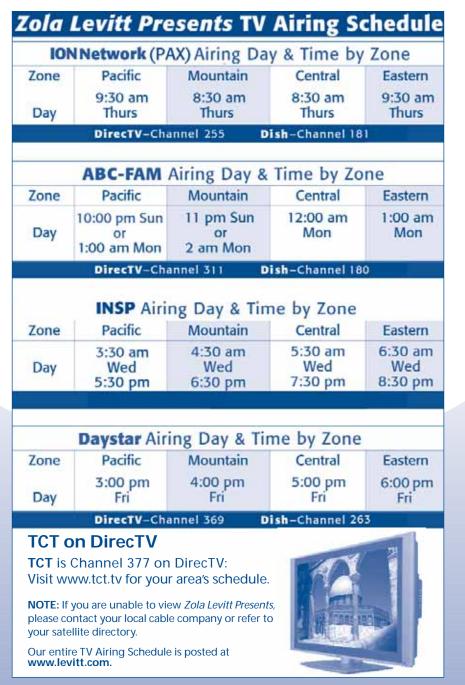
Undercover in Mosques

For examples of what fundamentalist Moslems say behind closed doors, visit **www.godtube.com/view_video.php?viewkey=d7d9bf74191e006d8e24** The video's excerpts, translated below, reveal the intolerance and bigotry within major UK organizations that claim to be dedicated to moderation and dialogue:

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• The summit of Islam is jihad. • Non-Moslems are pathological liars. • Christians and Jews... America, the UK, France, Germany... they have come against the religion of Islam.

- We want our Islam and its law to be practiced. We want to do away with the man-made laws.
- We love the people of Islam...and we hate the kuffaar (derogatory term for non-Muslim)
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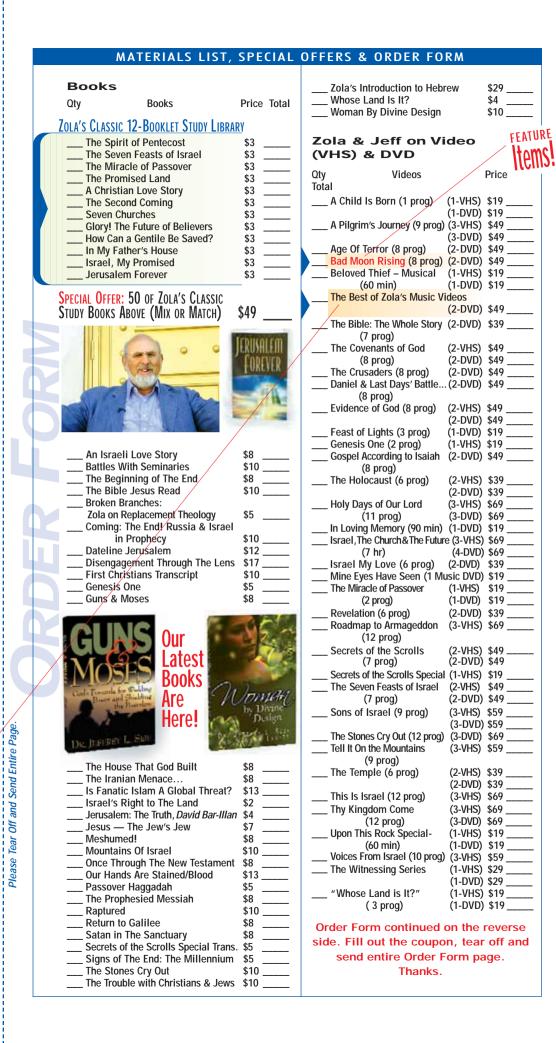
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