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Last year, on Israel's 56th anniversary, this writer contributed a wonderful article called "56 Reasons Why I love Israel." Please enjoy the following. - Zola



57 Reasons Why I Love Israel By Barbara Sofer, *The Jerusalem Post*

ast Independence Day, I suggested 56 reasons why I love Israel. With the trepidation of embarking on a sequel, I venture forth with 57 additional reasons — in no particular order.

1. At Jerusalem's Biblical Zoo the loudspeaker announces "Afternoon prayers (minha) are now being held near the lions."

2. The Biblical Zoo is kosher for Pessah (Passover). The primates eat *matzoh* (unleavened bread), but the parrots get rice.

3. The nation mourns when a distinguished songwriter dies.

4. The prime minister invites not only survivors, but their soldier grandchildren to the March of the Living at Auschwitz

5. Thousands of free loan societies flourish. You can borrow wedding dresses and pacifiers.

6. Fourteen years after Operation Solomon (Israel's airlifting of Jewish Ethiopians to the Promised Land), the first plane's pilot still volunteers to teach Ethiopian youth. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

Tale of Three Democracies By Zola Levitt

A picture in the May 20-26 International Jerusalem Post shocked me. It shows a throng of Palestinian women called "female Hamas members in Lebanon" carrying posters in the shape of a map of Israel from the Mediterranean to the Jordan and from the northern border to the Red Sea, and the cutouts are red and green. Combined with the black robes on the women, they comprise the three colors of the Palestinian flag. On the cutouts of Israel is the word "return" in Arabic and English. The message, obviously, is that the entire land be "given back" to its "original owners," the "Palestinian people."

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57 REASONS WHY I LOVE ISRAEL continued

7. When the tsunami struck, we sent medical assistance the same day.

8. We also added flights to bring home our backpacking children.

9. The President of the US touts the book of Israel's former Minister of Diaspora Affairs.

10. The President of Israel spends *Shabbat* (Sabbath) in a development town, and the first lady does the cooking.

11. A week before *Yom Kippur* (Day of Atonement), forecasters speculate on the weather for the fast.

12. Strangers still invite you for a home-cooked *Shabbat* meal.

13. We entertain at home, but so many Israelis travel abroad that duty free shops advertise on municipal billboards.

14. Before *Shabbat,* a siren marks our country hitting the brakes.

15. Municipal decorating contests feature *succot* (Tabernacles), not trees.

16. Jewish soccer players for *Bnei Sakhnin* (Arab village) compete against Arab players for *Maccabi Tel Aviv* (Jewish city).

17. Volunteers pass out sandwiches at the hospitals, not for the patients, but for their families.

18. Childbirth and burial are free. Even the homeless have health insurance.

19. We have a Museum of Psalms, but at every bus stop someone is reading them, keeping the tradition alive.

20. Mrs. World is a Jewish Mother from Tel Aviv.

21. Stem cell research isn't controversial here.

22. Fifty years after draining the swamps, we invented a one-pound aerial surveillance vehicle called the Mosquito.

23. Fifty years after we drained the swamps, we're considering bringing them back.

24. Desalinization is finally happening.

25. Per capita, Israel has the highest number of publications in science and *Talmud*.

26. Sufferers from Jerusalem Syndrome think they're King David or John the Baptist. It could be worse. (Those believing that they have become Jesus Christ himself are taken to a special psychiatric hospital ward. On the door is the Orthodox bumper sticker "Prepare to meet the Messiah.") — Zola

27. Disputes with Europeans notwithstanding, we've invented a urine test for mad cows.

28. You can hold an outdoor wedding all summer.

29. Designers create European fashions in real women's sizes.

30. Corner grocers know what type of *hallah* (holiday bread) every family in their neighborhood eats on *Shabbat.*

31. At the corner grocery, you can often hear a discussion of the *Torah* (the Biblical Law) portion.

32. We charge our food at the corner grocery, but Israelis invented the check-out technology for America's largest supermarkets

33. Everyone feels compelled to tell a parent to put a hat on the baby in a country where we wear scarves, snoods, spodiks and streimels; wimples, fedoras, berets, tarbushes, homburgs, mods, *kippot* (Jewish skullcaps), and *keffiyot* (Arab headdresses).

34. Israeli teens like to party, but they won all the top prizes in the international robotic firefighting contest.

35. Our first Nobel Prize laureate chemists are both really doctors.

36. We invented both the chat room and the silent prayer.

37. Israelis take kids everywhere. "Please wait for the strollers to be unloaded" is a standard announcement on *El Al* (the national airline of Israel).

38. Even the fanciest cars fly blue and white (Israel's colors) flags.

39. Fabulous boutique kosher wineries are arising on the sites of ancient wine presses.

40. Globalization means a Russian-born Israeli nurse coming in first for her age group in the "run up" the Empire State building.

41. A Bedouin kiosk in the middle of the desert stocks "kosher for *Pessah*" snacks.

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57 REASONS... continued

A TALE OF THREE DEMOCRACIES continued

42. Our ATM machines speak many languages.

43. Everyone knows where the secret intelligence offices are.

44. Combat soldiers aren't embarrassed to phone their moms.

45. Kindergarteners stand for memorial sirens, and know what they mean.

46. You can find someone to fix small appliances and alter clothing.

47. People mark their birthdays by the Jewish holidays they're closest to.

48. We're still egalitarian: When you go for a blood test, a Knesset member or Supreme Court justice might be in line with you.

49. In Jerusalem, the person offering *tefillin* (little boxes of Scripture) shares space with the person selling red strings (a lucky talisman).

50. Take-out food is called "take-away" in Hebrew, and you can get kosher kubeh, sushi and tiramisu.

51. On Saturday night, the radio summarizes news for all those who don't listen on Shabbat.

52. A popular TV contest this year sought someone to explain the case for Israel. A popular movie was *Ushpizin,* the ancient Aramaic for "*sukka* (guests for the feast of Tabernacles) visitors."

53. A municipal pool in Tel Aviv is crowded at 4:30 am.

54. Throughout four years of war, we refused to give up essentials like outdoor book fairs.

55. After four years of war, we still feel safest here.



56. *Shalom* means hello or goodbye, and it can be a first name or a last name (and its third meaning, peace), but it's primarily our elusive dream.

57. In this ancient land, there's always something new to love.

Mexicans are not yet walking down the streets of Mexico City demanding the "return" of the entire United States to their control, but this demonstration may not be far off.

The whole display is a lie, of course. The land of Israel was given to the Jews some 4,000 years ago in God's covenant with Abraham, and at least some of their population has lived there all of that time. Muhammed was born at the end of the sixth century AD, some 2,600 years after the Jews were awarded the land and established successful societies there, as Scripture attests.

But it puts one in mind of the dangers of operating a democracy in the presence of oncoming illegal aliens. The Arabs in Israel who call themselves "Palestinians" largely came over the borders like Hispanics come over our border with Mexico. And aliens here do not seep in a little at a time — they come in great force, not to assimilate and become Americans, but quite possibly to reestablish Mexican territories in the United States.

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And after all, were not Texas and California once Mexican



territories? Indeed, much of our southwest was purchased or won from Mexico and its patron Spain in various transactions, but the Spanish names are still there (Texas, for example, or San Francisco and Los Angeles). And while the relationship has been benign, loyalties are ever shifting.

But the analogy is not exact. In Israel, the Arabs never "owned" any of the land. They were not the natives supplanted by the Jewish people as they often claim. The shoe is really on the other foot, with the illegal aliens laying claim to land owned by the natives. And by simply increasing their population and continuing terrorism, and never beginning to assimilate into the Israeli democracy, they hope to achieve the goal of the Hamas poster carriers — total ownership of all of Israel.

But my point is not really about infiltration of hostile elements, but the simple inability of democracies to defend themselves. In plain words, Americans and Israelis are modern, progressive peoples with a wish to treat minorities fairly, and take up arms only as a last resort. As a result of their kindness, both societies are being assaulted by aliens who inevitably hope to take control of those countries.

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HOW JEWS, CHRISTIANS AND MUSLIMS SEE THE LAST DAYS Israel Today



According to the Tenach (Old Testament) and the Talmud (Sanhedrin 97b), there will be 10 signs heralding the coming of the **Redemption.** They are known as the birth pangs of the Messiah.

- The world will either be in a state of complete righteousness or complete degradation.
- Truth will decrease and lies prevail.
- Inflation will be out of control.
- The Jews will return to their Biblical homeland and the desert will bloom.
- There will be fewer and fewer wise and righteous people.
- Many Jews will give up the hope for redemption.
- The young will treat the old with disrespect.
- Learning will be rejected because people will desire a life of ease.
- The whole world will turn against Israel.
- The Jews will fight each other (secular against religious).

In the war of Gog and Magog, God will defeat Israel's enemies and confirm that the nation of Israel is His Chosen People.

Earthly redemption will last 6,000 years. Afterwards, eternity will come.





CHRISTIANS

In Jesus' end-time teachings (Matthew 24; Mark 13; Luke 21; **Revelation**), He speaks of the following signs:

The Beginning of Birth Pangs

- Wars and rumors of wars among the nations
- Famine and plagues (epidemics)
- False messiahs
- The return of the Jews to the Land of Israel
- The restoration of Israel

The Birth Pangs

- The Gospel spreads to all the nations of the earth
- Many false prophets arise
- The Jerusalem Temple will be reestablished
- The abomination of desolation
- Hatred of the nations toward Israel
- Uncontrollable anarchy
- Signs in the heavens and natural disasters
- Tribulation
- People's indifference to the signs of the times

After the battle of Armageddon, the Messiah will appear in the clouds and the thousand-year reign will begin. Satan will be bound in chains. When the millennium ends, God creates a new heaven and earth and the New Jerusalem descends from heaven "made ready as a bride adorned for her husband" (Rev. 21:2). "The tabernacle of God is among men...and God Himself shall be among them" (Rev. 21:3).





Major and minor signs will precede the arrival of the Last Days. (Koran Sura 21:96, 27:82, 43:61).

Minor Signs

- Bloodshed among Muslim groups
- Increasing war in the world • Time contracts, with days
- becoming shorter
- Religious awareness decreases
- Atheists become very common
- Muslims infiltrate all nations on earth

Major Signs

- Gross materialism
- Women outnumber men
- The Muslims defeat the Jews in a holv war
- Initially, Muslims and Christians fight together against the unbelievers

Afterwards, the Muslims defeat the Christians in another holy war: "On Saturday we kill the Jews and on Sunday the Christians!" Gog and Magog triumph. At the end of time, the world is destroyed, and only true Muslims are saved, with the most honorable places of heaven filled by martyrs who gave their lives for Allah in holy war. After the earth is destroyed, it is recreated and prevails 50,000 years.



NEWSWEEK put U.S. flag in trash on foreign cover

New allegations of anti-Americanism hit mag reeling from Koran scandal.

www.worldnetdaily.com

With *Newsweek* still reeling from its forced retraction of the Koran-in-the-toilet story, the magazine is now under fire for publishing what some see as staunchly anti-American covers in foreign editions.

International edition of Feb. 2 Newsweek

For instance, while a Japanese edition of Newsweek dated Feb. 2 published a cover story featuring an American flag in a trash can under the headline "The day America died," and the international edition featured a photo of **President Bush** with the headline, "America Leads... **But Is Anyone** Following?," the U.S. edition cover



story was an "Oscar Confidential" featuring Hilary Swank, Jamie Foxx and Leonardo DiCaprio.

The cover story in the foreign editions, titled, "Dream on, America," about what *Newsweek* characterized as "the world's rejection of the American way of life," did not run in the U.S. edition of the magazine.

Japanese edition of Feb. 2 *Newsweek*

The Japanese edition



of the magazine is raising the ire of bloggers for its illustration of a dirtied American flag, its staff broken and discarded in a trash can.

"I think they have crossed the line into outright treason," wrote one blogger. "It's time to see some of these enemy propagandists hanging from the end of a rope."

U.S. edition of Feb. 2 *Newsweek*

Some *Newsweek* international readers noticed that the story didn't run in the U.S.

"Why didn't this fine story run in my U.S. edition?" wrote one letter writer in the March 14 edition.



"Newsweek's false, retracted story about American guards flushing the Koran down a toilet at Guantanamo doesn't necessarily mean the magazine's staff hates America or Bush, or wants us to lose in Iraq," wrote Riding Sun. "To be charitable, let's just chalk that one up to sloppy journalism. But I'm at a loss to explain this."

Both the Japanese and international editions featured cover stories by Andrew Moravcsik. But that piece did not run in the U.S. edition.

"It's one thing for *Newsweek* to actively promote the notion that America is a 'dead,' 'rotting' country overseas," wrote Riding Sun. "But it's quite another thing indeed to hide those efforts from its American readers. If *Newsweek* really thinks America is dead, and our flag belongs in the trash, why won't it tell us?"

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Nothing Has Changed

Just at press time, Mahmoud Abbas, the new Palestinian dictator, showed up at the White House. There'll be space later on to examine what he said, but let's understand that we've heard it all before.

President Bush received Abbas under three false assumptions. The first, of course, is the bogus nature of the "Palestinians" as a real nationality. No one who went to high school before 1964 could be fooled. The Palestinian people were invented with the inception of Arafat and the PLO, and did not exist before that. (Previous Palestinians — or people who lived in Palestine — were comprised principally of Jews and included sundry Arabs, Druze, Armenians, and a variety of passing transients.) The name of the country was simply given by the Romans and co-opted by Arafat's people — in effect, illegal aliens.

Secondly, the President continually insists that the Palestinian people "deserve" a nation, a good economy (largely financed by US taxpayers, of course), etc. If anyone anywhere can tell me why this bunch of pretenders to someone else's land deserves anything at all, I would be interested. The so-called peace process amounts to two words effective mainly at the gas station, where our Saudi masters evidently give forth some leniency on oil prices when we behave this way.

And the third assumption is that Abbas was "democratically elected," in the President's words. Let's be very clear about this: there is not now, nor has there ever been, a democratic election in a Muslim country unless the American military was occupying it. Abbas was voted into office by people who did what they were told, as always.

The key error of the twentieth century, which culminated in such atrocities as the World Trade Center, was the constant kowtowing to Muslim dictators, and I'm afraid nothing has changed.



King Ahab Lives!

On the subject of the Gaza pullout, Israeli president Moshe Katsav made the following statement quoted in the *International Jerusalem Post*, May 6-12 edition:

We have no prophet, or voice from Heaven, or anyone connecting us directly to God and mediating between us. It is preferable, therefore, that the argument take place in the realm of security and diplomatic issues.

Katsav is not the first "King of Israel" to fail to appreciate prophets. King Ahab, as a matter of fact, had hundreds of his own paid by the crown to prophesy good news (before the ten northern tribes were carried off by the Assyrians).

As to a voice from Heaven, the Old Testament is full of that. Jewish people have heard from God from Abraham to the present day, when they have been in touch with Him.

And finally, the denial of a mediator, which the Messiah, the Real King of Israel is, unfortunately is typical of unbelievers everywhere.

The argument over settlements, security, diplomacy, etc., is better conducted through the realm of God.

Of course, the president in Israel is a figurehead attending to formalities like foreign funerals, etc. Prime Minister Ariel Sharon takes care of business in the realm of "security and diplomatic issues." But Sharon recently was pleased to receive a Jewish Believer, former CBN attorney Jay Sekulow. Among others in that delegation were Michael Little, President of CBN, Paul Crouch, founder



and President of Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN), and Ted Haggard, president of the National Association of Evangelicals.

As long as the prime minister is in some degree connected to the Almighty, the president matters no more than the faithless King Ahab.

World Affairs Tomorrow

Fox News Watch recently criticized the broadcast networks, particularly ABC News, for giving so much time to the *American Idol* scandal story. They made the point that irrelevancies dominate the news all the time. Are we not tired of the various abductions (and non-abductions), the Michael Jackson trial, the various court cases and crimes, and so on, which dominate these broadcasts?

But the granddaddy of them all the story that has taken up more international news time over more irrelevancy than any other in thirty years — is the constant reportage of supposed problems in Israel. I say supposed problems because Israel has the problems of any American city — murderers and police who pursue them. But that's all. There's no war there, nor has there been since 1973. There's no real political issue, although everyone talks about it, because, of course, the Palestinians, however they are treated, have no bearing on world commerce, on the Arab failures, on the U.S., European, Russian, or Chinese positions in the world, etc.

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Rather, this "sexy" story has occupied an enormous amount of news time, reporting on a country, which, if it sank into the sea tomorrow with all citizens of both sides aboard, would make no difference whatever in world affairs. That would be awful and, of course, Biblically, it will not happen.

Ironically, this country that is now irrelevant but reported on daily, is to become the head of the nations in the Kingdom to come. And perhaps the media's attention is unconsciously focused there simply because of that. Israel will be the capital of the only righteous government this world has ever known, and the home of all converted Believers, Christian, Jewish, Muslim, and otherwise. And in that sense, it will be most important.

But, while the news has slowed tourism to Israel, given our sister democracy a black eye, and riled up an enormous amount of Arabs and Muslims throughout the world to paroxysms of hatred, the place doesn't really matter in world affairs today.

What matters is world affairs tomorrow!

Bombs Are Bombs

I've received a number of letters commenting on a remark I made on television that compared terrorist bombings in Israel with those in the United States. The point of the letters was to object to my characterizing the "violence" in the Holy Land as being less than the attacks in our country. I was told in no uncertain terms that bombs are bombs and are always tragic.

Well, I certainly know that, and I would be the last to minimize disasters caused by terrorism. What I was comparing were the casualty rates and the relative sizes of the attacks. Not to be callous or unsympathetic to Israel, I would still point out that the World Trade Center bombing and the attack on the Pentagon were both bigger and more disastrous than all the bombs exploded in Israel since 1948. One individual carrying one bomb simply cannot cause that kind of destruction.

Stories keep circulating on the web about whether the Oklahoma City bombing had a Middle Eastern component. Reportedly, Timothy McVeigh was in touch with Islamic bombers. We will continue to follow that story as the evidence develops. If that's true, it will expose another phenomenon of our society that never happens in Israel — covering up for Muslim terrorists.

With that said, the news keeps on coming about American children and teenage girls being abducted, and many times killed. We can't miss the fact that all national and international news stops while the news channels follow some police hunt for a survivor or a body. We then often visit the arrest and the trial, and the case seems to keep going until the next one happens. How deplorable that we have this continuous hostility toward our own kids!

To my knowledge, this never happens in Israel. I receive dispatches from Jerusalem and Tel Aviv daily, and I never see a story like that.

Now, I'm not trying to open another can of worms about one society having fewer crimes than another, but instead to point out that while America is a successful melting pot of many kinds of people, Israel has basically only two kinds. In the Holy Land, you're either a loyal Jewish citizen or you are an Arab outsider trying to get the land. That has the effect of one large family defending itself against a legion of criminals.

That is why there are so few crimes against persons of any kind in Israel relative to the United States. We have an ongoing parade of terrible abductions and assaults on our children, where they virtually have none.

Illustrating this *mishpocha*, or "family" feeling is a story from one summer when I rented a room in a residential neighborhood in Jerusalem. My landlady was up in years, and one day a very old man came to the front gate asking for her. He must have been in his 90s. I opened the gate and notified my landlady of her visitor. She talked with him for a while and then drove away with him in her car. Afterwards she explained, "That's my father. He's supposed to stay in the old folk's home, but he's good at escaping. Usually he doesn't come here; he gets mixed up and goes to some completely different house. The people there ask his name and then look up all the Berkoviches in Jerusalem and patiently telephone them all saying 'Your father is here. Where should we bring him?' I'm surprised that he made it to the right house this time."

This is the last chance for your church to book a speaking engagement this summer. Sandra and I begin our tour of the Midwest and California just after July 4. Please call Claudia at (214) 696-8844 or email her at zolaspeaks@levitt.com to make arrangements.

Our next tour to Israel, Greece and

Petra travels in November, followed in late December by our annual Orlando tour of The Holy Land Experience. For information on these and all tour dates, please call Tony at (214)696-9760 during regular business hours. You may also call 1-800-WONDERS for a brochure on all of our upcoming tours.

We continue to seek your gifts to help with the PAX Network expenses, and we sincerely thank you for your past support.

Please pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

Your messenger,

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Dear K.T.:

"...That whole Jewish thing" they're not into is the Bible, I guess. But I almost prefer liberal Christians who flat out divest from Israel, rather than those wafflers you describe. Listen to my song, "With Israel I'll Stand" and know that I

Tears of Frustration

Dear Zola:

As I write this letter, I am holding back tears of frustration. For two years now, I have contacted several churches that I have personal history with here in our area so that maybe you would come to speak in our town.

Last year, I just asked a church if they would allow you to speak there. I was informed that they are not into "that whole Jewish thing." Today I contacted several more. This time I started out the conversation with "my husband and I are very pro-Israel, and before we visit your church I would like to know where you stand on the situation." One church politely told me that they did not have a corporate stance. That individuals had their own opinion, but that I would be frustrated in seeking out how the church itself felt. I then responded, "so you're not pro-Israel" and he quipped back "that is not what I said at all" and then repeated the above. I politely informed him that Christ said if you are not for me, you are against me, and hung up.

Not to be daunted quite so easily this year, I contacted another church that I had visited in the past. Their reply was that they don't get involved in political problems such as that. WHAT IS UP WITH THESE PEOPLE? They claim they teach from the Bible. Are they so ignorant as

to not understand that our Savior is Jewish? I didn't even bother with the Lutherans, Presbyterians and the Methodists. We live in a pretty liberal town, for the midwest. In the past, when I have read your replies to some of your e-mails, I wanted to cringe a little when you came down on some of them so heavy. Now, give me a baseball bat. I am so tired of these milquetoast Christians who don't have a stand on Israel. Our Lord is coming soon, and I will probably hear from Him about not attending church more, but I can't stand to be in a place of worship that doesn't value His Chosen People.

Most sincerely,

suspect we won't have to deal with these folks in the Kingdom.

Please see the next letter. — Zola

Three Important Things

Dear Zola:

I thought you might enjoy this from our state Baptist paper. — G.P.

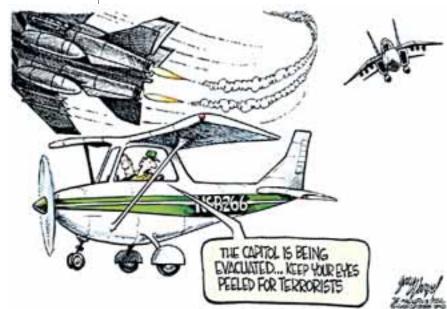
The Alabama Baptist **Hokes Bluff Church Hosts Zola Levitt** By Theresa Shadrix

"Israel, Israel, Israel."

Those are the three things of importance to the Christian church today, Zola Levitt recently told the crowd gathered at Immanuel Baptist Church, Hokes Bluff.

Heads nodded in agreement as those listening anticipated hearing Levitt's views on Israel, end-times prophecy and current world events.

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LETTERS TO ZOLA continued

Levitt, who has 50 books in print, held the attention of the congregation for over two hours as he talked about evangelism, a future Palestinian state, hatred of the Jews, the return of Jesus, and Armageddon. He also answered questions from the audience on the building of the 3rd temple, the location of the Ark of the Covenant and his opinions on world leaders.

Some of those present were already supporters of Zola Levitt Ministries, based in Dallas, Texas, and subscribe to his newsletter or watch his weekly 30-minute television program, Zola Levitt Presents, which airs on television stations across the nation. Some also had traveled with Levitt on one of his 80 trips to Israel.

Levitt is a Believer in the Biblical concept outlined in Romans 1:16, "First to the Jew and also to the gentile."

Although educating people about Israel, the Jews and end-time prophecy is a core issue in Levitt's ministry, more important is evangelism, Levitt said.

"This is the perfect time to share the gospel with unbelievers. The Lord said, 'In the days of Noah,' and it is already raining," he said.

Anthony Copeland, pastor of Immanuel, said Christians should be aware of end-time events. "There's a need for us to be aware of what's going on in the Middle East," he said. "And it is good for our church members to be exposed to a Jewish Believer."

Though Levitt had spent his childhood learning the laws in the synagogue, his life dramatically changed in 1971 when he accepted Jesus Christ as the Messiah. For almost 35 years, Levitt has urged Christians to witness to Jewish friends and embrace the Jewish people. "If you have a problem with the Jews, know that when you get to heaven you will meet the King of the Jews," he said.

Levitt warned Christians about the anti-Semitism in the world, but credited the strife to spiritual battles. "The hatred of Israel is amazing. Since it goes all the way back to Pharaoh, it is spiritual."

He said the Jewish people have always been special to God and the devil seeks to get rid of them. "He can't win this battle, but he uses all the punches he can," Levitt said.

Dear G.P.:

I usually cringe when reporters attend my talks, since they so distort what I say. But the above article is totally accurate.

— Zola

Active, Loud and Indignant

Dear Zola:

Re: "British Academic Intolerance" (a *Jerusalem Post* article about a British educational association which proposes to boycott Israeli academics as a reprisal for the policies of the Israeli government):

I should like to make your readers aware that the majority of those involved in this nefarious activity are from ragbag elements of the Left, aided and abetted by a rapidly increasing number of Muslim students whose main contribution to society seems to be creating hostility toward the Jews. Their ringleaders — professors or lecturers — are, many of them, failures, jealous perhaps of their contemporaries who have succeeded in the real world, harboring a bitterness which can only be expressed by identifying with extremists.

— J.J., U.K.

Dear J.J.:

The above letter helps us to understand what's going on at our own educational institutions. There are people in the world who hate Israel because they hate Jews, but they are quite a minority (other than Muslims). But when Muslims proliferate on university campuses, they are active, loud and indignant about Israel's policies, and they create a tumult. This is happening on so many American campuses including Columbia, Harvard, Stanford, and even some of the best of Christian seminaries. Perhaps we should urge those who understand the truth about Israel to get up and holler. — Zola

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Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren

Dear Zola:

This is my small gift. I wish it could be more.

We are so blessed with a man like you keeping us truly informed. I tape your weekly TV programs and then my grandchildren and great grandchildren watch them... keeping them in touch with the truth of what is happening in our world.

I have taught them to give thanks for their food in Hebrew (phonetically) and they love it!

God bless all you do.

Sincerely, -M.R.M.

Dear M.R.M.:

There are no small gifts in the work of the Lord. Thank you for your help. — Zola

From a Pastor

Dear Zola:

"...a dead, apostate church"

I do not understand why the members of the United Methodist Church get so upset with you because you report the truth. I have enclosed a section of *The Book of Resolutions* of The United Methodist Church, copyright, 2004.

With their very own words they show that it is now nothing more than a dead, apostate church. It seems that the leadership of the church does not even know that Jesus is the only Son of God and that Islam worships a moon god. It is no wonder that the church as we know it today has no power against the invasion of these false religions in the world today.

I guess this is another sign of the End Times.

Sincerely, — Pastor J.D.



Dear Pastor J.D.:

When John Wesley died, it was said that he left a fork, a spoon and the Methodist Church. How things have changed. I think you're right about the End Times, pastor. — Zola

Seven Years Labor

Dear Staff:

I would like to know what Zola believes about the Eastern Orthodox Church. I have been Orthodox for seven years now and I am starting to feel that it may not be the true church. I would hope to know what Mr. Levitt has to say and how did the early Church really worship.

Was it liturgical? Were there traditions that may not be in Scripture?

Thanks,

— M.

"...it may not be the true church"

Dear M:

Did it really take you seven years? Rather than discussing these churches, one by one, let me just say that the true Believers are marked by salvation in an intense desire to know Scripture and a yearning love for Israel and the Kingdom to come.

There always were true and false churches as our Lord instructed in Revelation 2-3. Please see our booklet, "Seven Churches" on page 31. — Zola

Promises, Promises

Dear Zola:

Why doesn't anyone acknowledge the historical fact that there is already an Arab nation (Jordan) on the land of Palestine (named by Hadrian)? Those who want to live in an Arab Palestinian state should simply move to Jordan. It is obvious that there is no intention of just wanting an Arab Palestinian state, they just want all of Palestine, including what was promised to the Jewish people near 90 years ago!

Sincerely, — Y.B.

Dear Y.B.:

Your reference is to the Balfour Declaration, in which MP Arthur James Balfour stated: "His Majesty's Government view with favor the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people..." It's just that people, including the British government, do not feel that they have to keep promises made to the Jews.

— Zola

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Making Lemonade

Dear Zola:

I must take issue with the nameless letter published in your May 2005 newsletter regarding what the writer calls lemon sucking Lutherans. Please don't judge all Lutherans by the actions of a few. My wife and I are lifelong Lutherans and our congregation is filled with the Holy Spirit. Our Lord is certainly in charge in our church and our lives. We would welcome the writer to visit us any time and we will give him or her a warm welcome.

We love and pray for your ministry.

In Christ, — G.G.

Dear G.G.:

I too have received warm welcomes in victorious Lutheran churches, but I had to correct a Lutheran school which taught that Christianity started in Greece.

End Times

Focus?

— Zola

"Age of Terror"

Dear Zola:

I wanted to ask about both the current and future focus that Zola Levitt Ministries has. I remember so many times hearing about End Times studies and explanations of prophecies concerning Israel, End Times events and other aspects of eschatology, that I wondered if this would become once again an emphasis. With the current focus being the rebuttal of incorrect theology (which is absolutely necessary), I just wanted to ask. Zola's accuracy and insights were always so refreshing in this regard and I do miss them. It seems very rare to read the *Levitt Letters* and Personal Letters and see any mention of these, so please let me know if this will be a focus in the future.

Grace and Peace to you in the fullest measure!

— M.N.

Dear M.N.:

I wasn't aware that we were leaving out End Times prophecy. Our ongoing TV series, *Age of Terror*, my upcoming book, *Dateline Jerusalem*, and every *Levitt Letter* give coverage to the End Times. The incorrect theology all around us is part and parcel of End Times prophecy. (*...false prophets will abound*.) Matthew 24:11 — Zola

"You are Never the Same"

Dear Zola:

I have been to Israel twice and can't wait to go again whether in this life or the next. I truly love Israel and feel so connected to it. Once you go there you are never the same. I truly do not understand how one can read the Bible and not believe that the Jews are God's Chosen People.

I am a widow on a limited income, but I want to help you, as I get so much out of the *Levitt Letter* and your programs. God bless you richly,

In Christ Jesus, Our Messiah, — J.H.

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A Tale of Three Democracies

(continued)

We are watching in Iraq a microcosm of the same thing. It's kind of a fast-forward picture sped up by the recent establishment of democracy in Baghdad and the immediate incursion of hostile aliens from Iran, Syria and Saudi Arabia. These particular aliens do not wait around to increase their population and slowly overwhelm the host country. Rather, they get to immediate work with bombs and guns, meaning to overcome the fledgling democracy.

I'm not at all sure that our experiment in Iraq will meet with 100% success. It is very difficult for any honest reader of history to expect to see a truly democratic Muslim society. That has simply never happened.

And Muslims are a large part of the problem in the incursions into America. Islamic jihadists are slipping in daily with the illegal immigrants. Prayer rugs, copies of the Koran, and so forth, have been found along the incursion routes from Mexico.

Will the US, Israel and Iraq simply acquiesce to oncoming hostile takeovers? Is democracy possibly doomed in the face of very large numbers of dissidents?

My personal hope is that the Kingdom will come before we have to face these grave situations. And finally, we will have the world's first completely righteous government.

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EDITORIAL

Our contributing editor, Patrick Cox, who has written for many major publications on a par with Newsweek, is totally fed up. — Zola

"....Scribes, Pharisees, Hypocrites!" By Patrick Cox



It is clear now that Newsweek's reckless pub-

lication of the anonymous, undocumented charge, that U.S. officials at Guantanamo had flushed a Koran down a toilet as an interrogation technique, has provided what has come to be known in pedagogic circles as a "teachable moment."

As the death toll from anti-American riots in Afghanistan and elsewhere mounted, the blame game began in earnest. Supporters of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, wearied by the proclivity of the press to focus on American mistakes, such as the Abu Ghraib prison scandal, while playing down events such as the public beheading of civilian contractors in Iraq, quickly grasped Newsweek's recalcitrant retraction as evidence of the mainstream media's predisposition to portray the military in a negative light.

Opponents of the war countered that the administration, by interfering in Islamic nations' affairs, had created the conditions that have led to such bloody demonstrations, and therefore deserves the lion's share of blame. Frankly, few found this argument believable as the incontrovertible facts of the case are that a rumor was published as fact, prompting the murder of at least 18 people, the injury of many more, and the endangerment of American lives.

"Newsweek lied. People died." was the headline penned by Michelle Malkin.

Having painted themselves into a corner, defenders of the fourth estate searched for a new culprit and, astonishingly, found it in radical Islam. For the first time, the message of the media was that, just perhaps, the murderous savages who slaughter innocent people over any perceived slight to Islam might, themselves, be the root cause of the conflict between many Muslims and... well... everybody else.

Certainly, this has not been the case in recent years.

When the Israeli government, as a goodwill gesture toward the Palestinian Authority, withdrew from Nablus in 2000, a well organized mob seized the opportunity to loot, desecrate and burn the tomb of the patriarch Joseph, the son of Jacob, and murdered a rabbi attempting to save a Torah within. Though the tomb had been

entrusted to the Jewish state under the terms of the Oslo Accord, and the perpetrators were protected by the PA, there was no international outcry over the insult to Judaism. In fact, commentators bemoaned the so-called "cycle of violence" — even as Palestinian authorities illegally dismantled the wreckage of the ancient site and built a mosque in its place.

Similarly, neither the international community nor the media seemed to find anything about the massacre by Hamas in Netanya, Israel of 30 men women and children during a Passover seder in 2002 that would cause them to view the terrorists as anything other than insurgents in a legitimate struggle. In fact, the terrorist group Hamas, whose publicly-stated raison d'etre is the destruction of Israel, is still honored with full legal recognition by the government of France and other European countries.

The hypocrisy exhibited by Muslims who demand that all non-Muslims treat the icons of their religion with exaggerated reverence is illuminated by silence regarding the destruction, by the Afghan Taliban, of a pair of priceless 1,500 year old Buddhist statues.

The demand by Muslims that all people treat the Koran with perfect piety is contradicted by their approval of the Saudi government's burning of any Christian or Jewish Bibles found in their country.

Outrage over mistreatment of Muslim terrorists is belied by either tacit or explicit approval of the terrorism itself.

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OUR MISSIONARIES REPORT

We have had requests for a report on our Missionaries in Israel, which we provide here. Thanks to all who have supported the "To the Jew First" fund. - Zola

Ambassadors of Messiah to Israel By Reverend Todd Baker

A Pilpul on a Plane.

March 2005's Gospel outreach to Israel did not begin there, but on the plane going over there from JFK Airport in New York City. Paul Colley, a personal friend, missionary, and co-laborer in Christ for twenty-one years, accompanied me on this outreach.

Once Paul and I boarded our flight bound for Tel Aviv, Israel, we immediately felt led by the Holy Spirit to pray that any Jewish person sitting next to us on the flight would be especially open to a witness about Yeshua being the Messiah of Israel. Not long after that prayer was said, two men sat next to us. One man was named Joseph. He sat next to Paul on the long flight to Israel. He was a middle-aged man with an Orthodox background. He was very genial, tolerant and open to our bearing testimony about Yeshua being the Jewish Messiah. He asked us about our reasons for traveling to Israel. Paul and I told him that we were sent by several ministries (Zola Levitt, Brit Hadashah and the Shalom, Shalom Messianic congregation) that support Israel and send us there to spread the good news of Yeshua the Messiah's first coming and His soon return to the land of Israel as King of kings and Lord of lords.



name was Opher. He informed us that he was a

artist who did mute dramas of the great Bible characters in the

Old Testament like Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He showed us a presentation on his mini-DVD player. After viewing his reenactment of the Akedah (Abraham offering up his son Isaac), I shared with Opher that this was a Messianic type of Abba (God) offering up for Israel and the world his one and only unique Son for our sins. Opher quickly surmised we were Believers in Yeshua.

Paul and I affirmed that not only did we believe He is the Messiah. but that all of Jesus' first followers were Jewish. I then gave him a Gospel tract in Hebrew that gave a list of all the major prophecies made about Messiah in the *Tanach* and the corresponding fulfillment by Yeshua in the Brit Hadashah (the Hebrew phrase for The New Testa-



ment). Opher wanted to go through some of these prophecies with us. At this point in our conversation, a young Orthodox man from the Chabad movement

rudely interrupted our conversation. He had been sitting in the row in front of us. This man was attempting to discourage and dissuade Opher from hearing the Gospel. The Chabad movement promotes the ridiculous notion that the late Rabbi Menachem Schneerson of Brooklyn New York was the Messiah.

"Long live the King and the Messiah."



The picture above of Schneerson published in Jerusalem says of Him in Hebrew: "Long live the King and the Messiah.")

I bluntly challenged this man and told him in no uncertain terms that all the evidence from Scripture and Jewish history indubitably points to Jesus of Nazareth being the only One who is the Messiah foretold by Moses and the Prophets. The young man replied by claiming that Yeshua could not be the Messiah since his father was not Jewish.

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"...SCRIBES, PHARISEES, HYPOCRITES!" cont.

AMBASSADORS... continued

By this, I assumed that this man was reflecting a tradition of Orthodox Judaism from the Talmud that teaches Jesus' father was a Roman soldier named Pantera who had an illicit relationship with his mother Mary. This was further verified when the man told me to read the Gemara, which is the second part of the *Talmud*, providing commentary and explaination of it. A *pilpul* (a theological debate in Jewish circles) began to develop between this intrusive fellow and me.

My reply was to say that *Yeshua's* Father was God and His lineage was indeed Jewish on His mother's side. I went on to inform him that Joseph, particularly, could not have been the natural father since he came from King Jeconiah's genealogical line (see Matthew 1:12), which God cursed and spoke through the prophet Jeremiah that none of Jeconiah's descendants would ever sit on the throne of David as King of Israel! *"O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord: 'Write this man down as childless, a man who shall not prosper in his days; for none of his descendants shall prosper, sitting on the throne of David, and ruling Judah anymore," (Jeremiah 22:29-30).*

Thus, Joseph, the legal father of Jesus, could not have been the physical father of Jesus because of this curse pronounced on Jeconiah's descendants. That would include Joseph and prevent him or his children from reigning on the throne of David as King of Israel.

But Jesus was not affected by this curse, because his physical Jewish descent came from David through his mother Mary, who conceived him by the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit (Matt. 1:18; Luke 3:21-38).

When asked, the Orthodox man expressed complete ignorance about this key prophecy in Jeremiah 22:29-30. So I went on to say to this man that Jesus could not have had Joseph as his physical father. Furthermore, the prophets foretold that the Messiah would be the Son of God and therefore have God as His father (see Psalm 2:6-8; Isaiah 7:14)! The Orthodox man angrily expressed his bewilderment over this. When I point-blank asked him if he had read the evidence for *Yeshua* being the Messiah as historically written by Jewish eyewitnesses in the New Testament, he, of course, smugly answered, "no." Then I replied, "You can't very well dismiss something you are ignorant of, nor have honestly investigated."

After this, the man said nothing more to me. Satan, no doubt, was using his interruption to discourage Opher from investigating these important matters for himself. Nevertheless, Opher accepted a copy of the New Testament in Hebrew and a Gospel tract as well. Pray now that nothing or no one will keep him from coming to faith in the Messiah Jesus.

Those who demand special protections for Muslims in America and the West are utterly discredited by the fact that no Islamic nation affords equal rights for Christians and Jews, and many actively persecute them.

To this day, most of the Islamic world is silent concerning the desecration of the Bethlehem Church of the Nativity (believed to be the site of Jesus' birthplace) by Palestinian militants. On the other hand, U.S. soldiers are systematically condemned even for firing back at attackers who hide in mosques.

This is not to say, however, that no Muslims are speaking out. In fact, a few remarkable voices from within Islam have called on the rest of the world to stop coddling the Islamic tendency to see itself as simultaneously superior and victimized. In this effort, we have a humanitarian duty to assist.

Let me be clear, even if a Koran had been flushed down a Guantanamo toilet, it doesn't matter. If one person's life can be saved by using the superstitions of Islam, or any other religion, to extract information from known terrorists, then it is proper.

Personally, I am more than willing to treat Islam with respect and esteem — when Islam affords the same to human rights and life. It is past time, however, that we stopped pretending that those responsible for the wanton murder of anyone who stands in the way of Islamofascist totalitarianism have any right to have their rituals elevated to sacred status. If showing Saddam Hussein in his skivvies helps destroy the fear and myth of invincibility that such a monster engendered, I have to wonder how he would look on the end of a leash.

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Israel is a Country...

By Ephraim Kishon, www.israelinsider.com

Israel is a country so small that there is no room to write its name on world maps.

Israel is a country where mothers learn the "mothertongue" from their children.

Israel is a country where you write Hebrew, read English and speak Yiddish.

Israel is a country at war with its neighbors, but the ulcers come from the neighbors in the apartment upstairs.

Israel is a country where every human being is a soldier, and every soldier is a human being.

Born a Christian Nation

National Review

"A nation which does not remember what it was yesterday, does not know what it is today, nor what it is trying to do. We are trying to do a futile thing if we do not know where we came from or what we have been about... America was born a Christian nation. America was born to exemplify that devotion to the tenets of righteousness which are derived from the revelations of Holy Scripture." - presidential candidate Woodrow Wilson, 1911 (as quoted by William F. Buckley, Jr.)

The Elite of Saudi Society

Gary Bauer's End of Day Report

Dozens of websites run by Islamofascists have become a rich source of information about just who is responsible for the homicide bombings in Iraq. A Washington *Post* analysis of these sites indicates that as many as 60% of the bombers are from Saudi Arabia. Saudi officials are not happy this information has become public at the very time they are in the middle of a public relations campaign to convince us that they are an ally in the war against terror.

Also of interest to terrorism experts are the profiles of the Saudi jihadists. They are mostly young, highly-educated and from privileged Saudi families — the same characteristics as the September 11th hijackers. Far from being oppressed, these men are the elite of Saudi society who have experienced an Islamic "awakening" in their lives that led them to seek "martyrdom." Apparently, these "martyrs" didn't get the memo telling them that the war has nothing to do with Islam.

Editorial How Suicide **Bombers** are Made

By David Brooks, The New York Times

"...[Islamic suicide bombers] are strategically ruthless. Jeffrey Goldberg of *The New Yorker*, who has spent years reporting on extremists, says they use manufactured spasms of hatred to desensitize their followers. After followers spend a few years living through rabid riots and vicious sermons, killing an American or a Jew or even a fellow Muslim seems no more consequential than killing a mosquito. That's how suicide bombers are made."

The Jerusalem Resolution

By Bill Koenig, Koenig's Eye View, www.watch.org

Senator Sam Brownback, R-Kan., has introduced a wide-sweeping joint resolution recognizing Jerusalem as the undivided capital of Israel and instructing the United States to locate its embassy in Jerusalem soon after any Palestinian state is established.

Brownback's bill, called the "Jerusalem Resolution," also recognizes the historic perspective of Jerusalem before the U.S. Congress in that it proclaims that Jerusalem has been the capital of the Jewish people for 3,000 years; it is not mentioned in the Koran; it is the seat of government for Israel; and the citizens of Israel should be allowed to worship freely and according to their traditions. The resolution points out that U.S. law already states it is a matter of United States policy that Jerusalem should be the undivided capital of Israel.



Briefs

Muslim Sensitivities



Gary Bauer's End of Day Report

During the debate over *Newsweek's* "Koran in the toilet story," a curious thing happened. Virtually everyone accepted the idea that it was a natural thing for Muslims to riot in Afghanistan (with 17 people dying as a result) over the news report. Those on the left accused the U.S. military of being "insensitive" to Muslims and those on the right accused *Newsweek* of trying to incite Muslims by reporting the story. In either case, Muslim violence got a pass.

A few commentators are now beginning to ask some questions about this analysis and its flaws. Diane West, writing in *The Washington Times*, observes that radical Muslims aren't "sensitive" at all when it comes to other faiths. She goes through the litany: Albanian Muslims, March 2004, destroying 30 Orthodox churches in Kosovo; Taliban Muslims, 2001, dynamiting Buddha statues in Afghanistan; Palestinian Muslims in 2000 destroying Joseph's Tomb in Nablus; and let's not forget the 2002 armed occupation by Palestinian Muslims of the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, where pages from Bibles were used as toilet paper!

Diane West also pointed out something that has grated on me in the last week. A number of government officials, trying to repair the damage from the *Newsweek* story, have referred to the Holy Koran. As Ms. West observes, I don't recall that adjective being used to describe the Bible by any of our government officials.

Newsweek made a mistake, but let's not fall into the trap of believing the jihadists need an excuse for murder and mayhem. They didn't need one on September 11th.

Hospital Terror?

Gary Bauer's End of Day Report

Federal authorities are mystified by an unusual series of incidents at U.S. hospitals that could indicate the facilities are under reconnaissance by al-Qaeda. Hospitals in four states have reported that individuals, appearing to be of Middle Eastern descent, have entered their facilities masquerading as doctors. They ask questions about bed capacity, emergency services and often request a private tour of the facilities. When asked for credentials, they leave. The Department of Homeland Security has issued a special bulletin to U.S. hospitals to be on guard. Once again, we are reminded that our enemy is still working feverishly to bring more sorrows to our nation.

Pat the Terrorist

Gary Bauer's End of Day Report

If you think we are exaggerating the radical Left's efforts to demonize people of faith by equating religious conservatives with the Taliban, think again. Consider this exchange at a congressional hearing between Rep. Maxine Waters of California and Barry Sabin of the Justice Department's Counterterrorism Section:

Rep. Waters: "Do you have conservative religious organizations in the United States who supply resources to the Taliban?"

Sabin: "I don't know what you're specifically referring to."

Rep. Waters: "Well, I'm talking about Pat Robertson and some of the organizations that were involved with support of the Taliban before 9/11, and I'm told that still there may be some connections to them. Do you know anything about this at all?"

Sabin: "I don't know what you're referring to."

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EDITORIAL BRIEFS continued

If Representative Waters has something important to say, she needs to say it. But deliberately attempting to smear religious conservatives by making wild accusations that Pat Robertson is associating with terrorists is unconscionable. Her remarks should have been immediately denounced by House Democrat Leader Nancy Pelosi and Democrat National Chairman Howard Dean. At a minimum, such comments are unhelpful for a party that is theoretically trying to reach out to "values voters." Unfortunately, Waters' comments fit the familiar pattern of the ever-so-tolerant Left impugning religious conservatives with baseless charges.

My friends, there is a very real culture war in this country, and a primary objective of the Left is to marginalize people of faith. Whether it's the ACLU trying to tear down every monument to the Ten Commandments, atheists suing to rip "under God" out of our Pledge, liberal senators who tremble at the thought of judges with "deeply held religious beliefs," or elected officials equating religious conservatives with the Taliban, you and your values are the target of every attack. And just like every war, only one side can win. I am working hard to make sure our values carry the day.

How Many Jews?

By James Lileks, www.jewishworldreview.com

In the good old days, one could count on the progressive elements to side with a pluralistic, tolerant, secular democracy against a theocratic regime made up of glowering, Jew-hating misogynists. But that was before the permanent adolescents of the '60s hijacked the left with their fragrant blend of anti-Americanism and loathing of the very culture that guarantees their freedoms. To them, Iran is a problem only inasmuch as it provides the Zionist Oil-Cabal Neocons with an "enemy." And if the mullahs respond to a successful revolution by nuking Israel on the way out? Well, how many Jews does the world really need, anyway? Europe's been asking that question for centuries. An answer might be nice.

The War on Caterpillar

Gary Bauer's End of Day Report

The Reverend Jim Wallis is experiencing a renaissance of sorts. He's been working in Washington, D.C. since 1975, but no one cared until recently.

His mission: teaching Democrats how to speak to "values voters." After losing three elections in a row, some Democrats are willing to concede that they have a problem, and Wallis has been tapped as the Left's religious guru.

While the media cite Wallis' new relationship with Democrat leaders as proof that they do "get it," don't hold your breath hoping Wallis will be leading the Democrats down the "Damascus Road" any time soon. The reality is that Washington's political liberals are simply being advised by a religious liberal.

At one point in time, Wallis even had access to the Bush White House, but that ended when he told the president, "Unless we drain the swamp of injustice in which the mosquitoes of terrorism breed, we'll never defeat the threat of terrorism." Exactly what does Wallis mean when he speaks of "injustice"? He's not talking about the Taliban, which turned soccer stadiums into execution arenas. Nor is he referring to Saudi Wahabbism that oppresses women and foments hatred of Christians and Jews.

Sadly, the "injustice" Wallis is referring to is U.S. foreign policy. In fact, his organization has demanded congressional investigations against the Caterpillar corporation for doing business with Israel — a favorite tactic of the radical Left. Some "mainline" church denominations in the U.S. are currently exploring divestment campaigns against U.S. companies that do business in Israel, and Caterpillar is a primary target. Wallis seems to have embraced the notion that we are somehow responsible for the hatred that leads men to fly planes into skyscrapers and strap bombs on their bodies.

I pray this is not what he is teaching congressional **Democrats!**



Try Connecting the Dots

By Zola Levitt

Several times recently, a hospital in Bethlehem has been brought to our attention. The *Hospital de la Sainte Famille* or Holy Family Hospital was first praised by the very anti-Israel Episcopal priest, Rev. GDV Wiebe SSC., PhD. He claimed that Israeli checkpoints in Bethlehem stopped patients from reaching this hospital. There are, of course, no Israeli checkpoints in Bethlehem, which was turned over to the Palestinians in 1995.

Secondly, it was recently announced that this same hospital has petitioned the U.S. Congress for \$3.5 million in aid to continue its work. And finally, it was announced at the death of Pope John Paul II that this was one of his favorite charities which he recommended to the 1.2 billion Catholics.

I was impressed by the magnitude of this hospital, and, obviously, it is not easy to criticize a charity work of this kind. No one opposes medical care at nominal prices for the poor, and this hospital serves the Palestinians of Bethlehem, Bejara and the Hebron area. While all Arabs in Israel are freely admitted to the excellent Israeli hospitals, it is certainly a good thing that they have built and are operating a structure using such a volume of international gifts of charity.

But imagine my shock when I discovered that it contains only 28 beds! Sandra and I have toured the hospitals of Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Tiberias. They were impressive indeed. The Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem has 1,100 beds, and some of the most important medical research in the world goes on there. That particular hospital solicits donations from Jewish people, but in the whole world, there are only 15 million Jews.

Palestinians receive more foreign aid per capita than any other people in the world. Millions and millions of dollars are pouring into this diminutive building in Bethlehem, a town barely more than a crossroads. Where does the money go? If it pays for 28 beds, they must be very impressive beds.

We have previously published that the hospital claims to treat patients "regardless of religious preference." But that is totally irrelevant in Bethlehem where the Christians have all but been run off and no Jewish person would ever set foot on pain of instant death.

Hadassah Nominated for Nobel Peace Prize

By contrast, the Hadassah Medical Organization has excelled in promoting peace in the region by their commitment to equal treatment for all people despite treating more terror victims than any other medical center. They are the model of cooperation and coexistence set by their mixed staff of people of all faiths. The medical organization's ongoing initiatives in creating bridges for peace even throughout the Intifada has earned them international acclaim leading to nomination for the 2005 Nobel Peace Prize. If financial aid is funneled to any hospital in the region, who is more worthy than Hadassah?

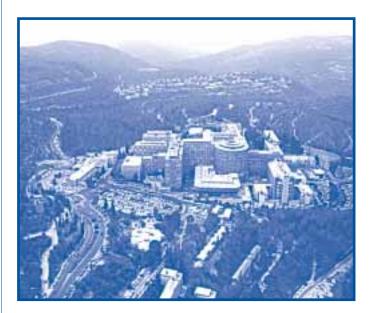
At the same time, the Palestinian terrorists continue upgrading their weapons, digging high-priced tunnels from Egypt to import them, and are somehow able to pay for high-tech rocketry and the like.

Try connecting the dots.

According to the "American Committee For The Holy Family Hospital":

Total Annual Operating Cost = \$1,207,234 Total Annual Payments/Fees Received From Patients = \$639,834 Total Annual Deficit (funded by charitable contributions) = \$567,400

ASSUMING THAT THE ENTIRE \$1,207,234 ANNUAL OPERATING COST IS SPENT ON LEGITIMATE ACTIVITIES, THE KEY FIGURE IS THE \$567,400 DEFICIT. ARE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM ALL 1.2 BILLION ROMAN CATHOLICS NEEDED TO RAISE \$567,400?



Behind the Hadassah Hospital complex (shown above), is the small village of Ein Karem, where Mary visited her cousin, Elizabeth, when they were both with child. As things worked out, Elizabeth gave birth in the neighborhood of Hadassah Hospital, but Mary chose Bethlehem.

— Zola

EditorialNotes

"There has Never Been an Arab Palestine"

By Jack Kinsella, www.omegaletter.com

Now that Mahmoud Abbas has President Bush's ear, he is reportedly planning to launch a fresh uprising against Israel. Geo-Strategy Direct reports that Abbas hopes Israel will respond with "terrorist force and organized fire."

According to the plan, the Israeli response would lead to massive western pressure on Israel that would isolate the country and embarrass the United States. As a result, the Israeli people and American Jews would protest Sharon's policies.

Bill Gertz quotes Abbas advisor Abu Sharif who contends that an uprising represents, for the Palestinian side, a no-lose proposition. It would bolster the Palestinian stand, reverse the pro-Israeli policies of the U.S. and strengthen Abbas. As Palestinian violence rages back home, Abbas could be tough with the United States.

Abbas was expected to delay any uprising until at least after the Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip, sources said. At the same time, he would not stop the escalation of Fatah and Hamas attacks on Israeli communities and military outposts in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

It this were any country except Israel, the entire farce would have never gotten off the ground. Were Israel not a Jewish state, the world would instantly reject the Palestinian Authority claims as historically and transparently invalid. Anybody with access to an atlas knows there has never been an Arab Palestine.

A hundred years ago, "Palestine" was Southern Syria. For the next forty years, "Palestinians" were Jews. Arab residents vehemently rejected the label of "Palestinian" and insisted they were citizens of Southern Syria.

Thirty-eight years ago, following the defeat of Jordan and Egypt, an Egyptian-born Arab named Yasser Arafat invented the "Palestinian" people.

The modern "Palestinian people" have no unique language, no unique culture, no unique history, and cannot be found identified anywhere in any historical records that date earlier than the mid-1960's.

But somehow, we find one Mahmoud Abbas, "president" of the "Palestinian people," meeting at the White House with President George Bush to discuss creating a "Palestinian State" on what is both historical and modern Israel.

And nobody seems to have a problem with it — except the Jews of Israel.

Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they

shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people; all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it. (Zechariah 12:2-3)

"Islam Hasn't Changed"

By Jim Brown, www.agapepress.org

A Christian author and Bible prophecy expert says attempts to make peace in the Middle East are a fraud — because "peace" for the Palestinians, he says, is the destruction of Israel.

Yasser Arafat's successors may not be quite as evil as he was, but they too are bent on taking over Israel's Godgiven land. So says Dave Hunt, author of several books on Israel and Bible prophecy, including *A Cup of Trembling: Jerusalem and Bible Prophecy.*

Hunt says Mahmoud Abbas and other Muslim leaders of the Palestinian Authority worked closely with Arafat, the late Palestinian leader, and still seek the destruction of the Jewish state.



"Islam hasn't changed," Hunt maintains. "Muhammed said the last day will not come until the Muslims confront the Jews and the Muslims destroy them. 'In that day,'" says Hunt, quoting,

"'Allah will give a voice to the rocks and the trees and they will cry out, 'Muslim, there is a Jew hiding behind me. Come and kill him.'

So these people [the Palestinian leaders] are not a few fanatics; these are real Muslims. And Islam teaches that all of that land belongs to the Arabs."

Hunt explains that the Palestinians will always claim Israel's land belongs to them because Arabs believe Ishmael, not Isaac, is the "son of promise" who was offered on the altar at Mount Moriah — and Islam teaches that once Muslims have controlled an area, they can never give it up.

President Bush recently pledged \$200 million in aid to the Palestinians to help promote a Mid-East peace agreement.

"The Holy City is Ours"

by Aaron Klein, www.worldnetdaily.com

Hamas recently warned against any American attempt to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, saying such a move, currently being debated by the U.S. Congress, would spark immediate violence throughout the Middle East.

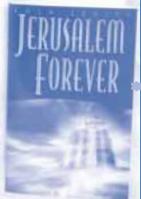
Any U.S. resolution recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel will explode the region into violence, and in the current "calm" in the Palestinian territories, said Hamas spokesman Mushir Al-Masri.

The Hamas spokesman demanded that Jerusalem be reserved for the capital of what it called its future state. (See *The Jerusalem Resolution* on page 16)

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Those Arabs living in Israel and areas under the Jewish state's overall control enjoy far greater freedoms than any of their brethren throughout the Middle East, a prominent Iraqi political figure said recently. "I am sure that the Palestinian [Arabs] in Israel have more rights than in any other Arab country; and even the Iraqi citizens during the time of Saddam [Hussein]," Mithal al-Alusi, leader of the Democratic Party of the Iraqi Nation, said in an interview with *The Jerusalem Post*.

Alusi based his assessment on firsthand knowledge, after making a controversial visit to Israel last September to attend an international counter-terrorism conference.

"I was interested to know how they [Israel] deal with problems and with terror. Why should we have war between Iraq and Israel? How can I forget that there is a modern state in the area which has had success in the democratic process and the economy?" he explained.

At the time, Alusi was head of Iraq's De-Ba'athification Commission, but his trip to Israel gained him numerous enemies in a nation still officially at war with the Jewish state and cost him his high-ranking position. He has since survived an assassination attempt and been reduced to a political outsider. His two sons were less fortunate, having been gunned down by terrorists in February.

"Before I went, I knew I would have huge trouble in Baghdad, I was very sure I would lose my political position. And I was very sure that I was a target for the terrorists, but these taboos [against relations with Israel] should be broken, must be broken," Alusi insisted.

"These taboos [against relations with Israel] should be broken, must be broken"

Alusi is not alone in his observation of the favorable treatment of Arabs under Israel. Even Palestinian Arabs, despite all their anti-Israel rhetoric, often admit to preferring Jewish rule to their own Palestinian Authority, noted famed columnist Daniel Pipes in an editorial published by *The Jerusalem Post* recently.

Pipes listed several examples from the past decade. Regarding the rule of law, Pipes quoted Haydar Abd ash-Shafi, a noted Arab leader in Gaza, as once observing the relief felt among the populace when the IDF would impose general curfews in order to quiet local infighting.

Musa Abu Marzouk of Hamas once pointed out that in Israel, the "opposition criticized [Prime Minister Ehud] Barak and they were not arrested — but in our case the PA arrests people as the first order of business." Pipes goes on to quote a Christian Palestinian with no great love for Israel, who was nevertheless forced to admit that "Israeli laws protect us" as a minority.

Were a Palestinian Arab state to come into existence, "we [would] undergo the same [persecution at the hands of Muslims] as our Lebanese brothers or the Copts in Egypt," that same Christian lamented. Iyad as-Sarraj, a prominent psychiatrist and director of the Gaza Community Mental Health Program, confessed that "during the Israeli occupation, I was 100 times freer [than under the PA]." These excerpts from sermons in May of this year show that Palestinian Authority brainwashing remains unchanged in the post-Arafat era. — Zola

Monitoring the Palestinian Media By Itamar Marcus & Barbara Crook, www.pmw.org.il

Palestinian Authority TV Sermon: Extermination of Jews and Subjugation of Christians- Inevitable Goal of History

The final stage of history will be the subjugation of all Christian countries under Islam and the extermination of every single Jew — this according to the PA religious leader during his May 13 sermon.

The Jews are so evil, Ibrahim Mudayris teaches, that they cannot be subjugated like the Christian countries, and therefore the only solution awaiting them is death! Literally, the extermination of every Jew. In his words: "The day will come and we shall rule America, Britain, we shall rule the entire world, except the Jews."

In the sermon, Ibrahim Mudayris reiterated many of the often-repeated PA justifications for the anticipated genocide, including the following hate messages:

1. The Jews have inherently evil character traits that Muhammed warned Muslims about in the Koran.

2. The Jews have been the source of conflict throughout all of history: "The Jews are a virus similar to AIDS, from which the entire world is suffering."

3. The persecution of Jews throughout history is presented as natural responses of self-defense by numerous countries against the evil of the Jews. Britain, France, Portugal, Czarist Russia, Nazi Germany, all persecuted and/or expelled Jews as acts of self-defense and revenge.

4. Zionism was created by Britain in order solve its Jewish problem by sending them to Israel.

5. God has predetermined that the Jewish problem will be solved with the extermination of the Jews.

6. God has predetermined that the Christian-Islam interactions will end with today's Christian countries under Islam.

7. Israel has no right to exist and will be destroyed. PMW's report: Kill a Jew-go to Heaven — a full report outlining the PA's systematic justification of genocide, can be found on the PMW web site, at the following address: www.pmw.org.il/KAJ_eng.htm

From Ibrahim Mudayris, Friday Sermon, May 13, 2005

Koran: "Indeed you will find that of all mankind, those with the strongest hatred of the believers are the Jews and the pagans" al-Maada: 82.

Mudayris: "There is no god but Allah, Who warned His Prophet and Beloved [Muhammed] of the Jews; who murdered their prophets, and falsified their Bible; who were corrupt and corrupted throughout their existence; [and] violated their treaties and agreements. Hundreds of verses about them came down [from the heavens] and appeared in the Koran. And in them it is told of the corruption of their qualities and their evil intentions... Had Allah not protected your Beloved, he would have been a victim of the Jews' treachery; he would have been one of the thousands of prophets that were murdered by the Jews...

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MONITORING THE PALESTINIAN MEDIA continued

With the establishment of the State of Israel, the entire Muslim nation was lost because Israel is a cancer that spread in the body of the Islamic nation; because the Jews are a virus similar to AIDS, from which the entire world is suffering.

This has been proven in history. Read the history! I don't want you to read the Koran, because the Koran is clear and permanent and we all believe it, but for those who do not believe the Koran, we say to them: read the history...You'll find the Jews behind every conflict on Earth and the suffering of nations.

Don't ask Germany what it did to the Jews, since the Jews are the ones who provoked the Nazis so the world would go to war against it. On the day the Jews provoked, through the Zionist movement, the nations of the world to fight Germany economically, and to boycott German goods; on

the day that they incited Russia, Britain, France, and Italy, the anger of the Germans toward the Jews increased significantly, and what happened at that time so that [Holocaust] Remembrance Day is commemorated by the Jews to this day?

For they are doing worse things than what was done to them in the era of the Nazi war. It is likely some of them were killed, and it is likely some of them were burned, but they're exaggerating the description [of the Holocaust] in order to gain [the attention of] world media, and world sympathy.

The Jews did not have a national home on this earth because they are liars! They are liars if they say that the establishment of a national home in Palestine appears in their faith.

The right [of the Jews] stems from their power, but our right—or our power—stems from our right. The rights of the Jews stem from their power, and power is transient...

Allah is the one who says that the Jews have the character of cowards; they fear Muslims more then they fear Allah...

[Allah] caused Russia to disappear within a day, and He is the one Who can remove the USA and bring it down, and so He shall do it, in Allah's will...

We [Muslims] have ruled the world [in the past] and a day will come, by Allah, and we shall rule the world [again]. The day will come and we shall rule America, Britain, we shall rule the entire world, except the Jews.

The Jews will not live under our rule agreeably

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permanently, since they have been treacherous in nature throughout history.

A day will come when all shall rest from the Jews, even the tree and the stone, which have suffered from them. Listen to your Beloved [Muhammed], who tells you about the most dire end awaiting the Jews. The tree and the stone want the Muslim to bring every Jew to his end. You all know the Hadith." [PA TV, May 13, 2005]

Mudayris here is referring to following Hadith:

"The Hour [Resurrection] will not come until the Muslims make war against the Jews and kill them, and until a Jew hiding behind a rock and tree, and the rock and tree will say: 'Muslim, servant of Allah, there is a Jew behind me, come and kill him!"

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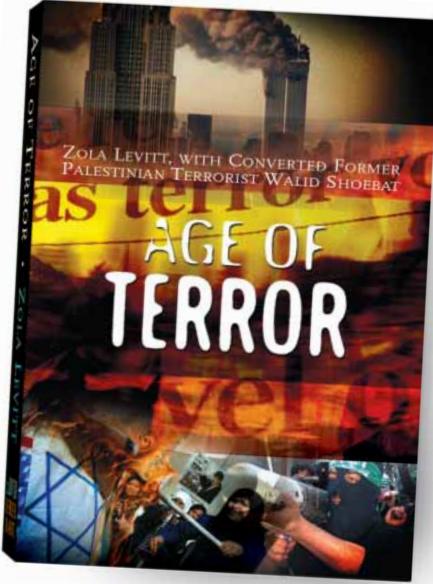
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The Jewish Canary

By Asaf Romirowsky, www.claremont.org

September 11th strengthened the bond between the United States and Israel. Ilan Berman, Vice President for Policy at the American Foreign Policy Council, explained: "Israel's stable, pro-Western and democratic character, its robust defense infrastructure and modern military, and its strategic location in the volatile Middle East have only grown in importance to the United States since September 11." Both nations are also engaged in a war against the same terrorism. But unlike the United States, the legitimacy of the Jewish State is still questioned on a daily basis.

September 11th has also put academia on the defensive. Many professors defended the forces that perpetrated the attacks under guises of liberalism and freedom of speech. Some argued that bin Laden's motivation somehow included concern about world poverty or that the U.S. itself precipitated the attacks — anything other than bin Laden's medieval fanaticism. As George Orwell wrote, "some ideas are so stupid that only intellectuals could believe them." The stupidity that Orwell referred to has shadowed the views of many academics when it comes to how they portray the relationship between Jews and the Muslim world. The victimizer has become the victim, and liberal political correctness has become its smokescreen.

For example, Ward Churchill, chairman of the Ethnic Studies Department at the University of Colorado, earlier this year depicted the 3000 people massacred at the World Trade Center on 9/11 as "little Eichmanns." Nicholas De Genova, an assistant professor at Columbia University, declared at an anti-war rally in March 2003, that "U.S. patriotism is inseparable from...white supremacy" and then expressed the "wish

for a million Mogadishus in Iraq" referring to the 1993 incident in Somalia when eighteen U.S. troops were killed.

At a rally in San Francisco organized by the far left group International A.N.S.W.E.R., Hatem Bazian, a senior lecturer in Islamic studies at Berkeley,

declared "It's about time that we have an intifada in this country that changes fundamentally the political dynamics here." These incidents, and the academic boycotts, divestment petitions, and other discriminatory actions against Israel, are precursors to a general reexamination of issues surrounding academic freedom, campus extremism, including incitement to violence, university autonomy, and classroom politicization. The division between academia and the rest of society grows larger and larger.

College campuses have become podiums for those hostile to Israel, as different human rights, anti-globalization, and anti-imperialism groups that have adopted the Palestinian cause as the single most important confront academics. As Phyllis Chesler, author of *The New Anti-Semitism*, states:

American campuses have bred a new and diabolical McCarthyism. Academics now have the right to teach brazen lies, which they expect to be protected in the name of free speech. Worse, when an academic tries to teach the truth — the truth — about Israel or about America, or about Jews, [he or she] will be ostracized, bullied, demonized, and accused (by the new McCarthyites) of leading a McCarthyite witch hunt against left-wing freedom of expression, which, in my view, is really the censorship of any view that does not conform to a left-wing and anti-American view.

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Vote for Hitler!

By Zola Levitt

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A Palestinian thug with the nickname "Hitler," presumably for his efficiency at murdering Jews, is running for office in the upcoming Palestinian election. He claims to qualify for the Palestinian government because he has protected his people, has opposed Israel, and has many friends in the community.

He is on Israel's most-wanted list and the Israeli Defense Force commented that win or lose in the election, Hitler will be pursued by them until, like other such terrorists, he is captured or killed.

> It's hard to put this in a comparison to our own country, but it would be far worse than David Duke, noted Louisiana Nazi, running for congress since Duke reportedly hasn't killed anyone, not even a Jew.

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THE JEWISH CANARY continued

HEBREW LESSON (below)

In academic circles, individual scholars' views are often turned into a political litmus test. For example, Fouad Ajami, the articulate interpreter of Arab culture and politics who teaches at Johns Hopkins University, has been subject to scathing attacks from Arab critics such as Asad Abu Khalil in a review of Ajami's book *The Vanished Imam.* And Daniel Pipes has noted that *The Nation* asked a Jewish leftist, Andrew N. Rubin, to critique Ajami's book for being too supportive of Israel.

What's worse, money from the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia is being pumped into departments vis-à-vis chairs, grants and fellowships. They determine what topics related to the Middle East are taught. The liberal Left that dominates many campuses is more than ready to accept these funds and to promote the implicitly anti-American agenda they bring. Only some of these gifts are brought to the public's attention, as in the case of the Harvard School of Divinity, which returned a \$2.5 million gift from the president of the United Arab Emirates, who also funds vicious anti-Semitic and anti-American groups. If not for the efforts of students such as Rachel Fish, who exposed the gift, I doubt that the administration would have returned this gift.

Academia has made Jews the canary in the coal mine in the sense that if universities are indicators of social trends, and anti-Semitism is becoming more acceptable there in the guise of anti-Zionism, then there is a problem society-wide. Our students must recognize that there is never justice in terrorism. It is unacceptable that some should even speak of eliminating a living and breathing state like Israel. But you'd be surprised how common such statements are on campus. These advocates are the ones that should be on the defensive.

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By John J. Parsons





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Hebraic Insight

Within the earliest Jewish traditions, groups of scholars *counted* the number of times each letter appeared in the Scriptures (as well as the number of words, verses, paragraphs, etc.). These textual specialists were called *Soferim* (counters). The Soferim ensured that Torah scrolls (and the other books of the Tanakh) were identical, noting any unusual words and spellings and replicating them exactly through their scribal arts. Many Jews believe that Ezra the Scribe instituted many of the practices of the Soferim.

In this verse, we are told that the heavens are "recounting" the glory of God—the word *mesaperim* comes from the same Hebrew root as does *soferim*. Every detail of the universe, from great cosmic events to the bloom of a lily in the field, recounts the glory of God and is carefully written in His book—*ma'aseh vereshit*—the works of creation.

Parallel to this idea, the heavenly expanse (raki'a) is "telling"

of the work of God's hands—the Hebrew word *Maggid* means to explain or declare something in a conspicuous or obvious way, such as plainly telling the solution of a riddle. In Jewish tradition, the part of the Passover seder where the story of the Exodus from Egypt is clearly explained to the children at the table is called the *Maggid*.

Just as the order, precision, and enormous complexity of the physical universe reveal the glory and excellencies of the Creator, so the vast heavenly expanse conspicuously displays the work of God's hands. And though mankind may suppress this constant narrative through willful ignorance, they are forever without excuse, "for what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For the invisible attributes of God, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, are clearly perceived in the things that have been made" (Romans 1:18-20).

A Lesson in Palestinian Propaganda

Israel Today

In the age of instant news via the wire services, global television and radio, the Palestinians have become masters of disinformation. They can send a twisted story around the world and by the time the *facts* come to light, it's already old news. A case in point was the killing of three Palestinian teenagers by Israeli troops along the border fence on the Gaza-Egypt-Israel frontier. Soldiers detected the youths in a restricted zone, and when they refused orders to halt, they opened fire.

The event rattled the cease-fire, sending bulletins around the world. Within minutes, Palestinian officials and witnesses fabricated a story that the boys, aged 15 and 16, were playing soccer and went to chase a ball in a closed military zone. It was another brutal act of the "occupation" against "innocent" kids who were just playing soccer.

But many hours later, the truth came out. According to an Israeli army investigation, a group of five teenagers tried to sneak across the border into Egypt. Three were killed, but two others who were captured told army interrogators that they were on a mission to *smuggle weapons* from Egypt to Palestinian terror groups in Gaza!

The terrorists who sent these kids to their deaths responded by firing 70 mortar shells at Jewish settlements in Gaza. So it was hardly an innocent soccer game. Just a good excuse to wreck the cease-fire.

Intifada III after Gaza Pullout?

Israel Today

Israeli security chiefs expect the outbreak of the third intifada (uprising) a few weeks after the pullout from Gaza this summer. Army intelligence believes the Palestinians will keep the peace in Gaza for awhile, but resume terrorist attacks on soldiers and settlers in Judea and Samaria.



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In the meantime, the terror groups are using the ceasefire to rearm.

"We must behave peacefully at first so that Israel withdraws from Gaza," Adel, a Palestinian from the village of Halhoul near Hebron, told *Israel Today.* "As soon as Israel leaves Gaza, we'll make sure that it will pull out of the West Bank next."

And judging from the weapons smuggling going on in Gaza, it probably won't be long before it erupts too. The army says that from July 2004 to February 2005, about 3,000 assault rifles and more than 400,000 bullets were smuggled through tunnels from Egypt into Gaza, along with 400 pistols, 600 kilos (1,320 pounds) of explosives and about 200 anti-tank rockets. Israeli forces apprehend only about 30 percent of the weapons smuggled annually.

Pope Coverage enrages Islamic Militants Israel Today

Arab satellite television stations gave long hours of live coverage to the death of Pope John Paul II, giving Arab viewers a rare look at Christianity. But the lavish airtime generated an angry response from Muslim fundamentalists.

"This is too much, it is unbelievable," said Gamal Sultan, editor of the Egyptian journal *Al-Manar*, a mouthpiece of Islamic fundamentalists. "How can the death of a non-Muslim be a loss to the Muslim world?"

The militants were especially angry that the Pope was praised by some Muslim leaders. "His death is a great loss not only to the Catholic Church, but to the Islamic world," said Sheikh Mohammed Sayed Tantawi, the leader of Al-Azhar, a top Islamic institution in Cairo.

Sheikh Youssef al-Qaradawi, a prominent Islamic cleric in Qatar, described the Pope as "a man of peace." "We pray for God to compensate the Christian nation for his loss," he said on the popular Arab TV station *Al-Jazeera*.

That outraged fundamentalists. "They are hypocrites," said Sultan. "They want to appease the West."

Islamic websites were even more critical. "How is it," wrote a participant on a Web forum, "that these clerics... heap praise on an infidel and an enemy of Islam?"

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Repentant U.N. Soldier *Israel Today*

A former U.N. soldier from Norway, identified only as EJ, sent a letter of apology to Israelis to *The Jerusalem Post.* During the 1990s, while deployed on several occasions to Lebanon, EJ made frequent visits to Israel. After his last visit in 1996, he returned to Norway with a new understanding of Israel and the anti-Israel bias of UN organizations. EJ asked forgiveness of everyone he offended and said he hoped that Israel and its people will receive God's blessing.



Prayers from Singapore Israel Today

Shari Diskind, an employee in the Prime Misister's office, places mailed prayers in the Western Wall in Jerusalem's Old City. Singapore President, Sellapan Rama Nathan, upon learning of the custom, contributed his note as well.

Yoni and Eitan Israel Today

Four and a half years ago, the lives of Mike and Bev Bayless, Messianic Jewish from England, changed dramatically when their three-year-old son Yoni was diag-



nosed with autism. Because he was a friendly, lively toddler, it had never occurred to them. But tests revealed that Yoni had pervasive development disorder (PPD), a type of autism.

Like Yoni, their second son, Eitan, was an exceptionally beautiful baby. But when they noticed that he didn't talk much with his playmates, they took him for tests and he, too, was diagnosed with autism. "The very week we found out was a very heavy week," Mike told *Israel Today.* "You kind of wonder what's going on and why."

But the Lord's hand was upon them, and they found an opening in a gan *tikshoret* (kindergarten for children with "special needs") just a 10-minute walk from their apartment.

Since then, they have learned that Jerusalem is among the top three cities worldwide for treating autistic kids. Because they have two autistic children, they're the first family in Jerusalem to receive social services at home. Three afternoons a week, an experienced helper comes to the house to work with the boys.

Bev admits that raising them is a day-to-day process, but she says God has helped them every step of the way. With a second autistic child, Bev's mother in England told her, "I expect you'll come home now where they can get proper treatment." Bev responded, "Mom, we are home."

Attacking Caterpillar Israel Today

The World Council of Churches is calling upon its 500,000 members, representing 340 Christian denominations, to divert from companies involved in "illegal activities connected with the Israeli occupation" in the "West Bank" and Gaza Strip. One company singled out for criticism is Caterpillar corporation, which makes bulldozers used by Israel to demolish the homes of Palestinians involved in terrorism. The Council recommended that members sell their shares in companies that profit from Israeli policies in the territories.

We think this is very problematic," said Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman Mark Regav. "Now, when...Israel and the Palestinians are negotiating, when there's hope for progress...exactly at this time, they adopt such a one-sided anti-Israeli resolution." (See "The War On Caterpillar," on page 18.)

New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft shows the Super Bowl trophy to Israel Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.



OUR MAN IN JERUSALEM

"Facts on the Ground" By Will King, www.newsinisrael.com



For those confused about the scandal

surrounding Irineos I, the Greek Orthodox Patriarch in Jerusalem, the main issue is the same as most conflicts here: land. Irineos I is accused of trying to sell and rent land owned by the Greek Patriarchate in east Jerusalem to Jews, and the Greek Orthodox here and abroad have come out vocally against him. To be fair, Irineos I has denied the allegations, insisting instead that it was someone else within the church brokering the deals. However, this denial has not calmed calls for his removal, a move which seems imminent after the Patriarch of Constantinople, the head of Christian Orthodoxy, dispatched a letter which could be interpreted as a dismissal, a move supported by the Palestinian cabinet.

Who are the Greek Orthodox here that have demonstrated against this alleged land deal? The Greek Orthodox churches in Israel are primarily made up of the Greek clergy members, a few permanent residents, some tourists, and many local Arabs. Palestinian Christians are generally Greek Orthodox or Catholic, both of which have replacement theology as a central doctrine, and don't hide their contempt for Israel and the Jewish people. Pope John Paul II made great strides in improving relations between Jews and Catholics, and Pope Benedict XXVI has promised to do the same. However, for both Greek Orthodox and Catholics, a major change in church doctrine is going to have to accompany any outstretching of hands in order to reconcile centuries of tainted relations.

For Palestinian "Christians" living in the Holy Land, no amount of reconciliation seems to be enough. Their minds are already set against Israel due to their Palestinian upbringing, and the Orthodox and Catholic churches here don't teach them the importance of Israel and the Jewish people. In the past several years, the PA has made great efforts to embrace Christians in the Holy Land in an effort to improve their image with the primarily Christian Western world. These efforts include Arafat, and now Abbas, attending Christmas mass in Bethlehem, a Save Jerusalem campaign featuring Muslim and Christian symbols, and several high profile meetings between PA and church leaders.

Some of the land involved in the alleged deals included properties in the Old City around the Jaffa Gate, a predominantly Arab area. The local Arab Greek Orthodox



are afraid of an increased Israeli presence in such a politically sensitive area. Such an increase would contribute to "facts on the ground" that would strengthen Israeli claims to the area in any final status negotiations.

The local Greek Orthodox Church

members, again primarily Arabs, are using the church as an extension of their political battle against Israel and the Jews. The PA has expressed its support for the removal of Irineos I, and the Greek Orthodox Church outside of Israel is now fully onboard with this as well. Christians in Israel and abroad are now fully in the middle of this struggle between Jews and Muslims, with evangelicals supporting Israel, and Christian Orthodoxy supporting the Muslim Arabs. While there are undoubtedly exceptions, this is the general trend of Christian support, and in this struggle there is much more at stake than just land.

Beware The Feds

The Dallas Morning News

Kalid Hamideh used to help support a Palestinian widow and her eight children. But the Dallas lawyer's monthly contributions stopped abruptly after the 2001 raid on the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development, the Muslim charity through which he made his donations.

Since the September 11 terrorist attacks, the U.S. government has shut down several major Islamic charities, alleging some of their money went to al-Qaeda, Hamas or other terrorist organizations. The crackdown has caused tremendous anxiety among Muslims, with many fearful that a simple act of charity could lead to federal agents knocking at their door.

"The number one thing that has happened in our community since 9-11 is everybody is just scared," said Mr. Hamideh, who attends the Dallas Central Mosque.

"There is overwhelming fear that 'If I contribute to anything and that group turns out to be on the government's hit list, am I going to get prosecuted?"

Faced with the government's refusal to vet charities, national Muslim leaders are taking matters into their own hands. During a recent Chicago meeting, they established a council that will set standards for its member charities, mosques and other nonprofits.

Muslims policing themselves is a hopeless procedure. They've earned the suspicion that they have gotten because so many of their charities turn out to be funding organizations for terrorism. Please see our "Try Connecting the Dots" article on page 19. — Zola

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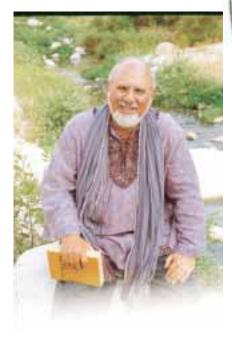
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