

# LEVITT LETTER

“Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved.” – Romans 10:1

The following article originated as a speech by a counselor for political and congressional affairs at the PLO Mission to the US, given in early May. In the past we have printed paragraphs of Arab propaganda and pointed out that the lying is so blatant that not even ten percent of the truth is mixed in with the falsehoods. The following speech is one such masterpiece of deception, which I will refute paragraph by paragraph. Such biased talk makes sensible peace negotiations impossible. — Zola



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# The Big Lie

By Ghaleb Darabya,  
*The Washington Post*



Palestinian supporters of the Islamic militant group Hamas chant anti-Israeli and anti-American slogans during demonstrations against the Middle East summit in Jordan. A Hamas official said they will break off talks with the Palestinian prime minister on stopping attacks on Israelis.

Growing up as a Palestinian in the Gaza Strip under Israeli occupation, I never imagined that I would find myself in Washington speaking directly to the American people about my people’s experiences, hopes and dreams. Having heard of the United States, of its love for freedom and of its own struggle as a young nation to overcome the yoke of colonial suppression, I felt that there was no better audience than the American people to understand the Palestinian struggle for freedom.

Hoping against hope that the speaker would stick to something resembling reality, I made my way through the above paragraph, but stumbled

on “the Palestinian struggle for freedom.” Everyone in Israel’s democracy is free if they wish to be. The Palestinians in Israel are no different from an American minority here in the US, except that the Palestinians refuse to participate with Israel in what could be a near paradise in the Middle East. They will not accept democracy, whether forced down their throats with the Road Map or given to them on a silver platter through cooperation with Israel. Yet they are the only Arabs in the Middle East privileged to live in a democracy.

We have waited more than 35 years for the attainment of our rights, equality and self-determination.

## Wake Him Up!

By Wesley Pruden, *The Washington Times*



George Bush seems to be in some sort of trance. He imagines a Palestinian state and still uses the word “vision” for this wonderful entity he intends to create. Exactly what is it costing us and who is paying us for such a ridiculous idea that sacrifices Israeli lives? Which of our enemies is paying us to betray our best friends? I have utterly lost patience with Colin Powell and the State Department and it is very difficult for me to stay on board with President Bush, who I think has good intentions but has so very little knowledge of our Muslim enemies and the Middle East in general. The following editorial writer puts it much better than I could. — Zola.

“We’re still on the road to peace,” George W. told reporters at the

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# Evidence of God

## TV Series: 8 half-hour TV programs

Dispense with many Doubting Thomases' skepticism that the Bible's creation "fantasy" is impossible to reconcile with dinosaur bones, fossils and carbon dating. Nuclear physicist Dr. Gerald Schroeder explains time dilation — how time has shrunk since the Big Bang — and bridges the perceived differences between science and Scripture. Scientific evidence echoes the Biblical sequence of events that follow during our planet's first week.

**The Universe Had a Beginning** — Scientist Gerald Schroeder introduces his theory that equates generally-accepted observations of science with the creation account recorded in Genesis 1.

**Relatively Speaking** — Gerald presents Zola with scientific evidence proving that time is not a constant. Similar to how astronauts weigh less on the moon than on the earth, experiments have shown that atomic clocks actually go slower on high-speed aircraft. Since the universe is expanding, time can be perceived differently in different locations.

**Tuned for Life** — Science hypothesizes that the universe has expanded a million million times. Dividing 15 billion (the number of years as observed by science) by a million million equals .015 years, or approximately six days.

**Day One of Creation** — Using the Bible's Hebrew translation, Gerald and Zola analyze the first day of the creation account. Out of a chaotic system, humanity will emerge on day six.

**Days Two and Three of Creation** — Genesis 1:6-13 reveals that a firmament was created, water was formed, and then life began on earth. Science echoes this sequence of events and each one's place in time, according to Gerald's computations.

**Day Four of Creation** — The sun, moon and stars can now be seen, but how could this occur on day four? The words evening and morning in English when compared to their Hebrew equivalents, chaos and order, reveal the overall trend of creation. Random evolution is proven impossible.

**Days Five and Six of Creation** — Science proposes an explosion of life that fits in sequence and time placement with the Biblical narrative and Gerald's computations. Science doesn't have a clue as to what brought our universe into being, only that there was a beginning.

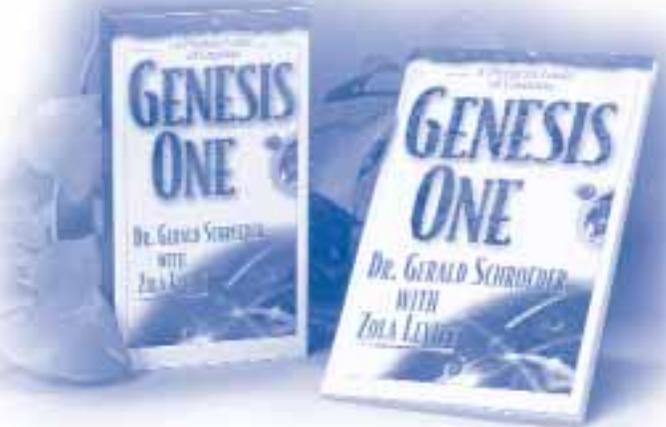
**Creation Reviewed** — Zola reviews Gerald Schroeder's comparisons between the observations of science and the creation account of Genesis 1. Technologically, we are only now coming to the point of finding out how true and accurate the Bible really is.

(Please see [www.EvolutionDeceit.com](http://www.EvolutionDeceit.com) on page 6.)



## Genesis One Video and Study Booklet

Gerald Schroeder, a Bible-believing Israeli nuclear physicist, talked about the six days of creation before our tour groups and simply amazed them. We decided to utilize our own cameramen and professional equipment to create this video. This is not a *Zola Levitt Presents* program with music, interruptions, etc. Instead, you will enjoy seventy-seven minutes of scientific reasoning that may very well change the way you look at creation. Nicely complements our *Evidence of God* TV series. Please order from page 31.



## The Second Coming Study Booklet

Various theories of the Lord's return and the Kingdom are examined in detail. Anticipate with new insight the return of the Lord and the establishment of His Kingdom on Earth. Review exact Scriptural information contrasting the Second Coming and the Rapture of the Church.

Available on page 31.

We are the only people on the face of the earth who continue to live under a foreign colonial occupation. We have tried every possible means to achieve our human and national aspirations. From the first *intifada* to the Madrid conference to the Oslo peace process to the Wye River memorandum to the Sharm el-Sheikh conference to the Camp David talks, Palestinians have pursued every possible avenue to live in peace and provide the children of our region a promising future.

The above paragraph contains the colossal lie of the hour, which claims the Palestinians are the “only people on the face of the earth who continue to live under a foreign colonial occupation.” First, there is no occupation; the Israelis are native to the land, not the Arabs. There was never in history a separate Arab people called “Palestinians.” Second, the rest of the world is inhabited by occupiers (European descendants mostly comprise the populations of North America, South America, and Australia, and this kind of “occupation” can generally be seen almost anywhere if one goes back a few years). Ironically, Israel is the only nation with a land grant of any standing, and that one is Biblical (Genesis 12:1-3).

The statement that the “Palestinians have pursued every possible avenue to live in peace” fails to mention the avenue of bombing innocent civilians at Passover services, weddings, restaurants, etc.

For our part, we Palestinians have begun fulfilling our commitments under Phase I of the road map. First, the Palestinian finance minister, Salam Fayyad, brought transparency to our budgetary process, placing it online and in the public domain. All government accounts and funds were consolidated into a single Finance Ministry account. When he presented the first-ever full budget to the Palestinian parliament in December,

International Monetary Fund officials called it “the most transparent budget in the world.”

Their “most transparent budget in the world” makes no mention of the billions of dollars stolen by Arafat, who recently appeared on the list of the world’s billionaires. As in the other Arab dictatorships, “government officials” live in villas and drive expensive (stolen Israeli) cars, while the population suffers. Still in all, the Palestinians enjoy one of the highest standards of living in the Arab Middle East.

Second, in consultation with a wide variety of international legal experts, we drafted a constitution that is acknowledged by American legal scholars to be the most democratic in the region, including Israel, which to this day lacks a constitution. We are considering how to introduce our constitution for public debate and eventual ratification, so that it will be ready once we achieve statehood.

The Road Map declares that the Palestinians must make a constitution. They have never had one. This

has left the PLO charter as the actual legal document that Arafat and others have been operating under, and this pathetic litany of hatred against Israel reads like a piece of Nazi propaganda. This is a very relevant commentary on why peace remains impossible.

Third, on March 10, the Palestinian parliament approved an amendment to the Palestinian Basic Law creating the position of prime minister for the first time in our history. On March 19, Mahmoud Abbas, also known as Abu Mazen, accepted President Yasser Arafat’s nomination to fill this position. The international community, including the United States, welcomed these moves.

Arafat did all he could to keep his flunky Abbas out of office. And this terrorist did not accept “Arafat’s nomination to fill this position” until Arafat was finally trapped and, like a cornered rat, made a bargain to retain part of his dictatorship.

In his first speech as prime minister, Abbas reaffirmed the Palestinian position toward Israel, saying: “We

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want a lasting peace with you, achieved through negotiations. We denounce terrorism by any party and in all its forms both because of our religious and moral traditions and because we are convinced that such methods do not support a just cause like ours, but rather destroy it. We do not ignore the sufferings of Jews throughout history. And in exchange, we hope that the Israelis will not turn their backs on the sufferings of the Palestinians.” He also said that his government will take steps to disarm all militias.

“We denounce terrorism by any party” is very refreshing, but we have to wonder which particular party is denounced here as the terrorists in Israel. The “religious and moral traditions” have to do with the murder of innocents, brainwashing Arab school children to hate Jews, denigrating women, shooting civilians in their cars, etc. And how can he “not ignore the sufferings of Jews throughout history” when Prime Minister Abbas claims that the Holocaust never happened? As for the “sufferings of the Palestinians,” these are self-inflicted. If the Palestinians cooperated with Israel in its democracy, they could relax in its prosperity from now until the Kingdom.

Palestinians have enacted these reforms and maintained their commitment to peace while living under full military occupation, with Israeli tanks in our streets, with continued closures denying movement of people, with 163 Israeli checkpoints slicing the West Bank into 300 separate clusters, and with 31 checkpoints separating Gaza into three separate *Bantustans*. Our economy has been devastated by the violence. According to the World Bank, 67 percent of Palestinians live under the poverty line, 60 percent of Palestinians are unemployed, and 22 percent of Palestinian children are chronically malnourished for purely manmade reasons. The foregoing political reforms under these

dire conditions are nothing short of an extraordinary achievement and highlight for the world what creative and vibrant institutions Palestinians can build as free people.

If all these problems are because of “purely manmade reasons,” then the wound is again self-inflicted. All of the Israeli military actions are in response to Palestinian terrorism. Just as America attacked Afghanistan in response to the bombing of the World Trade Center, the Israelis attack Palestinian targets only when provoked by blatant murders. The difference is that the Israelis are as careful as possible to avoid civilian casualties. Whereas the US employed bombs to fight terrorists in Afghanistan and Iraq, including in the populous city of Baghdad, the Israelis have never bombed anyone (except for the attack on the Iraqi nuclear reactor in 1981).

Palestine has the potential to become the role model for democratization in the Middle East. We are and will be responding to President Bush’s vision and challenges. The question now is whether Israel will do the same. This is a historic moment not only for Israel and for Palestine, but for the United States as well. The Bush administration must take the lead once and for all and, in the tradition of the US commitment to freedom and democracy, lead Israel

and Palestine to two states living side-by-side in peace and security.

I would place North Korea, Cuba, the former Iraq, Iran, and Red China ahead of the Palestinian government as having the potential for becoming a role model for democratization in this world! As to the question of whether Israel will respond to Bush’s vision and challenges, there’s just nothing to respond to. The Road Map leads to Armageddon and, in any case, the Israelis can solve these problems on their own.

Smart propaganda always mixes in some blending of the truth with out-and-out lies. The outstanding feature of most Arabic propaganda (as with the former information minister of Baghdad or the hand-wringing regrets of the Saudi “royal family” to the recent bombings of Americans) is that it is totally false. It bears repeating that almost all stated Arab opinions—including “anger on the Arab street,” the government-issued proclamations, the emotions of official spokespersons, and so forth—are only said for effect and are not the true feelings or honest statements of those who make them.

It is extremely rare (and I have had this experience many times) to talk to an Arab who reveals his real feelings. ■



White House. "It's just going to be a bumpy road, and I'm not going to get off the road until we reach the vision." A president has to be an optimist, but when even a president starts seeing visions that nobody else sees it may be time to wake him up.

Some of George W.'s most reliable friends set out in the wake of the wave of suicide bombings with which our Palestinian friends are celebrating the return to the peace process, to do exactly that.

A group of evangelical Christians and Jewish Zionists, meeting in Washington, drafted a letter urging the president to rein in "the Arabist cabal" at the State Department that is forever pressing the Israelis to kill themselves in behalf of peace. They urged Mr. Bush and his government to force the Palestinians to behave themselves—to quit killing women and children, for starters—before requiring the Israelis to make crucial concessions.

Pat Robertson, who preaches from the bully pulpit of his Christian Broadcasting Network, opened a second front against Foggy Bottom. He declared war on William Burns, the president's top Middle East diplomat, for undiplomatic remarks.

"The common sense of all peoples will override the conservative and Christian viewpoints once they see the Road Map's potential," Mr. Burns told a peacenik conference in Jerusalem. Mr. Burns, through a State Department spokesman, later sort of said he hadn't said it, but the denial was not up to the standard of the usual diplomatic lie. Nobody took the denial seriously.

"His name is Burns," Mr. Robertson told his national television audience. "I want you to go to the phone and call the State Department... and the White House. They think they are somehow above the political process in America and they can insult more than 60 million Americans. They think that somehow or other the Christian viewpoint on Israel lacks common sense, and once common sense prevails the president will go forward with this kind of road map, which we have already heard is dead in the water."

What he had just heard, of course, was the news that Ariel Sharon had canceled his trip to Washington to stay in Jerusalem and declare an all-out fight on terror, similar to the all-out fight on terror declared by George W. Bush on September 11. Israel, in fact, has suffered, proportionally, far greater casualties than



the United States suffered on that early-autumn day of infamy. The Israeli prime minister promised to fight the terror "in any way possible."

What the Israelis want does not strike a reasonable man as unreasonable.

They want to stop the killing first. The Road Map prescribes "parallel steps," concessions by both sides. This might work as a plan to settle a dispute between Domino's and Pizza Hut, or even between Upper Gloop and Lower Slobberia. But genuine peace talks require honorable men on both sides of a dispute, and George W.'s administration, if not the president himself, insists on looking for honor where there is only dishonor.

**"Civilized men are dealing with a seventh-century culture that cannot come to terms with civilization."**

The president calls the violent Palestinian response to the resumption of the peace process, so-called, "sad and pathetic." Secretary of State Colin Powell calls the violence "tragic." But these are words, words, words, and these words are no bargain at a nickel a pound.

The president's evangelical friends, driven by faith and thus alien to the experience of the State Department weenies who believe in nothing but their own sterile and discredited bigotries, understand what the president's men do not—that civilized men are dealing with a seventh-century culture that cannot come to terms with civilization. ■



# ZOLA'S BULLETIN BOARD

## November Israel Tour

Our Fall Holy Land Tour is scheduled a little later than usual, allowing us to pass the savings on to you. **The Deluxe Tour**, touring Israel only, departs on November 2nd and returns on the 12th. Our **Grand Petra Tour**, visiting both Israel and Petra, departs on the 2nd and returns on the 16th. The **Grand Athens Tour**, cruising the Greek Isles and touring Israel, goes from October 29 through November 12. Finally, our **Ultra-Grand Tour**, with everything—the Greek Isles, Israel and Petra—begins on October 29 and ends on November 16, but the memories will last a lifetime.



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Offered on page 2, our TV series *Evidence of God* and both our *Genesis One* study booklet and video help believers to reconcile science with the Bible. Evolution, however, is flawed enough that we don't even need the Bible to refute its mechanisms and interpretations. To see a brief history of the theory, examine its mechanisms, and understand its deceptions, visit [www.EvolutionDeceit.com](http://www.EvolutionDeceit.com).



## Getting Jews Out of Russia

As noted in this issue's "Letters to Zola," some of our readers have been sponsoring the immigration of Russian Jews to Israel. Some supporters of On Wings of Eagles have asked us whether we know of a similar mission directed by believers. The answer is, "Yes!" Operation Exodus is being sponsored by the Ebenezer Emergency Fund (mentioned in this issue's "Letters to Zola"). You can contact them at:  
Ebenezer Emergency Fund, P.O. Box 26, Point Harker, NC 27964-0026 (252) 491-9201, Fax: (252) 491-9202  
They are also recruiting volunteers (Jeremiah 31:7-8).

## Auditor Comments on A.G. Edwards

In May, our ministry's volunteer auditor, a CPA, spent a week reviewing our 2002 receipts and other financial records. When we mentioned our dissatisfaction with the securities firm A.G. Edwards and how we reported them to the NASD, he indicated that a surprising number of his other clients had complained to him about them. As before, we offer copies of our independently audited financial statements, free for the asking.

## Tivo TV Recorder

Television can be just about as interactive as surfing the Internet when you own a Tivo or Replay digital TV recorder. To learn how you can eliminate 90% of the waiting time involved in TV watching, visit [www.tivo.com](http://www.tivo.com) and [www.replaytv.com](http://www.replaytv.com).



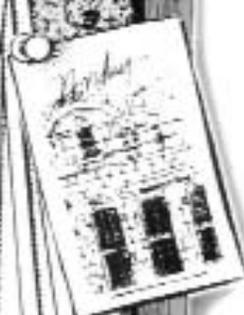
Imagine being able to zip through TV programs at 3X, 30X or 60X the normal speed. Digital recorders can even record one program while you're watching another. Enduring TV commercials becomes a thing of the past. You can even pause and replay live TV. Their Season Pass feature allows you to command "Please record each of Zola's TV programs from now on" by pressing one button!

## TV Watchmen on the Wall

Do you regularly watch Zola on one of the broadcasts below?

Ashland, KY	WTSF-61	Sun. 6:30 PM
Buffalo, NY	WNYB-26	Sun. 2:30 PM
Clearwater, FL	WCLF-22	Mon. 7:30 PM
Edgerton, OH	WINM-63	Sun. 2:30 PM
Pittsburgh, PA	WPCB-40	Sun. 3:30 PM
San Francisco, CA	KTLN-68	Wed. 8:30 PM
Nationwide	TBN	8 ET, 7 CT, 6 MT, 5 PT

If you can monitor our TV program every week on one of these stations, then please write to Margie at Berg Productions, 6221 N. O'Conner, Suite 109, Irving, TX 75039. In addition, please indicate whether you would be able to tape the broadcasts you monitor. We'll occasionally send you free samples of our Bible-teaching materials as tokens of appreciation. Thanks.



## Tough Times in the Chop Shop

In 2002, car thefts in Israel dropped by 18 percent, which translates to 26,356 fewer stolen vehicles. The reason? Israel's closure of Judea and Samaria borders, imposed in response to Palestinian terrorism. Authorities believe that the increased presence of Israeli security forces is deterring thieves from smuggling stolen vehicles into the Palestinian areas. Along with upgraded anti-theft security devices, car thieves are having an increasingly hard time making a living.

Source: *Israel Today*

## Ride 'em, Cowboy

In Israel's southern Negev desert, a new police unit mounted on Libyan and Egyptian camels expects to be more effective in finding people lost in the desert, as well as tracking down drug smugglers. Modern modes of transportation have not replaced camels as the most efficient way to traverse the desert sands.

Source: *Israel Today*

## Hate TV

The media in the PLO-controlled areas continue unabated to indoctrinate Arab children to hate and kill Israelis. One of the potent means used by the PLO is the repeated broadcasting on Palestinian TV of music videos depicting Israelis as murderers, especially of children and the elderly.

Palestinian Media Watch reports on one such PLO music video which has been broadcast regularly since January 2003. It includes the following scenes, all with Arab actors:

- A laughing young girl on a swing fades away into a burning swing. As Arab youth play soccer, one boy kicks the ball, and it explodes by a bomb hidden [by Israel] inside. The implication is that Israelis attack children at play.

- A father reads to his young son a section from the Koran calling to fight the enemies. A father hands his son a stone to throw at Israelis.

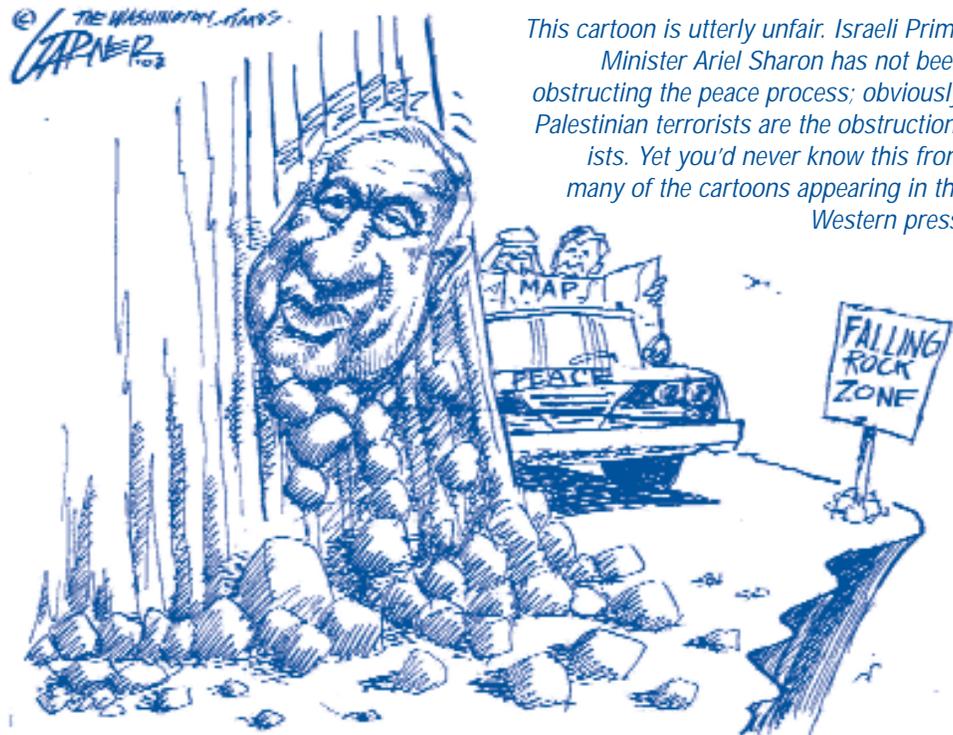
- Actors depict Israeli soldiers murdering an elderly man by shooting him in the head.

- A mother and her infant are blown up by Israel.

Another PLO Music Video which was broadcast regularly for two years teaches Arab children that throwing stones at Israeli civilians and military is a legitimate means of expression and an accepted and encouraged way to settle the conflict with Israel. With the opening lyrics of "Beware, Oh, Zion," one scene depicts young boys throwing stones at a glass window with Jewish symbols: the word Israel in Hebrew, a Star of David, an Israeli flag and an Israeli soldier. When the symbols are smashed, all the flames on a Menorah [the traditional Jewish candelabra] are extinguished.

The message to Arab children is clear: Their stones have the power to destroy Jewish symbols and extinguish Jewish tradition and the Jewish State. In case any youth didn't get the message, the closing lyrics spell it out: "The stone is my revenge, my answer."

Source: Israel National News



*This cartoon is utterly unfair. Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has not been obstructing the peace process; obviously, Palestinian terrorists are the obstructionists. Yet you'd never know this from many of the cartoons appearing in the Western press.*

Hello There,

I'm writing in response to a statement that Brother Zola made in the April 2003 *Levitt Letter* concerning Moody Bible Institute. He said, "According to our sources, the school has discontinued publication of its magazine, *Moody Monthly*, and has been forced to close down some of their other endeavors, including their famous flight school (as well as their banking operation and retail outlets)."



My wife just saw a current issue of *Moody Monthly* this past Sunday in Sunday school class. Just thought I would let Brother Levitt know that his sources are apparently wrong. — T

Dear T:

On March 28th, we received a letter from Moody Publishers that noted the following:

As many of you are aware, there are a number of significant changes underway at the Moody Bible Institute. Moody, like nearly all not-for-profit organizations, is facing unprecedented budgetary challenges, largely due to the ongoing downturn in the national economy. Accordingly, decisions were recently made to: Cease publication of *Moody Magazine* with the

# Letters to



Some letters have been edited for space.

July/August 2003 issue; exit the retail business by searching for a buyer of its stores; relocate and reconfigure the Moody Aviation Program.

More details about these decisions are found on the MBI web site ([moody.edu](http://moody.edu)). Dr. Stowell, MBI president has stated, "These decisions will enable us to focus more clearly on our core ministries of education, broadcasting, and publishing."

This past week, further adjustments were announced that affect many areas of MBI. A number of positions throughout the Institute are being eliminated. These expense reductions are needed to assure that MBI may minister into the future from a financially stable base.

Zola Levitt Ministries is not experiencing the same "economic downturn." In fact, we've had our most prosperous year ever. Perhaps there's something to this "I will bless those who bless Israel" promise in Genesis 12:3.

As I mentioned in the "Note From Zola," we not only are prosperous right now, but are able to pass along those gifts you designate to worthy groups and individuals.  
— Zola

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To the staff at ZLM:

I read my e-mail version of Zola's personal letter this morning. Interesting that he spoke of The International Fellowship of Christians and Jews. I don't remember if he called them by name, but he did reference Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein, but I have responded in the past to Rabbi Eckstein's solicitation mailings, and his 30-minute spots on TV are heart-wrenching, of course.

Then, some time back, I heard from a Messianic Group of the Rabbi's talk of brotherhood and togetherness, he is very much against any and all Messianic Jews. I know how Jews in general feel about Messianic Jews—*meshumed* ("traitor"), and all that—but it seems hypocritical that that Rabbi Eckstein would "court" gentile believers in Yeshua, while vehemently opposing Jewish ones. It could even be interpreted as "using" the gentiles—people that he has less respect for than he lets on?—to generate funds for his admittedly good cause.

I have been a long-time supporter of Christian Friends of Israel and Ebenezer Emergency Fund, so I decided some time ago to funnel my support in their direction instead of to the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews.

Thank you for bringing this to light for those who may not be aware of it. — DW

Dear DW:

Israel's government is benevolent and remarkably competent at taking care of all immigrants, the poor and others, including in many cases the Palestinians (with free medical care and other services). But in a country where a million Russians arrived in a ten-year period, it is terribly difficult to keep up with every need, and honest and sincere charities are needed to fill the gaps just as they are in the US. Nevertheless, no money is needed to fly in Jewish immigrants; they ride for free on El Al Airlines. Money is not needed for security provisions, either. — Zola

Dear Zola:

You wouldn't know how I can explain about Jesus to a Catholic 15-year-old friend I have, would you? — JV

Dear JV:

The answer to Catholics, Jews, Mormons, Moonies, or any other peripheral cultic group is the Scriptures. Get your friend to understand that all accurate Christianity is founded on the Bible, and that's all there is to that. Pronouncements from sages, "Vicars of Christ on Earth," saints, rabbis, or various wise men mean nothing

when compared to the Word of God. If you can, persuade your friend to look at Bible verses with you, and false doctrines will fall away. — Zola

Dear Dr. Levitt,

The lady at the front desk [at ZLM] and Mrs. Tonie are so nice and helpful. I was injured at my job in 1999; Mrs. Tonie said you'd pray for me and—praise the Lord—I finally won in my hearing and will be given the medical treatment I've been needing. My mom has also recovered from her second stroke—a miracle!

You can judge a business by its staff and you have a stellar staff. God bless and as Jesus said, "Don't worry."  
— RM

Dear RM:

The title "Mrs. Tonie" is to distinguish our kind receptionist, Tonette, from our skillful male tour operator, Tony. Thanks for your encouraging words. — Zola

## ***Meshumed means "traitor."***

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## **Cowboy Ten Commandments**

These have been posted on the wall of a "cowboy church" at Cross Trails Church in Fairlie, TX. They were too good not to pass along.

1. Just one God.
2. Honor yer Ma 'n Pa.
3. No telling tales or gossipin'.
4. Git yourself to Sunday meeting.
5. Put nothin' before God.
6. No foolin' around with another fellow's gal.
7. No killin'.
8. Watch yer mouth.
9. Don't take what ain't yers.
10. Don't be hankerin' for yer buddy's stuff.

Source—USA Today

Dear Friends:

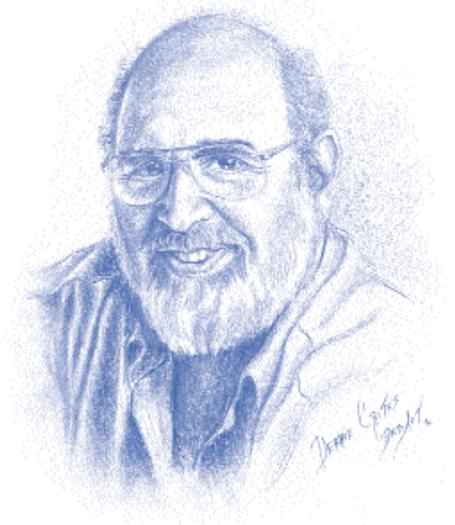
**A**s this letter is being prepared, I'm packing for Israel. This is my 76th trip in 30 years and there are two thoughts that predominate as I prepare myself. One is eagerness to get back "home" and see God's country in all its beauty. The second is that I know I'll be safe there, safer than in Dallas or anywhere else in the US. An article elsewhere in this newsletter notes that *The New York Times* and CNN (Israel's chief media enemies these days) have been lying to us for years about security in the Middle East, and of course those who've been visiting Israel know that very well. There is some unrest there, of course, as there is in this country, but nothing that would ever concern a pilgrim.

Our next tour after this one will be our Fall Israel tour November 2-12 (with our Greek island cruise departing October 29th and the Grand Petra tour running from November 2-16). I certainly hope that people will take advantage of this. Although I can't predict what the world scene will be like in November, if it is as it's been the last 30 years, Israel will be peaceful — more peaceful than most places in the US, Europe, or any other place that criticizes Israel for its "violence."

Israel has been in the news almost day and night as I write this. Over the last few days, seven Israelis have been killed in bombing attacks in a direct Palestinian response to the ridiculous "Road Map." Obviously we need to do away with this idea immediately and send the rats back to their holes in Gaza and the West Bank.

A lunatic media paints Israel as the center of violence, even though many more were killed by terrorism in Saudi Arabia (including 8 Americans), at least 77 were killed by a truck bomb in Chechnya on

# A Note From Zola



May 12th, and dozens were killed in Casablanca a few days later. Yet Israel is condemned as the most dangerous place on Earth. For example, in the bombing in Afula, three Israelis were killed; unlike the other bombings elsewhere in the world, this one somehow merited a color picture on the top half of *The New York Times'* front page on May 20th. (On an average day in New York, the same number of people are killed in the streets with little mention and certainly without a full-page spread in the front section of the *Times*.)

With such warped coverage, editors are inadvertently making prophecy come true. Israel is becoming "hated of all nations" (Matthew 24:9), but it goes without saying that the US puts Israel to shame in terms of street violence as well as the number of people killed.

Another distortion is the need for a "Road Map" in order to get peace in Israel. Once again, don't be fooled. The Road Map is no better than previous peace processes that have paraded down from Madrid, Oslo, and Camp David over the years. The answer to peace in Israel is simply for the Palestinians to stop killing Israelis. That's all that's needed. If tomorrow morning there were no Palestinians trying to kill Israelis, Israel would have no need to retaliate or arrest anyone. If the same thing continued the next day, and the day after that, then there would be an end to the conflict.

If we were going to be consistent with the Road Map to peace by giving half of Israel to the Palestinians, then in our nation we should also give half of the south to the Ku Klux Klan, half of the midwest to the militias, half of New York to the Mafia, and half of Los Angeles to the gangs. To think like Bush, when people are murdering those around them, give them part of the land. Let's have a Road Map for the KKK, the militias, the Mafia, and the gangs.

Of course, the real answer is that those who murder, whether in the US or Israel, don't deserve to have someone else's land. And in the Palestinians' case, they have not shown that they can begin to run any organization fairly and honestly, let alone a whole nation. A

Palestinian state would obviously fail if it were created, and it would be very hazardous to Israel and to world peace.

**"The Road Map is no better than previous peace processes."**

In the teaching I've been doing at churches (and let us know if I can stop at yours this summer if you're in the midwest), my view is that we are simply heading into the Tribulation. As I've said previously in this letter, escalating wars over the past 50 years are leading us into the invasion of Gog and Magog and eventual Armageddon.

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If the US continues to push its Road Map to create a Palestinian state, there can ultimately be only one result: war when the Palestinians attack Israel. And given the fact that Israel will be reduced to the Mediterranean coast, they will be forced to mount a decisive defensive response, possibly with many Palestinian casualties. This in turn would set the stage for the attack of Gog and Magog against the Jewish state, which might well provoke a nuclear response from Israel.

America has, with good intentions, inadvertently provoked each of the powers that will comprise Gog and Magog as described in Ezekiel 38: 5-6, which cites Persia, Ethiopia, Libya, Gomer, and Togarmah. As noted in last month's personal letter, the modern counterparts of these nations are becoming aligned against Israel, and this trend is growing because of the US actions in the Middle East.

Iraq is part of Persia and we are still occupying it; for Ethiopia, our assault in Somalia was provocative; we bombed Libya 20 years ago and Khadafi has not forgotten; and Gomer is associated with present-day Bosnia/Serbia/Kosovo (where we actually protected Muslims, but where they still resent our incursion). Finally, Togarmah is represented by the Turkish area, and in the prelude to the latest Iraq war, America also managed to aggravate Turkey by asking them to help us in our preparation for an attack on a fellow Muslim nation. Even for 20 billion dollars they could not do this because they have to live in the region with 350 million potentially hostile neighbors.

The Bedouin "law of the desert" is still in effect for the Arabs; according to this tradition, if someone insults your family, the feud goes on forever. Thus, even though the US has hammered Libya, Iraq, and other Arab nations into submission by our sheer might, the need for

revenge will burn strong generation after generation.

The Muslim nations in the Middle East, which feel they've been slighted in one way or another, know they cannot take on the US and its allies, so they have recently named us "The Zionist Enemy" and thus will justify their attack on the real Zionist nation — Israel. While an occasional terrorist attack may be aimed at America, ultimately the prime target will be Israel.

For believers, there's no bad news here. "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:28).

I mentioned elsewhere in this letter that our ministry is prospering well at this time. I have always pledged that I will report when we need money and when it is unnecessary. This is a time when, if you are moved to give to a sister ministry, we would encourage you — since we are okay for now, even to the point that we have been able to help support our TV and tour people in Israel — to send missionaries there, and to help

financially with Anatot, the settlement we have adopted. The Lord has been good — and so have you!

Please, as always, be careful in your giving, not being misled by those organizations that are obviously taking advantage of the situation in Israel, or by charities which are fellowships of unbelievers who may spuriously claim to be bringing refugees to the Holy Land.

There's still time to contact us about speaking in the midwest. Churches or colleges can call Cynthia at 214-696-8844 or Claudia at 817-417-0059 to schedule a meeting.

"Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven!"

Your messenger,



**"...ultimately the prime target will be Israel."**

## Peace broke out once again during our May tour...

...(which was tour number 76, all of which were perfectly peaceful). Ten thousand have now traveled with us without even a stubbed finger. November promises to be even more peaceful since, for a period of time, all sides will be talking about peace, so things will be very quiet. However there will also be more pilgrims on our November tour, so sign up early (don't wait). Your deposit is fully refundable should there be any problem since we would never go if there were any danger. ★



The following story proves that anti-Semitism and hatred of Israel make odd bedfellows. Serious European diplomats—grown men—prefer the company of Yasser Arafat, even though he’s been all but cut off from serious peace negotiations and completely discredited in so very many ways. One is almost touched by the love affair between the French and Arafat; it is reminiscent of the romance of President Jacques Chirac and Saddam Hussein. The Bible warns of those who call good evil and evil good (Isaiah 5:20). It’s impossible to say what the French find so attractive in the old murderer, but my life’s experience has taught me that France is always for sale. Perhaps Arafat, who has become a literal billionaire after robbing his people for almost 40 years, might just be paying them something. We are uncovering in Iraq the footprints of European diplomats on the take in the machinations of the former dictatorship. I have always felt that the PLO is even worse—probably the most bloodthirsty dictatorship in the world.

On a serious note, the idea of the Lord’s warning “Ye shall be hated of all nations” (Matthew 24:9), delivered to his Israeli disciples, is borne out by Europe’s odd preference of Arafat over Mahmoud Abbas, the new “prime minister,” in view of the fact that Arafat’s lifetime goal has simply been to murder Jews, not to have a country. Abbas at least postures at wanting to have a nation, though both men are cut from the same cloth. If they continue on their current path, Europe and the US, too, will eventually reap the curses that are promised to those who curse Israel. — Zola

# European Allies Refuse to Cut Ties with Arafat

By Nicholas Kralev, *The Washington Times*

America’s European allies rejected a call from Secretary of State Colin L. Powell to sever ties with Yasser Arafat, the beleaguered Palestinian leader, even as US officials accused him of “undercutting” his new prime minister, Mahmoud Abbas.



French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin, who met with Mr. Powell during the annual meeting of top diplomats from the Group of Eight—the seven most industrialized countries and Russia—said he would visit Mr. Arafat when he goes to the Middle East.

“Believe me, my message will be a strong message,” Mr. de Villepin said at a press conference after the meeting in Paris, noting that it is the European Union’s policy to “meet and speak to everyone” involved in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. “We need to take steps against terrorism, against

any violence—it is the right moment to move.”

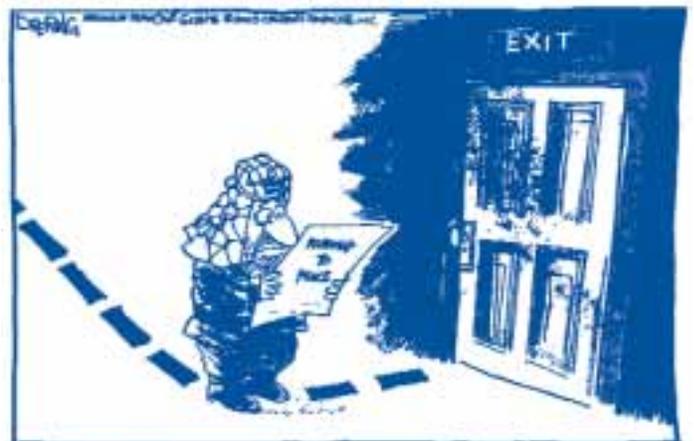
A senior US official later told reporters on Mr. Powell’s plane that the “strong message” of the French minister would contain a push for Mr. Arafat to provide more support to Mr. Abbas, also known as Abu Mazen, and his new post. “We have seen evidence that [Mr. Arafat] is undercutting [Mr. Abbas],” the official said. “It’s time for him to realize that he has to use his influence with the Palestinian people to support Mr. Abbas.”



The official noted that Mr. Abbas’ press conference with Mr. Powell in the West Bank town of Jericho earlier this month was not broadcast on Palestinian television, which is controlled by Mr. Arafat.

The EU’s foreign and defense policy chief, Javier Solana, who also participated in yesterday’s meeting, met with Mr. Arafat shortly after Mr. Powell’s visit to the region. The venue of the secretary’s meeting with Mr. Abbas was changed from Ramallah, which houses Mr. Arafat’s headquarters, to Jericho, in a symbolic move intended to show Washington’s determination to marginalize the longtime Palestinian leader.

Mr. de Villepin is scheduled to arrive in Israel. He will meet with Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom. He is expected to visit Mr. Arafat, a spokeswoman said in Paris. ■



Never let it be said that Muslims are chauvinistic when it comes to committing terrorism. Fair is fair. Women have equal rights to murder innocent civilians in the eyes of the cleric quoted below (as long as they cover their hair!). — Zola

## Equal Opportunity Killers

By Khaled Abu Toameh, *The Jerusalem Post*

One of the leading global Muslim scholars has issued a *Fatwa* (religious order) permitting women to carry out suicide attacks.

Sheikh Yusuf al-Qaradawi, an Egyptian who serves as the dean of Islamic Studies at the University of Qatar, issued his ruling in response to last week's bombing in Afula, which was carried out by 19-year-old Hiba Daraghme, a female student from Tubas in the northern West Bank.

"Women's participation in the martyrdom [suicide] operations carried out in Palestine, given the status of the land as an occupied territory, in addition to a lot of sacrilegious acts perpetrated by the Jews against the sanctuaries, is one of the most praised acts of worship," Qaradawi explained. "Also, the act is a form of martyrdom for the cause of Allah, and it entitles them, *inshallah*, to the same reward earned by their male counterparts who also die in the cause of Allah.



"OH, LOOK, DADDY... OUR LITTLE GIRL IS GROWING-UP..."

"This obligation reaches a certain extent that a woman should go out for jihad even without the permission of her husband, and the son without the consent of his parents," he added. "When Jihad becomes an individual duty, as when the enemy seizes Muslim territory, a woman becomes entitled to take part in it alongside men. Jurists maintained that: When the enemy assaults a given Muslim territory, it becomes incumbent upon all its residents to fight against them to the extent that a woman should go out even without the consent of her husband, a son can go too without the permission of his parent, a slave without the approval of his master, and the employee without the leave of his employer."

He said Muslim women are allowed to violate Islamic teachings by traveling unaccompanied by a close male relative and without having to cover their heads for the sake of carrying out an attack. "Concerning the issue of the *hijab* (veil), a woman can put on a hat or anything else to cover her hair," Qaradawi ruled. ■

Make a copy of this article and give it to someone who is part of the hug-a-Muslim campaign. — Zola

For those promoting the "Road Map," an unexpected detour is the constant cheating of Palestinians who are unable to stop murdering Jews under any circumstances. The following article details their continuation, even in this time of peace talks, to arm themselves for assaulting the Israelis. Their usual targets: Women, children, civilians of all sorts—the very ones that Bush wants to share their land. — Zola

## Along the Road Map to Peace

A third ship carrying weapons for Palestinian terrorists was intercepted by the Israel Defense Force's naval branch some 40 miles off the northern Israeli coastline on May 22. The boat was loaded with 25 fuses for 122 mm Katyusha rockets, 15 electronic delay units, programming units, and a radio-activation system for remote-control bombs.

Compact discs found onboard gave detailed instructions on how to manufacture different kinds of bombs, explosives, and rockets. One video presentation instructs on the most strategic place for a suicide bomber to detonate himself so as to maximize casualties. ■

Source: The Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs

# “Road Map Is Heresy”

By Julia Duin, *The Washington Times*

A Washington conference of Christian and Jewish Zionists [meeting May 19] heard attacks on the US “Road Map” for peace in the Middle East as a breach of a 4,000-year-old covenant between God and Israel.

“The land of Israel was originally owned by God,” said Gary Bauer, president of American Values and a Republican presidential contender in 2000. “Since He was the owner, only He could give it away. And He gave it to the Jewish people.” Terrorists, he said, “don’t understand why Israel and the United States are joined at the heart.”

Called the “Interfaith Zionist Leadership Summit,” the conference attracted to the Omni Shoreham Hotel about 1,000 participants, who debated how evangelical Christians could best unite with Jews to support Israel. A three-page statement was adopted, to be delivered to President Bush, demanding Palestinian concessions before Israel is asked to return to its pre-1967 borders, which would turn over the West Bank and Gaza Strip to the Palestinian Authority.

Calling the peace proposal “a Satanic Road Map,” Earl Cox, executive producer and host of “Front Page Jerusalem,” a radio program, asked, “Do any of you believe Yasser Arafat will embrace traditional family values? There will be a mosque on all the holy sites. How can anyone who’s a Jew or a Christian support such a proposal?”

Theological differences were put aside by the speakers, such as Jan Willem van de Hoeven, the Dutch-born founder of the International Christian Embassy in Jerusalem. “We may have disagreements about who [the Messiah] is,” Mr. van de Hoeven said, “but He is not coming back to a mosque but to a third temple.”

Mr. Pipes, a speaker at the conference, criticized Americans for political naiveté. “Why do we destroy our enemies and ask Israel to prop up its enemies?” he asked. “The assumption behind the Road Map is [that] the Arabs have accepted Israel.” ■

# “New ‘Final Solution’”

By Ruth Matar, “Women in Green Hour”

The new “final solution” for the Jewish problem is called “The Road Map to a Two-State Solution.” The Quartet wants to sever Israel’s Biblical heartland of Judea, Samaria and Gaza from the Jewish State, and give this land to the Palestinian Arabs as a twenty-third Arab state. As a reward for murder and terrorism, no doubt?

I understand what Russia, the European Union, and the United Nations are about. Anti-Semitism is at its highest level since the Holocaust in most of these countries. But President Bush, whose election I worked for so fervently because I thought he was a Bible-believing Christian, has he joined the pack? His planning to reward Arab terror with yet another state carved out of Covenant land, rather than to fight Palestinian terrorism, hurts very deeply.

Many of us like to blame the US State Department exclusively. Some of my American Christian friends tell me that the heart of President Bush is in the right place, but that he has bad advisors. But did he not himself choose the Secretary of State, Colin Powell, who heads the US State Department?

To me, Colin Powell’s remark about Arafat “one man’s terrorist is another man’s freedom fighter” defines his person, his lack of morals, and his attitude toward the Jewish State. ■

## COMPETING ROADMAPS



The following is an open letter to the government of Israel in response to the “Road Map.” It was signed by a long list of Israeli victims of Palestinian terrorism. It calls for civil disobedience against orders from the Israel government that might be considered illegal under Israeli law. — Zola

# A Letter from Terror Victims

To: The Prime Minister, Ariel Sharon

In the coming days, or perhaps in the coming hours, you will decide to remove roadblocks throughout *Yesha* [the Hebrew acronym for the West Bank and Gaza territories], allowing free Arab traffic. This, in accordance with “the Road Map,” (“the State of Israel will implement the recommendations of the Bertini report...including cessation of curfew and easing of travel between Palestinian territories”), despite the fact that this program has not yet been confirmed by the government.

This decision is termed, in diplomatic jargon, “confidence-gaining measures” or “easing of travel,” but, in fact, you are well aware that this is an abandonment of

Jewish lives traveling on the roads of *Yesha*, allowing increased chances of terror attacks, that will undoubtedly be taken advantage of by the terrorists. This message is already written in blood on the roads of *Yesha*, and is well known to you.

We, relatives and victims of Arab terror, who have already paid with our lives and our health, the price of brutal terror, murder and death, on the roads of *Yesha*, turn to you with this warning: If the definition of an expressly unlawful order is: A command which causes the killing of innocent people—the reopening of roads in *Yesha* surely fulfills this definition.

Therefore, whoever gives the order to reopen the roads of *Yesha* to free Arab traffic, is giving an expressly unlawful order. And whoever implements such an order, is implementing an expressly illegal order.

We turn to you, to prevent such a decision, or such orders. We turn to all IDF officers, to prevent implementation of such orders. Undoubtedly, whoever gives such orders or instructions, or whoever fulfills them, will be responsible for any further bloodshed, as a result of them. ■

## HebrewLesson



### Wisdom from God

By John J. Parsons

#### Hebraic Insight

The Scriptures declare that the starting point for wisdom is not to be found in speculative or abstract reasoning, but in understanding that a personal, holy, and righteous God has given us an absolute imperative to love and to do justly (see Mark 12:28-31). That is, we are truly wise when we reverentially submit our lives to God in obedience to His commandments.

Note that like other Hebrew poetry found in the Bible, this verse uses parallelism: Just as wisdom (*chokmah*) comes from obeying the Lord, so understanding (*binah*) comes from the knowledge of the Holy One. The word *binah* comes from the Hebrew word for “between” (*beyn*), and implies the ability to distinguish the real from the unreal, the true from the false. Proper understanding, then, comes from “rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 Tim. 2:15), since it is in the Scriptures that we are given the “knowledge of the Holy One” (2 Tim 3:16). Is wisdom important? In Proverbs 4:7 we read that “wisdom is the principal (first or chief) thing.” We must listen to the wisdom of God with “attentive ears” and apply our hearts to understanding (Prov. 2:2). True happiness comes when we earnestly search for (and find) this wisdom for ourselves — which is actually the search for God Himself (see Prov 2:4-5, 3:13).

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The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding (Proverbs 9:10 KJV).

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# Speak, Mr. President

By Saul Singer, *The International Jerusalem Post*

The Quartet “Road Map” was widely seen as a place-holding exercise for what would come after the war in Iraq. It is time, therefore, to re-examine this exercise and determine how it measures up to the opportunities present by a Saddam-free region.

The Road Map seems to follow the Bush speech [of June 24, 2002] because it has most of the same ingredients: Ending terrorism, democratization, statehood, and for Israel a settlement freeze. But the Road Map makes a subtle change that makes all the difference. Like Oslo and all the failed peace plans before it, the Road Map is built upon a moral equivalency between Israel and the Palestinians, whereby demands to “both sides” are carefully matched.

The document drips with equivalence, such as: “Palestinian leadership issues unequivocal statement... calling for an immediate and unconditional cease-fire to end armed activity and all acts of violence against Israelis everywhere. All official Palestinian institutions end incitement against Israel.” This is paired with “Israeli leadership issues unequivocal statement... calling for immediate end to violence against Palestinians everywhere. All official Israeli institutions end incitement against Palestinians.”

A reader of this document would have trouble determining which side is blowing up buses and which side is trying to prevent buses from being blown up. The truth is that the Road Map is so obsessed with placing equal blame and making equal demands of both sides that it is hard to see how it can be satisfactorily amended.

The issues of blame and burden are not quibbles; they spell the difference between another failed round of “peace” diplomacy and a viable attempt to end the Arab-Israeli conflict. Bush should say simply that he has confidence the people and government of Israel are ready for peace the moment the Palestinians and the Arab world demonstrate they are ready to live with Israel. This means ending incitement, cracking down on terrorists, and renouncing the demand (it is not a “right”) to flood Israel with Palestinians cynically kept by the Arab world as refugees.

Last June, Bush had the courage to rewrite that playbook and put the blame where it belongs. Now that Saddam is gone, and the Road Map has hopelessly confused matters, he has to do it again. If he does not have the courage to do so, it means that a new “peace process” will go nowhere. ■

I recently heard the Saudi foreign policy adviser, Adel al-Jubeir, speak on Fox News on May 16th and frankly I'm tired of hearing Saudi diplomats defend the gangsters known as their “Royal Family.” I watched as he remonstrated with Americans for doubting their security measures after eight Americans and many foreign nationals were killed in a recent bombing. To have to take this sort of guff from this crooked régime, which basically concerns itself with Rolls Royces, expensive junkets, foreign prostitutes, and funding Palestinian suicide bombings, is more than I can bear.

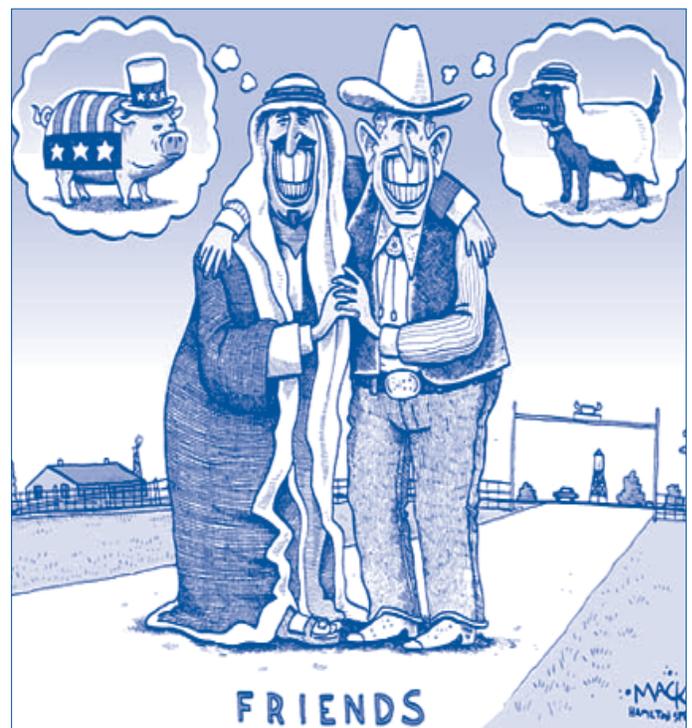
## Same Old Song and Dance

By Zola Levitt

Saudi Arabia is our worst enemy. Saudi Arabia is our worst enemy. That is not a misprint. It needs to be said repeatedly because we simply are not getting it. The president invited a Saudi prince to his ranch, Ramadan was celebrated at the White House, and so on.

The “hug a Muslim” campaign has simply gone too far. We are fools to sit still while mosques are built for those who preach “Death to America,” call us “The Great Satan,” and burn the US flag—all on American soil. We are fools to imagine that we can cultivate relationships with *Wahabis*, the sect of Islam most popular in Saudi Arabia, and also the most deadly in funding and carrying out terrorism. We are fools to have any relations with Muslim extremists whatsoever, other than to change their régimes immediately, whatever that takes.

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This needs to be done in Saudi Arabia more than it was needed in Iraq. The Saudi Arabian government is corrupt from start to finish and always has been. Most of the people in that nation are ignorant and hungry, and the 30,000 thugs who call themselves the Royal Family have stolen most of the money brought in from oil revenues. If Iraq was guilty of anything that gave us cause to attack that nation, then Saudi Arabia is five times guiltier.



When are we going to understand that reciprocal relationships with Arab nations are simply impossible because there's a gulf of a thousand years in perspective between us and them? Most Arabs do not understand the modern world. They do not understand democracy. They don't comprehend simple human freedom. I may be criticized for offending a few moderate or educated Muslims; I will plead guilty. But in general we are talking about at least 300 million from a total of 350 million who are utterly ignorant of the 21st century.

The Saudi government has made a deal with al Qaeda that up until now protected them from attacks and they, in turn, financed the activities of this horrific terrorist organization. It's high time to stop coddling them. No more oil deals. Please.

As we've said before, Egypt was once a world power and now it has become the United Arab Republic and can't even feed its people. I'll make a prediction, and if the Lord tarries, I believe we may see it come to pass. If we do not do whatever it takes to change the Saudi régime, we will lose the war on terrorism and ultimately become the United Arab States of America.

For the past 25 years, the *Levitt Letter* has pointed out that Saudi Arabia is our worst enemy. Their record against us has been consistent from the oil boycotts of the 1970s to the continuous incitement of terrorists against Israel to the World Trade Center attack. These attacks are simply a continuation of this. Our leaders in Washington know very well that the Saudis are the

enemy, but they are a sort of "preferred enemy." In today's expedient, politically-motivated world, politicians deal with whom they can to get what cash they can, and the Saudis for the moment have the biggest oil reserves. I believe that Iraq has an even larger and more convenient reserve of oil for our purposes, and I fear that at least part of our reason for going there was to gain access to it.

Our Lord said, "Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice" (John 18:37). I think that dealing with enemies for money will lead to a very bad end for our nation. It turns us into blatant materialists with no care for the truly important things: Israel, our personal lives, and our relationship with the Lord. And it will take us straight to Armageddon! ■

## The Media Gets Religion

By Fred Barnes, *The Weekly Standard*

A class in religion at the University of Rochester did a detailed study of top newspapers and concluded, based on empirical evidence, that the media's performance on religion is woeful. "When it comes to religion, the press seems at odds with itself," the study found. "On one hand, religion pervades America's newspapers as part of the background on topics from politics and economics to sports and the arts. On the other hand, stories about religion itself infrequently address religion's beliefs and values."

So what were the specific findings? For one, more often than not religion is fleetingly mentioned rather than being the subject of a story. Two, religion stories are mostly about how some faith deals with political or legal issues. Most of the attention paid to Catholics dealt with the sex scandal involving priests.

The study also found that while religion is often used to identify people, it is done haphazardly. Senator Joe Lieberman is frequently identified as an orthodox Jew, while other politicians with strong religious beliefs are not identified by their faith. No politician is ever identified as an atheist, I would add.

Another finding: The religious left's opposition to the war with Iraq got a lot more attention than the religious case for the war. Finally, here is what I think is the most important conclusion: The bad-news bias so prevalent in the media today also permeates the coverage of religion. "All the papers studied devote more coverage to religion in the context of bad deeds than they do to the good deeds religions do in their communities."

Why is this? The study doesn't say, but I believe it's the case because most reporters at large papers—or TV networks or magazines, for that matter—are secular in the

# Toning Down Whose Rhetoric?

By Cal Thomas, Tribune Media Services



The National Association of Evangelicals (NAE) convened a meeting in Washington to urge their mostly conservative Christian leaders to tone down “dangerous” and “unhelpful” remarks about Islam. Concerns were raised over comments by the Revs. Franklin Graham, Pat Robertson and others that Islam is inherently “wicked” and violent. NAE leaders worry that such statements endanger Christian missionaries around the world. They proposed new guidelines for churches to follow in relating to Muslims.

Doesn't the NAE have it backward? The most incendiary language is not coming from Christian leaders in this country, but from Muslim clergy overseas and occasionally from Muslim pulpits and schools in the United States. There is no Christian or Jewish doctrine that mandates followers of those faiths to kill people who disagree with them and to make the state in which they reside subject to their interpretation of holy writ. If one converts to Islam from any religion (or no religion) in the United States, his life is not put in danger. In America, one may take God's name in vain without fear of temporal punishment, unlike in many Muslim countries where even perceived blasphemy can result in the death penalty. Ask Salman Rushdie, who remains the target of a *fatwa* calling for his assassination for writing *The Satanic Verses*, a book that offended some Muslim leaders.



The NAE should be calling on members of the radical Islamic clergy to tone down their rhetoric. It should also be asking “moderate” Muslim clergy to isolate the extremists within their faith and to deprive them of legitimacy if they speak and act outside the will of mainstream Islamic doctrines.

As chronicled in this column over several years, invective against Christians, Jews and all other non-Muslims regarded as “infidels” rains down from Islamic pulpits throughout the world. The harsh rhetoric makes reference to Koranic justifications of violent means to religious ends.

The NAE leaders make a classic Western mistake. They believe that what they say and do shapes the thinking and behavior of those who regard them as infidels. For centuries Christian missionaries have been murdered by religious and political terrorists. That risk goes with the job. They are not likely to be in less danger because of the rhetoric of certain American preachers.

Christians and Jews aren't declaring war on the world, and they are not hijacking airplanes to fly into buildings or blowing themselves up among civilians. Those who do, claim their mandate is from Islam. The shoe is on the wrong foot. ■

*The New York Times* has always been affectionately known as “The Old Gray Lady.”

## The Old Gray Liar

By Ann Coulter, Anncoulter.org

*The New York Times* is to be commended for ferreting out Jayson Blair, the reporter recently discovered making up facts, plagiarizing other news organizations and lying about nonexistent trips and interviews. A newspaper that employs Maureen Dowd can't have had an easy time settling on Blair as the scapegoat. Blair's record of inaccuracies, lies and distortions made him a candidate for either immediate dismissal or his own regular column on the op-ed page.



The editors have set up a special e-mail address for readers to report falsehoods they discover in Jayson Blair articles. OK, but how about setting up one for Paul Krugman? They ought to claim all those front-page articles predicting a “quagmire” in Iraq were also written by Blair.

The *Times* has now willingly abandoned its mantle as the “newspaper of record,” leapfrogging its impending technological obsolescence. As this episode shows, the *Times* is not even attempting to preserve a reliable record of events. Instead of being a record of history, the *Times* is merely a “record” of what liberals would like history to be—the Pentagon in crisis, the war going badly, global warming melting the North Pole, and protests roiling Augusta National Golf Club.

Publisher Arthur “Pinch” Sulzberger has turned the paper into a sort of bulletin board for Manhattan liberals. ■

During the Iraq war we noted the dishonesty of CNN (as we have with other media sources for nearly 30 years) and the following article covers their recent example very thoroughly. *The New York Times* was recently embarrassed by fabrications in stories by Jayson Blair, a reporter on its staff. In both cases, we think the leadership of these unethical organizations is glad to take the profits over the years when their reporters exaggerate and sell newspapers and advertising. Only when caught do they own up to “a little deception” (but keep the money all the same). Lately we have been treated to sanctimonious in-house memos from *Times* editors wringing their hands when their ethical lapses are exposed for all to see. They’re so terribly sorry, but they’ll still keep the money.

It goes without saying that such news organizations, popular though they may be, should be ignored by people seeking the truth about our very complex world. — Zola

## The Disinformation Channel

By Andrea Levin, *The Jewish Observer* (Los Angeles)

CNN executive Eason Jordan’s dramatic acknowledgment in *The New York Times* op-ed (“The News We Kept to Ourselves,” April 11, 2003) that for more than a decade his network concealed gruesome information about Saddam Hussein’s regime lifts the rock a notch off the dark underside of media collaboration with barbarous dictators.

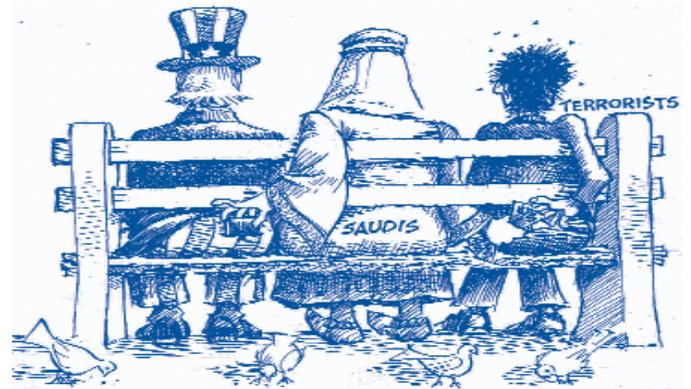
Yet, according to former CNN reporter Peter Collins writing in *The Washington Times* (April 15, 2003), Jordan’s piece failed to convey the appeasement and fawning that marked network policies toward the Iraqi leadership. Collins tells of being instructed in 1993 by former CNN President Tom Johnson, under whom much of this activity apparently occurred, to repeat on the air “verbatim” the self-serving talking points of an Iraqi “information minister” in order to advance the network’s chances for a personal interview with Saddam. When Collins shortly afterwards broadcast a story skeptical of Iraqi claims that Americans were bombing “innocent Iraqi farmers,” he was told by veteran CNN reporter Brent Sadler that the story “was not helpful.” Sadler wanted that interview with the Iraqi dictator.

The practices employed in Baghdad characterize CNN’s kowtowing to dictators elsewhere. This extends to the autocratic regimes throughout the Arab Middle East, now being serviced by a recently-launched CNN Arabic language division.

It is hardly surprising, then, that with regard to the Arab-Israeli conflict, CNN exhibits a tendency to prefer formulations agreeable to Arab leaders while minimizing realities that might offend. Thus, on the very day Eason Jordan unburdened himself, CNN analyst Bill Schneider declared “...there could be a fresh start [in

Israeli-Palestinian negotiations], but only if President Bush decides to push for a peace deal, which means pushing Israel.” The notion that “pushing Israel” is the key reflects, of course, the Arab perspective, not the Israeli or American one, which sees reform of a corrupt and terror-promoting Palestinian Authority as the central task.

Nor are such CNN observations unusual. Shortly after Schneider’s comments, CNN anchorwoman Paula Zahn questioned Arab journalist Hisham Milhem about Arab-Israeli peace and its supposed role in placating anti-American sentiment in the Arab “street.” Milhem promptly responded: “...if you’re talking about people who need liberation, need liberation more than the Iraqis, they are the Palestinians, who are under tremendous occupation, brutal, draconian occupation.”



The CNN host thanked Milhem, without a hint of disagreement that Israel’s conduct is worse than that of Saddam Hussein’s, and without challenging his one-sided criticism of the United States.

In contrast, in a segment that followed with Israeli diplomat Alon Pinkas, Zahn was full of critical challenge, saying Milhem had “made it very clear that the Arab street will only have confidence in the United States and this coalition if there is some kind of peace forged between the Palestinians and Israelis.” She added for good measure: “And another point that he’s made in the past that he didn’t say tonight is the building of settlements has got to stop. Will it?”

When Pinkas replied, specifying that Israel has shown itself prepared to dismantle settlements in some areas in the context of real peace, Zahn asked: “What else is Israel ready to bend on? If there is this area of compromise... what else are you talking about, besides stopping the settlements?”

This snapshot of CNN’s coverage is indicative of certain distorted premises that apparently underpin the network’s take on the Middle East. Chief among these is the belief that Israel bears the onus for bringing peace and that Israeli concessions, whether on settlements or on other issues, are the solution. ■

# The Chicken Lady

By Mayaan Jaffe, "Jerusalem Insights," *Shorashim Notes*

If I had met Chaya Hammer on the bus or in the supermarket I probably would have smiled at her (hard to resist her shining eyes), but then passed her by. Little would I have known of the miracles that this 93-year-old great-great-grandmother is capable of performing.

She is affectionately known as the "Chicken Lady," and I have fallen in love with her and her good deeds. The Chicken Lady began her kindness campaign 22 years ago during a routine trip to Hacker's, a kosher butcher shop in Jerusalem.

"I was standing in line and I saw Mr. Hacker give a young girl a huge plastic bag," Chaya explains. "I saw from the distance that it was nothing but fat and skin. The girl said 'thank you' and left. When I got to the front of the line, I said, 'Mr. Hacker, how many cats and dogs does that family have that it needs so many scraps?'"

Hacker explained that the family had no pets, but seven children. The father was on dialysis and the family had little income. He said he could not afford to give them more, for they already owed him much money. He explained that they used the fat and skin for "chicken soup" and for the *chollent* (Shabbat day stew).

The words went straight to Chaya's heart. She looked across the counter and said: "From now on, give the family chopped meat and a whole chicken—and I will pay for it!"

Chaya started by helping that one family. And that soon became two families. Today, 136 Jerusalem-based families come to Hacker's for their Shabbat meat, running up a weekly bill of over \$1,000. Most of these families do not know their anonymous benefactor.

Before *Rosh Chodesh* (the beginning of the Jewish month) Chaya's 17-year-old great-granddaughter comes over to prepare greeting cards, envelopes and checks amounting to about \$6,000 to send to 64 families throughout the country. When the checks are written they are placed in envelopes with a cheery *chodesh tov* (good month) greeting card and a decorated stamp, usually the newest Israeli creation. Chaya says the idea of the greeting card is to ensure people feel good about the money they receive. "I don't like people to feel belittled because they need charity."

Where does Chaya find her "clients?" Through the

grapevine and by reading the newspaper. Many of Chaya's recipients have truly tragic stories. She sends money to the 15 children of "Shlomo," who was walking down the stairs from his third floor apartment to deliver *mishloach manot* (gifts of food) to a neighbor for Purim. He slipped, broke his neck and died. "I have them," she says.

In 2000, when Palestinian terrorists murdered a husband and wife, leaving eight young children, Chaya assumed responsibility for them.

Neighborly kindness is not something Chaya grew up with. Born in Vinograd, a small town in the Ukraine, Chaya says her classmates teased her for using a Hebrew name. She and her family survived three pogroms before running away to Romania. The Romanian border police refused her family entrance and they were jailed for five months. When release finally came, the family headed straight for Palestine. "My father was very Zionist.... How I love this country! How I love it!" Chaya says.

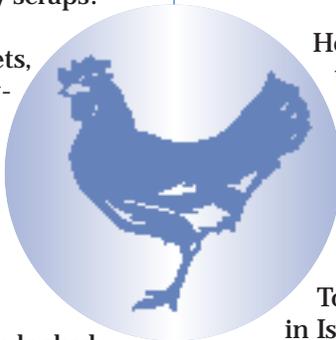
However, Chaya's mother had tuberculosis, so the family was forced to relocate to America. Two-and-a-half years later, Chaya's mother died a young woman of 34. The family remained in America, until 1969 when Chaya and her now deceased husband, Ephraim, made *aliyah* [return] to Israel.

Today, there are five generations of Hammers in Israel: Chaya, her three daughters, seven (out of nine) grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. With everything this devoted *bubbie* (Yiddish for grandmother) gives to her umpteen offspring, one would think Chaya should have little time for her "chicken business," but she is very organized and dedicated. Chaya doesn't think she is doing something unusual. "It is just the Jewish way," she says.

Chaya raises her chicken money by word of mouth. While most donations come from the United States, she has supporters in Europe and the Far East. "Thank God, I have a good name and people trust me," she says. "They know if they give me \$1,000, it goes directly into the charity fund."

One 93-year-old woman is feeding hundreds of needy people. "When I know that children are hungry," she says, "I want to give them all I have." ■

**Note:** Donations can be sent to: The Chicken Lady, Chaya Hammer, Mishmar Ha'Gvul 4, Ramat Eshkol, Jerusalem, ISRAEL or you can send your donation to us, designating it for "The Chicken Lady," and we will forward it to her.



Here is, in my opinion, a fine manifesto to Israel's ongoing struggle for independence. — Zola

## "In Every Generation"

By Rabbi Eliezer Waldman, Aish.com

This week we will celebrate 55 years of Israeli independence. At this time we must again recognize the reality that our struggle for independence is not over. It is a continuous battle for the basic rights of the Jewish nation in its homeland. The nations of the world may have officially recognized Israeli independence and received us as a member of the United Nations organization, but in actual fact, we have not really been accepted as an independent people.

The two basic rights of a free people are the right to defend itself against those who seek its destruction, and the right to build and settle their own land. The nations of the world, both our enemies and even those who supported us, have always sought to limit the complete implementation of these basic rights.

I have long heard the echoes of these nations, saying to Israel: "True, we have recognized your independence, but we didn't really mean you should be independent. We will tell you where and when to settle in the Land and we will determine when and how you can defend yourself."

The Jewish People have had to confront this grave problem ever since our national birth, when we were delivered from slavery in Egypt. *Mitzrayim* (Egypt) means "straits," signifying that the Egyptians wanted to prevent the appearance of a Jewish, divine nation in the world and that is why we were put into the straits of slavery. These straits, that are meant to limit the growth and development of this Jewish people, are continuing to impede the natural growth of a Jewish nation in its land. This prevents us from achieving our divine destiny, which would bring a blessing to the nations of the world.

Amalek, who attacked the fledgling Jewish nation just delivered from Egyptian slavery by the Almighty, emulated this evil process begun by the Egyptians. Since then, throughout the generations, we have been confronted by those who seek to destroy us, as well as those who want to limit the freedom of a Jewish nation in its land.

In the Hagaddah of Pesach [Passover], we twice recited passages that used the term "in every generation". We say that in each generation, a Jew must consider himself as being personally delivered from Egyptian bondage. We also recite that in each generation, the wicked rise up to annihilate us, but the Almighty saves us. These expressions vividly describe the two-fold confrontation we face to this very day.

Thank God, the Redeemer of Israel, has helped us to reach this stage of our freedom, and this week we will joyously celebrate 55 years of independence. After a century of Zionism, generations of Jews have succeeded in turning a barren land into a Garden of Eden.



In order to understand the continuous evil hatred towards Israel by our Arab neighbors and member nations of the European Community, we must turn again to our Biblical sources. The prophet Isaiah says, "Many people shall go and say, Come and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, and he will teach us of his ways.... for out of Zion shall go forth the Torah, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem" (Isaiah II 2:3). In Psalms, it says, "The enemies say, Come, let us destroy Israel as a nation and leave no memory of them" (Psalms 83:5).

We believe that the prophecy of Isaiah will be completely realized and Israel will be a light unto the nations and a source of blessing for all. Until this prophecy comes to be, unfortunately, there are nations who still strive to destroy the Jewish People as a nation.

In the same manner, we are sure that the only way to deal with this national danger to Jewish existence is by removing this threat from the face of the earth.

Remember, Mr. Bush and the Coalition, there is only one solution to international terror and that is its complete destruction by military victory. Yes, Mr. Bush, we do not intend to surrender or commit suicide. We will continue to fight our enemies until the Almighty helps us ensure the security of the Jewish people in our homeland.

It is also important to understand, Mr. Bush, that we cannot, and will never, agree to freeze Jewish life in our land. No normal free nation would agree to that. We will continue to build and settle and renew Jewish life in all of *Eretz Yisrael*. ■

## Where Are the Moderate Muslims?

By Dr. Michael Anbar, FrontPageMagazine.com

Islamic fundamentalism, which has become politically active in the last hundred years, is not a new religion or a new variation of Islam. It is an expression of classic theocratic Islam in reaction to the secularization of certain Muslim countries, such as Turkey, Kuwait or Iraq. Classic Islam feels threatened by modernization and potential secularization. However, since Islam is practiced by 1.2 billion people, it is unlikely to disappear or be displaced by secularism.

Following the defeats of the “mighty” Arab armies by the fledgling IDF [Israeli Defense Force] in 1948, and then again in 1967 and 1973, after the political defeat and retreat of the atrocious Muslim Indonesians from East Timor in 1999, and after the recent military collapse of fundamentalist Islamic Afghanistan and the Arab militant dictatorship in Iraq, Islam is due for a major shake-up. Unlike Judaism, Christianity, Buddhism, Hinduism and most other religions, Islam is a politically-driven religion bound to military triumph, conquest and subjugation. Consequently, this chain of recent military and political defeats must give Muslims worldwide ample material for soul searching. It seems that Islam is due for a major reform.

There has been lots of talk in American media about a difference between “moderate” and “fundamentalist” Muslims. People have been wondering, however, why the “moderate” Muslims have not denounced the Islamic fundamentalists and their violent deeds. The reason is that there is no theological or cultural distinction between the two.

Built into Islam are the doctrines of the infallibility of Mohammed and the Qur’an, the superiority and supremacy of Muslims over all non-believers (infidels), the concept of the *Umma*—the Islamic universal nation, and the goal of having all of humanity become Muslim or at least subjugated to Islam. “Moderate” or even “secular” Muslims feel uncomfortable to publicly violate any of these doctrines, even if they may privately disobey the dietary or other behavioral rules of Islam.

Secular Muslims are not a well-defined subset of Muslims, like Christian or Jewish atheistic Socialists or Communists. Under appropriate circumstances, secular Muslims readily revert to traditional Islamic ideology, and they are cheerfully accepted by the traditionalist masses. We just witnessed this in Iraq where Saddam Hussein, a secular national socialist dictator, used traditional Islamic premises to bolster his defiance of the West.

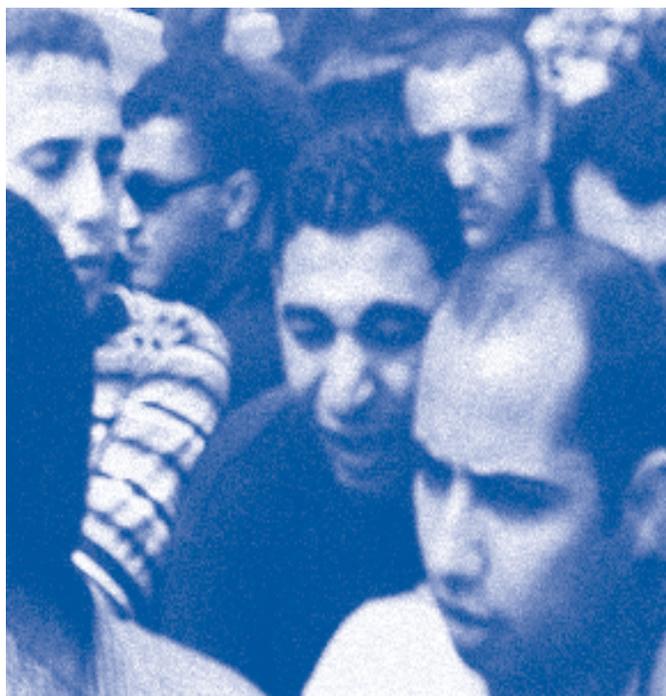
We saw the same trend even more dramatically in the Palestinian Authority (PA). Here, the secular PLO leadership invoked fundamentalist Islamic tenets to produce hundreds of suicidal terrorists, available for export to any Islamic country in need, with Arafat threatening to sacrifice a million Muslim martyrs (*Shahids* or “suicides”) to conquer Jerusalem from the Jewish “infidels.” Secular PLO has thus become the hotbed for upbringing a new generation of Islamic fanatics.

The Islamic premise that land conquered by Arabs belongs to the *Umma* for perpetuity and cannot ever be given back to infidels is the ideological basis for the one-hundred-year-long bloody war with the Jews in the land of Israel. This bloody war is aimed at eradicating the Israeli Jews, although the territory in dispute is less than 0.2 percent of the total territory of the *Umma*, the Arab nation.

That disputed territory includes land that Jews purchased for inflated prices from Arabs in the Land of Israel. Although purchased legally, this land is still considered—according to the Islamic ideology—as land “stolen” from the *Umma* (in most Arab countries infidels cannot own any real-estate, in Saudi Arabia they cannot even live as permanent residents).

Moderate Muslims do not disavow in public Islamic terrorism against Americans. By the same token, no one has ever heard moderate Muslims renounce the brutal Arab campaign against the Jews in Israel, starting with the terrorist massacres in 1921 and 1929 and continuing up to now. Both these terrorist campaigns seem to be tacitly endorsed by the “moderate” Arabs.

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The Islamic clergy is threatened by the secularization of the Muslim masses and is worried that this secular trend will take over the political structure of Muslim countries as it did in Turkey. That threat becomes increasingly more ominous as the Islamic masses are exposed to Western culture through satellite TV and the Internet.

Islamic clergy fights back by polarizing these masses and inciting them by religious-nationalistic slogans. The result of this militancy is, however, humiliating military defeat and economic misery. One can see this clearly played out in the PA territories. To end the futile *Jihadistic* Muslim terrorism that will only result in additional loss of innocent lives, and to avoid additional devastating military defeats by the “infidels,” Islam must undergo reformation.



This reformation must come from within the Islamic religious community. Islam must give up its global political ambitions and its claim to supremacy over all other religions. This means an end to Islamic expansionism and intolerance, and possibly also an end to Islamic ancient tradition of despotism.

One can only hope that a wise and conscientious Islamic theologian, one who realizes the dangers in perpetuating the current Islamic beliefs, will come up with a formula that will allow giving up some of these basic tenets of the Qur'an. ■

## “Otherness”

By John W. Whitehead, *The Washington Times*

One third of the poor people surveyed in a recent Barnabas poll, asked whether they felt people were more or less willing to help those living in poverty since the September 11 terrorist attacks, said people were less

willing. This is in light of the sad fact that one in six children in this country lives below the poverty level.

That raises serious questions about the claims that Americans have gotten religion since September 11. After all, to truly be effective, religion must be a thing of substance rather than showmanship, and this is where that “old time religion” in America tends to stumble.

Although members of Congress sang “God Bless America” on the Capitol steps, our schoolchildren are often prevented from expressing their faith in school. Worse, despite the millions of dollars spent on Christian outreach ministries and television evangelism, morality is at an all-time low. There are also more poor people than ever, and the prison population is skyrocketing.

This inability to put religion into action is reflected in the lack of teaching we see in the churches and other religious institutions. It's also reflected in the breakdown of leadership in the church, as shown by the recent sexual scandals in the Catholic Church. And it's reflected in the continuing scandals facing corporate leaders, among other examples.

Unfortunately for those in need, the minority of Americans have grown spiritually lazy. Accustomed to getting by with the absolute minimum, too many people mistakenly believe that attending a weekly worship service is what religion is all about. And they have completely lost sight of the Good Samaritan principle of going the distance for someone in need.

Jesus Christ, with whom many in the poll would identify, said, “Inasmuch as you did it for the least of these My brethren, you did it to me.” [Most intensively, Jesus' brethren are the 144,000 Jewish believers of the Tribulation period.] Christ declares, “I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you took me in; I was naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you visited me; I was in prison and you came to me.”

True religion is action-oriented and centers on a love of human beings. This love requires an “otherness,” a shifting away from oneself and focusing on those around you. Yet this very same selflessness goes against the grain of much of modern American society, which is based on materialism and self-centeredness.

The bottom line is simply this: Unless and until religion is taken seriously in this country and begins to meet people's needs, we can have no hope of true change and progress. And until every American begins to accept responsibility for his or her neighbor and the state of this nation, we will continue to worsen, no matter how much religion we get. ■

If the following writer were a student and Colin Powell his professor, here are some questions that might pop up in the classroom. — Zola

# Excuse Me, Prof. Powell

By Michael Freund, *Jewish World Review*

Prof. Powell, I'm confused about a number of issues. First, let's talk about monitoring crackdowns on terror. On your recent lecture tour in Damascus, you said that Syria had closed the offices of various terrorist groups, even though Syria and the terrorists deny it. This means that either you are wrong, in which case your reliability as an arbitrator is of dubious value, or they are wrong and can not be counted on to tell the truth.

How can you expect Israel to have confidence in your assessment of Palestinian compliance, when you are so quick to praise the Syrians for something they may not even have done?



In Jerusalem this month, you said, "We welcome the positive political steps already taken by Palestinian officials

toward reform and toward peace." Yet, that very same day, gunmen from Palestinian Prime Minister Abu Mazen's Fatah

movement sprayed bullets at an Israeli civilian vehicle near Ofra, killing 54-year old Zion David and leaving his six children without a father; Palestinian terrorists fired three Kassam rockets at the Israeli town of Sderot; while Israel was commemorating Holocaust Memorial Day, the Palestinian Authority decided to publish a statement on its website comparing Israel to the Nazis.

Prof. Powell, how can you speak of Palestinian steps "toward reform and toward peace" when the Palestinians continue to shower Israel with the same old bile and bullets?

Even more confusing, my dear professor, was your announcement in Jericho that the US will give an additional \$50 million in aid to the Palestinian Authority. In the past decade, America has sent over \$700 million to the Palestinian-controlled areas, despite persistent reports of chronic PA corruption and misuse of funds.

After Operation Defensive Shield last year, Israel discovered mountains of documents proving that the PA had financed terror attacks against innocent Jewish men, women and children, thanks in no small measure to the aid it receives from abroad.

And, as we all know, PA Chairman Yasser Arafat continues to control five of the seven Palestinian security services, many of whom have been involved in terror against Israel over the past two years.



Since even you acknowledge that Palestinian reforms still have a long way to go, why would you funnel more money to the PA?

My final question is more personal, yet equally relevant.

In your interview with Israel's Channel 2 television, you took pride in the fact that you grew up in a Jewish neighborhood. And yet, despite the fondness you proclaim for Jews, you seem to have no compunction about coming to the Jewish state and telling thousands of its residents they should leave their homes because the Arab world considers them "illegal Jewish settlers." You repeatedly stress the need to end "settlement activity," as though Jewish housing construction, rather than Arab intolerance, lies at the root of the Middle East dispute.

**"You repeatedly stress the need to end 'settlement activity.'"**



In another time, and another context, it was considered unacceptable to tell people where to live because of their racial or religious identity. Such an approach was known as racism and segregation, and was rightfully done away with. Why, then, Prof. Powell, is calling for the expulsion of Jews from Judea, Samaria and Gaza—simply because they are Jews—any different? Isn't that, too, a form of racism?

Sorry if all these questions are a bit of a nuisance but if you wanted to avoid dealing with such thorny issues, you should probably have remained in diplomacy. That is one field where the truth hardly seems to matter. ■

## More From the Religion of Peace

The Saudi Arabian government paid more than \$5,000 each to families of suicide bombers and other Palestinians killed in the terror campaign against Israel, according to documents found by Israeli intelligence officers and later obtained by Fox News. The documents contain a list of 102 deceased Palestinians whose families have each been paid 20,000 Saudi *riyals*—the equivalent of \$5,340—by the Saudi Interior Ministry.

Saudi Arabia has also been recently cited as the top religious rights violator by the US Commission on Religious Freedom. “It’s time to apply the same standards to Saudi Arabia that are applied everywhere,” commission Chairman Felice Gaer said.

The commission found that freedom of religion is nonexistent in Saudi Arabia except for those practicing Wahhabism, the extreme form of Sunni Islam. ■

Sources: Fox News and Julia Duin, *The Washington Times*



## “Another Devilish Question”

By Ann Coulter, Universal Press Syndicate

Media organizations from CNN to *The New York Times* have all recently admitted to years of lying about conditions in Iraq under Saddam Hussein. They explain that they faced either losing “access” or subjecting their Iraqi employees—and, of more relevancy, themselves—to Saddam’s torture chambers.

Stipulating for purposes of argument that the media

were performing a service to anyone other than Saddam Hussein by being his pimp, rather than just pulling out, it still leaves another devilish question. Why, then, were these same news organizations—CNN and the *Times* in particular—so insistent that the United States take no action to remove Hussein from power, knowing what they now admit they knew?



Liberals learned to live with Iraqi citizens being fed into plastic shredders, summary executions, maimings and unanesthetized ear-loppings. Only now have they found something truly fiendish going on in Iraq: Christian missionaries are proselytizing! On the basis of the raw terror on display at *The New York Times*, I gather the operating theory is that Iraqis who withstood Saddam Hussein’s sadistic tyranny for 30 years will be unable to withstand a Christian missionary.

In the left’s doomsday scenario, Arabs who have been stewing in Islamic theology their entire lives could watch a 20-minute video on the life of Christ and convert en masse. God only knows what trouble that could lead to.

Inarguably, anyone who views flying planes into the World Trade Center as a matter of religious devotion is going to have to get a new religion.

Throughout the history of empire-building, Christians were a constant thorn in the side of the conquerors and slave-traders. They quaintly insisted that the biblical command “Love thy neighbor as thy-

self” should be a real deterrent against pillage and the unwarranted expropriation of the goods of others, even when, as was generally the case, those others were not Christians.

Christians who are willing to leave the safety and comfort of America to go to barbarous lands, risking disease, pestilence and murder, simply because they so love their fellow man—these are the miscreants who inflame and enrage liberals more than Saddam Hussein and his rape rooms ever did. ■

# The Suffering “Palestinians”

By Mona Charin, NewsAndOpinion.com

In 1867, Mark Twain visited the Holy Land and was dismayed at what he found, “a desolate country whose soil is rich enough, but is given over wholly to weeds—a silent, mournful expanse.... We never saw a human being on the whole route.... There was hardly a tree or a shrub anywhere.”

The land to which Jews began to return in large numbers during the final two decades of the 19th century—the land they transformed from desert to orange groves, cities and kibbutzim—was largely empty, not the thriving “nation of Palestine,” as the current myth has it.

One thinks of this because today’s news brings fresh reports of the pitiless persecution of the Palestinians—not by Jews, but by their fellow Arabs—which is the true story of Palestinian oppression.

The Lebanese government, *The New York Times* reports, is considering revoking the citizenship it awarded to about 25,000 Palestinians in 1994, a move that will cost many of them their jobs, schools, homes and access to health care. “They are not welcomed,” writes reporter Daniel J. Wakin, “by a government that declares its allegiance to the struggle for a Palestinian right to a homeland.”

Lebanon, like Israel’s other Arab neighbors, refused to absorb Arab refugees in 1948, placing them in camps instead. (Israel, by contrast, absorbed and made citizens of the 500,000 Jews who fled Arab lands at the same time.) Twelve refugee camps remain housing most of the 400,000 Palestinians who live in Lebanon. Lebanese law declares them to be stateless, and as such, forbidden to own land outside the refugee camps.

The camps are a disgrace—far worse than anything in the Israeli-administered territories (and Israel surrendered the day-to-day running of civilian life to the Palestinian Authority after the Oslo Accords). “Waste water runs through a trough in the alleys,” reports the *Times*. “Human waste is disposed of in pits beneath homes. Some of the alleys have grown so jumbled that waste-removal trucks cannot get through, and filled-up pits are becoming a problem.”

Though the Palestinians are ethnically,

culturally, religiously and linguistically indistinguishable from their neighbors in Lebanon, they are rejected and excluded from Lebanese society only to make a point about Lebanon’s (read Syria’s) total rejection of Israel’s existence.

Arab governments deny this and claim that the camps will be closed just as soon as the “right of return” is recognized. But they of course know that the “right of return” would mean that up to 4,500,000 Palestinians living all over the world would have the right to settle in Israel. Israel could never accept nearly 5,000,000 implacably hostile Arabs (Israel is already home to 1,000,000 Arab citizens who can vote and even serve in the Knesset).

Following the Gulf War in 1991, Kuwait simply clapped its hands and expelled up to 300,000 Palestinians. Why? Because Yasser Arafat had sided with Saddam Hussein in the war. The Palestinians had been integrated into Kuwaiti society, working at all kinds of jobs, from engineering to computer to menial work. Many had been born there. But the Kuwaiti royal family had no qualms about uprooting them. Ambassador Saud Nasir Sabah said, “They didn’t represent a necessity to us.” There was hardly a peep from the world community. Certainly there was no condemnation by the United Nations.

There is very little sincere concern around the world for the “plight” of the Palestinians who are only useful as a club with which to beat Israel. It is disgusting that the Arabs are willing to do this to their own cousins, and equally dismaying that world opinion endorses it. ■



There are many other false messiahs besides Menachem Schneerson (who is covered in the story below). In fact a condition called “The Jerusalem Syndrome” sometimes inflicts tourists with some claiming to be the Messiah, whether Jesus or some other. They are treated in a Jerusalem hospital ward with a sign on the door from a popular Orthodox bumper sticker: “Prepare to meet the Messiah.” — Zola

## Preaching the False Messiah

By Aviel Schneider, *Israel Today*

Traveling around Jerusalem and other cities in Israel, one often encounters posters with the familiar, bearded face of the late Lubavitcher Rabbi Menachem Schneerson. What’s astonishing is the slogan on these posters: *Long Live King Messiah!* The posters appear on everything from billboards to buses.

Schneerson, known as the *Rebbe*, lived in Brooklyn, New York, and headed the Hassidic *Habad* movement. His followers came to believe that he was the Messiah, but their hopes were dashed a few years ago when the *Rebbe* died. Rather than admit that they were deceived, his followers began to proclaim him as the Messiah who would come again!

Sounds like Christianity, no? But while Messianic Jews who believe in the true, resurrected Messiah Yeshua (Jesus) are ostracized as heretics, these “messianic Jews” remain an integral part of the established Orthodox Jewish community! They are free to preach in synagogues and proclaim to the world that their rabbi is the king and messiah of Israel.

Most of the secular population believe the *Rebbe’s* followers are out of touch with reality — they are seen as messianic “dreamers.” Nearly 2,000 years ago, the Jewish population in Jerusalem and Galilee probably felt the same way about the early followers of Yeshua.

Yet they, like Habad today, were still considered Jews. They were *not* another religion. They met and prayed in synagogues, read from the Torah, and worshipped in much the same way as their Jewish brothers. And when Yeshua Himself preached in the synagogues, He was regarded as a fellow Jew.

But after centuries of Christian persecution “in the name of Jesus,” His name has become anathema among the Jews. Still, the God of Israel will have the last word. One

day, not so very long from now, the chosen people will recognize the one true Messiah, Yeshua, and them will be great rejoicing in the streets of Jerusalem! ■

## A Bloodless Knesset

During a recent blood drive in the Knesset, only nine of the 120 parliamentarians rolled up their sleeves to donate. The other 111 came up with some creative excuses, such as Arab Knesset member Taleb A-Sana, who said that these days each drop of his blood was important to him. ■

Source — *Israel Today*

## Murderous Statistics

A poll conducted jointly by the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and the Palestinian Research Institute in Ramallah found that 57 percent of the Palestinian public supports terrorist attacks in Israel proper, while a huge majority, 90 percent, approve of attacks against Israel soldiers and citizens in the so-called “occupied territories.” ■

With hatred like this, the Road Map is doomed. — Zola

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## A Gift From Our Saudi Friends

By Wesley Pruden, *The Washington Times*

If events can persuade the dedicated Arabists at the State Department—always eager to blame America (and Israel) first—that civilizing Saudi Arabia is a fool's errand, the latest outrage ought to do it. The suicide bombers, who killed more than 30 innocents, including eight Americans, were outrageous enough. The “investigation” of the outrage already looks to be more outrageous still.



Secretary of State Colin Powell applied the State Department's usual generous dose of soothing syrup. “Terrorism strikes everywhere and everyone,” the affable, generous Mr. Powell said. Piped up the Saudi foreign minister: “These things happen everywhere.” Even George W., ever eager to exonerate “the religion of peace,” decried the bombing as the work of “killers whose only faith is hate.” None of this gets it quite right. The president's enigmatic remarks could be read a couple of ways, but what the learned diplomats should have said is that terrorism strikes mostly where Islamic radicals are about, and usually when Saudis make the scene.

It's not polite, or at least not diplomatic, to say the obvious. If the Saudis would wipe themselves off the map—on a day when Allah would run out of virgins—the world would be spared a lot of grief. Saudi Arabia was not only the home of Osama bin Laden and nearly all of the fiends of September 11, but Saudis, according to the UN Security Council, have contributed \$500 million to al Qaeda over the past decade.

The Saudi security cops, who lean more to brutality than professional competence, bungled an opportunity to prevent this latest outrage, assuming, of course, that the cops had any interest in preventing it. When they earlier uncovered an enormous cache of arms, and the security cops closed in on the 19 men sought for questioning, 18 of them got away. Some of those 18 evil-doers are suspected of having participated in Monday's attack, mounting their devastating attack while on the run.

The Saudis made a show of inviting the FBI to send a team of detectives to the kingdom, a dramatic improvement over earlier incidents of terror. When Islamic terrorists bombed the Khobar Towers in 1996, killing 19 American airmen, 70 FBI agents were dispatched to Saudi Arabia, and all for nothing. The Saudi government refused to let them interview witnesses or see any of whatever evidence the Saudis had collected.

The Saudis appear to be playing the same transparent game this time. This time, the FBI dispatched only six agents, and they only arrived in Saudi Arabia after being held up in Germany for 24 hours while “visa difficulties” were “worked out.” A reasonable man would think that the Saudis, having invited them to help, would have snipped the red tape in a nanosecond. But that would assume that the Saudis really want to ferret out the ferrets.

The Saudi government either will not or cannot come to terms with who the enemy really is. Prince Naif, the interior minister in charge of the investigation, first said the perps were part of al Qaeda. Then he hedged. A Saudi-based organization that calls itself al-Mowahedoon, which vows to rid the Arabian peninsula of all Christians and Jews, preferably with gun and scimitar, boasts that it did the deadly suicide deed. Prince Naif, terrified, scoffed at the claim.

Al-Mowahedoon's members are rabid followers of Wahhabi Islam, the virulent and violent strain of seventh-century Islam that seeks to rule the world by the Koran and evangelizes with bullets, knives and bombs. The Saudi government has contributed millions of dollars to Wahhabi imams, many of whom preach in mosques in America.

The ruling family, whose busy princesses crank out princes faster than Burger King turns out cheeseburgers and fries, makes a point of not seeing Wahhabi evil in hopes that the day of devouring can be postponed just a little longer.

The Saudis had ample warning that the Islamists were on the prowl for a target. The United States sent a ranking officer of the National Security Council to tell the Saudis an attack was imminent. He pleaded with the Saudis to, at the least, mount a machine-gun crew at the gates of the residential compound and a “reaction team” just inside the gates. The Saudi brigadier in charge of “security” couldn't be bothered. With friends like these, who needs enemies? ■





During the freak Spring snowstorms in Israel, the prayers of this one worshipper at the Wall simply could not wait.



*Israeli citizens display their disapproval of President Bush's Road Map to peace plan.*

“When the Arabs start loving their children more than they hate us, THEN there will be peace.”  
—Golda Meir

## Proclaiming the Messiah in Israel, Pt. 2

By Todd Baker



The chance to witness can occur almost anywhere, as it did one day when we stopped at a mini-mart and pool hall to buy some soft drinks. In the course of our purchase we ended up talking to a young lady working there. Her name was Moran. Robert and I shared with her how the Jewish Messiah of Israel is the central person of Jewish history and Bible prophecy that binds the *Tenach* (Old Testament) and the *Brit Hadashah* (New Testament) together. When we offered her a free copy of a Hebrew New Testament, she excitedly exclaimed, "I have always wanted to read this book, but could not find it." We joyfully responded by saying to her that God obviously arranged this very moment as a divine appointment so that she could read for herself about Israel's true King and real Messiah as truthfully documented in the New Testament. We also gave her a "Prophesied Messiah" bookmark provided by Zola Levitt Ministries that lists all the major Messianic prophecies that were fulfilled by Jesus of Nazareth.

The next day in Tel Aviv while walking the streets, Robert wanted to stop in a bakery he spotted to buy a pastry or two. During his purchase we started a conversation with the owner (whose name was Ezekiel) about the restoration and regathering of the Jewish people back into the land of Israel as a major fulfillment of End-Time prophecy and a sign of Messiah's soon return. We showed him these prophecies from Deuteronomy 30:1-13; Amos 9:14-15 in the Hebrew text. He also read the great prophecy of Isaiah 66:7-9 about Israel becoming a nation again in one day after going through great travail and suffering and how this prophecy was amazingly fulfilled with modern day Israel being declared and born a nation in one day, May 14, 1948, just after the Jews experienced the unspeakable horrors of the Holocaust a few years earlier!

Initially Ezekiel seemed irritated and uninterested when we first came in. But as the Holy Spirit began to open his eyes, his whole countenance

changed and was beaming with excitement.

We then went on to say to him that the prophecies of Israel's restoration and regathering were just one stream of Bible prophecy that has been accurately foretold and fulfilled by God to the letter. We said that the other major field of prophecy in the Jewish Scriptures is the prophecies about the Messiah called Messianic prophecy. Naturally, from that point on, in our witness to Ezekiel we focused on Jesus of Nazareth as being the Person who fulfilled many of those prophecies when He came the first time and will complete the rest of them when He returns. We asked Ezekiel if he wanted to study and know more about Jesus being the Messiah by reading the *Brit Hadashah* and the prophecies about Him in the *Tenach*. He answered with an enthusiastic yes and we gave him a Hebrew Bible containing the Old and New Testaments with a list of the major Messianic prophecies Yeshua fulfilled. What a thrill it was to see this man become joyous and highly interested in the good news of Israel's Messiah. In September we plan to follow up and see if at that time he will make a decision to believe in Jesus the Messiah.

"Oh, the depths of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out" (Romans 11:33). God is opening the eyes of Israel slowly to the pierced One they have long rejected, which means His coming is near, for the veil is being lifted from Israel's eyes (2 Cor. 3:15-16). Truly God is preparing the Chosen People for His return in these last days, as evidenced by our witnessing encounters. ■

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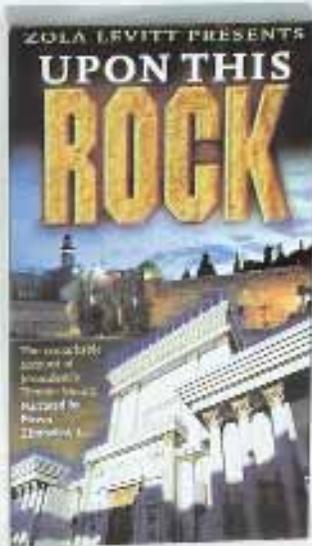
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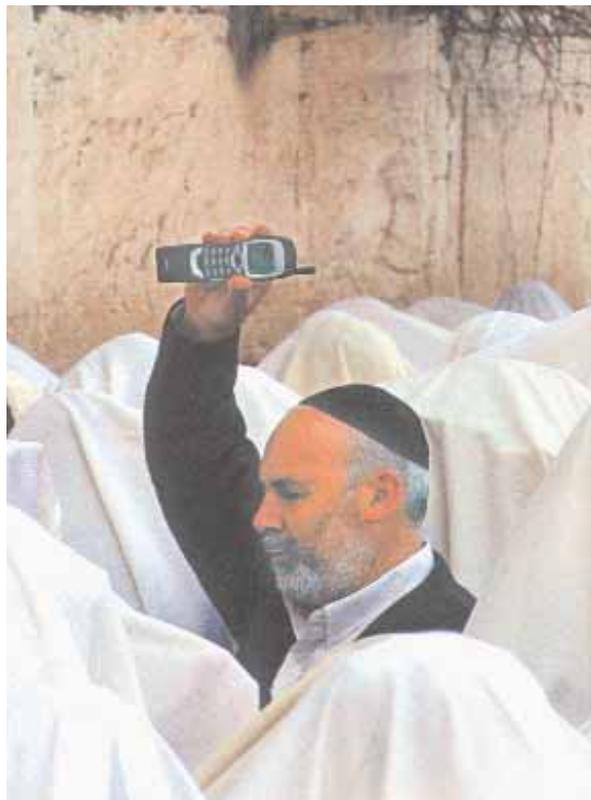
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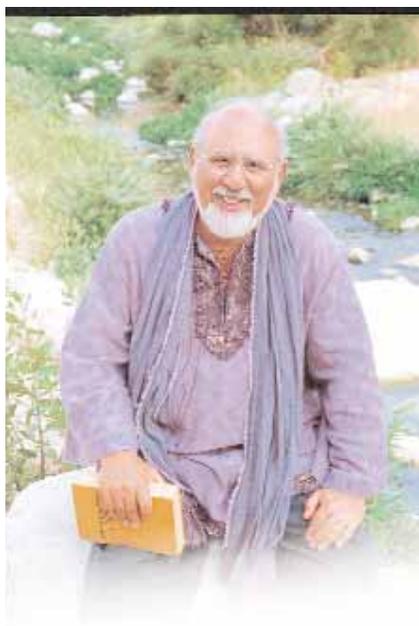
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