

LEVITT LETTER

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

We sent our new Contributing Editor, Patrick Cox, to two separate Muslim gatherings in Florida. The report below, and the one on page 22, are very eye-opening. — Zola



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“Jesus: A Muslim”

By Patrick Cox, Contributing Editor

To the chagrin of most Floridians, the Sunshine State has come to be known as the center of Islamic radicalism in America. Thirteen of the 9/11 hijackers were tied to the state. Foiled “dirty bomber” Jose Padilla and al-Qaeda fundraiser Adham Hassoun were Floridians. Prior to his apprehension in 1999, Osama bin Laden’s personal pilot lived in the Orlando area.

website of the Islamic Center of Boca Raton stated that Jews have no rights to the Temple Mount and prayed that Allah would cleanse it of its Jewish presence.

Many of those associated with the Boca Raton mosques have ties to Islamist extremists, including University of South Florida Professor Sami al-Arian. Until his arrest by the FBI, al-Arian ran two Tampa-area Islamic think tanks and, according

As this story attests, “It is evil that is so hard to comprehend.” — Zola

“He Hit Me Back First!”

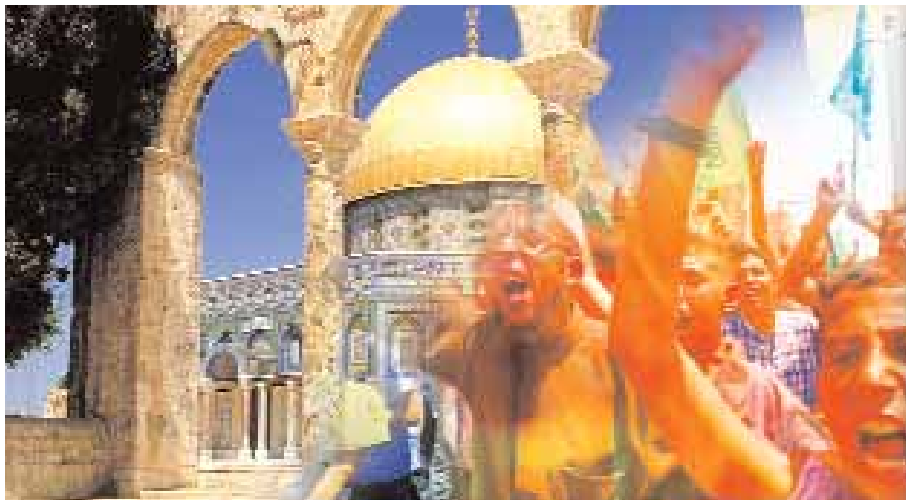
By Moshe Kempinski, *Jerusalem Insights, Shorashim of the Old City*

The world frets over a security fence and bemoans the plight of a people beginning to understand the bitter fruits of their turning a blind eye to the terrorists amongst them.

The Palestinian people have succeeded in rallying world support of their contention that Israel is acting unfairly. The complaint almost sounds childlike with its plaintive, “It’s not fair. He hit me back first.”

This illogical accusation begins to make sense to a world thirsting for simple solutions. It also works in a world that truly cannot comprehend evil.

The logic in the western mindset proceeds in the following manner: People blowing themselves apart in order to murder innocent civilians



Two elaborate, well-funded mosques are being constructed near the Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton. One is a copy of the Al-Aqsa Mosque, built on top of Judaism’s holiest site, the Temple Mount, and which is used by Palestinians as a pretext for claiming Jerusalem as an Islamic city. At one time, the

to government agents, raised money for another organization under his control—the Islamic Committee for Palestine. According to one of his own associates, that group was “the active arm of the Islamic Jihad movement in Palestine,” believed responsible for at least a hundred deaths through terrorism.

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In English, al-Arian is soft-spoken and engagingly moderate, claiming that true Islam prohibits terrorism. In Arabic, he has taken an entirely different stand.

Bill O'Reilly ended his ruse by airing video of the Tampa professor chanting, "Death to Israel" and "Jihad is our path" at a secretly-taped pro-terrorist gathering. Many of the "scholars" al-Arian brought from the Arab world to work in his Tampa "think tanks" are connected to violent Islamists and have either fled or are facing terrorism-related charges themselves.

"Moderate" Islam, therefore, lacks a certain credibility around here. So I was curious when I learned that a representative of the self-proclaimed moderate Islamic Society of Central Florida (ISCF) would present an introduction to "True Islam" at the public library in Leesburg, a small Florida town with a population that doesn't quite hit 16,000.

I had reason to be skeptical about this particular forum. Last year, an Israeli friend of mine was invited by the same organizer to give his perspective on the Middle East conflict. There, a Palestinian speaker claimed Israel had ejected Arabs before the country was first invaded in 1948. My friend, whose family of Jewish halvah makers has lived in Jerusalem for over 300 years, disagreed.

He told the crowd that he had personally seen and heard the vehicles, sent from neighboring countries just before they invaded Israel, urging Arabs through loudspeakers to flee. "Leave now," they ordered in Arabic. "Come back when the Jews are destroyed and you will have two houses, your own and one that belonged to a Jew."

A furious Palestinian in the audience stood and shouted that the speaker was Polish and had never even been to Israel. For good measure, he shrieked that "the prophet Jesus" was not a Jew, but a Muslim. The Ameri-

can running the forum told my Israeli friend to sit down and be quiet, but said nothing to the Palestinians.

The presentation this year was very different. First, the ISCF representative from Orlando, a Lebanese Muslim, introduced a video featuring mostly American converts to Islam, including an ex-nun, defending the religion as the object of misunderstanding and prejudice. After the video, the speaker carried on with that theme, portraying American Muslims as victims of bigotry and religious intolerance.

To be fair, he admitted that there are Muslims who mistreat women and encourage violence, but insisted that they are misinterpreting the Koran. The speaker even admitted that those who deny the legitimacy of violent jihadism in most Islamic countries face death or imprisonment at the hands of tyrannical governments.

I asked if the organization's website said such things, but he answered that the ISCF leads by example rather than confrontation — an answer that struck me as unsatisfactory. It was not until later, when I searched the "Web" for information about the organization, that I discovered just how unsatisfactory his reply was.

Less than two months previously, ISCF members participated in a now infamous Islamic conference held in Kissimmee, Florida — best known for its proximity to the many Central Florida theme parks. Chief organizer Zulfiqar Ali Shah announced his hopes that the gathering would help establish the area as the center of North American Islamic scholarship and a force for the promotion of tolerance.

Unfortunately, his program demonstrated the same old pattern of moderation in English and extremism in Arabic. The keynote speaker, Saudi cleric Shaikh Abdur-Rahman Al-Sudais, told 2 million followers

last April, from the pulpit of the Grand Mosque in Mecca, that Muslims "should terminate the Jews," whom he calls "the scum of humanity, the rats of the world, the killers of prophets and the grandsons of monkeys and pigs."

Conference organizer Shah was, himself, a past president of the Islamic Circle of North America. Steven Emerson, in his book *American Jihad*, reports that the organization "openly supports militant Islamic fundamentalist organizations, praises terrorist attacks, issues incendiary attacks on Western values and policies, and supports the imposition of *sharia* (Islamic law)."

Other invited guests and speakers, including the pro-Hezbollah Muzzamal Siddiqui, were connected to radical anti-Semitic and anti-American groups. When the press began to investigate the "moderate" gathering, some of the most controversial speeches were given behind closed doors, and some were apparently canceled.

As public concern began to mount, an official of the ISCF, the organization that sent their spokesman to the little town of Leesburg to spread the moderate Islamic gospel, told *The Orlando Sentinel* that those who were trying to censure the pro-terrorist speakers were "un-American."

Can one be moderate while defending radical Islamists who spread a message of hate and violence against non-Muslims? Can Muslims possibly claim to be moderate if they fail to condemn, in the strongest terms, those who use their religion to promote murder and genocide?

I don't think so, but then, as I was told over and over at the Leesburg library, Americans are an intolerant lot who just don't understand Islam. ★



Patrick Cox

is so incomprehensible and evil. It follows, then, that the individuals who engage in such extreme behavior must have been pushed over the edge by oppressive and brutal behavior on the part of the Israeli government.

How else to explain a university student from an affluent family deciding to pack his pockets with nuts and bolts to blow himself up amid an innocent group of men, women, and children? What are the depths of hatred that can allow for an individual to want to slaughter a group of children in a pizza parlor?

It is evil that is so difficult to comprehend that the world assumes, therefore, that the crimes against these people must have been so heinous and so brutal. So Israel is chastised for making things difficult at the checkpoints. They are accused of engaging in inspections and searches that are degrading and humiliating. They are attacked for building a fence that roams through land that is still in dispute.

Royee Arbel, age 30, had been traveling back and forth between his settlement of Talmon and visiting his new triplets who were born three months earlier. Royee and his wife, Hagit, took turns taking care of their two daughters and the triplets in the hospital.

Last night, Royee was cut down in a hail of Palestinian bullets. Hagit gathered her strength after being told of her husband's murder and went to her two daughters' beds and gently told them that their father would not be coming home.

But, in the warped mind of modern day society, the Palestinian gunman is the victim, and this father of five is the guilty one.

Reem Salah Riashi was a Palestinian mother of two young children aged three and one. She declared that it was her wish to blow herself up and have her body parts fly across the sky in order to kill Israelis. She approached the crossing explaining to the guards that a metal plate in her leg would set off the alarms. Then she fell on the floor feigning illness and asked for a female soldier to check her. As she cried for mercy and compassion, the soldiers let her come closer and went to get a female soldier.

At that point, Riashi ran forward and blew herself up, killing four young men: Security guard Gal Shapira, 29, was the first to be moved by the terrorist's pleas. He is survived by his parents and sister. Sgt. Tzur Ohr, 20, was the only child of his parents Tal and Adi. Corp. Andrei Kegeles, 19, is survived by his parents and younger brother. Staff Sgt. Vladimir

Trostinsky, 22, immigrated to Israel six years ago with his mother and younger brother. His father remained in Russia.

Riashi's children will be told that their mother sacrificed herself for the cause and they will grow up without a mother and will be nursed purely on hate. A father of five whose only passion in life was to raise his family. A mother of two whose greatest passion in life was to kill those she hated.

In a world where evil is not understood and solutions are more important than process, there is great confusion as to which parent is the victim and which one is the aggressor.

That is painfully sad. ★

Just Kidding, but...

BorowitzReport.com

The French space program took a significant step backward today as the European Space Agency announced that a much-heralded French Mars probe surrendered just moments after landing on the red planet.

The probe, which had been expected to travel extensively across the surface of Mars to collect and analyze rock samples, stunned the French nation by surrendering only eight minutes into its mission. As millions of astonished Frenchmen watched on national TV, the probe extended a robotic arm — designed to scoop up rocks from the surface of Mars — and raised a white flag aloft, waving it back and forth.

The probe then used a robotic shovel to dig a hole in the Martian surface before disappearing into the hole, apparently hiding.

At a press conference in Paris, French President Jacques Chirac denied that the probe had surrendered, arguing, "This mission was always intended to be eight minutes long. The probe has performed courageously and superbly."

Despite earlier announced plans for the French Mars probe to exchange information about the surface of Mars with the American Mars probes, Chirac said, "The Americans will have to go it alone."



Suicide bomber Reem Salah Riashi, shown with her two young children. Her religious sacrifice was somewhat self-centered after all. Reportedly, she was trying to atone for her adultery.

Delaying Disaster

By Joseph Farah,
WorldNetDaily.com



For a long time, I wondered if there was any coherent thought behind Israel's capitulation to Washington and the international community in regard to the "Roadmap."

I knew there was no moral justification for the creation of a new state of Palestine — one that has never existed in the history of the world. I knew it was a bad idea to reward terrorism — which is exactly what the creation of the state does. I knew it was wrong to dismantle Jewish communities in traditionally Jewish lands. I knew it was a bad deal for Christian Arabs who happen to live in the territory. I knew it would result in a new totalitarian, Islamic state.

But now I think I understand why Sharon is going along with the bad plan. He's doing it because he believes it is honestly in Israel's best security interests to do so.

Sharon believes if this action is not taken, Jews will someday be outnumbered by Arabs in Israel.

He sees the creation of another Arab state on lands where Arabs are already in the majority as a defensive measure. By carving up the West Bank, dismantling some Jewish communities and moving their Jewish population inside a new "green line," he believes he will be acting in Israel's best, long-term security interests.

Here's what he is missing because he can't think like his enemy: The day a new Arab Palestinian state is cre-

ated, other Arab nations will begin ejecting their own Palestinians to live in the new nation. They will come from Syria, Lebanon, Iran, Egypt, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, and Jordan.

How many will come? I would expect to see 500,000 at least in the short-term. This will result in new refugee camps on Israel's border. This will result in more poverty and dislocation — conditions that breed terrorism and senseless violence, which is why Yasser Arafat hasn't minded destroying his own once-healthy economy.

These refugees will not complain about those who really victimized them — the Arab leadership. Their hatred will be directed at the Jews.

With no more Israeli military patrols taking place, as they do now, the security situation will deteriorate on Israel's fence. The terrorists will develop new tactics and buy new weapons — including weapons of mass destruction.

This is not a recipe for peace. This is a recipe for delaying disaster.



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Voting with Their Feet

Israel Today

One of the ironies of the Mideast conflict is that while the Palestinians clamor for a state, when push comes to shove, many of them prefer living under *Israeli* rule!

With Israel accelerating construction of its security fence in Judea and Samaria, many Palestinians are hastily making plans to ensure that they will be on the Israeli side of the new border, once it is drawn. This is especially noticeable on the Tunnel Road, the highway connecting Jerusalem to the Gush Etzion bloc of settlements between Bethlehem and Hebron in the south. Palestinian Christians from the town of Beit Jala near Bethlehem have been buying up homes and property near the Tunnel Road because they know that under any future arrangement, Gush Etzion will remain a part of Israel.

There is an old saying that "people vote with their feet." And as many Palestinians as have the resources are making sure that they'll be on the Israeli side of the fence. ■

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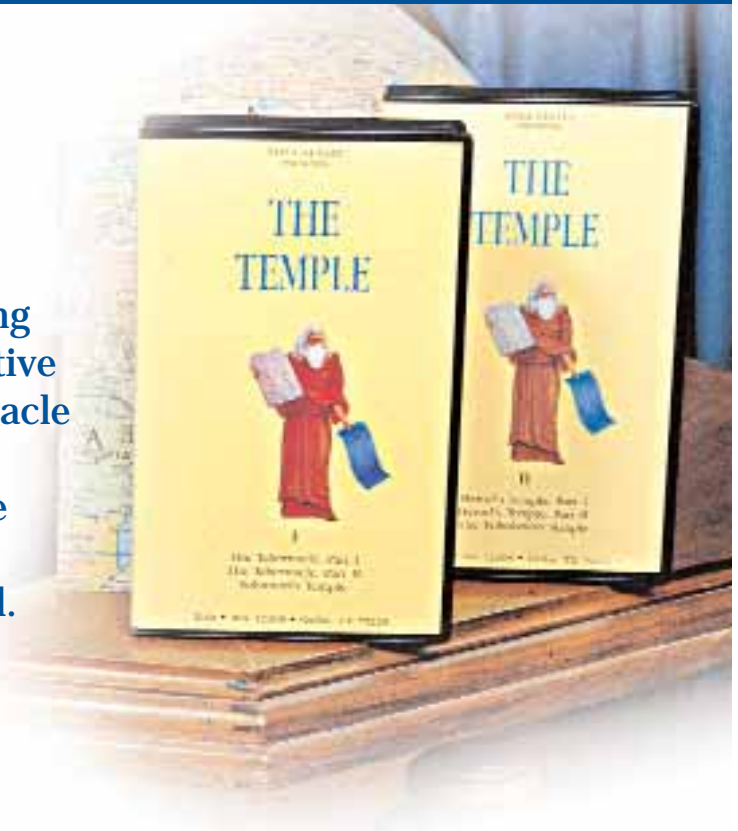
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IRAQ'S RICHES

Iraq boasts the world's most prolific oil wells. It would take more than 800 average US wells to pump as much oil as a typical Iraqi well. Consequently, production costs in Iraq are much lower. The average cost of bringing a barrel of oil out of the ground in the US is about \$10; in Saudi Arabia, it's about \$2.50; and in Iraq, it's less than \$1, according to Fadhil Chalabi, executive director of the Center for Global Energy Studies in London and former Under Secretary of Oil in Iraq.

Chicago #1 in 2003 Homicides

Having earned the title "America's Murder Capital," Chicago finished 2003 with 599 homicides, police reported in January. New York came in second place at 596 murders. Los Angeles, which had the most homicides in 2002, was third, with just under 500 in 2003. It is truly sad that some American cities have more violence than entire nations, such as Israel, which experienced fewer than 200 violent deaths for the whole country, in 2003.

WEBSITES OF THE MONTH

As you may recall, Ergun Caner is an Arab, former-Muslim, and now a believer in Jesus. He has been interviewed on our television program, and now has a website at www.erguncaner.com. His book, *Unveiling Islam*, won the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association's "Gold Medallion Award."

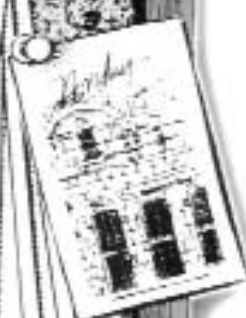
If you like the "History of Israel in a Nutshell" presentation at our homepage, www.levitt.com, you may be equally impressed with the similarly riveting history of anti-Semitism at: www.conceptwizard.com/pipeline_of_hatred.html.

OUR MOST DANGEROUS ACTIVITY

According to The Texas Department of Public Safety spokesman Tom Vinger, "For most of us, driving is the most dangerous thing we do every day." In Texas alone, "one person is killed every 2 hours and 32 minutes." That's more than nine people per day in only one of America's fifty states. You're statistically safer touring Israel than sitting behind the wheel of a car at home!
Source: *Dallas Morning News*.

Zola Turning 33

Born on March 14, 1971, Zola will be in his prime this year — at least in years since his birth in the Lord. Just as His 33rd year was so productive for our Lord, may Zola and this ministry be at their best in this coming year. In December, Zola celebrated 25 years of broadcasting. By putting our television program on the PAX network on Thursday mornings (please see page 19), we have entered a new era of ministry.



News Briefs

MoveOn.org Moves On

A spokesman for MoveOn.org gamely tried to talk his way out of the Hitler ad controversy as the left wing organization reeled from the mounting criticism. Not only did Republican groups pounce on the ad, but leading Jewish groups, including the Anti-Defamation League and the Simon Wiesenthal Center, also expressed outrage. MoveOn.org has now made it clear the ad will not air, but the damage has been done. The hatred that motivates this group is clear to anyone who takes the time to examine the record. — Gary L. Bauer, *End of Day Newsletter*

Casual use of Hitler and the Holocaust to criticize any cause or personality has become more and more commonplace. That is an insult to the victims of this German slaughter— Zola

“Woe Unto You... Hypocrites!” (Mt. 23:13)

The BBC is under fire again for alleged double standards. When *Morning Show* host Robert Kilroy-Silk wrote in a British newspaper last week that Arabs are “suicide bombers, limb amputators and woman repressors,” he was taken off the air. Two years ago, however, BBC contributor Tom Paulin said in an Egyptian newspaper that the “settlers in occupied territories in the Middle East should be shot dead, they are Nazis, racists, I feel nothing but hatred for them.” The BBC did not take him off the air. — Brit Hume, *Special Report with Brit Hume*, Fox News

Hey, Kids!

Al-Qaeda has published a new Internet magazine providing Muslim youth the opportunity to be trained as holy warriors in the comfort of their own homes. The first issue of the publication, called “Al-Battar Training Camp,” concludes with an emphasis on the virtual program’s convenience. “Oh *Mujahid* [holy warrior] brother, in order to join the great training camps you don’t have to travel to other lands,” the magazine states. “Alone, in your home or with a group of your brothers, you too can begin to execute the training program. You can all join the Al-Battar Training Camp.” — WorldNetDaily.com

Blood and Body Parts

Nabil Sahrawi, a leader of an al-Qaeda affiliated organization, was recently interviewed in a major Arab newspaper. He noted, “This is a war between the camp of Islam and the camp of the Cross, to which the Americans, Zionists, Jews, their apostate allies, and others belong.... The goal of this war, which they falsely called a war on terror, is to prevent the Muslims from establishing an Islamic state.... The Islamic state

will not arise through means of slogans, demonstrations, parties and elections, but through blood, body parts, and lives.”

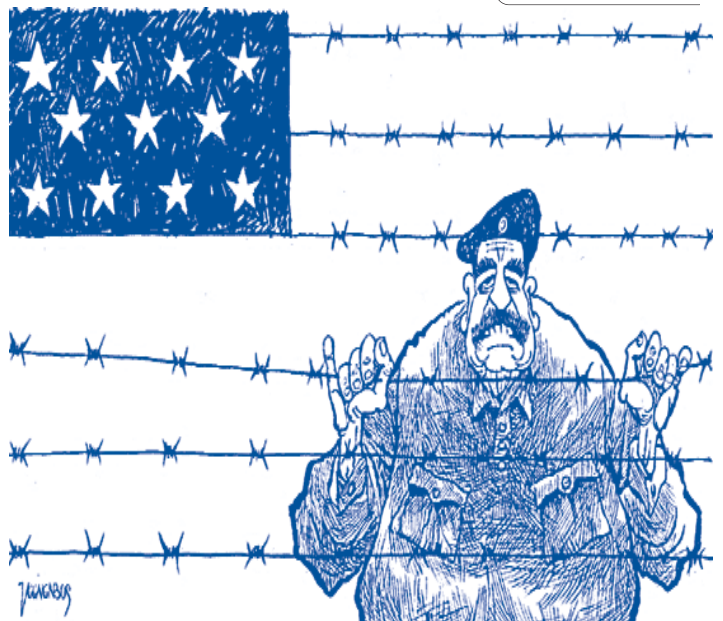
Sahrawi’s message of “blood and body parts” is the same message that is repeated countless times by jihadist leaders in radical mosques throughout the Middle East and on Palestinian television every day. Yet most of Hollywood, the liberal media, and the leading Democratic presidential contenders just don’t seem to “get it.” — Gary L. Bauer, *End of Day Newsletter*

Unequal Under the Law

The Palestinian Authority has adopted an official constitution based on Koranic *Sharia* law, rendering all people living in the PA-controlled areas subject to Islamic law. Journalist David Bedein, notes that over the past 3 years, hundreds of Christians living in areas ruled by the PA have been arrested and imprisoned for holding church services or public Christian practices without authorization.

Some imprisoned Christians were set free in 2002 when the IDF (Israel Defense Forces) took over control of what had been PA-controlled cities. These former prisoners now hide throughout Israel, surreptitiously trying to get their families out of PA cities so they can emigrate to a safe haven. Bedein met with one of these prisoners and writes, “He described to me how his family cannot openly practice Christian holidays in Bethlehem under the watchful eyes of the PA’s Islamic police force. After all, the only place in the West Bank where the PA army currently operates is in the Bethlehem area. This former prisoner also described how the US-funded Palestinian public school system has become Islamized.”

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Letters to

Some letters have been edited for space.

Recycling for Jesus

When I recently went to the hospital, I put your latest *Levitt Letter* into my purse and took it with me. A young lab tech came to take my blood and she saw your letter — opened to the Hebrew lesson page — and she asked if she could look at it. She told me her young son was studying Hebrew. I told her that I was still learning to recognize and write the letters.



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them to her. My sweet Jewish friend never responded.

I felt a burden to put my thoughts about Jesus, prophecy and salvation in a packet of information, including the wonderful information in the *Levitt Letters*, and sent

After she left, I thought, “Give her Zola’s newsletter.” I got out of my bed, walked down the hall, and there she was. I handed her the *Levitt Letter*, telling her that this was a Christian publication, by a Jewish Christian, and that it was very pro-Israel. I just know that God will bless this woman for reading it. — LH

I just don’t know if I did enough. I don’t know if God was wanting me to do more, and I just wasn’t listening. I feel very sad. Please continue to instruct people in the Truth and remind them that none of us knows how little time anyone has on this earth. We need to tell people about Jesus Christ *now* — not later. — RH

In addition to putting your old copies of the *Levitt Letter* to such good use, you can also get 50 copies of past issues to pass out, simply by contacting us and asking for them. — Zola

Scripture tells us of a variety of spiritual gifts God has bestowed upon the believers. We are all responsible to discharge the ministry associated with our spiritual gifts. But every one of us is charged to witness for the Lord, to everyone, at all times. It may be difficult and may invite persecution (the usual reaction to true Christianity), but it could save a broken heart on more than one occasion. — Zola

Messianic Methodists

I just read the January *Personal Letter* and must say, “Right On!” I am a Methodist pastor and find that our organization does not approve of my Jewish thoughts. I preach from David Stern’s *Jewish Bible* and am constantly reminding my flock that we are to bless Israel, lest we be cursed. I have some members that are very strong for Israel and would consider themselves Messianic, but there are also those who ask if Messianics belong to a cult.

The Methodist Approach

I have been entranced with your teaching and prophecy for 5 or 6 years now. I grew up in the United Methodist Church and it is very disturbing to read about the Methodist approach to Israel and the Palestinians. I have been checking websites listed in your January *Personal Letter* of UMC missionaries in Israel and it is disturbing and confusing.

Yes, Methodist organizations have strayed from the right path, but with Yeshua as my guide, I will continue to take the love and truth of our Jewish Redeemer to the world as long as God allows me to. Shalom. — Rev. T

You are a mighty unusual Methodist! God is probably retaining you in that denomination for a good reason. — Zola

Lost Sheep of Israel

My heart was broken a few weeks ago when I found out that a dear Jewish friend had died. She knew a lot about Jesus — her Jewish mother even attended a Lutheran Church in town! Yet, she wasn’t persuaded of who He was and is.

IRANIAN DEMOCRACY



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I am looking for a new church; I sense that the Lord is leading me away from the Methodist church. I visited Israel in 1999, and it changed my life! — DF

While we generated any number of letters about the Methodists from our January *Personal Letter*, we have no shortage of anti-Israel denominations. Virtually all denominational Protestants and Catholics are helping the Palestinians whether they know it or not, since their central church boards give money to the PLO. I could only hope to straighten out this tremendous affront to our Lord, who said, “I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel” (Mt. 15:24). — Zola

Regional Anti-Semitism

I received your newsletter and focused on your comments regarding the United Methodist Church. Tonight, I sat down with our Methodist pastor to review each of the items outlined in your January *Personal Letter*. He did not deny them, rather saying that this was the view of the region board and not the individual or district churches (those being anti-Israel and anti-Jewish viewpoints). I will take this to the regional board to voice my objection to the United Methodist’s statements and region viewpoints.

In regard to the University of California (Berkeley) program of anti-Jewish sentiment, I did write Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and voiced concern about state tax dollars going to such teachings in a state-supported school. And, in regard to American Airlines and its position on gay rights support, I did write the president of AA. — SS



Good for you! I see no real difference between Berkeley, American Airlines, and the United Methodist Church. But I am encouraged that someone is doing something. I think Arnold can handle the post-hippies at Berkeley just fine. — Zola

Anger and Sorrow

I am a friend of your ministry and I suppose you could call me an American Zionist. I converted to Christianity from varied forms of occultism and became a friend of Israel through your ministry. Years ago, I bought two Israeli flags from your ministry and also two Israeli flag patches that I once sewed on my jacket — until I was verbally attacked by an Islamic maniac in Auburn, WA.

I have been getting your letters and magazines for just a few months now and the January *Personal Letter* made me angry with the Methodist liberals. Upon reading the liberal words of Brenda Awad, Bob May, and Janet Lahr

Lewis, it saddened me to see that they are of the same ilk as the poor souls who create homosexual churches. — AA

Disbelief and Displeasure

I read the January *Personal Letter* with great dismay. I am a Methodist and cannot believe the General Board of Global Ministries would allow articles such as I read on their website. I have e-mailed them to let them know of my displeasure. Also, if I can, I will not allow any of my tithes to be used to fund the GBGM. — TP

Many of our people have asked the boards of many denominations where their money goes, but they never get a straight answer. — Zola

Marrs Attacks

I have been studying End Times prophecy and Israel’s role for some time, collecting works from various authors, including Texe Marrs. When I originally purchased his books, I had no idea he was so anti-Semitic. I just find it so hard to believe that anyone calling himself a Christian could be such an enemy of Israel. — MK

The EU and the Beast

This is only conjecture, but could the EU (European Union) be a prelude to the ten-headed Beast of Revelation? — WS

It certainly could. As far back as Hal Lindsey’s *The Late Great Planet Earth*, he pointed out that the European Common Market of that day presaged the ten-nation confederacy of Revelation. While the membership of the EU varies, the nations will be ten of what God Himself regards as a European nation. It will not depend upon how we have drawn the borders. Thus, there could be more or fewer nations at that time on our maps, but in God’s reckoning, He will have His ten. — Zola

Raising the Dead

I was impressed with the coverage your ministry gives to anti-Semitic activity and just plain interesting news. But I see nothing about the teachings of Jesus. If an unsaved person read your newsletter, would he learn how to come to Christ? — “Lazarus”

You put me in mind of a busy Jewish doctor who wrote to me, on a blank sheet torn from his prescription pad, “Saw the program, got the book, got saved. Thanks.” His name was also Lazarus. — Zola



March 2004

SILVER ANNIVERSARY
NOTES FROM ZOLA

February 1991

Dear Friends:

First, let me say that I ordinarily do not comment on American politics. I think they are largely irrelevant to the coming End Times prophecy, and I get into a lot of trouble with our readers when I give my opinions on politics.



But, with that said, let me say that I like George Bush and I believe he is one of the better presidents of my lifetime. I looked at the recent State of the Union speech and the commentaries thereafter, and it is time to speak up and say very clearly that one point was barely covered: The president only alluded to our alleged "War on Terrorism."

Two days later at Roswell Air Force Base, the President said that two-thirds of all *known* al-Qaeda members had been captured. But this is just the way politicians talk.

We don't know how many members of al-Qaeda there are, so we don't know what percentage have been captured. All our efforts have had almost no effect on terrorism, and, in the end, we really are not pursuing a genuine War on Terrorism.

It simply has not happened. Iraq is being sold to us as a war on terrorism, but it was bereft of terrorists, such that we have detected foreign terrorists being brought in to oppose our troops. Afghanistan did have some terrorist training centers, and we took them apart, but they were a minor issue. Middle-Eastern terrorism is located in Iran, Syria, and Palestinian Authority (PA) controlled areas, and it is financed by the Saudi Arabians. That's all there is to that.

The coddling of the Saudi princes by the Bush family is one of the most suspicious and most disconcerting features of this war we are not prose-

cuting. Obviously, we need to start with Saudi Arabia to cut the funding of terrorism at its roots. We then must clean it out of Syria, Iran, and the PA areas, or we'll continue suffering attacks just as the Israelis are.

It was significant to me that the day after the State of the Union message, our newspapers carried stories of the Hezbollah attack on Israel from the Lebanon border, and Israel's retaliation. Why on earth didn't we take down Hezbollah years ago?

Terrorism in Iran has progressed to the point that they're trying to get nuclear weapons. If that happens, they may actually win the war against the US. It is unclear to me why we don't attack immediately, or at least threaten to, so that we get their attention. With the lunatic Qaddafi of Libya, he at least well understands that it is time to change sides, and he is apparently taking apart his weapons of mass destruction.

Terrorists are found in every Muslim nation; they are supplied by Iran and Pakistan which deal with China and North Korea for weaponry; their home offices are in Syria. And their whole enterprise is paid for by Saudi Arabia, which also supplies foot soldiers for terrorism.

The fact is, few Americans believe that the US is safer than it was in 2001. And "Homeland Security" has supplied more opportunities for comedians than security for civilians.

The following "Note from Zola" appeared in our February 1991 issue — over 13 years ago. The tour came at the time when missiles were being launched at Israel by Iraq, yet the tour proved to be as safe as all the others we've ever had. Today, our tours are far safer than they were even then. So, in keeping with the celebration of the Silver Anniversary of the *Levitt Letter*, we're reproducing this "Note from Zola" at right:

Dear Friends:

Are we taking our tour?



Of course we're taking our tour. I've never canceled a tour since 1973, when I visited Israel just before and just after the Yom Kippur War. I have never seen an incident during any of our tours that I could relate to any problem in the Middle East, although I've had my block knocked off in American cities time and again.

"I've never lost so much as a button in Israel."

(Well, actually, I did lose a button. A Palestinian hotel maid sewed it on for me and I gave her a dollar in a wonderful example of Jewish-Arab cooperation that would be possible any day of the week with different Arab leadership.) But back in Dallas some thugs broke into my car and ripped out the radio.

Statistically, you are twenty times better off sitting in the middle of Tel Aviv and trying not to get hit by a missile than you are taking a walk in Dallas and trying not to be shot down in the street. (And your odds are about one hundred times better in Israel than in New York City.) People are nicer to me in Israel than in Dallas, and that includes Palestinian people, who are more likely to be found cooking and serving excellent meals in hotels, delivering the mail, and skillfully working in construction or other industries than they are to be throwing stones.

But I'm not going to Israel because it's nicer or safer than staying home. I'm going out of love and out of obedience to our God, who bade

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me to report often. He asked me to plant trees, visit the Holy City, and pray for the peace of Jerusalem. I'm happy to say, he assigned me to take some pilgrims with me when I go. Believe it or not, we've got plenty, as usual, paid up and packing.

I look forward to blessing the Chosen People, as the Lord bade us to do in His first conversation with their father, Abraham ("I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee..." [Gen. 12:3]).

And, most important of all, we pilgrims will be giving the Israelis a very compelling witness. By our very presence, we will speak of the love, the faith, the courage and the hope of our precious Lord. "And they'll know we are Christians by our love."

People on the streets of Israel are coming to the Lord, and many who find it very hard to talk about Jesus Christ are at least coming to the realization that this is a good time

to think about redemption. Jerusalem and Tel Aviv these days are examples of that old Christian proverb, "There are no atheists in fox-holes." I remember that when I was in the coronary care unit, after bypass surgery, I met a lot of formerly rough and tough Dallas lawyers and bankers who had had similar grave heart trouble. Among them, I found no one who wasn't thinking about his Creator at such a time. This, then, is the time to go to Israel and the time to witness.

If there is peace in the Middle East by the time you read this, then it's still a great time to go and explain the peace of our Lord, who said, "I will give you rest."



We're hoping you can join us on our upcoming tour. The Deluxe Tour, visiting Israel only, will depart on March 14th (my Christian birthday!) and will return on the 24th. Our Grand Petra Tour, visiting both

Israel and Petra, will depart on March 14th and return on the 28th. The Grand Athens Tour, cruising the Greek Isles and touring Israel, extends from March 9th through the 24th. Finally, our Ultra-Grand Tour, with everything — the Greek Isles, Israel and Petra — will begin on March 9th and end on the 28th. We'll also have our usual *Kibbutz* tour in June, a lower-priced alternative, popular with teachers and students, as well as with our regular folks.

For more information or the confirmation of tour dates, check with Tony at (214)696-9760 during business hours. You can also call 1-800-WONDERS (1-800-966-3377) anytime for a brochure about any of our tours.

This summer, Sandra and I will start our speaking tour at Eureka Springs, AR, the weekend after July 4th. From there, we intend to serve Branson, MO, and then drive across Kansas, stopping at churches as we travel. Then we will visit Colorado, including the Denver area. Time permitting, we'll move on toward California in August, and then head home over roughly the same route. If your church lies between Branson, MO, and San Francisco, this is the time to contact Claudia at (817) 417-0059 to arrange for a speaking date (July and August are now available).

Please continue to remember that with our step of faith in going onto the PAX network, we're continuing to ask that all of our supporters prayerfully consider what the Lord would have them give to help our ministry.

And, finally, please remember to pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

— Zola



Last-Minute Field Goal Saves Local Prophet

By Zola Levitt

Readers of the *Levitt Letter* know that I've criticized *The Dallas Morning News* repeatedly for its utterly ridiculous coverage of Israel. Like *The New York Times* which it faithfully apes, it relentlessly criticizes the Holy Land. I went down and visited with officials and editors of the *Morning News* to complain, and found them very full of themselves and unwilling to listen to Middle Eastern evidence, such as the non-history of the "Palestinians." The editor of the "View Points" page told me something like there were "no facts, only people's opinions."

On January 1st, Washington bureau chief for *The Dallas Morning News*, Carl P. Leubsdorf told readers, "Four years ago, this column predicted this result for the 2000 election.... All the more reason to weigh carefully our annual look ahead to the new year." Then the local prophet waxed eloquent.

These were his predictions for January (keep your grains of salt handy):

President Bush, on a secret New Year's Day trip to Korea, announces a pact with North Korea to make Korea a nuclear-free zone.

Rep. Dick Gephardt edges past Howard Dean in the Iowa caucuses.

A late write-in campaign pushes Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton past Dean in the New Hampshire primary.

The Patriots win the Super Bowl.

One out of four isn't bad for the media in general. Be as critical of your hometown newspaper as I am of mine. Bear in mind that it is probably right 25 percent of the time (and then by only 3 points).

Look out next January when this *Morning News* prophet will write, "I was right last year about the Super Bowl. All the more reason to weigh carefully our annual look ahead to the new year." ■



The Antichrist...

Waiting in the Wings

By Zola Levitt

It is so tiresome to continually correct media reports on Israel, but there is a faint hope that if we continually do this, some writers may change their ways. On Feb. 2, an article by Josef Federman of the Associated Press asserted that: "The leaders of violent Islamic groups are targets for assassination, Israel's defense minister said, raising the possibility of a further escalation in the three years of Israeli-Palestinian bloodshed."

This may be the only war in history where eliminating the leaders of your opposition makes things worse for you, not better. In the desperate attempt to place Israel at fault, that nation is censured for resisting the leadership of its enemies. Perhaps the police in the US should stop arresting drug dealers, gang members, and militia loonies in this country in order to make criminal activities die down.

Later Federman writes, "The statements by [defense minister] Mofaz and [spiritual leader of Hamas] Yassin threaten to inflame an already violent confrontation that has led to the deaths of more than 3,500 people on both sides during three years of fighting." Here, Israel is accused of causing its own problems by speaking out against murderers. Obviously the choice is for Israelis to quietly sit back and let their buses be bombed while saying nothing.

This article also has the famous term "militant" for what is patently a mass murderer, as in the paragraph that reads, "The dead militant was Shadi Jaradat, an Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades member from Jenin who apparently sought refuge in Jericho. Israeli security officials said Jaradat, 23, was planning a bomb attack inside Israel." Notice that Israel security officials "said" that Jaradat was planning an attack. This leaves the impression that the terrorist might have been on his way to a 4-H Club meeting when the Israelis rode out of nowhere and decided to kill him.

And finally in Federman's article we have the famous issue of the fence. In the last paragraphs of the article we are told that the barrier "dips deep into the West Bank in some parts." A small amount, probably measurable in single digit miles if not yards, extends into absolutely empty land not being used by anyone. The idea, of course, is not a land grab (after all, Israel offered 98 percent of the West Bank on a platter to Arafat years ago), but to control murderers who come from territories outside the fenced area.

I have a certain amount of forgiveness for media idiots who write this way because of the Lord's prophecy: "Ye shall be hated of all nations" (Mt. 24:9). Such reporters are like actors in a play, who speak lines that are written for them in a script. The terrifying thing is that the Antichrist is another such actor, waiting in the wings, and listening for his cue. And one of these awful writers is going to give it to him one of these days. ■

The Best Laid Plans

By Will King, Contributing Editor

The word of the day for Knesset members is “unilateral,” and all of the important ministers, and even some retired ones, are scrambling to devise their own unilateral plan for Mid-East peace.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon outlined his plan in December 2003 to the security conference in Herzlia. He made it clear that Israel would not retain all of the land that it currently has, but he refused to name specific settlements or places that Israel would withdraw from. The prime minister also made clear that the US-led Roadmap was still the government’s official policy, but that if no progress were made within a few months, Israel would decide the matter unilaterally.

Sharon was also careful to avoid the word “border,” but referred several times to something he called “security lines.” He urged the Palestinians to resume talks based on the Roadmap, because if it comes to unilateral disengagement, the Arabs would get far less than they would through negotiation.

Ehud Olmert, Israel’s deputy prime minister, also recently unveiled his controversial plan for peace. The plan caused a stir because Olmert, the former mayor of Jerusalem, intended to divide the Holy City. However, it is widely believed that Olmert only presented this plan to portray himself as more of a centrist to win broader support for any future Likud party leadership and ultimately become prime minister.

That government officials and a potential future PM are talking of concessions on Jerusalem is nothing new. The shocking part is that these officials are part of the ruling Likud party, champions of the settler movement and grounded on the belief that *all* of the land of Israel belongs to the people of Israel.

And, with each new peace plan that Likud members present, the Israeli left criticizes it for still not making enough concessions, thus pulling Likud further and further away from their core principles.

Meanwhile, the Israeli populace feels betrayed, having elected a government that they thought stood for one thing, and now is headed in the opposite direction. Most recently, it has even been difficult to determine in which direction the Israeli government is going, with policies changing by the week with no discernable pattern.

The feeling is that the government is spinning plans and initiatives in an effort to demonstrate a willingness to do something, anything, and to give the impression that they want to make a deal very soon. And pressure

has been mounting on Sharon to talk with the Syrians about a peace deal that would include all, or at least some, of the Golan Heights.

The Syrians support the Hezbollah and insurgents operating in Iraq. So how can they be considered a viable partner for peace? Yet many government officials believe that Syria is in a weakened position, and that the time is ripe for making a deal that would be most advantageous to Israel.

This same kind of logic, negotiate when the enemy is weak, led to the calamity known as the Oslo Accords. After this agreement, the PA gained great strength, both in weapons and international legitimacy, and the level of violence skyrocketed. The same can be expected with the Syrians, who shelled the Galilee region mercilessly the last time they owned the Golan Heights, from 1948 to 1967. Should the Syrians gain the Golan Heights, with the Hezbollah along the northern border and the possible emergence of a Palestinian state in the Judean and Samarian hills, a much smaller Israel would be in a vulnerable position.

It seems that all of the urgency to make a peace deal with someone lies only in the government, and not with the Israeli people. The majority of the people are looking to a former prime minister, current Finance Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, to fix the lagging Israeli economy and workers’ rights issues.

While achieving peace with the Arabs is an important goal for any Israeli government, the current Likud government, if it wishes to remain in power after the next election, must listen to the people and also take a little friendly advice: “It’s the economy, stupid.” ★



We continue to put up with the president's preposterous idea that his Saudi friends are our allies in the "War on Terrorism." Obviously, they are "Public Enemy Number One." — Zola

England, France, and Germany have been all but lost to Islam at this point. The US, a larger and later target, is well on its way. — Zola

Islamists in US Classrooms

By Daniel Pipes, WorldNetDaily.com

The United Muslims Association of Florida, Tampa Bay Area Chapter, is a group that openly and closely aligns itself with the Council on American-Islamic Relations, and other Islamist organizations. Not long ago, it posted with pleasure on its website, news that the University of South Florida (known in the bad old days of Sami al-Arian's tenure as "Jihad U") will include two courses on Islam in the spring 2004 semester: "Islam in World History" and "Islam in America."

So far, so good. But then UMA follows the news with this line: "In order to make sure that these professors, of course all in good faith, *insha'Allah* [if Allah wills], portray Islam correctly, having some Muslim students in the classroom would be beneficial, even though these courses do not fill general requirements."

There you have it, in black in white: Islam at the university must be taught in a pious manner. Implicit in this demand is that such courses serve *da`wa* purposes, namely that they attract converts to Islam.

To make sure this is the case, an Islamist organization recruits Islamist students to make their presence felt. Presumably, should the instructor say something they disapprove of, the students will complain loudly and their grievances will be dealt with as legitimate, to the point that the careers of professors could well be affected. They will presumably feel pressure to present Islam and Muslims uncritically.

This process of apologetics is already well underway at university-level Middle East studies with the unwillingness of Middle East specialists to acknowledge the meaning of jihad. More broadly, scholars avoid the whole topic of militant Islam.

On the junior-high-school level, a prominent textbook and a widely-used curriculum unit, both for seventh-graders, overtly recruit for Islam in public schools.

One even finds *da`wa* of this sort in publicly-supported television documentaries.

To which I say: Welcome, ladies and gentlemen, to incipient *dhimmitude*, a state in which (among other features) non-Muslims dare not say anything critical about Islam and Muslims. ★



Women in Green

The Immoral Stance of the United States Re Arafat!

Arafat is a murderer and terrorist "par-excellence"! There is not one whit of difference between him and Iraq's Saddam Hussein. Yet, in order to please Saudi Arabia, the U.S. has a "hands off" policy towards Arafat. Saddam Hussein will stand trial for his brutality and extensive murders. Arafat, Saddam's friend and admirer, will not! Yet, there is absolutely no difference between them. In fact, Arafat is even worse. It was he who innovated suicide bombings of civilian and the hijacking of civilian airliners; gave the orders for the murder of American Diplomats in Sudan and American Marines in Lebanon; sent "volunteer" suicide bombers to Iraq; and manipulated the daily slaughter of Jews in Israel. The moral inconsistency of America brings shame on its People. Sadly, Sharon's unwillingness to challenge the immoral position of the United States concerning Arafat weakens the moral fiber in all of us.

Never tear down a fence until you find out why it was built.
— Will Rogers

Don't Fence Me In

By Jackie Mason and Raoul Felder, JewishWorldReview.com

The critics of the fence which Israel is erecting as a defense against invading murderers, do not understand the difference between a sword and a shield. Bing Crosby explained it nearly fifty years ago with a song that subsequently sold more than a million records. Its name was *not* "Don't Fence Me Out."

For readers whose age is little more than the size of their suit, the name of the song is "Don't Fence Me In." The point is, the offending element of fences and walls is when they are meant to keep people in, *not* out. America has created ditches, barbed wire fences, electronic devices, instituted patrols, border crossing stop-points, and utilized guard dogs, all of which are intended to keep undesirable people and products out.

The opponents of the Israeli self-defense fence immediately likened it to the Warsaw Ghetto created by the Nazis as a waystation to the death camps. If the walls of the Ghetto were put up because Jews had become suicide bombers, infiltrating into Warsaw, blowing up buses, killing infants and children, this fact has managed to remain hidden for sixty years. Similarly, the Berlin Wall was not built to protect East Berliners from suicidal West Berliners bent on reckless violence. ■

HebrewLesson



Accounted Righteous

By John J. Parsons

רְנְנוּ צְדִיקִים בַּיהוָה לִישָׁרִים נְאוּה תְהִלָּה:

Rejoice in the LORD, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright. (Psalm 33:1)

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Hebraic Insight

In Jewish thought, a *tsaddik* is a “righteous one” — someone renowned for good deeds and charity (*tsedakah*). In Chasidic circles, it is the ultimate compliment to call someone a *tsaddik*, and fabulous legends surround certain *tsaddikim* and their exemplary lives, such as the Baal Shem Tov and his followers.

In the Scriptures, the word *tsaddik* refers to “an innocent,” in the forensic (legal) sense of being “not guilty” (as opposed to being *resha'im*, or guilty). *Tsaddikim* in this sense are those who are declared “not guilty,” “innocent of offense,” or “not under penalty.” In this regard, then, those who are trusting in the Mashiach Jesus can rightly be called *tsaddikim*, since He imputes to them righteousness based on their trust in His salvation (see Romans 4:20-22).

But why are the *tsaddikim* commanded to rejoice or “shout out for joy” in the Lord? Because, the verse continues, such praise (*tehillah*) is “comely” or “fitting” or “beautiful” for those who are graciously accounted righteous. When we personally trust in the sacrifice of Jesus as our personal Sin Bearer before the judgment of God, we are made upright (*yashar*), and the grateful acknowledgment of this grace in our lives is indeed fitting, appropriate, and beautiful.

Extol the Lord, O you who are trusting in Jesus for your right standing before God! Shout out for joy — for such praise is beautiful and fitting for those whom God has declared innocent and upright because of His unsearchable grace and *tsedakah* to us in the Lord Jesus! Yes, let us praise and exalt and magnify His great Name — for He has made us *tsaddikim* before Him forever! Amen.

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“Righteous ones”

In Favor of Israel

By Marc Tobiass, *Jerusalem Insights*

Pilar Rahola is a former Spanish parliamentarian who has just published *The History of Ada*, about abandoned children, child-slaves, and child-soldiers that one finds all over the world.

Marc Tobiass: Why did you feel the need to write *In Favor of Israel*?

Pilar Rahola: Since the start of the second intifada, the Spanish press has taken a particularly aggressive approach toward Israel that leaves out the reasons for Israel's actions and tends to ignore the Israeli victims in this conflict.

Marc Tobiass: According to you, Judeophobia explains the "pro-Palestinian hysteria" that exists in Europe.

Pilar Rahola: There is undeniably a very serious effort at disinformation about everything to do with the Middle East, a madness that excuses all the crimes, abuses, and errors of the Palestinian side, and there is a predisposition that condemns any error of the Israeli side — to the point where the Palestinian victims are given maximum attention and the Israeli (victims) are ignored. It is as if the Jewish victims didn't exist, on the pretext that they were responsible for their own deaths!

Sharon is always guilty of being guilty, while Arafat is seen as an honest figure, innocent, a tireless old resistance fighter, a heroic figure, a Gandhi — a person gussied up in romantic finery, when in reality he is head of an oligarchy that has so much blood on its hands.

Israel is reduced to one sole image: a country that occupies the territories and whose vocation is to make life miserable for the poor Palestinians. The history of the Holy Land is being reinvented: Never recall the faults and errors of the Palestinians, never recall their alliances with dangerous countries such as Iraq, in order to heap more shame on the United States and Israel. The profound reasons for this war are never made clear, never discussed.

Marc Tobiass: You say that Judeophobia is the common denominator between Europe and the Palestinians.

Pilar Rahola: Palestinian identity is built on hatred of Israel, hatred of the Jews. If

the Palestinians renounced their hatred of the Jews, they would at the same time lose a significant part of their identity. To get beyond this violence, they would have to get beyond the hatred and thus change their identity. They would have to reinvent themselves. It is on the basis of this hatred that the Palestinian meets and agrees with the European.

Marc Tobiass: You describe yourself as being on the Left, and yet you say that when this position turns into ideology, at times it becomes an excuse for channeling uncritical dogma, indeed racism.

Pilar Rahola: The Left became infatuated with such infamous dictators as Pol Pot, Mao, and Stalin, and now it is in love with Arafat. The most absurd thing is to watch leaders of the Left today greet and celebrate Arab leaders, even when they are fundamentalists. The world remains blind to the biggest totalitarianism of the twenty-first century, which is Islamic fundamentalism. Now we must prepare ourselves seriously to face this danger: This totalitarianism is without any shadow of a doubt comparable to Stalinism and Nazism.

Marc Tobiass: You wrote that to be in favor of Israel is the most intelligent, rational, prudent, and honest way to be in favor of Palestine.

Pilar Rahola: I do not accept the defense of the Palestinian cause as a pretext for a new epidemic of anti-Semitism. If Europe had been more critical of the Palestinians, we would be closer to a solution today. Arafat enjoys support and legitimacy in Europe, which allows him to never miss an opportunity for missing the opportunity of peace. I believe that if Europe had been more critical toward Arafat, toward the different aspects of Palestinian violence, the Palestinians would have been compelled to step back from the violence and the suicide attacks. ■



Iran Clarifies the Middle East

By Dennis Prager, Creators Syndicate, Inc.

If you want to understand the Middle East conflict, Iran has just provided all you need to know. A recent massive earthquake killed between 20,000 and 40,000 Iranians, and the government of Iran announced that help was welcome from every country in the world — *except* Israel.

Israel not only has the world's most experienced crews in quickly finding survivors in bombed-out buildings, it is also a mere two-hour flight from Iran. No other country in the world would come close to Israel in its ability to save Iranian lives quickly.

But none of this means anything to the rulers of Iran. The Islamic government of Iran has announced that it is better for fellow countrymen to die under rubble than to be saved by a Jew from Israel.

That is how deep the hatred of Israel and Jews is in much of the Muslim world.

Hundreds of millions of Muslims — Arab and non-Arab, Sunni, and Shi'a — hate Israel more than they love life. Leaders of the Palestinian terror organization Hamas repeatedly state, "We love death more than the Jews love life." And now, Iran announces it is better for a Muslim to asphyxiate under the earth than be rescued by an Israeli.

Naive Westerners — which includes most academics, intellectuals, members of the international news media, and nearly all others on the Left — refuse to acknowledge the uniqueness of the Arab/Muslim hatred of Israel and Jews. Not since the Nazi hatred of Jews has humanity witnessed such hate.

Western *naifs* like to believe platitudes such as: "Deep down, all people are really the same" and "All people want peace," as well as the great untruth of multiculturalism in which no culture is morally superior to another. That is why they choose not to face the truth about the Nazi-like hatred that permeates the Arab/Muslim world. It shatters too many illusions.

So, too, the immediate and sincere Israeli offer of rescuers to Iran should make the moral gulf between Israel and its enemies as clear as day. Despite the fact that Iran is the greatest backer of anti-Israel terror and despite the fact that Iran repeatedly declares that Israel must be annihilated, Israel offered to send its people to save Iranian lives.

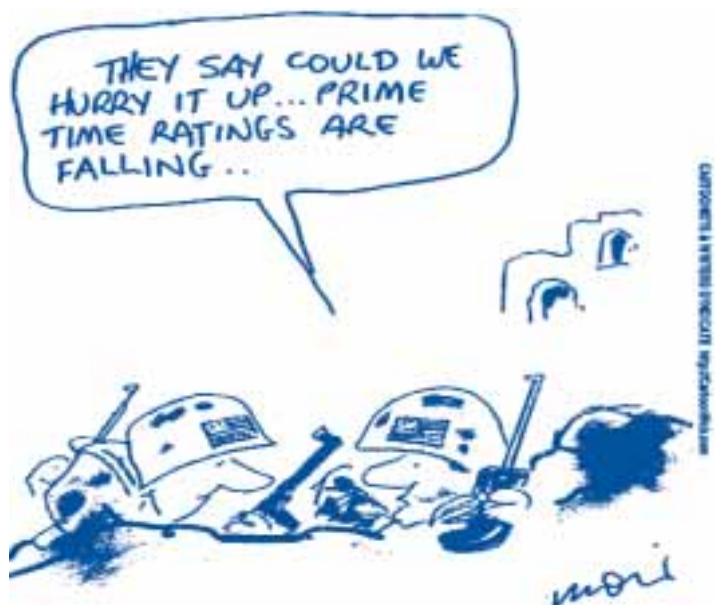
These two reactions ought to be enough anyone needs to understand the source of the Middle East conflict.

Iran evidently prefers what they call "The Great Satan" (the US) to "The Little Satan" (Israel) when they have great need. This seems understandable for Muslims.

While Israel is very close to being "hated by all nations" (Mt. 24:9), it is actually most helpful in situations like these. Its emergency crews have served in Turkey, all over Africa, in Bosnia, and in many other places, helping Muslims and Christians alike, as well as their own people. The Israeli medical services are at least on a par with America's, and far and away superior to most other nations. The helping hand that Israel has always given to other countries is attributable to their mission in the Abrahamic Covenant to "be a blessing to all nations" (Gen. 22:18).

The Iranians put me in mind of a paragraph from a story in the year-ending issue of *National Review*: "If Arabs and Muslims are to break out of the vicious circle of humiliation-aggression-defeat-humiliation, then they have to settle for modest improvements in their everyday lives, rather than seeking historic victories over imagined enemies by proxy. Their present policy of wagging their collective face in an enemy's fist is paying declining dividends in both Iraq and the Palestinian Authority. If humiliation is to be a useful diagnosis of their problems, rather than another excuse, they should be reforming their culture and political conditions to make them more cooperative, liberal, and practical, and less clannish, oppressive, and dreamy."

The Iranians act prejudiced, stupid, and hostile to virtually all nations. It takes great patience to give assistance and kindness to those who consistently bite the hand that feeds them. However, it still is the Christian, American, and Israeli way to aid people who are in an unfortunate crisis. May God open the Iranians' eyes to the 21st-century world and rescue them from the 10th century.
— Zola ★



The PA Constitution, Article 5, reads as follows: “Arabic and Islam are the official Palestinian language and religion.” Middle Eastern countries such as Saudi Arabia and Iran that have adopted Sharia Islamic law have made life quite difficult for Christians. Under Sharia Islamic law, Christians are considered *dhimmis*, which in effect leaves them as second class citizens. — Barry and Batya Segal, *Jerusalem on the Line*

Dodge the Hajj

By James Taranto, OpinionJournal.com

Two hundred fifty-one Muslim pilgrims are dead in Saudi Arabia — not in a terrorist attack, but in the annual *hajj* (stoning ritual) in Mina, near Mecca, during which they throw rocks at two pillars that symbolize Satan.

The victims were crushed to death in a stampede, a normal occurrence, not a freak accident. “Pilgrims also have been trampled to death in 1994, 1998, 2001 and last year,” reports the Associated Press. According to this roundup of the “worst disasters” at the *hajj*, the death toll was 270 in 1994, 180 in 1998 and 35 in 2001, for a grand total, including this year, of 736 dead.

Isn't there something barbaric about a religion whose rituals routinely result in such bloodshed?

Along similar lines, consider this passage from an earlier AP report on the *hajj*: “In a show of equality, men wear seamless white robes and women are covered from head to foot except for their hands and faces.” Describing Islam's starkly disparate treatment of men and woman as “a show of equality” is downright Orwellian.

Tim Bueler's Day Off

Tim Bueler's principal and a campus police officer suggested that he stay home from his California high school for a few days. They feared for his safety because Tim, the founder of Rancho Cotate High School's new Conservative Club, said he had received threats from other students after writing an article for the club newsletter calling for a crackdown on illegal immigration. The 17-year-old junior says that stance inspired threats from which teachers have refused to protect him. Some faculty members even started a public campaign against his group, which seeks to promote “the pillars of the Bible, patriotism and conservative beliefs as balance to the mostly liberal viewpoints of teachers,” according to its newsletter, *The Conservative Agenda*.

— Valerie Richardson, *The Washington Times*

Surprise, Surprise!

A prominent Islamic clergyman was arrested on an indictment alleging he concealed links to groups that committed terrorist attacks against Jews when he applied for US citizenship a decade ago. Imam Fawaz Mohammed Damrah, who leads the Islamic Center of Cleveland, Ohio's largest mosque, is accused of withholding information on his membership or affiliation with several groups, including the Palestinian Islamic Jihad, US Attorney Gregory White said. — Associated Press

French Impartiality

In Strasbourg, France, a van used as a school bus by a Jewish school “has been firebombed in what a community leader has called an apparent anti-Semitic attack,” Reuters reports. But the French do take some crimes seriously. Agence France-Presse reports that an 82-year-old French priest has been fined 800 euros, or nearly \$1,000, “for uttering derogatory remarks about the Holy Quran.” — OpinionJournal.com

Christian-Free Zone

In 1948, Bethlehem was 80% Christian. Today, it is 80% Muslim. Where have the Christians gone? Many of them prefer life in Israel to life under the rule of Arafat and his friends in Hamas and Islamic Jihad. In fact, life would be better just about anywhere else, and those who have the ability to leave, have left. This massive display of ethnic cleansing and population movement has been totally obscured by the PA and covered up by the international media.

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Worse yet, it has even been blamed on Israel. Since Arafat took over administration of the Palestinian territories, the Christian population has dropped from 15% to 2%. They are being intimidated and driven out. They are being harassed and murdered. They are being raped. They are being systematically persecuted. Such is life for Christians now in Bethlehem and other formerly Christian towns in the West Bank. If these people were fleeing Israeli oppression, why did they leave *after* the Israelis left? — Joseph Farah, WorldNetDaily.com

Sing It Again, Sha'ban

A new song by a popular Egyptian singer, Sha'ban Abd Al-Rahim, accuses the United States of bringing down the Twin Towers so it could portray Arabs and Muslims as terrorists and have an excuse to meddle with the Arab world. The song, *Kharittat Al Tariq* (Roadmap), "gives voice to widespread views in the Egyptian street regarding the September 11th events and the US-Iraq standoff," according to a review in *The Cairo Times*. — Julie Stahl, CNSNews.com

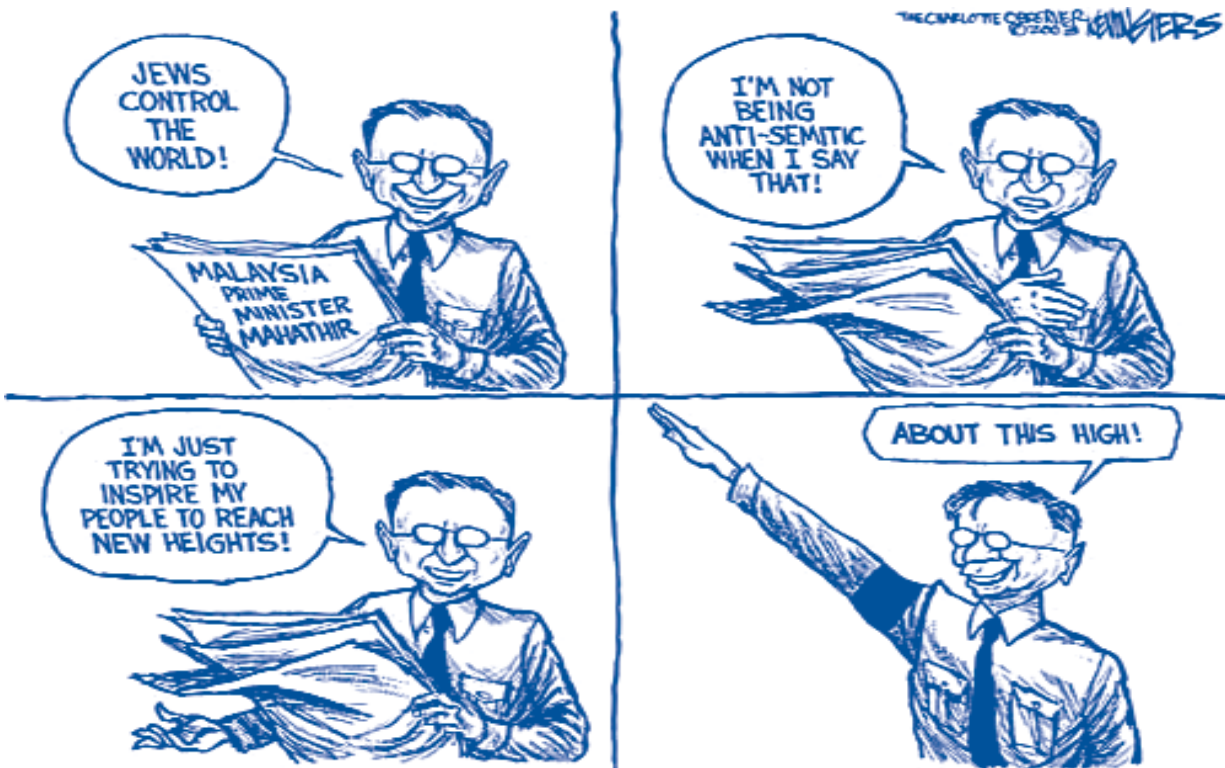
Fear In Jordan

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon warned that Israel's relations with Jordan could be compromised by its action in the International Court of Justice against the security fence. Jordanian Foreign Minister Marwan Muasher said, "We're going to The Hague at the end of the month to make a case, a Jordanian case, against the wall."

Jordan has emerged as a leading critic of the barrier because it fears construction will lead to large-scale immigration by Palestinians from the territories, thereby threatening its fragile demographic balance and overwhelming its strained social services. — Nina Gilbert and Tovah Lazaroff, *The Jerusalem Post*

Compare Jordan's fear of the return of its former citizens to its land to Israel's "Right of Return" for Jewish people everywhere. Even if a Jew is a poor Ethiopian who can't read or write, and who has never seen a paved road, light bulb, or sandwich, he's still welcome to move to Israel, simply because he is Jewish. If he's from the middle of China, if he's Jewish, he's welcome. And nobody in Israel worries about the economy because of this. Israel has taken in more than a million impoverished Russians in ten years.

The Arab attitude is always "kill the Jews or get them out, whatever it takes." For a country like Jordan (which is at least three quarters "Palestinian") to reject its fellow countrymen falls so far beneath normal human moral standards that it gives the lie to the claim of Arab brotherhood, to all the preaching about the "Arab Nation," and to the rest of the hypocritical propaganda. These pathetic dictatorships are self-aggrandizing entities, all under a one-man rule, and until we effect régime change in every one of them, the Arabs will not join the modern world. — Zola



Stolen Land, Stolen Name

By Irwin N. Graulich, *Israel Insider*

Who owns the “Palestinian” brand name? Before 1948, Palestine represented the hopes and dreams of the Jewish people for their own state.

“Palestine” was the word used by secular Jews like Theodore Herzl and David Ben-Gurion, because “Israel” was simply “too Jewish.” Even somewhat religious Jews like Jabotinsky, used “Israel” while also referring to “Palestine.” These early founders did not want to confuse “Israel,” a Biblical term for the Jewish people, with the name for a future Jewish state. The term existed well before Islam or any Arab nation. “Palestine” as an idea over the past 500 years belonged to the Jews. From the first Zionist Congress meeting in 1897 with Herzl repeating his dream of “Palestine” hundreds of times, to the days of Israel’s Proclamation of Independence, which terminated the British mandate for Palestine, the two words — Israel and Palestine — were used interchangeably.

That is what a brand is all about. A singular idea or concept such as Ketchup, Vaseline, Kleenex, Cadillac, Las Vegas — all great brands, whose owners watch and protect them.

The Jews owned and built on the Palestinian brand until 1964, when a brilliant marketing/advertising/terrorist called Yasser Arafat arrived on the scene. People have admired Jews as brilliant businesspeople. Yet Mr. Arafat showed a true streak of genius by stealing one of the most valuable brands in history, without as much as a lawsuit.

Arafat did not begin with terrorism. He began with a major corporate theft, even bigger than Enron. The Palestinian Liberation Organization was born in the early 1960s. And Israel never protested or fought back in the public relations arena. Israelis were simply not sophisticated enough to understand the ramifications of a major word loss.

In Biblical Hebrew, a word meant an actual thing, an

object (*dvarim*), something physically significant. In 1948, Palestine meant a homeland for Jews. In 2004, Palestine means an oppressed, occupied, homeless Arab subgroup being subjugated by those same Jews. What a brilliant marketing turnaround.

When the term PLO became synonymous with murder and terrorism, Chairman (and CEO) Arafat simply dropped the name in favor of a kinder, gentler “Palestinian Authority” and repositioned its image through an Intifada. Strategist Arafat managed to get free TV infomercials of “Palestinian” teenagers with stones against a powerfully strong Israeli army with tanks, missiles, and Apache helicopters. A daily dose of David vs. Goliath imagery skillfully surpassed Madison Avenue.

Unless Israel addresses the situation utilizing the same guerilla marketing tactics, it may win the (physical) battle but it will ultimately lose the war. Israel, the original Palestinian people, must recapture the brand and exploit its credentials. A brand is a personality, and Israel must strive to connect the present state back to the pioneering-spirit, kibbutz builders of Palestine pre-1960.



Hard work, freedom, democracy, equality for men and women, jobs, Jewish singing and dancing, new technology, family, *Shabbos*: that is what Palestine brings to mind. Let Arafat and his cronies think of a new name, one that has no affiliation with Jews. Because truthfully, *Am Yisrael Chai* means that the Jews of Palestine live on forever!



While various dingbats find thrills and amusement by comparing President Bush to Hitler, one can find genuine echoes of Nazism, albeit rather faint ones, if one looks in the right places. The Italian newspaper *Corriere della Sera* surveyed residents of nine European countries — Austria, Belgium, Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, and Spain — about their attitudes toward Jews. Among the findings:

35% said Jews “should stop playing the victim because of the Holocaust and persecution of 50 years ago.”

16.1% said it “would be better if the state of Israel did not exist and the Palestinians got their land back.”

40% think Jews have a “particular relationship with money.”

“In all the countries,” notes *The Jerusalem Post*, “anti-Semitic sentiment was positively correlated with anti-Israel sentiment.” And the British *Independent* notes Europeans are as ignorant as they are bigoted: “The people polled were asked four questions about the Middle East conflict. Nearly one-third proved clueless. Only 6.2 percent gave correct answers.”

Meanwhile, *The Orange County Weekly* (CA) reports that Bill Baker, who formerly headed the neo-Nazi Populist Party, “has resurfaced as a frequent guest speaker at Muslim functions across North America.” ■

Who's Like Hitler?

OpinionJournal.com

When my younger son attended Lutheran High School in Dallas, it was necessary for me to visit the headmaster and protest the teaching that “Christianity started in Greece.” We have been accused of picking on the United Methodists, but they are only beginners at Jew hating; certain Lutherans are among the most anti-Israel Christian groups in the whole world. — Zola

Fear and Loathing in FL

By Patrick Cox, Contributing Editor

Especially at night, it's a beautiful American church, with exterior lighting that accentuates masterful architecture and the obvious wealth of the congregation. White stone, a soaring spire, and spectacular stained glass windows blend perfectly into the open, upscale neighborhood — especially the world-class golf course that seems to place the new Lutheran Church near an enormous meadow.

The primary reason I agreed to sit on the “Holy Land Seminar” panel was that I had been told one of the other panelists was a Lebanese Christian. Since learning Arabic from a Maronite professor in college, I've had many close Christian Lebanese friends.

Across the board, they have all considered themselves allied with Israel against the Islamist forces that, in the last thirty years, killed 100,000 Lebanese Christians, destroyed the homes and fortunes of many more, and drove millions into exile. That first, once, and last Christian nation in the Holy Land finally fell under Islamic rule because Yasser Arafat had sought a northern front for his war on Israel.

Arafat gave financial support to the most radical Islamists within the country and, simultaneously, used Palestinian refugee camps as bases for kidnapping and murdering Lebanese Christians. When Christians fought back, the conflict spread, provoking foreign Islamic intervention. Today, Syria occupies Lebanon and protects the Iranian-backed Hezbollah that openly targets dissident Lebanese Christians and Israelis alike.

I had therefore assumed that the seminar would provide a more balanced presentation of the Arab/Israeli conflict. Was I wrong!

This particular Arab Christian, the Middle Eastern program director for the Division of Global Mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, began the day's presentations with a “historical background” that I can only describe as slander — at least by omission.

History, in his view, apparently began sometime in the late 1970s, and has been dominated by the suffering of innocent Palestinians, both in their own “occupied” territories and in refugee camps. He never mentioned that

there would have been no refugees if not for the four attempts by the amassed armies of the surrounding Islamic nations, with Palestinian participation, to destroy the nation of Israel. Similarly, he made no reference to the centuries of prior confiscations by Muslims of formerly Jewish and Christian lands.

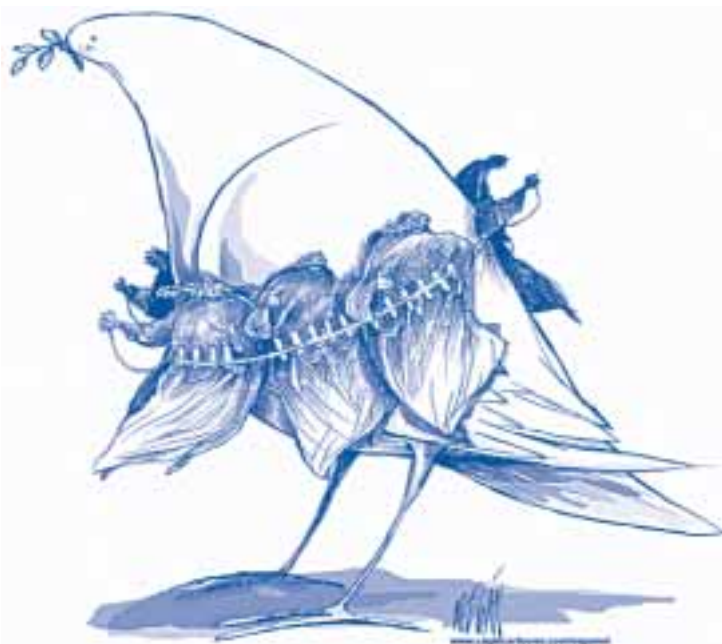
The second half of his morning-long lecture consisted, for the most part, of stories about Israeli offenses against Palestinians, none substantiated, with an emphasis on the problems faced by Lutheran schools. He even blamed Israel for Palestinian bed-wetting problems.

He did not, however, mention the synagogues and Israeli schools where children have been murdered by Palestinian suicide bombers. Terrorism, in fact, was never mentioned at all. For the first of many times that day, though, he brought up the “humiliation” caused by checkpoints between Israel and the Palestinian territories.

In reverent tones, he recalled meeting Yasser Arafat and marveled at the man's magnanimity in speaking of Yitzhak Rabin as “a friend.” He then claimed that the failure of the Oslo Accords, signed by Arafat and Rabin, was caused by the murder of Rabin. (President Clinton, however, blamed Arafat for rejecting the Camp David agreement, and with it, the Oslo process.)

The other featured speaker was an American from Wisconsin who works with Churches for Middle East Peace. Primarily, he seemed to be recruiting volunteers to go to Palestine and protest Israeli efforts to fight terrorism. Israeli settlers, he claimed, often steal the olives from Palestinian groves, but they will stay away if American Christians help with the harvests — a story that puts Tom Sawyer's fence whitewashing ruse to shame.

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When he blamed Israel for the failure of “The Roadmap,” a friend who had come with me to the seminar pointed out that Palestinians never made even symbolic efforts to dismantle the terrorist infrastructure — as required by the agreement. I was shocked when a good portion of the audience actually laughed, as if it were obvious that my friend’s argument was ridiculous. More disturbing, I looked around the room to find many in the audience glaring at the two of us with what was clearly hatred on their faces.

Still, I asked the speaker why Arafat should be trusted to keep his word to Jews, when he had betrayed an allied Arab by leading the Black September coup against Jordan. At least 20,000 Palestinians, perhaps many times that number, were killed by the Jordanian military while putting down Arafat’s treacherous takeover attempt.

This supposed “expert” on Palestine asked, blankly, “When did that happen?”

After lunch, we were shown a video featuring an American Jew who blamed all Palestinian problems on Israel and the American Jewish lobby. The speaker then offered advice on ways to pressure our government to establish a more pro-Palestinian foreign policy.

Finally, it was time for the panel discussion. The moderator announced that, because we were running ahead of schedule, each of the four of us, including a local imam, would have ten minutes to speak.

After a day-long defamation of Israel, Israelis and Jews, I was to have ten minutes to put forth the other side of the story. I looked at my notebook, filled with pages and pages of the lies and half-truths told that day, and despaired.

There was time to address only a few of the big issues and beg the audience to look to less biased sources of information about Israel. I was, however, allowed to respond to a question from the audience.

A woman at the rear of the room stood and explained that she, like many Lutherans, was German. “Germany paid reparations to the Jews,” she proclaimed. “So why can’t Israel pay reparations to the Palestinians?”

I might have pointed out that it is Israel, having been attacked over and over, that deserves reparations, and that UN resolution 242 allowed the nation to

legally keep any lands, taken in defensive wars, deemed essential for its security. However, the implicit argument that Israeli self-defense is equivalent to the Nazi extermination of six million Jews left me, if not speechless, inarticulate.

“Do you really want to bring that up?” I asked.

“Bring what up?” she responded.

“The Holocaust.”

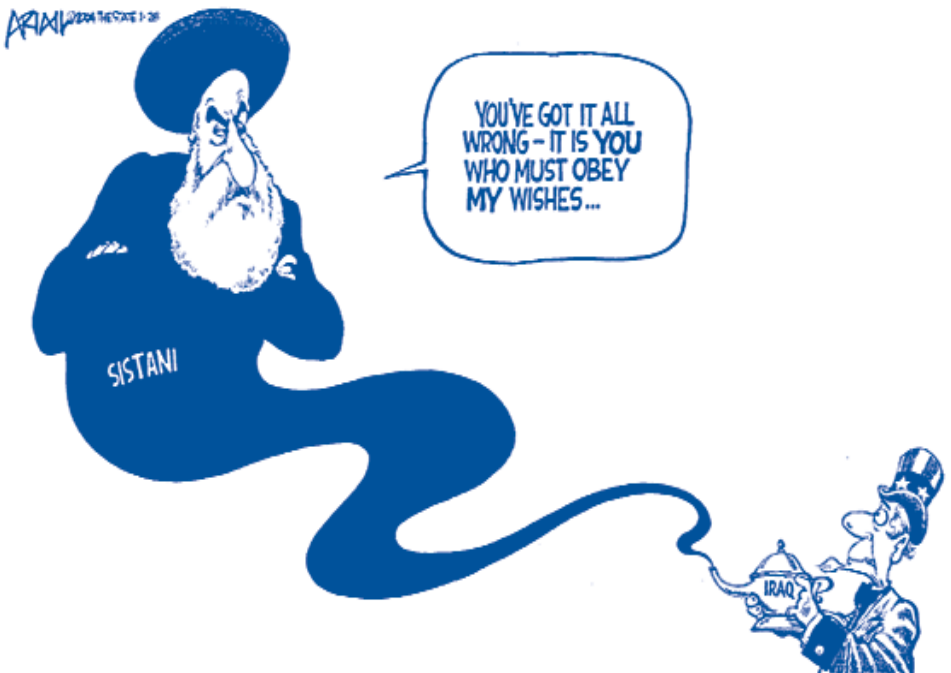
“Well, that was bad,” she allowed passingly, “but others were killed besides Jews — and Germany paid reparations.”

Many in the audience nodded in agreement as I tried to come to grips with the notion that the deaths of non-Jews might somehow lessen Nazi Germany’s anti-Semitic atrocities, or that anyone could so blithely characterize genocide as “bad.” The murder of millions is so far beyond bad — it is an affront.

“Germany will never pay for the Holocaust,” I said, and left it at that.

During the closing prayers for peace, however, I confess I looked around at the people in that chapel and wondered why so many were so obviously driven to believe, despite all the evidence, that Jews are as guilty as those who seek their extermination.

It is days afterwards as I write this, but I am still shaken and worried by what I heard and saw that day, in that beautiful American church. ★



Like Moody Bible Institute, etc., these Christians mix up their Biblical dispensations. — Zola

Something's Fishy

By Aviel Schneider, *Israel Today*

For \$120, fishing enthusiasts will soon have an opportunity to try their skill at the Dead Sea. Israeli authorities have granted permission to a group of Christian entrepreneurs from Britain to sell fishing licenses near the Biblical oasis of Ein Gedi.

This is a bit “fishy,” considering that there are no fish in the Dead Sea (which got its name because it is so salty that nothing can live in it). At first, the authorities thought it was a joke. But Christian entrepreneurs were able to convince their Israeli hosts with both practical and spiritual promises. They proposed that revenues from the sale of the fishing licenses would go to Israeli children’s institutions, and they backed up their idea with a prophecy from Ezekiel:

Then he said to me: “This water flows toward the eastern region, goes down into the valley, and enters the sea. When it reaches the sea, its waters are healed.

And it shall be that every living thing that moves, wherever the rivers go, will live. There will be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters go there; for they will be healed, and everything will live wherever the river goes.

It shall be that fishermen will stand by it from Ein Gedi to Ein Eglaim; they will be places for spreading their nets. Their fish will be of the same kinds as the fish of the Great Sea, exceedingly many. (47:8-10)

It seems that in these hard times, Israel figures it has nothing to lose by taking a chance on a miracle. And perhaps we should remember that when Noah was building the ark, he was ridiculed, too.

This is a wonderful example of how far astray you can go by simply applying a Kingdom prophecy to an earlier age. Evidently, in the Kingdom, there will be saltwater fish in the Dead Sea. (According to Zac. 14:8, water will flow from the Mediterranean to the Dead Sea through Jerusalem.) Since we are now in the Church Age, these folks are buying fishing licenses for the wrong Biblical period; they should be sure to get licenses with very long expiration dates. — Zola ★

We can't even pay Palestinians to stop murdering innocent civilians. — Zola

Addicted to Hate

By Tom Carter, *The Washington Times*



Palestinian organizations are refusing to accept US foreign aid this year, rather than sign a pledge promising that the money will not be used to support terrorism. “This requirement is a worldwide requirement, not just for Palestinians,” said Portia Palmer, a spokesman for the US Agency for International Development (USAID). “The majority of the [nongovernmental organizations] worldwide have signed it.”

The Palestinian Non-Governmental Organization’s Network (PNGO), an umbrella organization comprised of 92 Palestinian aid groups, is urging its members to refuse to sign the pledge. Groups such as Hamas do run social programs, but the groups also were behind many of the 106 suicide bombings conducted against Israel in the past three years.

The Palestinian Red Crescent, which has received about \$300,000 a year in US aid in the past, refused to sign the pledge and will forgo US funding this year. “We would like to take funds from them, but without conditions,” Faiq Hussein, Red Crescent deputy director, told the Associated Press.

Since the 1993 Oslo Accords, the United States has distributed \$1.3 billion for Palestinian programs in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, in humanitarian and economic assistance. Congress appropriated \$125 million for Palestinian programs for 2003. Palmer said USAID did not have a number of how many Palestinian aid organizations were refusing to sign the pledge.

In response to September 11, President Bush signed Executive Order 13224, requiring all recipients of US aid to guarantee that their organization does not support terrorism. The order, in effect since the end of 2002, requires Palestinian organizations receiving US aid to sign a pledge that they do not “provide material support or resources to any individual or entity that advocates, plans, sponsors, engages in, or had engaged in terrorist activity.” ★



Arabs are not really good at the English language. Our Anatot settler, Stuart Arden, has noted that there is no letter “P” in the Arabic alphabet. Joni Arden, Stu’s wife, who is also a guide for Zola’s tours to Israel, recently stopped in a store run by Arabs and found this label on an olive oil container which proves this point. Stu suggests that Arabs want to avoid the letter “F” (which does exist in Arabic) because they know that “Falastin” (which is the way they really pronounce “Palestine”) is a fallacy!

Palestinians Save Jewish Family

Source: *Israel Today*

Every Israeli knows that a wrong turn can mean death in Palestinian areas. "Once I saw the road signs in Arabic, it was clear to me that we had gotten lost," said Shlomo Dickman. He, his wife Hannah, and his daughter Sarah wound up in the Qalandia refugee camp, near Palestinian-ruled Ramallah. "The Palestinians on the road noticed us immediately and began throwing stones."

The Dickmans tried to get away, but wound up at a dead end. Would they be lynched as other Israelis have been? As the terrified family sat helplessly in the car, a Palestinian couple approached and offered them water and invited them into their home to protect them, introducing themselves as a teacher and a doctor.

But the Jewish family was in for another surprise. They were helped by none other than Jamal Abu Liji, the local leader of the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade, a terrorist militia responsible for dozens of deadly attacks on Israelis. First he tried to stop the angry Palestinians on the road and keep them away, and then he sent some of his men to a nearby Israeli checkpoint to summon soldiers to rescue the Israeli family.

There is some kind of hope for peace in Israel. This guy wasn't just any Palestinian; he was a full-fledged leader of the bloody Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade. Apparently, the occasional Palestinian militant really is a militant and not just a murderer. He is a soldier, and knows that *real* soldiers don't kill civilians. — Zola ★



"I Am Jewish"

By Dennis Prager, *Moment Magazine*

The last words said by Jewish *Wall Street Journal* reporter Daniel Pearl before being murdered by Muslim terrorists in Pakistan were, "I am Jewish." I, too, am a Jew. But more importantly, I am Jewish.

For some inexplicable reason, God chose the Jews to be His emissaries to mankind; to spread ethical monotheism; to live exemplary lives of ethics and holiness. The Jews, whether consciously or not, have focused humanity's attention onto good and evil, just as the Jews' state does today in its battle against those who wish to destroy it. The Jews have suffered for thousands of years for giving humanity a morality-giving and morality-judging God and Bible.

What is the secular explanation for why so few people have aroused such passion for thousands of years wherever they have lived (and even where they haven't

lived)? Why do the most evil human beings in each generation focus their hatred on Jews? Why has the Jewish state alone been singled out for de-legitimization by so much of the world (and for years by the world's parliament, the United Nations)?

For the Jewish Jew [i.e., the religiously dedicated Jew], the answer is clear. Both the joy of a Judaism-based life and the pain of an anti-Semitism-caused death are suffused with Jewish meaning.

Since 9/11, more Jews than ever before in the modern age are willing to challenge their secularism. Perhaps the purity of the evil among Israel's and the Jews' enemies has made Jews more capable of realizing that the Jews are at the center of the world's battle for life and for good. Maybe the ritual killing of Daniel Pearl has made them aware of how clear the Jewish challenge is to today's most evil doctrine. Whatever the cause, the old secularism is failing to answer more and more Jews' questions.

You do not have to be an Orthodox Jew to answer these questions. In fact, you do not even have to be a Jew. You have to take God and the Torah [the first five books of the Bible] seriously. This is why most religious Christians understand the Jews' role better than secular Jews. They believe in the Jews' God, the Jews' Torah, and the Jews' chosenness.

It is time for Jews to.

If we read the Scriptures correctly, studying God and the Torah is not enough by itself. The decisive requirement is belief in the Jewish Messiah. The answer to the writer's question about the explanation for the centrality of the Jews in human affairs is ultimately explained in the Messiah: His prophecies, His ministry, and His return. Without that trenchant knowledge of Scripture, even the sincerest of Jewish people will always have the question of Nicodemus: "How can these things be?" (John 3:9) — Zola



Teaching them democracy... — Zola

This particular converted terrorist is very similar to Zach Hanani, who appeared on our TV program last fall. — Zola

A Palestinian Zionist

By Alexandra J. Wall, *Jewish Bulletin of Northern California*

It may sound like an oxymoron, but it's an apt description of Walid Shoebat, a would-be terrorist who now lives in the San Francisco Bay Area. In a recent appearance before Berkeley's Bridges to Israel group, Shoebat donned a *kippah* and proudly proclaimed *Ani Tzioni* (I am a Zionist — in Hebrew).

Shoebat, 42, hails from outside of Bethlehem, the son of a Palestinian Muslim father and an American Christian mother. His grandfather on his father's side was friendly with the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin al-Husseni, who allied himself with Adolf Hitler.

Shoebat's parents met in the US, married, and moved back to the West Bank. As a young man, Shoebat put a Palestinian flag on top of a mosque and threw rocks on Jews praying at the Western Wall. These actions landed him in jail, where he encountered militants who chose the 16-year-old for a special mission: to deliver a loaf of bread with explosives inside to a bank in Bethlehem.

"At the last minute I got terrified," Shoebat said. "I knew that I didn't want to die, and threw it on top of the roof. Fortunately no one got hurt."

When he was 18, he came to the US and became an activist, fundraising for the Palestinian Liberation Organization.

His transition began after Shoebat married a Christian woman, and in trying to prove to her that Islam was

the true path, he began reading the Bible to show her how wrong she was. "In 1993, I started looking into my enemy's book," he told the Bridges to Israel gathering, "and I came to the conclusion that the Jewish people are the most peaceful people on earth."

Now he is a Christian, whose love for Israel and the Jewish people is genuine. "I come to you out of love for your people and your Bible, to say my people are wrong. The Arabs and Muslims are wrong. The Jew has the right to return to his land. Does this make me a fanatic? Fine!"

"My own father wants to kill me," he said. At a family reunion several years ago, he was told he must have been brainwashed by the Jews. Fundamentalist Muslims have said he must die because he abandoned Islam. But this doesn't sway him.

While he works as a computer programmer, his real purpose is to spread what he sees as the truth. "That's my mission now — to go to Americans, churches, and anywhere I can go, and explain God's plan for the state of Israel, and how God intended Israel to be a light unto the nations, and how all of our hatred toward Israel is really evil." His thoughts can also be found on his website — www.answering-islam.org/Walid.

When asked later why he didn't have more sympathy for his people's struggle for a homeland, Shoebat said if more Palestinians understood the Jewish claim to the land, as is told in the Bible, they too would be swayed. ★

The *Levitt Letter* has warned for years that the Muslims are trying a serious takeover of what were free Western nations. — Zola

Demography Is Destiny

By Gary L. Bauer, *End of the Day Newsletter*

Demographers are estimating that 20 to 30 percent of the French population under the age of 25 is now Muslim. Native-born Frenchmen aren't having babies but their large Muslim immigrant population is.

In 25 years France could essentially be a Muslim nation with incredible implications for the Western alliance. France's opposition to US policy in the Middle East was motivated at least in part by French politicians not wanting to alienate their growing Muslim minority now. Imagine what French politicians will do when France has a majority Muslim population.

(Left) The cartoonist assumes that only Arab media promote Islam and defame the US. However our own media do the same two jobs very competently. — Zola



Since I am strictly a Bible teacher, I'm rejected as a speaker by 90 percent of our churches. — Zola

A Failure of Biblical Proportions

By Craigie McMillan, WorldNetDaily.com

"I know you inside and out, and find little to my liking. You're not cold, you're not hot — far better to be either cold or hot! You're stale. You're stagnant. You make me want to vomit. You brag, 'I'm rich, I've got it made, I need nothing from anyone,' oblivious that in fact you're a pitiful, blind beggar, threadbare and homeless." — Jesus (Rev. 3:15-17)

These are not Jesus' words to the Muslims, Buddhists, atheists, or New Agers. They are Jesus' words to His Church, very likely directed to the church you and I attend.

Jesus assigned a seemingly impossible task to the Church following His death and resurrection: "Go now and make disciples of all nations." Central was the concept of an all-powerful God who demanded the allegiance of even the king.

The adolescent America separated from its parent during the War for Independence in 1776. Its fledgling founders drew on the best of Western thought — assembled on the principles of Christianity — and drafted a new constitution that not only limited the powers of government, but charged it with protecting individual rights. To the world's tired, poor and oppressed, America became the city on the hill whose light could not be hid. They arrived in droves.

With religious liberty enshrined in the new constitution and 10 subsequent amendments, the Christian Church in America focused anew on Jesus' departing words, "Go now and make disciples of all nations..." (Mt. 28:19). By the mid-1700s, the financial income and expenditures of Christian charities focused on world evangelism and relief rivaled that of the government's income and expenditures.

But the Church made a tactical error. Churches focused on making disciples of *other* nations, while neglecting their own backyard. Christian churches, which founded the majority of private colleges in America — Princeton, Harvard and Yale among them — suddenly found themselves unwelcome on those very campuses. Public officials, who once assumed themselves to be operating in a Christian framework, began to sense and reach out to other constituencies. And the Church failed to notice the change.

In a study released late last year, the Barna Research Group reported that today only 4 percent of Americans have a Biblical worldview. Inside churches, that figure only rises to 9 percent.

"Worldview" was defined as believing that absolute moral truths exist and that such truth is defined by the Bible. Also, that Jesus Christ lived a sinless life; God is the all-powerful and all-knowing Creator of the universe and rules it today; salvation is a gift from God and cannot be earned; Satan is real; a Christian has a responsibility to share their faith in Christ with other people; and the Bible is accurate in all of its teachings.

Barna found those with a Biblical worldview were 31 times less likely to accept cohabitation; 18 times less likely to endorse drunkenness; 15 times less likely to condone gay sex; 12 times less likely to accept profanity; and 11 times less likely to describe adultery as morally acceptable. Less than one-half of one percent of those with a Biblical worldview said pornography was morally acceptable (compared to 39 percent of other adults), and a similarly miniscule proportion endorsed abortion (compared to 46 percent of other adults.)

The political and cultural divide in America is religious. The Christian worldview provided unprecedented freedom, but entwined in the strands of that freedom was the moral restraint provided by Biblical guidance on individual conduct. Without personal moral restraint, laws are necessary to reduce damaging personal and public conduct. Boggled down with a growing patchwork of laws to enforce — each enacted at the urgings of varied special interests — government grows proportionally and soon abandons the very notion of individual rights in favor of balancing competing claims of moral relativism.

The Church has failed to protect the homeland. We will now live with the result until Jesus returns. ★



Todd Baker is one of the missionaries we send to Israel with our “To the Jew Fund.” Rev. Baker is our head missionary and visits Israel several times each year in answer to God’s command: “You shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria” (Acts 1:8).

Sharing “Good Tidings” to Zion A *Minyan* for the Messiah

By Todd Baker

On this amazing Gospel outreach to the Jewish people of Israel, the Lord indeed “did awesome things we did not expect” (Is. 64:3). One powerful example of this happened in Jerusalem while we were witnessing for the Messiah to the Jewish people there. After morning prayer, we felt led by the Spirit to pray at the Western Wall and then walk through the Jewish Quarter of the Old City.

Our stop at the Western Wall was a distinct display of the providence of God; while we were praying, an Orthodox Jew approached us to ask us if we were Jewish. He asked because he wanted us to help him make a *minyan* in the synagogue adjacent to the Western Wall so that he could say formal prayers from the *Kiddush* (the official prayer book of Judaism).

A *minyan* in Jewish law is required to have a prayer service and is a group composed of ten men above Bar Mitzvah age (13 years old) who must be present before a prayer or synagogue service can occur. We jumped at this opportunity because we knew this was a golden opportunity from God to witness to these Orthodox Jews. So, through an interpreter, I told this gentleman that we were Jewish in our heart by virtue of the fact that we have Jesus, the risen Messiah, living in us.

After the prayer service, one of the Orthodox Jews asked where we came from. When we told them that we lived in Dallas, TX, one of the men asked me if I knew a certain Rabbi there. I said that I not only knew him well, but also, that he came to visit Jewish patients in the hospital where I worked as chaplain. And then, the other two Orthodox men said they knew this Rabbi, too. One went to Yeshiva school with his son, and the other had attended this Rabbi’s synagogue when he used to live in Dallas ten years ago!

What are the chances that these three men, totally unrelated to each other, knew this Rabbi whom I also know? God obviously arranged this meeting in the synagogue next to the holiest site in all of Judaism, so that the Messiah Jesus could lovingly be shared with them. This allowed us to share our love for Israel and the Jewish people and to tell how God is regathering them to their

ancient homeland in preparation for the return of the Messiah as foretold by Moses and the Prophets.

We then told them that both the *Tenach* (Old Testament) and *Brit Hadashah* (New Testament) reveal this Messiah to be none other than *Yeshua min Nazarit* (Hebrew for “Jesus of Nazareth”). Incredibly, they listened to us without the rebuff or visible displeasure that one might expect, gladly receiving our testimony concerning Jesus in their own synagogue, and receiving from us Messianic Jewish Gospel tracts giving further explanation and proof from the Jewish Scriptures why Jesus is the Messiah and must be believed in for salvation.



As we were returning to our car that evening, we noticed a man in a wheelchair playing with a puppy. We stopped and petted his small dog and began to share about Jesus being the Messiah. He was obviously interested because the *Ruach Hakodesh* (Holy Spirit) of God was opening his heart to the Gospel, so much so that he invited us into his house for a deeper conversation.

At his home, he told us that he had a friend who was a Jewish believer in Jesus the Messiah, and that his friend had extensively shared the same things we were telling him about Messianic prophecy in the *Tenach*, and how they are fulfilled in Yeshua alone. We then had an hour-long Bible study from both the English and Hebrew texts of the Scriptures.

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One major subject of Messianic prophecy we studied with him was that the Messiah would be raised from the dead as King David foretold 1,000 years before Jesus was born (Psalm 16:10-11) along with the corresponding fulfillment by the resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth in Acts 2:22-36.

In broken English, he said he could accept that Jesus is the Messiah and was the same as God! We were quite amazed at what the Spirit of God was doing. We went over Scriptures that clearly pointed to Jesus as being the only valid way to God and the sole means by which one is saved from the penalty of sin, and the power of Hell and death. This salvation consists in believing that Jesus is *Adonai* (Lord) and that God raised His Son from the dead to give us life with Him forever (see John 14:6-7; Is. 49:7-8; Rom. 10:9-10).

After this, we went through the plan of salvation as laid out in Paul's book of Romans, known as "The Roman Road of Salvation."

When we completed this study with him and made sure he understood this life-giving message of the Gospel, we asked him if he would like to invite Yeshua into his heart as Lord and Messiah to become a fulfilled Jew born anew in Messiah. He eagerly answered "yes" and prayed with us and was gloriously saved right there! He then exclaimed to us several times over, "*Yeshua Ha Mashicah*" (Jesus is the Messiah) and "Yeshua is the same as God." Needless to say, we greatly rejoiced with the angels in Heaven over this soul who repented and believed in Jesus the Messiah to truly become a fulfilled son of Abraham.

Coming out of his house after witnessing this miracle of salvation, I thought to myself that if I were unable to go to Israel anymore, or if my life should abruptly end, it was worth all the arduous toil, long hours of witnessing, and twenty years of hardship, struggle, and studying the Scriptures to see this one dear Jewish brother become a child of God through his faith in the Jewish Messiah. ★

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Robo-Bob Promises "Unlimited Prosperity"

By Steve Blow, *The Dallas Morning News*



I noted the other day that TV evangelist Robert Tilton has turned into "Robo-Bob" — an automated version of himself. He airs only old reruns of his program, and when you call his "prayer line," it's just a recording of Bob telling you to leave your name, address, and message.

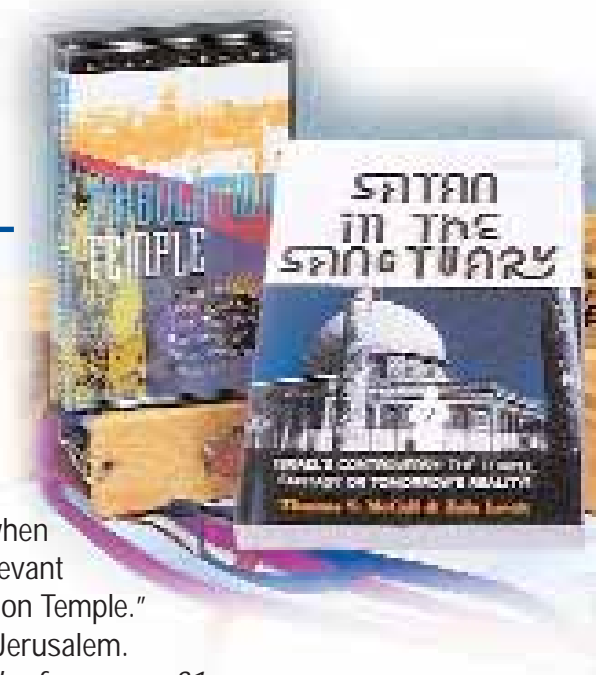
Apparently, no one listens too closely to those messages. Having no other way to reach Brother Bob, I called the prayer line before that last column and left a message identifying myself as a journalist, and asking for Bob or a representative to call me.

A few days later I got the first of several solicitation letters from the ministry. "Steve, I'm so glad you called after watching my TV program...." Enclosed was a crisp \$1 bill. "Steve, I believe this specific dollar bill is a seed into your future. Steve, it is so important that you do what I tell you to do...."

He told me to send the seed dollar back — with more dollars of my own. (Thus ensuring "unlimited prosperity" in my life, he assured.)

Robo-Bob is sure good at churning out these "personalized" letters. I counted 32 "Steves" in the four-page letter.

But I kept the dollar. ★



A thought-provoking study from a Israeli Believer. — Zola

Who Is My Partner?

By Ludwig Schneider, *Israel Today*

In Mt. 18:20, Yeshua (Jesus) tells His disciples: “For where two or three have gathered together in My name, there I am in their midst.” With these words, Yeshua fulfills the role of the *Shekinah* (God’s Presence); in other words, Yeshua, Himself, is the Presence of God. There is a direct link between this promise and the Word of the Lord in Ex. 20:24: “In every place where I cause My Name to be remembered, I will come to you and bless you.”

By using the first person singular, “there I am in their midst,” Yeshua claimed divine authority for Himself. In rabbinic literature, the phrase “in the name of” is used when a rabbi speaks in the name of a higher authority than himself. When Yeshua spoke in the authority of God, he fulfilled God’s promise in Ex. 20:24 to be with those who remember His Name. But why two or three believers gathered in His name? Why not just one? Judaism requires a *minyan* — a minimum of 10 men — for a synagogue service. Yeshua reduced the number to two or three, but not one.

In Yeshua’s time, the need for at least two or three men for Torah study was accepted practice among the Jews. Rabbi Chanina ben Teradion of Second Temple times, said, “If two sit together and study the words of the Torah, the Divine Presence abides among them; however, if two sit together without studying the words of the Torah, it is a meeting of mockers.” His words bring to mind Psalm 1: “How blessed is the man who does not...sit in the seat of scoffers, but his delight is in the law of the Lord” (verses 1, 2).

Everyone needs at least one person with whom to study or pray so they can provide balance for and complement one another. If we don’t have a spiritual partner, who knows us personally and with whom we can study or pray, our spiritual life won’t be as productive. Having a partner or two helps us focus and exposes us to things we might not think of ourselves.

That’s why Jesus always sent His disciples out in pairs, such as gentle John and impulsive Peter. Ask yourself, “Who is my partner who keeps me in balance?” Often it is a spouse, but it doesn’t have to be. Sometimes a spouse isn’t the best choice, because he or she is likely to be biased, either positively or negatively.

This doesn’t mean that services and large gatherings have no value. The Bible is clear about this: “...not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near” (Heb. 10:25).

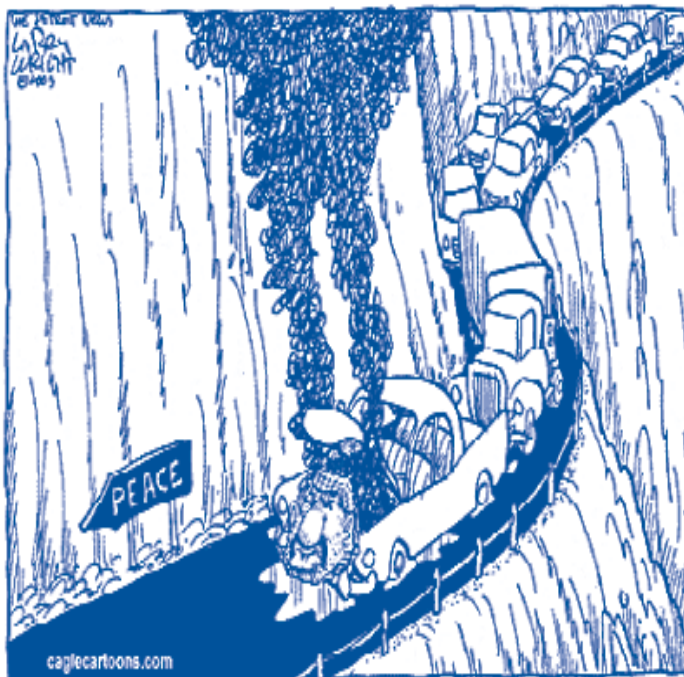
But congregational meetings and conferences cannot replace personal Bible study and prayer. A small group of two or three is an ideal setting to experience the presence of the Lord in a really intimate way.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus taught the multitudes great truths about the Kingdom of God. But the mysteries of the Kingdom He revealed when He was alone with the 12 disciples (Mt. 13:11). And when He revealed His glory, He didn’t take the 12 with Him. He just took three: “Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John his brother and brought them up to a high mountain by themselves” (Mt. 17:1). He left the masses in the cities below, His 12 disciples stayed in the hills, but the three He chose were with Him on a high mountain. He showed His glory to them alone. ★

Good News?

A story is told of a French Jew who was riding on the Metro reading a neo-Nazi newspaper. A friend of his, who happened to be riding in the same subway car, noticed. Very upset, he asked, “Moshe, have you lost your mind? Why are you reading a neo-Nazi newspaper?”

Moshe replied, “I used to read the Jewish newspaper, but what did I find? Anti-Semitism in Europe, terrorism in Israel, synagogues burned, Jews living in poverty. So I switched to the neo-Nazi newspaper. Now what do I find? Jews own all the banks, Jews control the media, Jews are all rich and powerful, Jews rule the world. The news is so much better!” ■



The cartoonist imagines that Arafat alone is holding back a popular wish for peace in the Holy Land. But, to my knowledge, no Palestinian anywhere has ever wished for peace with Israel. — Zola

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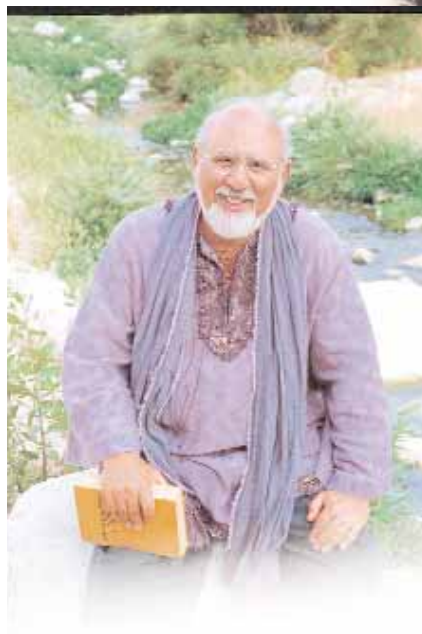


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