

LEVITT LETTER



“BRETHREN, MY HEART’S DESIRE AND PRAYER TO GOD FOR ISRAEL IS THAT THEY MIGHT BE SAVED.” – ROMANS 10:1

A fine editorialist deals with an important issue of the election campaign. — Zola



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Axis of Evil, Part Two

By Charles Krauthammer
www.washingtonpost.com

TEHRAN, IRAN: Iranian President Mohammad Khatami said Iran “will not seek permission from anyone” to pursue its civilian nuclear activities.



DID WE INVADE THE WRONG COUNTRY? One of the lessons being drawn from the September 11 report is that Iran was the real threat. It had links to al-Qaeda, allowed some of the September 11 hijackers to transit and is today harboring al-Qaeda leaders. The Iraq war critics have a new line of attack: We should have done Iran instead of Iraq.

Well, of course Iran is a threat and a danger. But how exactly would the critics have “done” Iran? Iran is a serious country with a serious army. Compared with the Iraq war, an invasion of Iran would have been infinitely more costly. Can you imagine these critics, who were shouting “quagmire” and “defeat” when the low-level guerrilla war in Iraq intensified in April, actually supporting war with Iran?

If not war, then what? We know the central foreign policy principle of Bush critics: multilateralism. John Kerry and the Democrats have said it a hundred times: The source of our troubles is President Bush’s insistence on “going it alone.” They promise to “rejoin the community of nations” and “work with our allies.”

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Playing Anti-Semitic Games

By Patrick Cox, Contributing Editor

After the Arab League and its Muslim allies failed four times to destroy Israel, using their combined militaries, they changed tactics. In an astute political move, prompted in large part by Israel’s development of nuclear weaponry in the 1970s, the Arab/Muslim world ceased its failed and costly efforts to force, militarily, the Jews out of the Middle East.

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A MIGHTY WIND! Gal Fridman of Israel celebrates winning the FIRST GOLD MEDAL IN ISRAEL’S HISTORY in the men’s windsurfer mistral finals race on August 25, during the Athens 2004 Summer Olympic Games. (See p. 28)

Well, that happens to be exactly what we have been doing regarding Iran. And the policy is an abject failure. The Bush administration, having decided that invading one axis-of-evil country was about as much as either the military or the country can bear, has gone multilateral on Iran, precisely what the Democrats advocate. Washington delegated the issue to a committee of three — the foreign ministers of Britain, France and Germany — that has been meeting with the Iranians to get them to shut down their nuclear program.

The result? They have been led by the nose. Iran is caught red-handed with illegally enriched uranium, and the Tehran Three prevail upon the Bush administration to do nothing while they persuade the mullahs to act nice. Therefore, we do not go to the U.N. Security Council to declare Iran in violation of the Non-Proliferation Treaty. We do not impose sanctions. We do not begin squeezing Iran to give up its nuclear program.

Instead, we give Iran more time to swoon before the persuasive powers of “Jack of Tehran” — British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw — until finally, humiliatingly, Iran announces that it will resume enriching uranium and that nothing will prevent it from becoming a member of the “nuclear club.”

The result has not been harmless. Time is of the essence, and the run-around that the Tehran Three have gotten from the mullahs has meant that we have lost at least nine months in doing anything to stop the Iranian nuclear program.

The fact is that the war critics have nothing to offer on the single most urgent issue of our time — rogue states in pursuit of weapons of mass destruction. Iran instead of Iraq? The Iraq critics would have done nothing about either country. There would today be two major Islamic countries sitting on an ocean of oil, supporting terrorism and seeking weapons of

mass destruction — instead of one.

Two years ago, there were five countries supporting terrorism and pursuing these weapons — two junior-leaguers, Libya and Syria, and the axis-of-evil varsity: Iraq, Iran and North Korea. The Bush administration has eliminated two: Iraq, by direct military means, and Libya, by example and intimidation.

Syria is weak and deterred by Israel. North Korea, having gone nuclear, is untouchable. That leaves Iran. What to do? There are only two things that will stop the Iranian nuclear program: revolution from below or an attack on its nuclear facilities.

The country should be ripe for revolution. The regime is detested. But the mullahs are very good at police-state tactics. The long-awaited revolution is not happening.

This makes the question of preemptive attack all the more urgent. Iran will go nuclear during the next presidential term. Some Americans wishfully think that the Israelis will do the

dirty work for us, as in 1981, when they destroyed Saddam Hussein’s nuclear reactor. But for Israel, attacking Iran is a far more difficult proposition. It is farther away. Moreover, detection and anti-aircraft technology are far more advanced than they were 20 years ago.

There may be no “deus ex machina.” If nothing is done, a fanatical terrorist regime openly dedicated to the destruction of the “Great Satan” will have both nuclear weapons and the terrorists and missiles to deliver them. All that stands between us and that is either revolution or preemptive strike.

Both of which, by the way, are far more likely to succeed with 146,000 American troops and highly sophisticated aircraft standing by just a few miles away — in Iraq.

Our September 2003 *Personal Letter* observed that an unannounced reason for the invasion and occupation of Iraq (and Afghanistan) was really to surround Iran, the most threatening enemy. — Zola



Instead, they turned the tables by creating an underdog group — declaring that the Arabs who live in the ancestral Jewish homeland were a unique political and cultural group, called “Palestinians,” with their own claim to Israel. Using this newly created minority as a front group for their continued efforts to impose sharia law on the entire region, they channeled massive resources into terrorism, public relations and international politics. The strategy has succeeded to such an extent that, only three decades later, few remember that the word “Palestinian” originally referred to a Jew of the region.

Today, armed with the carrot of oil money and the stick of terrorism, the Arab/Muslim bloc wields astonishing international influence — with a coordinated 54 of the United Nations’ 190 member votes. Representing more than a quarter of the world’s nation states, they are the largest single-interest block of affiliated nations in the world, and frequently use their influence to attack Israel. We saw this clout exercised masterfully at the Athens games.

The International Olympic Committee long ago bowed to the pressures that scores of Muslim and Arab countries can bring to bear against Israel.

Violating its own charter, the IOC recognized Palestine as a nation in 1993, with the right to field its own athletic team. Many interpreted the move as an attempt to stave off a repeat of the Palestinian Black September terrorist attacks on the 1972 Munich games. There, 11 Israeli athletes and coaches were murdered.

Israel, on the other hand, is precluded from its own regional qualifying games and forced to send teams to Europe to win spots in final Olympic competitions — because neighboring Islamic countries refused to play with, and possibly lose to, Israelis.

Requests for a memorial to the Black September victims have been continually rejected, but the official

Athens game website expressed sympathy for occupied Palestine and erroneously listed the capital of Israel as Tel Aviv.

During opening ceremonies, as national teams marched into the Olympic stadium, the otherwise jubilant crowd grew silent when the Israeli athletes made their entrance. Not so for teams from Syria, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and Iran, who all received warm receptions despite their open support for terrorist organizations that target Israeli civilians.



Media attention, however, focused primarily on Iran’s flag-bearer and two-time world judo champion, Arash Miresmaeili. Iran’s star athlete proudly announced his refusal to take part in a scheduled competition against an Israeli athlete. Specifically, he invoked “solidarity” with his “Palestinian brethren” as the reason for his boycott.

The President of Iran, championing his country’s official stance calling for the destruction of Israel, said that Miresmaeili’s forfeiture “will be recorded in the history of Iranian glories.” The head of Iran’s Olympic delegation immediately recommended that Miresmaeili be given the \$115,000 his government pays to its gold medalists.

According to IOC rules, the entire Iranian team should have been sanctioned for both Miresmaeili’s refusal to compete as well as the team officials’ endorsement of the boycott. Rather than being expelled from the games, however, the commission in charge of Olympic judo took a cue

from the United Nations and much of the western press when dealing with Muslim anti-Semitism.

The commission ignored utterly what Miresmaeili, his team officials, and even the President of his country actually said, and invented an entirely fictional excuse for the blatantly political snub to Israel and the games. The commission announced that the “real” reason the athlete had dropped out of the games was that he was “overweight,” which entailed no penalties for the athlete or his team.

Miresmaeili was, in fact, probably overweight, as all indications are that the decision for the martial artist to reject competition against a Jew had been coordinated by his government, well in advance. Athletes undergo extreme dietary restrictions to stay within their weight classes,

and he simply hadn’t bothered. It is hard to imagine a better example of the international community’s willingness to coddle anti-Semitism while denying its existence—going beyond disregard and denial to actual coverup.

Unfortunately, we have also seen, recently, the same attitudes and behaviors in the United States. The most disappointing was the decision by America’s Presbyterian Church to wage a campaign of boycotts and disinvestment against the Jewish nation. The language of the resolution, provoked by Israel’s construction of a security barrier to deter terrorism, bemoans eloquently the hardships imposed on “Palestinians” forced to travel further to schools and jobs. No mention is made about hardships suffered by Israelis whose family members have been murdered and mutilated by terrorists.

Ironically, as one of America’s largest and most active churches was condemning Israel’s right to self-defense, and working for the entire nation’s im-

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(Please see page 31 to order.)

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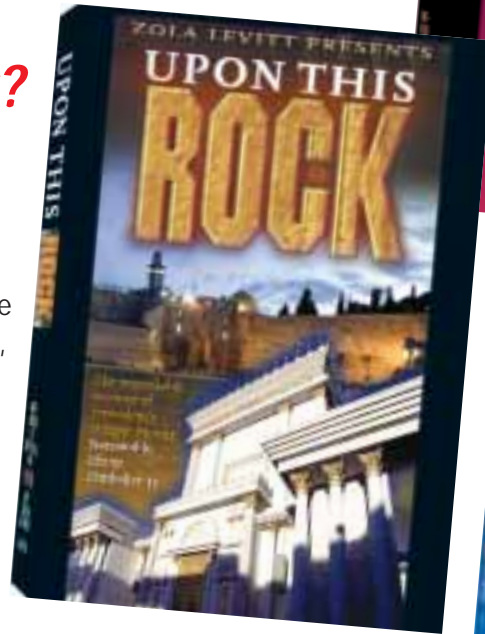
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Playing Anti-Semitic Games continued

poverishment, a study by the Center for Security Policy revealed that America's "leading public pension funds are heavily invested in some 400 publicly traded companies that do business with terrorist-sponsoring regimes — providing them with lifeblood in the form of vital resources, high technology and cash."

This tolerance for anti-Semitism and lack of "evenhandedness" was visible even at the Democratic National Convention in Boston where Rev. Al Sharpton played a prominent role, despite his infamous incitement to anti-Semitic violence in the Crown Heights riots of 1991 and in Harlem in 1995. Also enjoying a place of honor at the convention was Michael Moore, the *Fahrenheit 9/11* filmmaker who said, while promoting his movie in England: "You're stuck with being connected to this country of mine, which is known for bringing sadness and misery to places around the globe. It's all part of the same ball of wax, right? The oil companies, Israel, Halliburton."

Completing the circle of influence, *Fahrenheit 9/11* is now being distributed in the Palestinian territories and the Middle East by the Iranian-funded Hezbollah, the terrorist organization responsible for the deaths of more Americans than any group but al-Qaeda... And the games go on. ❖

A Political Ploy

By Gary Bauer, *End of Day Report*

As we continue to learn about the information al-Qaeda has been collecting on potential targets here in the United States, it is amazing to me that anyone who wishes to be taken seriously could seriously question the motives of our government in raising the terror alert status.

The information collected includes 500 digital photos, documents and drawings detailing building security and construction, vehicular and pedestrian traffic flow, employee patterns, and — perhaps most disturbing — the location of nearby first responders, i.e., police, hospitals and fire departments. This information clearly has one purpose — to determine the best possible way to maximize casualties.

Anyone who thinks that the war against terror is a political ploy needs to spend some time at Ground Zero and ask themselves if they want it to happen again — because the jihadists are working feverishly to do just that.

Lessons in Hatred

Associated Press

A school that caters to children of Saudi diplomats is teaching first-graders that Judaism and Christianity are false religions, according to a Muslim group concerned that such teachings breed hatred.

The Free Muslim Coalition Against Terrorism is calling on The Islamic Saudi Academy to remove the textbook used to teach first-graders. The teachers' edition of the textbook outlines several points of emphasis, including the statement: "All religions other than Islam are false religions."

The Coalition's director, Kamal Nawash, a Muslim, said it would be acceptable to teach that Islam is the only correct religion. But to explicitly tell first-graders that Jews and Christians practice a false religion could breed extremism, he said. The school "must be sure to instruct students to have the utmost respect for other religions," Nawash said.

Nawash's criticism follows a report last month by a non-profit group called The Saudi Institute, also denouncing the school's curriculum. The Institute advocates extensive reforms in Saudi Arabia.

The school, which teaches more than 1,000 pupils at campuses in Alexandria and Fairfax, did not return calls seeking comment.

Nail al-Jubeir, a spokesman for the Saudi Embassy in

Washington, also did not return calls. He told *The Washington Times* that critics of the textbook "are making a big thing out of nothing." The Saudi government provides money to the school.

The school's teachings have come under scrutiny since the September 11 attacks. Federal court documents in a case against an Academy graduate indicate that pupils' discussions after the attacks took an anti-American bent, and some pupils considered the attacks "pay-back" for what they saw as American mistreatment of the Muslim world.

You Can't Appease Fanatics

By David Limbaugh
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The war against Islamofascism is not a war for the hearts and minds of the terrorists — they cannot be persuaded or appeased. Their minds are already made up. No concessions will satisfy them since their demands transcend policy and national boundaries.

Their principal beef with us is not our support of Israel or even our retaliation against them. The problem inheres in our "infidelity." Short of a wholesale national conversion to radical Islam, we can probably expect a decades-long war. Actually, I'm not sure we'll ever enjoy the type of domestic tranquility we did prior to 9/11.



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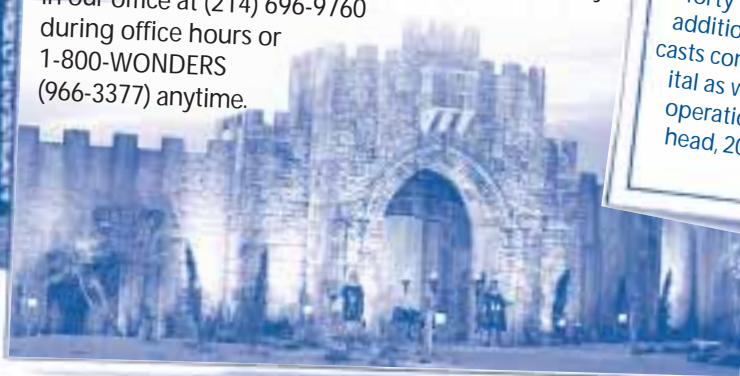
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2003 Fundraising Expense

To comply fully with the tax code, we calculated the small percentage of newsletter space and television time that this ministry devotes to fundraising. Taken together they account for one half of one percent (0.5%) of our expenses. A popularly acceptable threshold for some organizations is 20%—forty times what has sufficed for us. The addition of the PAX network to our broadcasts continues to reduce our operating capital as we build that audience. In terms of operational efficiency, with minimal overhead, 2004 is proving to be our best year ever by a long shot!



Dear Friends:

My subject this month is Israel, and I am really excited. Tourism is rebounding in a very significant way. Our November tour is filling up rapidly, and we are just delighted with that. Nothing brings more joy to my heart than introducing Christians to the Lord's Chosen Land and His Chosen People in person!

Israel has always been safe for touring, but now, the "fence" has eliminated virtually all of the problems that existed in outlying areas. Despite all the hypocritical complaints, it works to prevent terrorism.

I therefore would encourage everyone who can possibly undertake a tour of Israel to do so immediately. There are many kinds of tours from which to choose. Church tours are inexpensive and usually spiritually uplifting. Purely secular tours, offered by airlines and travel agencies, are generally disappointing to Biblically-versed Believers at whatever price.

It's important for you to go to Israel in order to understand the Bible. You can read the Bible and think that you understand it, but your mind has to work hard to construct pictures so that you can visualize the Savior going here and there. Once you've been on tour to Israel, you've got an idea of what He's talking about. You've got some idea of what it means when the Bible says "the stone was rolled away," since you can see a stone tomb. You've got some idea of what a well looked like in Jesus' time, and you can visualize Him speaking to the woman at the well.

The other thing that a trip to Israel does is help you to come to realize how very intimate the land is, how short the distances are. There are not majestic mountains. Except for Mount Carmel, the mountains in Israel are smaller than in the western world. The roads are different. Farming is different: to this

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day, they are farming in terraces, just as they did in the time of Jesus.

Not only that, the fruit tastes different in Israel. There are tastes, there are smells, there are sounds that you would probably never encounter or associate with reading the New Testament. Basically, the reason you need to go to Israel is that it makes the New Testament come to life. The life of Jesus doesn't seem like such a legend. Though it's legendary, it's rooted in reality. He lived, He ate, He drank, He sat, He walked, and you can be in those places where He did those things, and taste some of the same fruits.

Sometimes, a person has to go somewhere in order to make a statement. I think many Jewish people who went down south to protest segregation didn't go to beat up on people or remonstrate with them; they went because their presence made a statement. And your presence in Israel makes a statement today. It says that you believe in God. Therefore you will not fear what worldlings fear. No bomb, no bullet will overtake you before God's time. By going, you're saying what you love. That you love the Lord. That you love Israel. Your going to Israel is a statement of love and trust for God, and a love for the Jewish people. And I'd like to help you do it.

As this letter reaches you, it's either just before, or during, the Jewish High Holy Days. What Rosh Ha-Shanah and Yom Kippur and Sukkot mean to the Jewish people is a time to seek reconciliation with God, and to remember His covenant.



I've often thought it would be good if Christians had holidays to remind us of the need for continual repentance, confession of sin, and renewing our commitment to Yeshua. Since there are not any Christian holidays specifically set aside for this, why not borrow the Jewish holidays? Why not use the Jewish holidays as the occasion to renew your commitment to the Lord?"

If you are near a synagogue, and you hear something that sounds like a bull moose charging, it's the sound of a shofar. This trumpet, made of a ram's horn, is used to call ancient Israel to repentance, and also to sound a blast for danger. Isn't it wonderful to know that we are looking forward to the sounding of that trumpet when Yeshua will assemble us in the air for the greatest family reunion that Man has ever experienced?

So, take a tour to Israel while you can! Choose wisely, don't consider price only, be sure that your tour has an Israeli guide, and that it flies into Tel Aviv. El Al is the best airline you can fly, as it is the most secure in the entire world.

Furthermore, the Holy Land will continue to prosper if you use its own services rather than those of a foreign nation. And, as God said: "I will bless them that bless thee" (Genesis 12:3).

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It's Too Bad

Dear Zola:

I look forward to receiving and reading each *Levitt Letter* which contains the TRUTH about my Jewish Brothers and Sisters and the prejudice and mistreatment toward them.

I have been a Christian for forty years and have a deep love and passion for God's Chosen, the Jews. It is because of them and certainly because of the greatest One of All, Jesus, that I am able to claim my faith and belief.

It's too bad that the media would rather lie and belittle the Jews, while at the same time praise the radical forces of Islam.

I'll continue to depend on your letter for the TRUTH. Thanks. — N.D.

Doubly Blessed

Dear Zola:

What a blessing it was, the day I "discovered" your program on television. I am a faithful viewer now and I greatly appreciate the diverse information you present. Your shows about the Holy Land (past and present), prophecy and the Feasts of Israel are particularly absorbing to me. In addition, I greatly enjoy watching your interviews. Joan Peters and the young men (Ergun Caner and Walid Shoebat) who used to be Muslims, but now are born-again Christians, were excellent also.



Some letters have been edited for space.

As if the program wasn't enough, I've been double-blessed by your *Levitt Letter*. I read it cover to cover, usually the same day I get it. I find it, in its entirety, very

informative. Please don't even think of discontinuing the Hebrew lessons. I've been studying Hebrew and find John Parsons' lessons very helpful. Plus, I love the "Hebraic Insight" he adds. Lastly, I want to commend you on the materials that your ministry offers. I have obtained some of your books and found them well written and informative.

If I ever travel to Israel, I'll choose to go with one of your tours!

Zola, to you and your staff I extend my sincere appreciation. God bless you.

— Mrs. J.P

The Truth Hurts

Dear Zola:

I am a big fan of your newsletter. However, it causes me pain that in most of your articles regarding the United Methodist Church, you expose problems with this denomination, but you never seem to encourage these beloved brothers and sisters in Christ with the Word of God, so they can have the right mindset. Only the truth of God's Word will set them free from sin.

Always rebuking and never correcting doesn't help the problem, but it causes division in the Body of Christ, and since the Word tells us that "a house divided against itself cannot stand," are you not hurting your own cause for Christ by tearing down His Church?

As you answered S.B. in one of your articles regarding the U.M.C. dated June 2004 (Vol. 26): "Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these My Brethren, ye have done it unto Me" (Matthew 25:40). We cannot love "The Promised Land" and have no love for the Body of Christ. We cannot build up love for Jerusalem by tearing down the love for God and His Body of Believers.

Please take another look at how you approach your findings. For if you can see a wrong, you surely must be able to see an answer for the problem. Also, teach them what they should know! Remember, "charity suffereth long." We must reprove others in love. You are a very wise man of God and I will be looking forward to hearing from you on this issue.

— Reverend R.B.

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Dear Rev. R.B.:

I'm sorry for your pain, but I think that you and I disagree on a fundamental point. In my thirty years of experience in speaking at various churches, I have learned that, by and large, the United Methodist Church is not part of the "Body of Christ" and most of its hierarchy are not Christian "brothers and sisters." Of course, there are churches of saved people in every denomination, but they must be very few in the U.M.C. I am available to reveal their errors at any time, and they know it. But, in thirty years, I have never been given the pulpit in a United Methodist church. — Zola

Perplexed

Dear Zola:

I am perplexed.

As evangelical Christians, we believe in a literal translation of the Bible. We take exception to nominal Christians when they say they are Christian yet believe only the things they want to believe that are written in the Scripture. In other words, they pick and choose what they want to believe. We evangelicals feel they are wrong.

From what I understand about the Muslim faith, there are those too that believe every word of the Koran should

be taken literally. Those are the ones I think are called "radical Islamists." On the other hand, there are the "moderate Muslims" that say the Koran does not teach of killing the Jew and the Christian. Those moderates feel the radical Islamists are wrong in their interpretation of the Koran. Can you please tell me, who is correct? Or am I oversimplifying this complex issue? Please know that I am sending this same letter to Ergun Caner. Only the salutation is being changed. Perhaps the next time you and Dr. Caner get together, you can compare notes in regard to you both receiving the same letter from one evangelical Christian Zionist from Kansas!

I eagerly await your reply. Thanks for your ministry.
Yours and His. — P.P.

Dear P.P.:

Dr. Caner appeared on our program and indicated that a "good" Muslim taking the Koran literally, will end up killing Jews and Christians. In some of my books, I have cited passages from the Koran alluding to just that fact. After some thirty years of experience in their various societies, I have yet in this life to meet a single "moderate Muslim." — Zola

Different Kingdoms

Dear Zola:

I found some of your comments in your "Note from Zola" rather ignorant, e.g., "Presbyterians, who are not really religious people at all in the Biblical sense." And you use as your substantiation the fact that there is some support of Palestinians, and the idea that we (I am a Presbyterian) fail the test of "Love for the Chosen People and the Promised Land." I find this kind of thinking when one has done very little research and study of the subject matter.

I believe it is necessary to have meaningful dialogue between well-informed parties to try to resolve differences between people so that we can live together in peace. This does not mean we are to relinquish our own beliefs and ideas, but it does mean we have to look out for "the plank in our own eye." Your rhetoric presupposes that people of different faiths and beliefs cannot live together peacefully. I do not believe this to be true and I pray that someday we can work and live together. Sincerely. — D.C.

Dear D.C.:

I don't know if you will understand this, but you and I are citizens of different Kingdoms. As a result, we see the things of faith so differently that there is just no communication. I respectfully think that everything you say is well put malarky. — Zola

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HebrewLesson



The Lord's Prayer -Part 1

By John J. Parsons

Hebraic Insight

"*Avinu.*" Before you can begin to pray as Jesus intended, you must settle the question of whether God is your Father, and you are His child. Nothing is more important. Are you a child of God? Are you part of His family, His *mishpachah*? Just as you were born physically into an earthly family, so Jesus said you must be reborn spiritually into a spiritual family (John 1:12, 3:3). This happens by faith — by believing that God loves you as a Father and cares for you as His child.

"*Shebashamayim.*" Your Father is "in heaven." He inhabits eternity and is enthroned above the highest reach of the cosmos (Deuteronomy 26:15, 1 Kings 8:30). But though He is exalted over all things, as Creator and LORD He knows the number of hairs on your head (Matthew 10:30) and what things you have need of before you ask Him (Matthew 6:8). Your Father's greatness spans all the cosmos and yet is conscious of the smallest details of your life. God cares for you as His child.

"*Yitkadash sh'mekha.*" You are to understand that your Father's Name is to be "hallowed" or set apart as sacred. Among other things, this means that you trust the Father by obeying His commandments and making daily choices in the light of His reality.

You do not "profane" your Father's Name by witnessing to the world around you that He is not who He really is — the LORD to whom every knee shall bow and every tongue confess. You are to bear witness to His Name by sanctifying it, by honoring it, and by living in the awe of God every moment of your time of sojourn here on earth. When you truly understand yourself as the Father's child, your life will be conformed into the image of His Son (Romans 8:29).

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Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name
(Matthew 6:9 KJV).

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Attacking Obesity?

By Candice Smith, Associated Press

A government scientist finishing a candy bar on her way into a subway station where eating is prohibited was arrested, handcuffed and detained for three hours by transit police.

Stephanie Willett said she was eating a PayDay bar on an escalator descending into a station on July 16 when an officer warned her to finish it before entering the station. Both Willett and police agree that she nodded and put the last bit into her mouth before throwing the wrapper into a trash can.

Willett, a 45-year-old Environmental Protection Agency scientist, told radio station WTOP that the officer then followed her into the station, one of several in downtown Washington.

"Don't you have some other crimes you have to take care of?" Willett said she told the officer. (Washington has been under heightened security because of the continuing threat of terrorism). The transit police offi-

cer asked for Willett's identification, but Willett kept walking. She said she was then frisked and handcuffed.

"If she had stopped eating, it would have been the end of it and if she had just stopped for the issuance of a citation, she never would have been locked up," said Transit Police Chief Polly Hanson.

Metrorail has been criticized in the past for heavy-handed enforcement of the eating ban. In 2000, a police officer handcuffed a 12-year-old girl for eating a french fry on a subway platform.

In 2002, one of their officers ticketed a wheelchair-bound cerebral palsy patient for cursing when he was unable to find a working elevator to leave a station. Unflattering publicity eventually led the police to void the ticket.

Willett was the second person arrested this year for eating or drinking, Hanson said. In addition, police have issued 58 tickets and given more than 300 written warnings. ✪



Experienced tourists know that when purchasing a group tour, it is always best to join a smaller group, if possible. One can ask more questions, hear the guide better, cover more territory, and still have the buying power of a group. With that said, please know that with the rapid recovery of tourism, future tour groups will be larger. I sincerely urge you to consider taking our Israel tour this year or early next year, particularly if you are averse to the struggles of traveling with a large group.

Remember, our tours this fall begin November 2 and continue through November 21. The **Deluxe Tour** of Israel will depart on November 7 and return on November 17. Our **Grand Petra Tour**, visiting both Israel and Petra, will depart on November 7 and return on November 21. The **Grand Athens Tour**, cruising the Greek Isles and touring Israel, extends from November 2 through November 17.

The **Ultra-Grand Tour**, with everything — the Greek Isles, Israel and Petra — will start on November 2 and end on November 21. For more information or confirmation of tour dates, please check with Tony at (214) 696-9760 during business hours. You also can call 1-800-WONDERS (1-800-966-3377) anytime for a brochure on this or any of our other tours.

If, for whatever reason, you cannot undertake an actual tour of Israel, plan to join us at the Holy Land Experience, the wonderful Israel theme park in Orlando, Florida. Our tours will be on the weekend after Thanksgiving, November 26-28, and on New Year's weekend, December 31-January 2. Help us ring in the New Year. It could be the last of the Church Age! As you consider all of this, please pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

Your messenger, Zola

P.S. Please lend us an extra hand as we come out of the lean summer vacation months and continue building our new audience on the PAX network. Thanks.

(LETTERS TO ZOLA continued)

Love Story

Dear Zola:

I would like to express my deep gratitude and thanks to Zola for the book *A Christian Love Story* [see page 28]. I first purchased this book a few years ago. I was overwhelmed with the lack of knowledge that I possessed about the Scriptures. I knew in my heart that I was missing something when I read the Scriptures because a lot of what I read didn't make sense or details seemed insignificant. Thanks to Zola and the working of the Holy Spirit, all that has changed. I developed a hunger and NEED to know the Jewish roots of Christianity. Since that time, I have ordered many other books and tapes from Zola and I have the correspondence course.

I gave my copy of *A Christian Love Story* to my parents to read. Dad called me a couple of days later. He was excited about the book and what he learned. I ordered a couple of more copies of the book and my parents ordered some for their friends at church. Sadly, the people my dad gave the book to did not read it because it was written by a Jew. It made me sick when he told me. That did not discourage me from sharing the book with others.

A year ago, I started dating a man from church. In our discussion of the Scriptures, I realized that his thinking had been influenced by an anti-Semitic church. I felt led to give him *A Christian Love Story* to read. It changed his life! He called me the following day, wanting another one of Zola's books to read! That man is now my husband.

My husband and I attend a Free Methodist Church and are active in ministry. In our Sunday School class discussions, I would correct some of the comments that were made to reflect the correct Jewish meaning. The teacher would respond with "I guess it could be that way," to which I would respond "No, that IS the way it is." Anyhow, after a few months of frustration, I gave the teacher *A Christian Love Story*. Wow! What a change! He wants more to read, too.

My husband and I decided to buy *A Christian Love Story* for each family in our class. Everyone was so excited about the book and the class is now discussing it on Sunday mornings. My parents have left the church they were attending and joined my husband and me and enjoy the Sunday School discussion on the book. There is already talk of wanting another book from Zola to read and discuss.

Your book is changing a little part of Galion, Ohio, and I pray that will start to spread out into the community. I do need to get the pamphlet on how to witness to a Jew, so that can be shared with others. As this Sunday School class grows, it is my prayer that the students will be a blessing to Israel.

Thank you again for a wonderful book.

Shalom. — L.R.

Dear L.R.:

Thanks for all the good news. Please note that we have many more books (see page 31). Tell your dad to remind the folks at his church who wouldn't read my book because it was written by a Jew, they are going to have a rough time in Heaven. If they're going there at all, the first thing they will do when they arrive is have a face-to-face interview with the King of the Jews! ❖



Cursing Israel

By Zola Levitt

We always encourage ministers, schools and lay people to make pilgrimages to Israel, and some very fine Christian tours are available, but we are concerned when some groups appear to take advantage of both Israelis and the Christian public. Moody Bible Institute and Dallas Theological Seminary, no friends of the nation of Israel, “used” that country for profit on their summer tours of Israel. Provost Charles Dyer of Moody and President Mark Bailey of Dallas Theological Seminary purported to be the “guides” of these tours.

Dr. Tom McCall has recently detailed, in an extensive book review of Dr. Charles Dyer’s *Who Owns the Land?*, the author’s watery thin support for the Land of Israel. Moody’s general position is full of complicated and misleading words, but the bottom line is that they don’t believe that present-day Israel is a fulfillment of prophecy or that it contains the legitimate Chosen People with a valid claim to the Land. DTS’s Mark Bailey’s perspective seems to be worse. In a Dallas Seminary newsletter last year, he soberly advised Christian people that they should not support Israel. Zola Levitt Ministries has always sought to support Israel and her people.

Moody’s and DTS’s tours didn’t use licensed Israeli guides. This is an absolutely crucial part of touring that complex nation. While I speak Hebrew, and have led seventy-nine tours of Israel (including periods of residency there), I have never presumed to “guide” pilgrims, who deserve to hear a native Israeli who has spent his entire life in God’s Land. Israeli guides take an intensive two-year university level course to understand the intricacies of 4,000 years of history and the Bible.

More troubling was the fact that, at a time when tourism is suffering in Israel and guides need so much help, the seminaries’ response was to not even employ one on their tours. Our ministry’s response to the guides’ dire situation was to start up our “Good News from a Far Country Fund,” and our people have kindly supported Israeli guides even when they’re not going on tours. In Romans 15:25-27, Paul reminds us to always care for the poor saints in Jerusalem, the mother Church. Our guides and drivers are Believers all, and deserve our support.

The chief guide for our tours, Zvi Rivai, is a “Sabra,” a native Hebrew-speaking, knowledgeable and properly licensed guide, a Biblical expert who likely could teach both Drs. Dyer and Bailey volumes about the Promised Land and the Chosen People. Zvi is a solid Believer in Christ and he is Biblically expert.

I suspected that there was something suspicious about these American professors claiming to be Israeli guides, and discovered that Israel has a law against foreigners claiming to be qualified guides. I contacted Zvi and inquired about the situation. He wrote back the following (edited for clarity):

Shalom Dear Zola:

We, the official licensed guides, suffer from an unfair and often illegal competition by foreigners who misuse certain “permits” which were given to them by the Ministry of Religious Affairs. Israelis labor under what are known as “exile” and “Holocaust” syndromes, trying desperately to please all the other nations, even as they are abused by them. An example would be these permits given to religious tour leaders. The Ministry of Tourism looks the other way, and no one enforces the law.

The Israel Guides Union appealed twice to the Israeli Supreme Court to enforce the law of tourism that says that only official Israeli licensed guides are allowed to guide tourists, but the Supreme Court was not willing to do so.

When our tours go to Petra in Jordan, I always leave you at the border and a Jordanian guide takes over in my place. Though our tourists would rather have me guide them, I do not hold a license to guide in Jordan. If I were to try to do that, I’d be put in jail immediately.

God bless you in Yeshua’s Name. — Zvi

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God says He will curse those who curse Israel. The profit-making scheme of the two schools was not a large success. Our tour had a subscription of about forty pilgrims and that was comparable with what we saw of theirs. The differences included our people paying \$400-600 less for their tour and returning with a much more intensive spiritual experience.

Also, Moody and Dallas Theological Seminary both flew into Amman, Jordan, on a foreign air carrier, rather than into Israel, and denied Israel the financial support of its pilgrims. The operators of these tours no doubt find it less expensive (but more tiring and cumbersome for their passengers), as landing fees are cheaper in Amman than in Tel Aviv.

I find it somewhat duplicitous for seminaries that steer people away from love of Israel and support of the Chosen People year round, to then make a profit on that tiny country when summer tour time comes. It is also not fitting for them to choose professors who, as we have highly detailed in the *Levitt Letter*, generally do not support Israel and only grudgingly admit that we Believers should be at all concerned with the place. Neither of them would qualify for the title of Christian Zionist.

We have been criticized in the past for taking exception to seminaries like Moody, Dallas and Talbot, among others, for teaching bad doctrine about Israel. Nevertheless, erroneous teaching in schools preparing future Christian leaders has the effect of undermining support for God's Chosen Land and Chosen People.

In the churches where I speak, these seminaries are losing their credibility. They are sliding down the slippery slope of liberalism, as Dr. McCall and I have predicted for some years. Dr. McCall and I were best-selling authors with Moody Press in the 1970s. In those days, our books were meticulously checked for theological accuracy. At this point, I question whether Moody is more concerned with theology or with whatever generates the most money. As to Dallas Seminary, I am on their short list of approved chapel speakers (not many invitations lately). Dr. McCall is very familiar with Dallas Seminary as well, from which he obtained his Doctorate in Old Testament Studies. He was formerly President of the Dallas Seminary Alumni Association, the very pilgrims now overpaying for these substandard tours.

In the End Times, weak Believers will ask for teachers who "tickle their ears" (II Timothy 4:3), and certain institutions will be glad to provide them. We particularly resent profiteering on the Promised Land — giving it the back of one hand, while reaching into the pockets of pilgrims with the other.

I just wonder if Professors Bailey and Dyer really believe that they are going to the Judgment Seat of Christ to have a face-to-face interview with the King of the Jews and that His question to them will be, "How did you treat My Brothers?" (See Matthew 25:31-46.) Will they say, "Well, we used Your Land and Your Brothers to gather donations from our alumni and anyone else who would pay our high prices to garner profits for seminaries that steered people away from respect for Your People and Your Land?"

We will be monitoring the activities of these seminaries as they conduct tours to Israel. We will publish their prices and the fact that they do not employ licensed guides, if that remains the case.

Please know that we have enough pilgrims and we are not seeking travelers outside our television audience and readership. Moody and DTS students are not well taught on the significance of modern Israel, and might find themselves "in over their heads" on one of our tours. Everyone is welcome, of course, but the most important thing is to go, whatever tour operator you choose.

We have learned that President Joseph Stowell of Moody has resigned. Dr. McCall will comment in next month's Levitt Letter. ✦



Beware of Arabs Bearing Gifts

By Stephanie Strom, *The New York Times*

Harvard University is returning a controversial \$2.5 million gift to its donor, the president of the United Arab Emirates.

Harvard said in a statement that the president, Sheik Zayed bin Sultan al-Nahyan, recently asked to withdraw the gift, which was to endow a chair in Islamic religious studies, before it was subjected to a formal deliberation by the university.

Abdulla Alsaboosi, a spokesman at the United Arab Emirates Embassy in Washington, said negotiations between the university and Sheik Zayed's representatives had been going on for several months. "The negotiations were conducted in an atmosphere of cordiality and mutual respect," Mr. Alsaboosi said, "but in the end, since no decision was taken by the university, we felt regretfully that we had no option but to retract the gift."

Students and Jewish organizations had criticized the Harvard Divinity School for accepting the donation, which was made in 2000, because they objected to the sheik's support for a policy research organization, the Zayed International Center for Coordination and Follow-Up in Abu Dhabi, one of the seven states in the United Arab Emirates.

Speakers at the center had included an Arab scholar who has written that Jews use human blood to make pastries and a French author who claims that Israel masterminded the attacks of September 11, 2001, as well as American officials like former Secretary of State James A. Baker III and former Vice President Al Gore. It was closed last summer by the government of the United Arab Emirates, which said that the center had engaged in a discourse that "contradicted the principles of interfaith tolerance" espoused by Sheik Zayed.

Sheik Zayed, whose personal wealth is estimated at \$23 billion, supports a variety of causes, including African refugees and public schools in the United States. The controversy over his gift to the divinity school, which had been sought by the university, caused several institutions to reconsider contributions he had given them.

Rachel Fish, the divinity school student who led the movement against Sheik Zayed's gift shortly before she graduated last year, could not be reached for comment.



"Sitting on the Corpses"

The Guardian

The Palestinian leader, Yasser Arafat, received the strongest challenge yet from a protege when Mohammad Dahlan, a former Interior Minister, accused him of squandering \$5 billion and "sitting on the corpses" of Palestinians.

Mr. Dahlan, 43, said that if Mr. Arafat did not begin to reform the Palestinian Authority, massive demonstrations would be held in Gaza City.

The Kuwaiti newspaper *Al Watan* quoted him as saying: "Arafat is sitting on the corpses and destruction of the Palestinians at a time when they're desperately in need of a new mentality."

All of the funds that foreign countries had donated to the Palestinian Authority, a total of \$5 billion, "have gone down the drain, and we don't know to where," he added.

"The Palestinian situation is not putting up with any more corruption, and there is no escape aside from reforms that Arafat himself has authorized."

This is the first time Mr. Dahlan has publicly attacked Mr. Arafat and placed himself at the head of an emerging reform movement.

Recently, gunmen loyal to Mr. Arafat broke up a conference attended by Palestinian legislators in Ramallah. They said the meeting was part of a conspiracy against him. Seventy members of Fatah, Mr. Arafat's faction, were meeting to discuss reform and growing anarchy in the Palestinian territories, when the 20 men burst in and fired into the ceiling.

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A Note from Ken Berg

TV Producer, *Zola Levitt Presents*

Recently, the staff at Berg Productions had the opportunity to talk one-on-one with about 200 faithful viewers of *Zola Levitt Presents*. In our national telephone survey, we were amazed to find that many viewers had been watching the weekly telecast since its inception over 25 years ago. We asked the viewers questions regarding the network on which they were able to view the program, and we spoke about other issues pertinent to the program. Most everyone seemed to like the variety of programming which we have been producing. Some made particular comments regarding programs that dealt with Jewish roots, some favored current events, while others asked to see more Bible teaching.

All of these comments have been helpful as we look to future production of the television program. We certainly want to continue to cover current events as they relate to Biblical prophecy. The handwriting is on the wall, and it is incumbent upon us to tell it like it is.

The heart of Zola's ministry, as I see it, is a passion to share the truth about Israel, and to that end, we need to return to that very strategic land to produce programming that expresses spiritual perspectives never carried by the secular media. We would also like to produce a fresh series of programs based on Zola's insightful teaching of the Seven Feasts of Israel, which of course includes Passover, the "crown jewel of Jewish Holy Days."

Our past one-hour specials, such as "Secrets of the Scrolls" and "Upon This Rock," have always been well-received, providing unique airtime opportunities with national broadcast and cable networks. Presently, we are in preproduction on a new special based on the ever intriguing subject of the Ark of the Covenant.

Everyone knows about the golden box that was carried through the wilderness, but what about the Covenant? This is an ageless story that is as relevant as today's front page headlines. We will be producing this special, as well as much of our future programming, in High Definition (HD) television. HD is the wave of the future, and we want to make sure that these productions will be as timeless as possible. ✱

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The meeting was ended, but not before members drafted a letter to Mr. Arafat, denouncing lawlessness and corruption in the Authority.

"President Arafat, this may be the last chance for reforming our situation before reaching the end. We need a revolution within our Fatah movement," it said.

In further violence, a Gaza jail guard hurled grenades at prisoners accused of collaborating with Israel, and terrorists later killed one of the wounded men in his hospital bed in the latest outbreak of internal Palestinian turmoil. The guard, a Palestinian policeman, carried out the attack in a cell holding inmates suspected of helping Israeli security services to track and kill terrorists, security sources said. Seven prisoners were wounded, two of them seriously.

Hours later, gunmen burst into Gaza City's Shifa Hospital and killed one of the inmates by shooting him several times in the head and chest. ✱

PAX Airing Day & Time by Zone				
Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day	9:30 am Thurs	8:30 am Thurs	8:30 am Thurs	9:30 am Thurs

ABC-FAM Airing Day & Time by Zone				
Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day	1:00 am Mon	11 pm Sun or 2 am Mon	12:00 am Mon	1:00 am Mon

TBN Airing Day & Time by Zone				
Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day	5:00 am Mon	6:00 am Mon	7:00 am Mon	8:00 am Mon



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Dish/DirecTV Airing Day & Time by Zone				
	Dish-Channel 181	DirecTV-Channels 255 and 371*		
Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day	6:30 am Thurs	7:30 am Thurs	8:30 am Thurs	9:30 am Thurs

*Mon. 7:30 am. Wed. 9:30 am. Thurs. noon. Sat. 8:30 pm (all Pacific times).

D-Day in Today's Climate of Political Correctness

From a circulating internet e-mail

If World War II had been fought in today's climate of political correctness, and covered by our current military-hating national media, things would have been quite different. In fact, the story of D-Day might have read something like this:

June 6, 1944. -NORMANDY-

Three hundred French civilians were killed and thousands more wounded today in the first hours of America's invasion of continental Europe.

Casualties were heaviest among women and children. Most of the French casualties were the result of artillery fire from American ships attempting to knock out German fortifications prior to the landing of hundreds of thousands of U.S. troops.

Reports from a makeshift hospital in the French town of St. Mere Eglise said the carnage was far worse than the French had anticipated and reaction against the American invasion was running high.

"We are dying for no reason," said a Frenchman speaking on condition of anonymity. "Americans can't even shoot straight. I never thought I'd say this, but life was better under Adolf Hitler."

The invasion also caused severe environmental damage. American troops, tanks, trucks, and machinery destroyed miles of pristine shoreline and thousands of acres of ecologically sensitive wetlands. It was believed that the habitat of the spineless French crab was completely wiped out, threatening the species with extinction.

A representative of Greenpeace said his organization, which had tried to stall the invasion for over a year, was appalled at the destruction, but not surprised.

"This is just another example of how the military destroys the environment without a second thought," said Christine Moanmore. "And it's all about corporate greed."

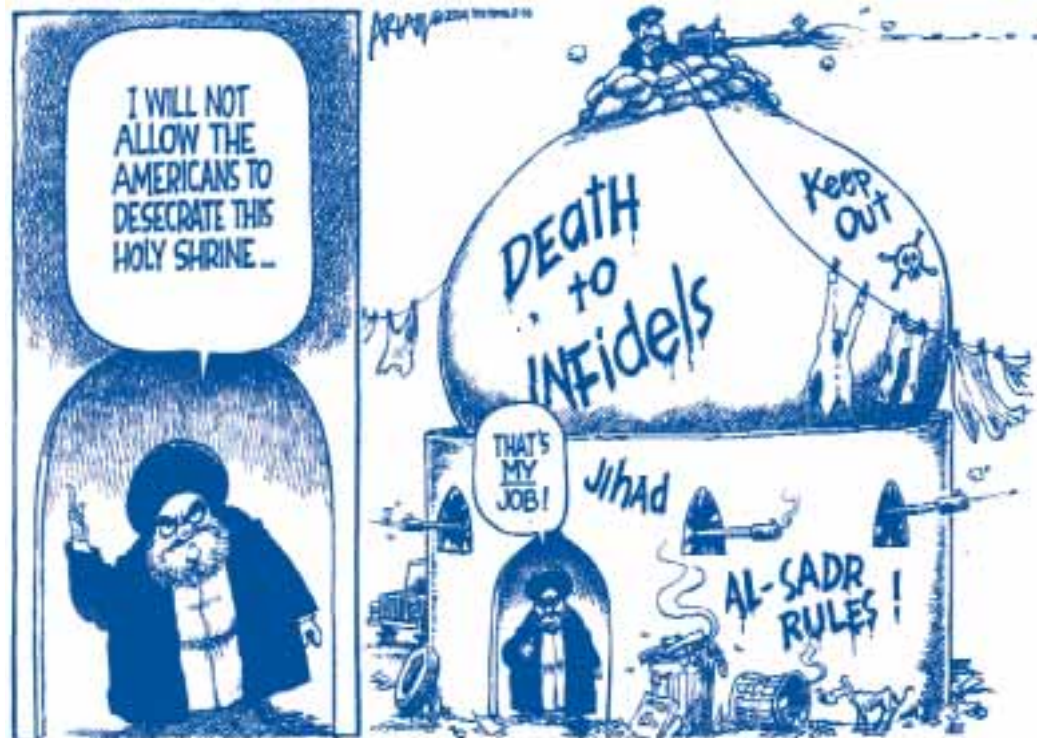
Contacted at his Manhattan condo, a member of the French government-in-exile who abandoned Paris when Hitler invaded, said the invasion was based solely on American financial interests. "Everyone knows that President Roosevelt has ties to big beer," said Pierre LeWimp. "Once the German beer industry is conquered, Roosevelt's beer cronies will control the world market and make a fortune."

Administration supporters said America's aggressive actions were based in part on the assertions of controversial scientist Albert Einstein, who sent a letter to Roosevelt speculating that the Germans were developing a secret weapon, a so-called "atomic bomb." Such a weapon could produce casualties on a scale never seen before and cause environmental damage that could last for thousands of years.

Hitler has denied having such a weapon and international inspectors were unable to locate such weapons even after spending two long weekends in Germany.

Shortly after the invasion began, reports surfaced that German prisoners had been abused by Americans. Mistreatment of Jews by Germans at so-called "concentration camps" has been rumored, but so far, remains unproven.

Several thousand Americans died during the first hours of the invasion and French officials are concerned that uncollected corpses pose a public health risk. "The Americans should have planned for this in advance," they said. "It's their mess and we don't intend to clean it up." ❖



No Honor Among Thieves

By Inigo Gilmore, www.telegraph.co.uk

Palestinian businessmen have made millions of dollars supplying cement for Israel's "security barrier" in the full knowledge of Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leader and one of the wall's most vocal critics.

A damning report by Palestinian legislators, which has been seen by *The Telegraph*, concludes that Mr. Arafat did nothing to stop the deals, although he publicly condemned the structure as a "crime against humanity."

The report claims that the cement was sold with the knowledge of senior officials at the Palestinian Ministry of National Economy and close advisers to Mr. Arafat. It concludes that officials were bribed to issue import licenses for the cement to importers and businessmen working for Israelis.

One of the report's three authors, Hassan Khreishe — an independent legislator and long-term critic of Mr. Arafat — has called for the Palestinian cabinet to resign.

"Wealthy Palestinians with connections at the highest levels have been making millions helping Israel build this wall while Arafat and the Palestinian Authority have been urging people to fight against it," said Mr. Khreishe, a council member from the West Bank city of Tulkarm.

"Why Arafat did nothing about it, we just don't know. These people are traitors who have brought shame on us, and they should be punished."

Thousands of Palestinians recently demonstrated about high-level corruption and the appointment of Mr. Arafat's cousin, Musa Arafat, as security chief in the Gaza Strip.

The report reveals that the cement originally came from Egyptian companies which supplied it at a huge discount of \$22 a ton to help rebuild dilapidated Palestinian houses or buildings bulldozed by the Israelis.

Between September, 2003 and March, 2004, 420,000 tons of cement were allegedly sent to three big Palestinian companies. According to the report, however, only 33,000 tons were sold in the Palestinian market. The vast bulk was transported to Israel on trucks owned by the three firms. According to Mr. Khreishe, the cement was then sold with a mark-up of at least \$15 a ton —

and possibly as high as \$100 — making profits of well over \$6 million for company executives.

The Legislative Council launched an investigation after Egyptian journalists stumbled upon business links between a German Jewish businessman and the Palestinian companies.

According to the report, on November 9, 2003, a letter was sent to Mr. Arafat by the Palestinian Authority comptroller, revealing that open-ended import licenses for the cement had been signed by Maher al-Masri, the Economy Minister.

The Palestinian Authority comptroller asserted in the letter that the cement was destined for the wall.

The letter was allegedly received and seen by Mr. Arafat on the same day that he urged people to demonstrate on the first international "Day against the Wall."

He said that his own investigative committee found that only 14,500 tons of concrete were transported to Israel. He conceded that two ministry officials carried out some "suspicious administrative violations" in relation to the permits, and that there was not full coordination between the Economy and Finance Ministries regarding the cement quota. The Ministries had issued permits for 233,000 tons, he said, and had then cancelled permits for 65,000 tons. ■



“Absolute Power Corrupts Absolutely”

By Rachel Ehrenfeld, www.frontpagemagazine.com

The news about Arafat's demise proved yet again to be premature. He is continuing to demonstrate that, despite tottering under the failure of the Intifada against the Israelis, the Bush Administration's disgust, the UN envoy Terje Roed-Larsen's reprimand, and even the growing resentment of a large portion of the Palestinian population, he is still the boss and no changes or agreements regarding the Palestinians can be made without him. He is determined to maintain control over the situation, because he can — he holds the keys to the vault.

Never mind the protests against his and his cronies' corruption and nepotism, and the growing violence and chaos in the territories. And never mind the concession Arafat had to make in removing his cousin, Musa Arafat, whom he had just appointed to head the Gaza Security Forces. Arafat's control of the stolen wealth of the PLO and the Palestinian Authority enables him to continue to call the shots and shoot down, yet again, the prospect of a viable Palestinian State.

Jawad Ghussein, who was the secretary-general of the Palestinian National Fund until 1996, recently remarked on the phone from London: “The billions Arafat has stolen over the years from the Palestinian people facilitated the corruption of the Palestinian leadership, and is the source of his power over them.” He went on to say that Arafat “took aid money and contributions that were earmarked for the Palestinian people, to his own account.” Ghussein was in a position to know: for twelve

years, he had deposited \$7.5 to \$8 million each month into Arafat's personal bank account.

As of August, 2002, Arafat's personal holdings also included \$500 million of the PLO's money; in all, his holdings were reported at that time to total \$1.3 billion. This money is enough to a) feed 3 million Palestinians for 1 year, b) buy 1,000 mobile intensive care units, c) fund 10 hospitals for a decade, and d) would still leave \$585 million to fund other social projects.

Last February, Congress was supposed to hold hearings about Arafat's and the PA's corruption, but at the last minute the hearings were canceled. Had these hearings been held, the Palestinian people and the world could have learned about the extent of Arafat's corruption of the political leadership as well as that of the Palestinian society. It is conceivable that a few courageous reform-seeking Palestinians would have found the justification to finally overthrow Arafat and his corrupt regime.

The recent demonstrations in Gaza and the West Bank may be signaling that Arafat's days are numbered. But since he still holds the purse strings, it is unlikely that he will be overthrown anytime soon. Instead, his Fatah movement, assisted by Hezbollah, is busy planning large homicide bombings in Israel.

In reaction to what seems like a timely opportunity for finally removing Mr. Arafat, Secretary Powell said: “We believe the correct path forward involves Mr. Arafat yielding power, real executive power, to a prime minister, and for that prime minister to do what is needed for the Palestinian community.” Does this sound like a suggestion for a regime change? ■



A Believing Senator Speaks

“I thank you for bringing the message of God to a world that did not know Him, and for continuing to carry that message in the face of thousands of years of persecution, suffering and death. As a Christian, I thank you for my faith that is rooted in yours. And as a Christian, I deeply, deeply apologize for the pain and bloodshed and deafness to suffering that we have hoisted upon you and your ancestors. May this never, ever happen again!”

So said U.S. Senator Sam Brownback (R, Kansas) in the Knesset recently, addressing Knesset Members by invitation of the Knesset Christian Allies Caucus. Earlier in the day, Prime Minister Sharon met with the senator, who, since his election in 1996, has been one of Israel's closest friends in the Senate. Sen. Brownback, 48, serves on the Senate's Appropriations Committee, Foreign Relations Committee and the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committees. ■

Tanks, but No Tanks

The Washington Times

Yasser Arafat accused Israel of polluting the West Bank and Gaza Strip with depleted-uranium bullets, causing a sharp increase in cancer rates.

"They have caused cancer that is like Hiroshima and Nagasaki," Mr. Arafat said in an interview.

Cancer specialists at two hospitals, one in (Arab) Ramallah and the other in (Arab) Bethlehem, said they had seen no increase in cancer rates during the current uprising, which began in September, 2000.

The Palestinian leader was referring to dense bullets of depleted uranium that are sometimes used by U.S. forces to pierce tank armor. The Palestinians have no tanks.

Meanwhile, *The Toronto Globe and Mail* reports that Arafat has issued "a warning to Palestinian journalists to cease all coverage of the kind of street protests that rocked the Gaza Strip and some West Bank cities recently."

Reporters have also been threatened with severe punishment if they depict clashes between rival groups in the Gaza Strip, such as the gunfight in Rafah that injured 12 people in late July.

The ban effectively prevents international news outlets from covering these events, since they depend on Palestinian photographers, reporters and editors to produce news footage and written copy for broadcasters, print media and wire services.

The last time such threats were issued was in September of 2001, when Palestinian reporters were forced to suppress images of huge street celebrations in Nablus and Bethlehem after the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington. International news bureau chiefs for wire services including Reuters and Associated Press were warned that their cameramen would be in danger if their footage was broadcast in the West.

This, of course, is just the kind of censorship that delusional left-wingers accuse the American government of practicing.

Arafat won a Nobel Peace Prize in 1994.



Kill the Christians

www.worldnetdaily.com

Four masked men shot dead a Presbyterian pastor as she spoke from the pulpit at her church in Central Sulawesi, Indonesia.

According to the Barnabas Fund, which assists persecuted Christians around the globe, the killers arrived by motorbike at the Presbyterian Christian Church during the 6 p.m. service on Sunday, July 18th. They opened fire on the Rev. Susianty Tinulele and members of the worship team.

The group says Tinulele was shot in the head and died instantly. Four teenagers were hospitalized with serious injuries and one, a 17-year old girl, has since died.

Tinulele is the latest victim of what appears to be a campaign to assassinate Christian leaders in Central Sulawesi that began in November. She had taken food to a fellow pastor, Rinaldy Damanik, in prison two days before her death, and her support for him may be one reason she was targeted, Barnabas Fund reported.

Central Sulawesi's police chief, Brig. Gen. Taufik Ridha, believes the campaign to kill prominent Christian figures may be an attempt to disrupt this year's elections in Indonesia. When police arrested suspected Jemaah Islamiah militants last year, they found detailed descriptions of church services and lists of Christian officials.

Violence is also directed against Sulawesi Christians who are not church leaders, according to the monitoring group. The night before Tinulele's death, Mrs. Helmy Tombiling, 35, died from nine stab wounds to her chest and stomach, which were inflicted by attackers outside her home in Poso. ✱



The End of Free Speech in Britain?

By Wesley Pruden, *The Washington Times*

Hate is not nice. Everybody knows that. But trying to define and eliminate hate with legislation is not as easy as the busybodies think it is. You could ask Tony Blair.

The lessons Mr. Blair is learning the hard way have application elsewhere, specifically here in America, where our own busybodies, as well, lust to fit the tongues of all with chastity belts, and where our own leaders sometimes pander to alien religious leaders who cry peace, peace, when and where there is no peace. The usually level-headed prime minister has succumbed to the persuasion of radical Islamic imams and their apologists in Britain, and has proposed a law to criminalize mere criticism of the faith of Mohammed. A lot of Englishmen are outraged.

Mr. Blair and his Home Secretary, David Blunkett, describe their legislation in more delicate terms, of course. Mr. Blunkett insists that his law would merely “ban incitement to religious hatred,” and would protect every faith. But no one doubts which religion the Labor government is pandering to. Jews and Christians don’t want such “protection,” understanding the dreadful implications even if the government officials don’t, and cheerfully concede that all faiths, including Judaism and Christianity, should be fair game for criticism. Vilification, even, as long as the vilification stops short of prescribing the application of sticks and stones.

The growing number of radical Muslims in Britain has set polite British society on edge. Coming from places where “faith” is imposed by the force of law, and unbelief is occasionally punished by hanging or beheading, many new Islamic immigrants in the land of the Magna Carta are scandalized by the abundance of free and easy speech. They demand the cops put a stop to it.

Since politicians in Britain, like politicians everywhere, are always on the scout for a new cluster of aggrieved voters to whom they can genuflect, the legislation demanded by Muslims seemed at first a slam-dunk. The issue has been exacerbated by the visit to London of a Muslim divine named Yusef al-Qaradawi, an Egyptian scholar who preaches that devout Muslims have an obligation to beat their wives (“avoid their faces and other sensitive parts”); that children should be encouraged to become suicide bombers; that Jews, homosexuals and British soldiers should be murdered; and for good measure, Rome should be usurped, desecrated and colonized in the name of the prophet.

This preaching has appalled Britons, except in the mosques (where it receives loud huzzahs and amens), and criticism of Dr. al-Qaradawi is what incited certain British imams to demand, ever more loudly, legislative “relief.”



Home Secretary David Blunkett (R) accepts applause from Prime Minister Tony Blair after speaking to delegates during the Justice, Security and Community debate at the Labour Party Annual Conference.

Ken Livingstone, the goofy mayor of London once derided as “Red Ken” until his Marxist faith was repealed with the collapse of international communism, insists that the criticism of the distinguished Islamic scholar’s preaching “showed why this legislation is necessary.” His Honor’s endorsement of the legislation echoed the remarks of one Iqbal Sacranie of the Muslim Council of Britain, who said the British should be *allowed* (italics mine) not to believe in Islam, but they should not be permitted to “criticize” it.

The law does not define “criticism,” but churchmen, commentators and even — or maybe especially — entertainers think they know how empowered Muslim radicals would define it. When London’s police commissioner said he didn’t want his officers on the same stage with Dr. al-Qaradawi at a conference on child welfare, the Muslim Association of Britain demanded a royal inquiry into the commissioner’s “bigotry.”

Rowan Atkinson, the “Mr. Bean” of the BBC (and PBS) television series, says *Monty Python*, with its irreverent send-ups of rampant religiosity and ecclesiastical pomposities, would never survive Mr. Blunkett’s law. Neither could Christian evangelism, with its fervent teaching that “Christ is the answer.” Even reading from Winston Churchill’s memoirs could be worth a term in the pokey. “How dreadful,” wrote Sir Winston in *The River War*, his 1899 account of war in the Sudan, “are the curses which Mohammedanism lays on its votaries! Besides the fanatical frenzy, which is as dangerous in a man as hydrophobia in a dog, there is the fearful fatalistic apathy. No stronger retrograde force exists in the world.”

Tough enough stuff, but it’s the stuff that marks the robust give and take in the democratic societies of the West, where no creed, no dogma, no ideology is beyond debate, dispute and even rhetorical ridicule. Tony Blair, like the other leaders of the West, should be offering instruction to his Muslim immigrants, not stooping to pander. It’s what civilization is all about. ■

Al-Qaeda-Iraq Connections

Associated Press

Al-Qaeda associate Abu Musab al-Zarqawi set up “sleeper cells” in Baghdad before the Iraq war to attack American forces occupying the country, according to a British intelligence report.

The report, dated March 2003, and released as part of an overall review of British intelligence, forecast the string of Zarqawi’s attacks against American targets during the past year “using car bombs and other weapons.” It said he was setting up groups of fighters to be activated at a later time, known in the intelligence field as “sleeper cells.”

British Prime Minister Tony Blair claimed vindication after a committee led by Lord Butler released its report that concluded British intelligence on Iraqi weapons of mass destruction was flawed, but said the government had not deliberately deceived anyone as it built a case for toppling Saddam Hussein.

While Butler’s report faulted British intelligence for having few reliable sources and not properly analyzing information, it did credit the spies with foreseeing the al-Zarqawi strikes on coalition forces.

By the time of the U.S. led invasion in March of last year, the report said, Britain’s Joint Intelligence Committee indicated:

“Reporting since (February) suggests that senior al-Qaeda associate Abu Musab al-Zarqawi has established sleeper cells in Baghdad, to be activated during a U.S. occupation of the city.”

“Al-Qaeda associated terrorists continued to arrive in Baghdad in early March.” The British intelligence report also stated: “Although Saddam’s attitude to al-Qaeda has not always been consistent, intelligence nonetheless indicates that... meetings have taken place between senior Iraqi representatives and senior al-Qaeda operatives. ... Al-Qaeda has shown interest in gaining chemical and biological (CB) expertise from Iraq, but we do not know whether any such training was provided,” the report said.

Much of Butler’s report concentrated on a dossier published by Blair’s government in September 2002, which laid out a case that Iraq had chemical and biological weapons, and plans to use them; and that Iraq was seeking to develop nuclear weapons.

Blair has acknowledged Butler’s conclusion that Iraq did not have significant — if any — stocks of chemical

or biological weapons ready for deployment, or plans for using them.

But he said the report confirmed that his government had acted in good faith.

“No one lied. No one made up the intelligence,” Blair told the House of Commons.

“Everyone genuinely tried to do their best in good faith for the country in circumstances of acute difficulty. That issue of good faith should now be at an end.” ■

Are We Brain Damaged?

Associated Press

A young monkey at an Israeli zoo has started walking like a human after a near-death experience.

The zoo’s veterinarian said Natasha, a small five-year-old black macaque monkey at the Safari Park next to Tel Aviv, began walking exclusively upright after a stomach ailment nearly killed her.

Monkeys usually alternate between upright movement and walking on all fours.

A picture in the *Ma’ariv* newspaper showed Natasha standing ramrod straight like a human.

The picture was humorously labeled “The missing link?”

“I’ve never seen or heard of this before. One possible explanation is brain damage from the illness,” veterinarian Igal Horowitz said. ■



Dallas Seminary's Chisholm Wanders Off Trail

By Thomas S. McCall, Th.D.

Dallas Theological Seminary, my alma mater, would like to present itself as continuing to be the bulwark of evangelical, dispensational, Biblical teaching that it was in the earlier days of Drs. Walvoord, Ryrie, Unger, Pentecost, and others. There are many signs, however, that there has been a decided and harmful shift in the faculty away from sound Biblical interpretation during the some 40 years since it was my privilege to be a postgraduate student there. This is evidenced, in part, by an indifferent attitude toward the miraculous restoration of Israel in our time in preparation for the Tribulation and the Second Coming of Christ, and in a downgraded interpretation of Messianic prophecy in the Old Testament.

A case in point is the recent book published by a professor of Old Testament Studies at Dallas Seminary, Dr. Robert B. Chisholm, entitled *Handbook on the Prophets*. The author says the book is not intended "for the professional scholar," but as an introductory survey of the prophets for students, pastors and serious laypersons. In an endorsement of the book, Dr. John Oswalt of the Wesley Biblical Seminary states that it is "a thoughtfully conservative approach... offering concise but incisive support for positions that take the Bible's own claims seriously." There are conservative aspects about the book, including its analysis of the authorship and dating of the prophetic books. Furthermore, there is a clear Premillennial eschatology and belief in a glorious future for national Israel when Christ returns to the earth. Some of the major Messianic prophecies are also handled well, including Isaiah 11 and 53, and Zechariah 9 and 12.

However, it appears that Dr. Chisholm has sadly wandered off the trail with regard to a number of significant Messianic prophecies, and has adopted liberal interpretations of these passages. The change becomes all the more apparent when compared to the interpretations of a previous head of the Old Testament Studies Department

at Dallas Seminary, Dr. Merrill F. Unger. Shortly before he went to be with the Lord, Dr. Unger published his *Commentary on the Old Testament*, a compendium of Premillennial, Dispensational and Conservative theology on the Hebrew Scriptures. The following interpretations of three key Messianic prophecies will illustrate the remarkable change that has occurred in the classroom teaching at Dallas Seminary over the past several decades:

ISAIAH 7:14

KJV Isaiah 7:14 — Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Dr. Chisholm. "Who was this historical Immanuel? Some take Immanuel as a collective name for all children born from Judahite women who were pregnant at the time of the prophecy... A more likely option is that Immanuel and Maher-shalal-hash-baz (whose birth is recorded in chapter 8) were one and the same. The birth account in 8:3 could easily be interpreted as the fulfillment of the prophecy of 7:14." Thus, Chisholm believes this is not a direct prophecy of the Messiah, but rather of Isaiah's own son, and Matthew took this passage some 700 years later and applied it to the birth of Christ in a way that was not the original meaning.

Dr. Unger. "The prophet was assuring the nation that though the dynasty of David was being imperiled by foreign powers and debased by such rulers as Ahaz, it would nevertheless not be blotted out, but through the Davidic line the Lord would send a virgin-born Savior, who would save Israel and the nations and establish the promised Kingdom over Israel." Thus, according to Unger, this passage is a direct and unique prophecy of the Messiah in its original meaning.

ISAIAH 9:6

KJV Isaiah 9:6 — For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

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HOW TO SPOT TERRORISTS



Dr. Chisholm. “The second title (Mighty God) portrays the king as God’s representative on the battlefield. God supernaturally empowers the king for battle. When the king’s enemies oppose him on the battlefield, they are, as it were, fighting against God himself. Though we might in retrospect see this title as indicating the coming king’s deity, it is unlikely that Isaiah or his audience would have understood the title in such a bold way.” Thus, Chisholm teaches, this is not a prophecy of the Messiah, but a description of a contemporary king in Jerusalem, and it was not originally understood as revealing the deity of the Messiah, Christ Jesus.

Dr. Unger. “Presented is the incarnation of Christ, the eternal Word (John 1:1, 14). Christ’s humanity and deity are foretold. . . . **The Mighty God** (‘el gibbor,’ ‘God, the Mighty Hero or Warrior’), the character in which He will be manifest against His foes at His second advent.” There was no question in Unger’s mind that this was a direct original prophecy of the humanity, power and deity of the Messiah.

DANIEL 9:25-27

KJV Daniel 9:25 — Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. 26 — And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the Prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. 27 — And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

Dr. Chisholm. “For these reasons it is better to take

the designation seventy weeks in a symbolic manner. As McComiskey points out, the term (week) simply connotes a unit of seven, not necessarily a week of seven days. The image of seventy units of seven (or weeks) is probably calendrical, with the symbolism of seven and seventy suggesting completeness. The symbolic use of the number seven and of multiples of seven in the ancient Near East is well-attested. The use of seven weeks to designate the first period (from the decree to Cyrus) suggests a full period.” Thus, for Chisholm, there is no clear schedule for the coming of the Messiah in this prophecy, but only mysterious symbolism.

Dr. Unger. “Reckoning the 483 years (cf. 360 days to the year according to Jewish custom) from Nisan (March 14, 445 B.C.), Sir Robert Anderson, seeking to reduce the prophecy to mathematical precision, finds the period culminating on April 6, A.D. 32, the day Jesus offered Himself to the Jewish state as the promised Messiah (the anointed One) and Prince (King) (Matthew 21:1-11), some four days before His crucifixion. . . . According to Daniel’s great prophecy, that pivotal event would occur after . . . the sixty-nine weeks, making it plain that the Messiah would be living at the end of the sixty-ninth week and would be cut off in death soon after its consummation (v. 25).” To Unger and other renowned Dispensationalists, this passage was the most precise Messianic prophecy on the schedule of the First Coming of Christ.

From the above three examples of key Messianic prophecies, it is clear that Dr. Chisholm has adopted a view that considers them to be primarily non-Messianic in nature, which is the view that most liberals have of them. He holds them to be only secondarily Messianic as they were utilized by the New Testament writers. Dr. Unger, on the other hand, considered all of them to be primarily Messianic in nature, vigorously defending the conservative interpretation of the passages. The change represented by these interpretations shows how much the Old Testament Studies Department at Dallas Seminary has shifted toward the liberal interpretive views during the last four decades. ❖



“J’Accuse...!”

The Omega Letter Intelligence Digest

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon urged French Jews to flee the country to escape a rising tide of anti-Semitism there. The latest French Interior Ministry figures show 510 anti-Jewish acts or threats in the first six months of 2004 — compared to 593 for all of last year, according to the Associated Press.

(CNN reported only 67 attacks against Jews and 160 threats. CNN also claims those to be French Interior Ministry figures.)

Anti-Semitic acts against Jewish schools, synagogues and cemeteries have risen in France in recent years, coinciding with the growth of tension in the Middle East.

Speaking to visiting American Jewish leaders in Jerusalem, Sharon said: “If I have to advise our brothers in France, I’ll tell them one thing — move to Israel, as early as possible. I say that to Jews all around the world, but there (in France) I think it’s a must and they have to move immediately.”

“We see the spread of the wildest anti-Semitism there,” Sharon continued. “In France today, about 10 percent of the population are Muslims... that gets a different kind of anti-Semitism, based on anti-Israeli feelings and propaganda.”

Sharon often calls on all the world’s Jews to migrate to Israel. He acknowledged the French government was making efforts to stem anti-Semitism, but added that the threat was so grave that French Jews should head for Israel without delay.

Needless to say, Sharon’s comments sparked a firestorm of criticism from the French. “France is not Germany of the 1930s,” said Julien Dray, spokesman for the opposition Socialist Party.

Parliamentary speaker Jean-Louis Debre called the comments “unacceptable” and “irresponsible,” saying: “These are matters which distort reality...and I think they are an expression of hostility towards our country.”

Assessment:

The French are especially sensitive to criticism, in particular, any criticism of the way France treats its Jewish population. The Jews are a blight on France’s ledger sheet, that Paris prefers to ignore whenever possible.

French history is all about its “greatness” — except for the whole “Jew” thing. French school kids read all about



“If I have to advise our brothers in France, I’ll tell them one thing — move to Israel, as early as possible.”

Napoleon, but not so much about Alfred Dreyfus.

Dreyfus was a French military officer (and a Jew) falsely accused and convicted of treason in 1894. The French press then joined in, saying that, of course, a Jew would turn on the country.

Dreyfus was sentenced to life imprisonment on Devil’s Island. Then, in 1898, the real traitor, a Major Esterhazy, was discovered and court-martialed.

The French military closed ranks, and Esterhazy was acquitted in a show trial so transparent that French expatriate writer Emile Zola wrote his famous essay entitled “J’accuse...!” (I accuse), exposing the whole affair.

French historians don’t dwell much on the Dreyfus affair. It is a form of national amnesia, in much the same way that, during World War II, everybody was in the Resistance except General Henri Petain.

Petaun was leader of the collaborationist Vichy Government that rounded up 75,000 French Jews for the Nazis and shipped them off to Auschwitz. Only 2,500 survived.

(Petain must have been quite an amazing man — running the entire Vichy government all alone, as he evidently did.)

In any case, the French are really mad at Sharon for bringing the whole “Jew” thing up again. (I can tell, because the keywords “French Jew” kicked back a whole page of headlines on Google saying: “French Officials Angry at Israeli Leader.”)

There is an old joke: “Why are there large trees along the Champs Elysee? Answer: So the Nazis could march in the shade!” There is much truth in humor. Unfortunately, France has learned virtually nothing from World War II.

“They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service... But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them.” (John 16:2,4a) ✨

Israel Is Our Home

Israel Today

More than 1500 Jews from 33 American states and four Canadian provinces are immigrating to Israel this summer. "They come with the kids and the strollers and the dogs and the cats and people crying and saying goodbye all over the place," said Charlie Levine of the Nefesh b'Nefesh (soul to soul) group that organized the *aliyah* (immigration). "It's just generally organized bedlam, but for a wonderful purpose."

It's a boost for Israel, which has seen a sharp drop in immigration during the past four years of conflict. "By coming here, you have sent a sound message to the world," said Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, who was on hand to greet the first plane-load of newcomers. "Israel is, and always will be, the eternal homeland for the Jewish people."

"This is an expression of the Jewish dream, of the Zionist dream," said Cabinet Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, noting that these Jews came voluntarily and were not escaping from adversity.

Indeed, anybody leaving America for Israel these days has to have an idealistic, pioneering spirit. "There is no such thing as difficult times," said Karen Cohen of Montreal, who arrived with her husband and infant son. "Israel is our home." ❖

Impotent Arab Potentates

Israel Today

Several Arab newspapers accused the Arab nations of doing nothing to help the Palestinians. "The Arab states are simply too weak," said an editorial in the Arabic newspaper *Al-Quds Al-Arabi*. "It's embarrassing that there is no Arab leader who has the courage to stand up to Israel and America, who are making the people of Iraq, Palestine and Syria suffer so much. On the contrary, Arab governments support Israel and the U.S. by putting pressure on the Palestinians to find an alternative leader to Yasser Arafat."

The London-based Arabic newspaper *Al-Hayat* demanded that Arab governments pressure Israel to release Arafat from "prison" at his battered headquarters in Ramallah. Another London-based Arabic newspaper, *As-Sharq Al-Awsat*, accused the Arab states of "impotence". "The Arabs are intimidated by Israel and America and therefore they don't dare to act." ❖



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Arriving on Holy Ground

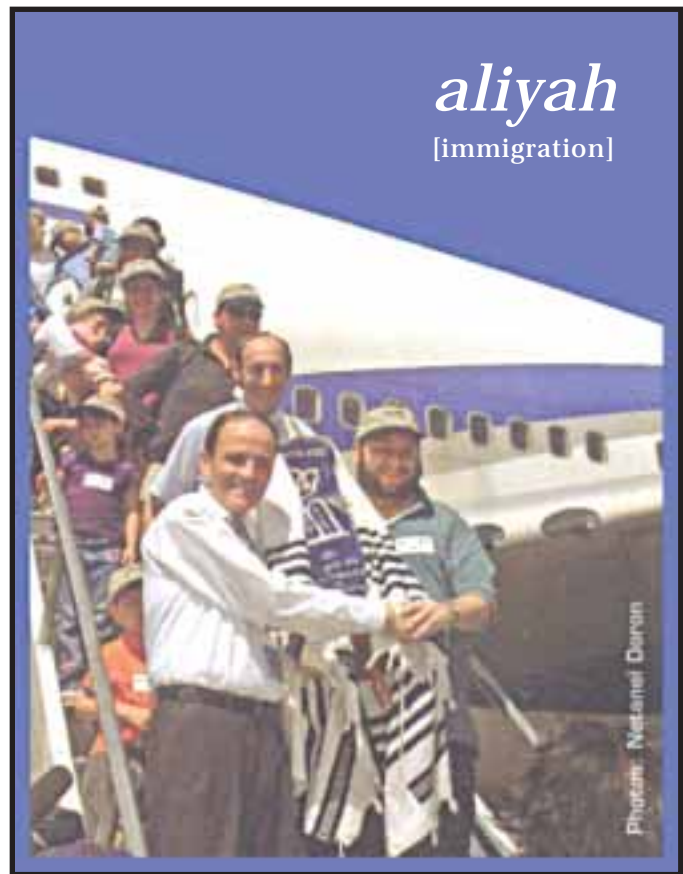


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What Goes Around, Comes Around

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CBS newsman Mike Wallace was arrested in August after a squabble with NYC taxi inspectors who were checking his driver's paperwork while the *60 Minutes* correspondent's dinner was getting cold.

Wallace, 86, was handcuffed, and processed at a police station where he was given a desk appearance ticket for disorderly conduct and told to appear before a judge at Manhattan Criminal Court October 7.

The brouhaha began after Wallace picked up his dinner of meatloaf and mashed potatoes at a restaurant, and found that two officers with the Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) were questioning his driver because the car was double-parked. After a wait, Wallace got out to see if he could speed things up.

TLC spokesman Allan Fromberg told reporters that Wallace "was observed to be overly assertive. He was disrespectful to the inspectors. He was asked to step away three times. He did not comply and seemingly lunged" at one of the inspectors.

At that point, the television star was hauled away.

Through a CBS spokesman, Wallace brushed off the incident, saying he "put the meatloaf dinner...into the microwave and it was delicious." ❖

Dumb and Dumber

Sandra and I recently had dinner at the Dodge City Steak House in Dodge City, Kansas. Our waitress was a vocal and "politically correct" student from Washington State University. She informed us that her Political Science professor had taught her that the Holocaust was actually good for the world economy because it eliminated many people, and it really was not about the Jews. Rather than leaving the restaurant, we stayed and tried to straighten her out. This led to a very unpleasant evening.



After we left, Sandra commented: "This shows how far colleges have dumbed down today's students and why the Holocaust is now mostly forgotten. Such ignorant teachings open the door for another Holocaust, which is a distinct possibility once the Muslim takeover of Europe has been consummated." Some have said that Europe has been weak since the Holocaust because they murdered their greatest intellects. How many Albert Einsteins and Jonas Salks perished? — Zola ❖

The World According to THE WORLD BOOK

Recently, in our travels, Sandra and I stopped at a public library to use their computers. While we were waiting, I chanced to open a *World Book Encyclopedia* and checked out their lengthy listing for "The Nation of Israel." I had previously read propaganda in the *Encyclopedia Britannica* and I expected quite the same thing from the *World Book*, an encyclopedia I used as a child in elementary school. To my surprise and delight, the *World Book* seemed evenhanded and perfectly fair in its article about Israel and the Palestinians. It was kind of a deadpan article, reporting facts, and keeping them accurate. A good idea would be to send copies of the *World Book* article to *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, CNN, CBS, ABC, NBC, PBS, and, of course, the *Encyclopedia Britannica*. — Zola ❖



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This currently-circulating bumper sticker is quite profound.

I have personal knowledge of French anti-Semitism. That country is my least favorite in the whole world.
— Zola

“Shock & Horror”

By Craig S. Smith, *The New York Times*

Fire swept through a Jewish community center in eastern Paris in the early morning hours of August 22 after arsonists broke into the building and scrawled swastikas and anti-Semitic slogans inside. It was the latest in a wave of neo-Nazi acts sweeping the country.

The center, which prepares kosher food for needy Jews, occupies the ground floor of a five-story residential building. There were no casualties.

President Jacques Chirac and other politicians were quick to issue statements condemning the attack and vowing to find and punish the perpetrators. Mayor Bertrand Delanoë visited the site and said he felt “shock and horror.”

The attack comes at a particularly sensitive time for the city, falling between two emotional anniversaries. On Aug. 18, 1944, the Red Cross entered a Nazi detention camp outside of Paris, freeing about 1,500 Jews awaiting deportation to extermination camps in Germany. A week later, Paris itself was liberated from the Nazis.

Much of this year’s neo-Nazi activity in France has been concentrated in the eastern region of Alsace, a traditionally German-speaking area along the German border. Officials there say Alsace’s neo-Nazi movement is an extension of a broader movement in Germany. On August 21, about 3,000 people took part in a neo-Nazi march in the German town of Wunsiedel, about 250 miles from Alsace, to commemorate the death, in 1987, of Adolf Hitler’s deputy Rudolf Hess.

More than a dozen neo-Nazi acts have taken place across France this year, in some cases by lone copycats with no clear relationship to an organized movement. Earlier this month, for example, an emotionally disturbed man named Michael Tronchon attacked a North African man with a hatchet and desecrated a Jewish cemetery in Lyon before turning himself in to the police in Paris. He told the police that he had been inspired by an earlier case of neo-Nazi vandalism in Alsace.

France’s neo-Nazism appears to have no clear ideology beyond anti-Semitic slogans and the lyrics of white supremacist, heavy metal music by such groups as Ninth Panzer Symphony,

Kontingent 88 and Elsass Korps. Adherents are mostly men in their teens or early 20s. France is home to Europe’s biggest Muslim and Jewish communities.

The rise in neo-Nazi acts is disturbing to France’s Jews, who are already concerned about increasing anti-Semitism among the country’s Arab youth. They fear that both anti-Semitic strains are growing.

In July, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon of Israel set off a minor diplomatic crisis between France and Israel after he urged French Jews to move to Israel to escape the growing anti-Semitism. He later revised his remark to say that Jews should move to Israel because it is their homeland.

According to France’s Interior Ministry statistics, there have been 135 acts of physical violence against Jews so far this year.

On August 14, vandals drew a swastika and wrote “death to the Jews” on a low wall in front of Paris’s Notre Dame cathedral.

France has toughened punishments for anti-Semitic and racist crimes. Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin, visiting the site of today’s attack, said the arsonists could face life in prison under the new law.

The Representative Council of Jewish Institutions in France issued a statement urging “authorities to promptly arrest and sanction in an exemplary manner the perpetrators of this odious act that besmirches France.”



Double Standards

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Columnist and blogger James Lileks, on hostility to the United States for its supposed misdeeds: "Is the world angry at Russia, which spends nothing on AIDS and re-buffed Kyoto? Is the world angry at China, which got a pass on Kyoto and spends nothing on AIDS for other countries? Is the world angry at North Korea for killing its people? Angry at Iran for smothering that vibrant nation with corrupt and thuggish mullocracy? Angry at Syria for occupying Lebanon? Angry at Saudi Arabia for its denial of women's rights? Is the world angry at Zimbabwe for stealing land and starving people? Is the world angry at Pakistan for selling nuclear secrets? Is the world angry at the thugs of Fallujah?

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Who Owns L & M Imports?

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A bag of candy shocked a local grandmother and will most likely shock you. A toy inside looks like a plane flying right into the Twin Towers. Now, that toy is off some local store shelves in Florida. It doesn't stop there, though. Anna Rodriguez, a grandmother, was surprised when she read the numbers imprinted on the toy: 9011.

Until August 29, the little toys were on sale to kids around Central Florida — two towers with a jetliner in between that appears to be crashing into one of the buildings. They come in packages along with candy.

When Ms. Rodriguez let her grandson pick out a bag of toys and candy, she never realized what was inside until her own son noticed the disturbing toy. “[He said] look at the toy. I said, ‘Let me see it,’ and when I looked at it I was outraged. I was like, what? No way,” Rodriguez says.

She purchased the toy at a local grocery store. The storeowners were appalled when they saw what a distributor for Lisy Corporation, based in Miami, brought to their store. The store pulled the bags from the shelf August 29.

The Lisy Corporation distributes the candy bags. They said they are also offended by the toy and have pulled 17,000 of the toys. Lisy says they bought the toys, sight unseen, from L and M Import/Export of Miami. We talked to L and M and they say they have no problem at all with the toy and don't consider it offensive at all. We even pointed out to the import company that every single toy has a stock number on the front that reads “9011.” L and M Imports didn't find it all coincidental and said, “it's just a toy.” ❖

Insatiable Demands

By Will King

Arab terrorists and other hardened criminals in Israel's military and civilian jails began a hunger strike for better conditions on August 15th. Prisoners will not eat solid foods, but will continue to accept soup, water, juice, milk, and other liquids. According to *The New York Times*, the prisoners want “a halt to strip searches, more access to telephones and more frequent family visits.” While these are some of the demands that the Arabs want, they are certainly not all. The following is a more detailed list of the things that the prisoners are striking for, according to the Israeli newspaper, *Ma'ariv*, with my own comments and explanations following each:

Demand: Greater visitation rights, including removal of the glass partition between visitors and prisoners, longer visiting hours, and the ability to receive visits from multiple family and friends at the same time.

Comment: Removal of the glass partition would allow family and friends to more easily pass contraband items to the prisoners. While all prisoners certainly wish to talk with their families for longer periods of time, this would also provide terrorists with more time to plan and detail future attacks with their visitors. Additionally, multiple visitors would create a greater distraction to the guards and allow for prisoners to talk to a wider audience with greater ease.

Demand: Increased access to telephones. The prisoners want more public phones installed in each prison wing and room, as well as the ability to talk on cell phones.

Comment: Israel has captured many terror leaders who continue to plan and coordinate terror attacks from within prison. Even the “smallest fish” can help plan future attacks by telling his terrorist friends how he was captured, security methods the Israelis employed and tips on how to defeat them. Greater access to the outside world through phones, especially easily concealed cell phones, is an unacceptable security risk.

Demand: Greater access to studies. The prisoners want to be able to study at Arab universities, the ability to speak freely with any Muslim preacher, and a computer in each cell.

Comment: In addition to the obvious risk of allowing the prisoners to study outside of the prison, many Arab universities are notorious for being recruitment grounds for terror groups, as well as inciting hatred through their

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teachings. The prisoners want to go to these places in order to more easily meet with other terrorists and to plan additional attacks. For this same reason, they wish to have access to any Muslim preacher of their choosing. Since the prisoners are already allowed to freely practice their religion, allowing specific clerics access to them is dangerous. With so many Muslim clerics associated with terror groups and hate-filled teachings calling for the destruction of Israel, these individuals should not be allowed to meet and pass information with the prisoners under the guise of religious freedom. With the provision of computers will undoubtedly also come access to data disks and the internet, both possible means of plotting and coordinating terror attacks.

Demand: Improved prison conditions, including no VAT (Value Added Tax paid on most goods in Israel, currently 17%) on purchases of cigarettes, sodas, etc., and an end to body and strip searches. Additionally, the prisoners want in each cell an air conditioning unit, thermos, hot plate for cooking, mini bar, and a knife “to cut fruit” with.

Comment: About the only thing they missed here was room service and breakfast in bed. First, the idea that Arab terrorists should enjoy a special tax-free zone is absurd. That they even have access to these luxury items is a privilege. Secondly, most Israelis can't afford to have air conditioning units in their homes and apartments, much less have their tax money go to this for terrorists. Also, the prisoners don't need hot plates and mini bars when all of their food is provided by the prison. Next, do I need to comment on giving knives to terrorists? And finally, body and strip searches are a part of prison life everywhere. This year alone, Israeli prison authorities have confiscated over 850 cell phones, proving not only the Arabs' determination and desire to continue to plan attacks even from within prison, but also that body searches are effective.

Fortunately, the Israeli Government is not giving in to the prisoners' demands. Quoted in multiple sources, Israeli Internal Security Minister Tzahi Hanegbi said: “As far as I'm concerned, they can strike for a day, a month, until death. We will ward off this strike.”

According to *The Jerusalem Post*, as of the second day of the strike, only about 1,500 of the roughly 8,000 security prisoners are participating in the strike. For those who continue to refuse food, the prison authorities have several options available to them, including forced or intravenous feeding. However, one of the more inventive techniques in a psychological war against the prisoners is the proposal to cook barbeque close to the cells. Officials hope that the smell will entice some prisoners to break the strike, and if it is anything like barbeque that I have had, it just might work.

While it is not clear if *The New York Times* was not aware of these additional prisoner demands or intentionally omitted them from their story, surely they had greater access to news sources and Israeli government officials than the average citizen. Now that you have the full story, hopefully you aren't still left wondering, “Where's the beef?”



Hate, Terrorism and Murder

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The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) is calling on the nation's largest radio network to apologize for anti-Islam remarks by talk show host and comedian Jackie Mason, who recently called “the whole Muslim religion” a “murderous organization” that teaches “hate, terrorism and murder.”

The Washington-based Islamic advocacy group said Mason, who is also known for his right-wing and pro-Israel political commentaries, made the remarks as guest host on a recent broadcast of the *Jim Bohannon Show*, syndicated nationally by Westwood One.

During the broadcast, New York lawyer Raoul Felder, who is a frequent co-author of Mason's commentaries, attacked the character of Islam's Prophet Muhammed. He also said: “This [Islam] is a religion of hate, this is a religion of murder.”

Mason then stated: “This is amazing information that almost nobody is aware of. Everyone thinks that it's a legitimate religion that preaches love and brotherhood. The truth of the matter is [that terrorists] are reflecting the religion and following the religion; they are following the orders of the religion directly from the Koran. In plain English, the whole Muslim religion is preaching and teaching hate, terrorism and murder, and nobody knows it, and it's about time they found out about it. The Koran is 50 versions of hate, venom, hostility, and murder dedicated to terrorism. I don't know how we can call it a religion in the traditional sense. It should be called a murderous organization that's out to kill people.”

In a letter to Westwood One, CAIR demanded a public apology to the Muslim community and an opportunity to refute Mason's remarks. CAIR also filed a complaint with the FCC.

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