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BRETHREN, MY HEART'S DESIRE AND PRAVER TO GOD FOR ISRAEL IS THAT THEY MIGHT BE SAVED." - ROMANS 10:1

We are fortunate to have the services of Patrick Cox, an important editorial writer for many famous publications. He is not fooled by Muslim activities in America, as the following article attests. — Zola

"I Have Killed My Jew. I Will Go To Heaven."

By Patrick Cox, Contributing Editor

ast year, unbeknownst to most of the rest of America, a troubled young Saudi man in Houston, Texas, with a yearly allowance of \$60,000 earmarked for college, killed a similarly-aged acquaintance with Moroccan Jewish roots. Once, the killer and his victim were counted fast friends, but that was before the Saudi experienced what he called a "religious reawakening" and returned to his Wahhabi roots and social circles.

After refusing to associate with the Jewish fellow-student for over a year, the Saudi visitor to America called his old friend and asked him to rekindle their friendship. A rapprochement was clearly not, however, what he had in mind.

A witness to the brutal deed said that Mohammad Ali Alayed approached his one-time pal, Ariel Sasha Sellouk, and pulled out a long knife. Without warning, he slashed out and nearly succeeded in beheading Sellouk, before calling a friend to seek transportation to his mosque and a means of escape back to Saudi Arabia.

After a week in hiding, he was captured and confessed to the homicide. Local authorities nonetheless refused to prosecute under hate crime provisions, protesting that there was no evidence that the murder was religiously or racially motivated. In fact, the perpetrator was eventually moved from conventional prison to a secure mental institution.

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Our Privileged Enemy

By Susan Jones, www.cnsnews.com



An Islamic civil rights group says it has reached

a settlement with the Dell computer company involving 31 Muslim employees who wanted to take time out from work to pray at sunset.

Coincidentally, a bill recently reintroduced in Congress would address situations such as the one at Dell.

The workers walked off their assembly line jobs at Dell's computer manufacturing plant in Nashville, Tennessee, when they were told they had to choose between praying on the job or losing the job. (Devout Muslims pray five times a day.)

"I HAVE KILLED MY JEW... continued

Whether or not we should consider anyone sane who could coldly and deliberately do his best to decapitate an innocent and innocuous human being is certainly open to debate but it has nothing to do with the larger legal question of motives and influences. If the prosecuting attorney had paid attention to international news, he might have noticed a pattern in a disturbingly similar murder only months earlier in Paris, the one in France, not Texas. There, a young Muslim man who had recently returned to his faith, murdered, in exactly the same manner, a childhood friend who was Jewish. In that case, however, he left a more direct clue to his motive by proclaiming, "I have killed my Jew. I will go to heaven."

The results of a study by the esteemed human rights organization, the Center for Religious Freedom, were recently released. The exhaustive report exposed the dissemination of hate propaganda in America by the government of Saudi Arabia.

Gathered in part by moderate Muslims who are alarmed by the increasing influence of Wahhabi radicals within the network of American mosques, these materials exhort Muslims to behave as if they were soldiers (jihadists) behind enemy lines with permission to lie, deceive and even kill to achieve their goal — the overthrow of democracy and the institution of Islamic Sharia government.

One tenet put forth in these documents is that any Muslims who do not hold that Christians and Jews are infidels are themselves infidels. Offering a Christmas greeting to a Christian, even in the form of the generic "happy holidays," is committing a sin "more loathsome to God... than imbibing liquor, or murder."

Jews, the Saudi government materials say, "are worse than donkeys" and are responsible for "materialism, bestiality, the destruction of the family, and the dissolution of society."

Not only should Muslims who convert to Christianity "be killed because [they] have denied the Koran," the Wahhabi doctrine being spread into American mosques deems it acceptable for Muslims to murder Muslims who do not accept all of the sect's interpretations of the Koran.

The message behind this last canon is, according to moderate Muslim scholars, a threat directed at imams who do not bend to the Saudi-Wahhabist will and spread their message of hatred and intolerance.

In too many mosques, however, the verbal message goes far beyond that of these vile printed words. From Texas to New Jersey, young Muslims are being taught that the only way to deal with those who do not accept their superiority is hatred and holy war.

It doesn't take a master detective to link the increase in attacks on Jews and Middle Eastern Christians to the explicit doctrines that flow into mosques from the government that controls Mecca and Medina, Islam's most sacred sites.

This vile infusion of bigotry and intolerance is not, however, just an American phenomenon. From the Islamic religious schools in Asia and the Middle East to mosques in Europe and America, the message of holy war is spreading even as it has taken over Saudi Arabia and produced the vast majority of the hijackers who found infamy on September II, 200I.

It is not a coincidence that attacks on Jews have also reached record highs in Great Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, and many other countries.

Americans and others who pretend otherwise are doing no one, including Muslims, a favor.



Patrick Cox



OUR MAN IN JERUSALEM

EDITORIALS

In the IDF Now

Zola's spring tour group

By Will King



was drafted for a day into the IDF (Israel Defense Forces) at an equipment base at Tel Hashomer, just outside of Tel Aviv. Just like in the army, the volunteers woke up early, put on uniform shirts, and went to work. They were assigned jobs such as laundry duty and sorting tent stakes in the scrap yard, and performed their duties with a smile.

Jeremy Gimpel, co-owner of theland ofisrael.com and an American who commanded troops in the IDF, spoke to the group the night before the volunteer mission. He said that the duties we do when volunteering are not important, but rather that our very presence is a morale boost for the troops. When soldiers see foreigners taking time out of their vacation to volunteer with the army, he said that it's a lift to their spirits. Jeremy said also that happy soldiers make for more alert soldiers, meaning that the Zola group volunteers helped to strengthen those who are on guard for Israel.

After lunch in the mess hall, the group was treated with a talk by Dr. Aharon Davidi, former head of the IDF paratroopers and infantry corps, and founder of the Sar-El army volunteer project. Dr. Davidi spoke on the history of the spread of Islam, from the time of Mohammed to Arafat. His speech underlined the important mission that the IDF performs in preventing the further spread of militant Islam in the Land of Israel.

Through their hard work, the Zola group volunteers learned firsthand about what life in the army can be like. While army life isn't for all, many expressed their willingness to come back and volunteer for a day again next year. For those who wish to volunteer with the IDF for longer than a day, please see the Sar-El program website at www.sar-el.org for further information.

To this year's Zola group volunteers, for a job well done, you all earned an honorable discharge. Until next year in Jerusalem, dismissed.

Gadhafi: the Man, the Music

The Dallas Morning News



The program of London's secondlargest opera company will be the first season fully curated by the company's new artistic director, Sean Doran.

The Gadhafi opera, created by the dance-hip-hop collective Asian Dub Foundation, points to a recent trend of creating operas based on modern real-life people, including *Jerry Springer: The Opera,* which also got its start in London.

Also, film director Anthony Minghella will direct a production of *Madame Butterfly*, marking his first foray into opera.

The Boy Scouts and al-Qaeda Gary Bauer's End of Day Report

Not surprisingly, most Americans

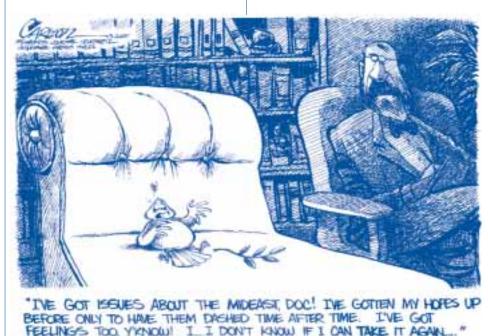
despise al-Qaeda and love the Boy



Scouts. But over at the ACLU, the worldview is a little different. Virtually any action the U.S. government has taken since September 11th against al-Qaeda results in the ACLU running into court to protect their alleged civil liberties. But, when it

comes to the Boy Scouts, the ACLU has sued them 14 times over issues ranging from the Scout pledge (it mentions God) to the Scout's ban on homosexual counselors.

To the ACLU, the Boy Scouts represent a threat to the Constitution, while al-Qaeda deserves the protections of that same document.



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OUR PRIVILEGED ENEMY continued

EDITORIAL (below)

In a settlement, the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) said the workers will be reinstated, receive back pay and be granted religious accommodation.

Dell managers will receive additional training on existing religious accommodation policies and practices, CAIR said in a press release. It added that other terms of the settlement will not be made public.

The settlement was announced after a meeting between CAIR, Dell, the Muslim workers, the Nashville Metro Human Relations Commission, and Spherion Corp., the company that provided the workers to Dell.

"We are pleased with both the terms of the settlement and with the cooperative attitude of all parties in the negotiations," said CAIR Executive Director Nihad Awad in a press release.

Intolerance at Harvard

Gary Bauer's End of Day Report

Early in March, the 700-member faculty of Arts and Sciences at Harvard University passed a "no-confidence" vote against President Larry Summers. Summers, by any definition, is a liberal. He served as President Bill Clinton's treasury secretary. But Summers is in trouble because he has committed the unpardonable offense in American higher education: he actually raised questions about a key tenet of the liberal faith — that there is no difference between men and women.

Summers suggested that the underrepresentation of women at the higher levels of science could be due to intrinsic differences between men and women. He (gasp) even called for a discussion of that possibility. The poor man was apparently unaware that academic freedom of thought has been replaced on most campuses with a left-wing orthodoxy that can get you "burned at the stake." "We thank everyone from around the world who contacted Dell to express their support for reasonable religious accommodation in the workplace."

"This settlement can be used as a model by other production facilities that employ large numbers of Muslim workers," said CAIR Legal Director Arsalan Iftikhar, who also participated in the negotiations.

CAIR publishes a booklet called "An Employer's Guide to Islamic Religious Practices," which it says is designed to prevent incidents like the one at Dell.

Congress Introduces Legislation

Coincidentally, a bipartisan "Workplace Religious Freedom Act" was reintroduced in the House and Senate, and backers — including conservative Christian groups — predict it will pass this time.

The bill would require companies hiring 15 or more people to assume more of a burden than they do now in accommodating employees' religious practices. It beefs up the test for "undue hardship" when companies are asked to make "reasonable accommodation."

Critics of the bill, including the American Civil Liberties Union and homosexual activists, say it is too broad and may uphold some rights at the expense of others. The Human Rights Campaign issued a statement warning that some religious rights might erode anti-discrimination protections.

Some Republicans worry that the bill may be too costly for businesses.

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On America's finest university campuses, you can call President Bush a Nazi, advocate Israel's destruction, call people who believe in traditional marriage "bigots" and compare Christians to the Taliban, and your defenders will be legion. But if you dare to question any of the Left's sacred creeds, the "tar and feathers" won't be far behind. American "higher education" may now be the most intolerant institution in the country!



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Dear Friends:

S omeone recently gave me a copy of the March 21 *Time* magazine. (I discontinued *Time* along with *The New York Times, The Dallas Morning News,* and all other anti-Israel voices, other than once in a while checking to see how bad they're getting.) The cover presented an artist's impression of the mother of Jesus with the headline "Hail, Mary." The caption below said, "Catholics have long revered her, but now Protestants are finding their own reasons to celebrate the mother of Jesus."

I don't want to open another can of worms in this ministry. Lord knows I get many letters from "Protestants" of various denominations demanding that I quit pointing out their Biblical inaccuracies or cursing of Israel or whatever else, and assuring me that their particular denomination, or at least their church, is packed with Bible savvy.

I always answer that I understand that true Believers are everywhere in all sorts of churches, and I am never condemning *them*. What irks me is the inability of so many calling themselves Christians (or Jews, for that matter) who refuse to pick up the Scriptures and just read them and understand them.

But, with that said, let me go back to *Time* magazine, seldom a source of accurate theological information. I suffered through a very long article with any number of inaccuracies throughout. Please forgive me for not meticulously going over the errorsit's just not worth it. Suffice it to say that it quoted Princeton Seminary "Scriptural specialist," Beverly Gaventa, who "was invited to write about Mary for a series called *Personalities of the* New Testament." And the specialist states that "We pride ourselves on reading Scripture, so let's read Scripture and see what we find."

A Note From Zola

Well, I had hoped we would find some truth, but instead there were all sorts of distortions and exaggerations. (We must realize that this is a magazine read by millions.) For example, on page 64 in a caption under a picture, Time gives credit to Mary "and her role at the wedding at Cana, where she urges Him to perform His first miracle, turning water into wine." I don't think you could stretch John 2:3-5 that far, but read it for yourself. Time editorializes that "at her behest, He performs (somewhat grudgingly) His first miracle — changing water into wine."

I hadn't realized, until I read *Time*, that the Lord was grudging when performing miracles.

"...there isn't a figure comparable to her."

The theologian is quoted on page 67: "Gaventa's conclusion was that although Mary's appearances can be brief and frustratingly devoid of anecdote, there isn't a figure comparable to her." That's certainly a mouthful. While we all respect God's choice of Mary and her role, the Gospel is full of many figures of dynamic impact of whom much more is said. Then "Gaventa began reviving or establishing Mary in titles that, unlike Queen of Heaven, are more appropriate for Protestant use." (I've heard Catholics call Mary the Queen of the Universe, for that matter.) One was First Disciple.



"Gaventa also focused on the Magnificat" (Mary's marvelous confession of faith after she has learned that God has favored her), "but Gaventa claims it makes the Virgin a prophet herself, both by her eloquence and in the enunciation of the idea that 'in Jesus, God is overturning things as they are.'" The Scriptural specialist goes on: "I think she sang Him to sleep with these kinds of songs and had a profound influence on Him."

There's no doubt that the Lord's mother had a profound influence on Him and that she was vital in the plan of God. With all that said, however, I think the real meaning of the whole article to people who really are Scriptural specialists is that the liberal denominations are simply coming closer to the Roman Catholics, the prime worshippers of Mary, for the upcoming Tribulation period. They will all still be here, after all, and the Antichrist will make good use of them. Their churches, for example, meeting as usual, every Sunday after the Rapture, will provide a "Christian presence," and I can imagine the Antichrist taking full advantage of that to deny the ressurrection of true Christians.

The article throughout quotes especially the Presbyterian USA denomination, which does not surprise me, and also the empty-headed theologians of our Scriptureless seminaries. Sadly, no real Bible teacher is consulted, and no theologian called.

NOTE FROM ZOLA continued

Tim LaHaye, Hal Lindsey, etc., are certainly available to *Time* magazine. From time to time, I myself get calls from the media, principally with the question "Is this Armageddon?" when some odd terrorism happens in Israel. But other than the End Times prophecy (which would completely confuse the "Scriptural specialists" consulted for this article), *Time* ignores real Bible readers and, of course, does not consult the Scriptures themselves.

It's simply a sign of the times and of the fact that, *There is none that understandeth*, *there is none that seeketh after God*, (Romans 3:11.)

A few chapters later, the Apostle Paul wrote, in Romans 10:1: my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved—the signature verse of our ministry.

It's still not too late to come and be a witness on our next tour of Israel June 14-24 or on our fall Israel-Greece-Petra tour, this coming November. For information on these and all tour dates, please call Tony at (214) 696-9760 during regular business hours. You may also call 1-800-WONDERS for a brochure on any of our upcoming tours. Sandra and I will visit the eastern Midwest during our upcoming summer speaking trip, which will begin just after July 4. We intend to drive our RV through Branson, Mo., St. Louis, Indianapolis, and Chicago.

If your church is located anywhere near our route, please contact Claudia immediately at 817-417-0059 or email her at zolaspeaks@levitt.com to book a speaking engagement. Often churches are disappointed when they wait too long, because we have a very busy schedule and it fills up quickly. Also, we have to make advance plans for driving and parking our RV.

We continue to covet your gifts to offset our expenses on the PAX network. While I have often said that you should give to other ministries when we are in good financial shape, this is not one of those times. We are holding our own, and PAX viewers are contributing, but we continue to be hit with large airtime bills. Please ask the Lord what He would have you do to help. Thanks.

Please pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

Your messenger,



Our Partners in Peace

On March 27, 60 Minutes did a fawning story on the progress in Saudi Arabia, commending them for their upcoming "election." Ed Bradley narrated the piece, which featured pretty pictures of "modern" Saudi cities and favorable comparisons to the Afghanistan, Iraq and (fake) Palestinian elections.



Bradley managed to leave out a few pertinent facts about the voting. For starters, there are no political parties, no real constitution and no legislature in Saudi Arabia. The country has been ruled with an iron fist by the Saud family since 1932. In the upcoming election, citizens can vote for only half the slate (the other half will be appointed by the ruling family) and women are forbidden to vote at all. Their court system is a joke to every-

one except those sentenced to amputations, lashings and beheadings.

Women in Saudi Arabia are required to wear "chadors," long black robes with hoods, with small slits for their eyes. They have separate entrances to their own homes, separate (and inferior) living rooms from the men, and they are never allowed to be seen by male visitors to their homes.

One can only laugh when watching the folks at CBS trying to praise an "election" in this tyranny, the world's chief purveyor of Wahhabism, the most violent form of Islam. Fifteen of the nineteen terrorists who sent airplanes flying into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on September 11, 2001, were Saudis. How these people remain loyal friends of the Bush family and "partners in peace" with the United States remains a mystery. — Zola

TOM'S TEACHINGS

An encouraging note from an experienced soldier for the Lord. — Zola

Are Christian Zionists Winning?

By Thomas S. McCall, Th.D., Senior Theologian, Zola Levitt Ministries



Zola and I and others have been promoting Christian Zionism and exposing anti-Israel sentiment among evangelicals in the Levitt Letter and various media for at least a dozen years. This controversy was well chronicled in our book *Battles with* Seminaries, in which a shift against Israel was manifest in churches, denominations and institutions which had been decidedly pro-Israel in former times. Once in a while, there was a pained response to our arguments, but usually we were met with stony silence that we would dare to expose the unscriptural anti-Israel views of some evangelical Christian leaders.

I am not speaking of the long-standing anti-Israel position of the liberal "Christian" groups, such as the World Council of Churches and its domestic counterpart, the National Council of Churches. The recent declaration against Israel by the Presbyterian Church USA is merely an extension of the liberal bias of the National Council of Churches and is not surprising, although disappointing. What has been surprising is the way many evangelical leaders of churches and schools that used to be pro-Israel have started to criticize modern Israel, side with the Palestinians and indicate that the current nation of Israel has no relationship to the fulfillment of Biblical prophecy. They evidence a considerable misunderstanding of the Rapture of the Church and of the prophecies of Israel's returning to the Land in unbelief, the upcoming treaty with the Antichrist, the role of the

Dear

Letters to Zola

Sour Lemons

Dear Zola:

Recently, I attended a Lutheran church and found they had their own plan of salvation. I was told the only real Christians were Lutherans because they do things the way Paul intended. I also learned being saved was sensationalism. They were so sour-faced they must not allow the Holy Spirit into their services. Perhaps they eat sour lemons on their way to services. Needless to say, God has rescued me from that church and I am now in a church where He is in charge. Please warn people about them.

Haven't You Heard?

Dear Levitt Staff:

Haven't you heard what is spoken in Scripture? God has turned to the Gentiles, to take out a people for His Name. Jesus Christ did come to the Jew first, and then as a nation they rejected Him. Have we seen evidence of God working with the Gentiles, after Paul wrote about that fact? We sure have. Gentile missionaries, ministries and churches by the thousands since God turned to them. Can a Jew be saved now? Sure, the Gospel has always been available to whosoever will. It would be a pretty good trick for God to announce that He was now going to the Gentile, but still went to the Jew first. God is not the author of confusion, man is. If you are going to attempt to refute my statments, please, use Scripture, not opinions. I think the Scripture that best fits your statement taken out of Biblical context, would be that you have been provoked to jealously. God bless, with the truth, which will set you free, and not lift you up in pride. — D.E.K.

Dear D.E.K:

The same number of Jews is saved per capita as Gentiles, you will find. If you're trying to prove that God prefers Gentiles to Jews, you can't use Scripture to do it. You asked for a verse and I would sub-

mit God's Covenant with Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3), which God referred to as "everlasting."

— Zola

An Embarrassing Verse

Dear Zola:

I've been hearing on the news a lot lately about the Ten Commandments on government property being unconstitutional, but today my thinking went back to the fact that Scripture is on almost every government building and is even on the United Nations building, so what is the real issue? My thoughts again turned to the fact that the Ten Commandments are Jewish — what do you think ?

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LETTERS TO ZOLA continued

Thanks again for your ministry, I pray that the LORD protects you and keeps you and the ministry God has given you. I also PRAY FOR THE PEACE of JERUSALEM.

Thanks again, — B.M.

Dear B.M.:

"the first clause is omitted."

While the U.N. building quotes Isaiah's verse "...they will beat their swords into plowshares," the first clause is omitted. I imagine the U.N. did not want to cope with: "And *He shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people*... (Isaiah 2:4.)" — Zola

A Light Unto the Presbyterians

Dear Zola:

Please note, although Presbyterian USA has formerly taken a stand contrary to commonly accepted Christian doctrine, i.e., withdrawal of investments in Israel, this is not necessarily agreed to by our Presbyterian Church. We are of the belief that to effect change with Presbyterian USA, it will occur easier by applying pressure from within its ranks rather than as an outsider. So please know, membership does not equate accord with some of their policies.

Your Brother in Christ, — D.S.V.

Dear D.S.V.:

"For Zion's sake, I cannot keep silent." (Isaiah 62:1.) — Zola

The Real Egyptians

Dear Zola:

I was watching Sunday, and you said something pretty interesting to me, that present-day Egyptians are Arabs, that the ancient Egyptians were replaced by them. I wouldn't think you would have all the info on this, but could you send me something on it or tell me more so I can look into it further?

Thanks, — T.W.

Dear T.W.:

Please see *Levitt Letter* article by Patrick Cox on Egyptian history (December 2004, page 28). The only original natives living in their own land in the Middle East are the Israelis. — Zola

The Pretext to Attack Israel

Dear Zola:

Take a look at the website www.americansandisraelis.org where you can see a number of amazing sights, including the fact that the Israeli army is gearing up to refuse to remove settlers from their homes, so Israel is bringing in, arming, and training four non-Jews per settler to take them out of their homes, schools and businesses.

There are also several clickable items that are unique: A short film of a "settlement" in Gaza is one. In another item on the website mentioned above is a set of slideshows about the map of Israel, the history of Israel, and the nature of anti-Semitism. Very powerfully done.

Will Israel's refusal to obey international orders to make themselves not-a-country anymore (via the Bush/Rice plan of a salami-slice Israel) be the pretext for "all nations" to attack Israel/Jerusalem? We're praying a lot.

CombatingThe World-Wide Explosion

Sincerely, in Messiah, — J. and N.

Dear J. and N.:

Yes. — Zola



ARE CHRISTIAN ZIONISTS WINNING? continued

144,000 Jewish evangelists for Christ in the Tribulation, and the national acceptance of Christ as the true redeeming Messiah upon His Second Coming. We have often wondered if our defense of the Scriptural position of Israel was falling on deaf ears and was a total failure, but we have felt the Lord wanted us to persevere in the campaign.

However, some recent events are encouraging in that they show the tide may be turning back to a pro-Israel stance among evangelicals. A few of these encouraging events are as follows:

Pre-Trib Conference Focuses on Israel.

This is no great shift, because the annual Pre-Trib Conference led by Dr. Tim LaHaye and Dr. Thomas Ice has always been pro-Israel, but for the first time, the <u>entire conference</u> was devoted to the importance of Israel in Bible prophecy. Paper after paper was read to members and guests at the conference on the history of Christian Zionism, the Satanic nature of anti-Semitism, the relationship of the Church to Israel, the millennial future of Israel, the impact of Progressive Dispensationalism on Christian attitudes about Israel, and many other similar subjects.

Dallas Seminary Offers Pro-Israel Book.

A recent letter from the administration to the supporting constituents of Dallas Theological Seminary contained an offer of a strong pro-Israel book by Professor Michael Rydelnik,

head of the Jewish Studies Department at Moody Bible Institute.

Criswell College Opens Jewish Evangelism Studies.

Dr. James Sibley is the designated leader for Jewish Evangelism for the Southern Baptist Convention, and his office has been for several years at the Criswell College in Dallas. Under his encouragement, the college has recently announced the establishment of a Jewish Evangelism Department, with a pro-Israel Scriptural position. LEFT BEHIND Series Popularity.

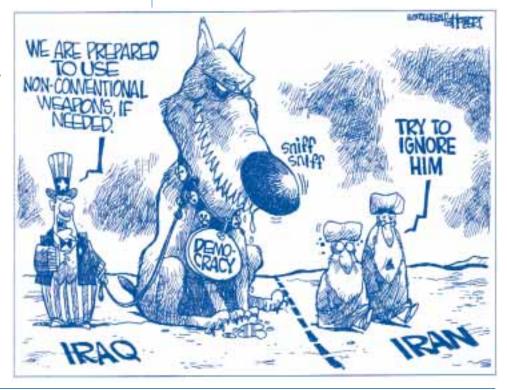
The *Left Behind* series has been going on for years, but its impact has been astounding. Millions of readers have either had their prophetic convictions confirmed or they have been brought into the orbit of premillennial, pre-Trib Rapture and pro-Israel prophetic understanding.

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Turning Premillennial.

Under the leadership of Dr. Paige Patterson, the largest evangelical seminary in the world is slowly becoming premillennial, coming to be known as standing against Replacement Theology, and is taking a pro-Israel position.

These are indications of victory through the efforts of numerous individuals and the power of God, but the battle for Christian Zionism is far from being won. The predominant view in most of the evangelical schools, churches and institutions is either Amillennialist, Progressive Dispensationalist or Preterist, all of which deny the Scriptural significance of modern Israel.

Yet the Lord honors perseverance, and we will continue to carry the banner of the Biblical truth of Premillennialism, Pre-Trib Rapture and pro-Israel convictions until He returns to take us home. Even so, Come quickly, Lord Jesus!



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Dear Zola:

Hello. Today I'm watching your program on Pax TV and I thought I heard you say that there was no starvation/ poverty/unemployment in Israel. Did I misunderstand? I frequently see programs by The International Fellowship of Christians and Jews which clearly portray the opposite.

I understand that there are areas of plenty in Israel, but was under the impression that the immigration was, in fact, posing such an overload to the government programs, that it has become necessary to ask for help from concerned world citizens. As a result, my family and I have become regular contributors to IFCJ to help these Jewish immigrants. Are we being misled in some way?

Thank you,

— M. J.

"Are we being misled in some way?"

Dear M.J.:

In 80 tours of Israel over thirty years, I have not seen the scenes of poverty shown by various American charities. Obviously, they intend to impress you with dire needs, but Israel is on a fairly solid financial footing. My own policies are to avoid giving to American middlemen, who extract their own expenses from the gifts, and to give to Believers, who will share their faith. — Zola

False Peace

Dear Zola:

Thank you so much for your right-on article. I can understand the left-wing media and even the White House believing Abbas and the Palestinians, but what I don't understand is Ariel Sharon. How can he think that this will work? Giving land away...Have they not learned anything?

Perplexed,

"I don't understand Ariel Sharon."

Dear E.S.:

— E.S.

Please see my comments on page 14 after the article "A Palestinian State Will Not Bring Peace." — Zola

Zola's Correspondence Course

Dear Zola:

Subject: Institute of Jewish-Christian Studies

I just finished tape one and needed to let everyone at the ministry and others know how much I appreciate this study. I did graduate from a Bible school many moons ago. I'd always felt that, in order to get the "whole story" I'd need to learn from a Hebrew that loved the Lord, had a deep understanding of the Word, and was willing to teach a graftee! Finding one hasn't been easy! Then came Zola Levitt Ministries. This study is a long awaited answer to prayer. Thank you so much for putting this together, phone call, sniffles and all! However, the frosting on the cake is "Zola's Introduction to Hebrew." As "hungry" as I've been, my initial response is to dig right into the feast, but I'm enjoying every little bite. Thank you so much for this wonderful opportunity and for all the work that went into it for His Name's sake.

— S. L.

Dear S.L.:

Thanks for the commendation. It sounds like we wrote it ourselves. — Zola



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A Palestinian State Will Not Bring Peace

by Shmuel Katz, The Jerusalem Post

At my age, I can't help but insist that people learn their history before they tell us how to "solve" the Arab-Israel conflict. President George W. Bush's vision of "two states living side by side in peace" sounds nice — until it is subjected to a scrutiny of its factual components. The prophet Isaiah also had a vision of peace, about 3,000 years ago. It was a vision of the wolf dwelling with the lamb. He did not, however, suggest it as a practical policy.

Two salient facts relating to the perennial Arab hostility toward the Jewish people have been consistently ignored by "quick-fixers," including Jewish leaders and international policy makers. One is to grasp the extent of the deep antipathy Arabs have toward Jews.

By the middle of the 20th century, the Arab states had succeeded in emptying their territories of Jews. After periods of pressure and persecution, some 800,000 of our people were forced out of Egypt, Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Yemen, and Aden.

In 1978, when Egyptian president Anwar Sadat received the Sinai from prime minister Menachem Begin as part of the Israel-Egypt peace treaty, Sadat insisted that the relative handful of Jews living peacefully in Sinai had to

be expelled. Without that expulsion there would be no treaty. Even the strategic advantages of Egypt once more ruling Sinai were overridden in Sadat's heart by the almost primal desire to be rid of these Jews.

Thrice had Sinai, a territory almost empty of settled inhabitants, been used as a launching pad for war on Israel. The first war was launched as soon as the Jewish state was declared on May 14, 1948, after the Arab League warned the UN that it would not tolerate Israel's creation.

Nineteen years later, the Arab states, having failed to abort Israel's birth in 1948, decided to try for its destruction. Under the leadership of Egypt's Gamal Nasser, they launched what became the Six Day War. In this contest, they lost completely. Israel regained Judea and Samaria, which Transjordan had brazenly "annexed" after 1948. Israel also regained the Gaza Strip, which Egypt had captured in 1948.

The Arabs had been so sure of victory that the war was advertised weeks in advance (and had Israel's Jews building shelters, digging trenches and making room in hospitals). Then, when Israel won conclusively, our government offered to cede the reconquered territory in return for peace. The offer was rejected: "No peace, no negotiations, no recognition of Israel" came the reply from the Arab League.

A second salient fact also too often forgotten by the "experts" who have fast-fix formulae for peace is that those rejections of peaceful gestures — like the wars Israel was forced to fight — were not the work of "Palestinians" but of the combined Arab states, led by Egypt, Syria and Jordan. No political entity called "Palestine" or "Palestinians" existed. It was only after 1967 that the Arabs of Palestine expanded worldwide the pan-Arab campaign for the elimination of Israel, using "Palestinians" as a tool.

It may not be fashionable to say so, but the evidence is overwhelming: If the Arabs were given a state in a part of Palestine, they would surely accept it as the next of the "phases" for attaining the rest of the country — which they have been forecasting for years. It would inevitably make a serious contribution to the grievous weakening of Israel, strategically and politically.



A PALESTINIAN STATE WILL NOT BRING PEACE continued

It is illusory in the extreme — and shockingly misleading — to suggest that it will bring peace.

All the evidence that crowds into our minds at the thought of a Palestinian Arab state squeezed into the heart of the Land of Israel cries out against it. The facts such a state would create on the ground (including an immediate and unpreventable membership in the Arab League) would only enhance the weapons of terror and inflame the pan-Arab threat of annihilatory war against Israel.

As for Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's disengagement plan: By his manipulations within our parliamentary democracy, his intention to expel Jews from their homes in their homeland, and his evident intention to give us "more of the same" in Judea and Samaria, he is leading our people on a march of folly. As historian Barbara Tuchman wrote in the book of that name, there have been many leaders throughout the ages, in places from Troy to Vietnam who, heedless of logic and experience, determinedly led their people to disaster.

The *Levitt Letter* position is that the settlers must be moved away from the hostile Palestinians of Gaza in view of a possible coming war. In that the Gazans are using rockets to reach over Israeli fences, the settlers are presently living on unprotected territory. When I talked to Prime Minister Sharon, he did not take Palestinian peace overtures very seriously. — Zola

HebrewLesson

The "Lamb of God"

By John J. Parsons



אָלהִים יִרְאָה־לּוֹ הַשָּׂה

"God will provide himself a lamb" (Genesis 22:8.)



Hebraic Insight

The Akedah ("binding") is the story of how Abraham was tested by God to bind his beloved son Isaac and offer him as a sacrifice on Mount Moriah. At the last moment, God stopped Abraham from going through

with the sacrifice and provided a substitute.

As Messianic Believers, we understand the Akedah as a foreshadowing of the ultimate sacrifice the heavenly Father would give on our behalf. Unlike Abraham, God the Father actually sacrificed His only Son in order to make salvation available to all who believe. As Abraham said, *Elohim yireh-lo haseh* ("God Himself will provide a lamb").

Consider how the *Akedah* provides a prophetic picture of the Lord Jesus as the "Lamb of God" (*Seh haElohim*) who

takes away the sins of the world (John 1:29). Both Isaac and Jesus were born miraculously; both were "only begotten sons;" both were to be sacrificed by their fathers at Mount Moriah; both were to be resurrected on the third day (Genesis 22:5, Hebrews 11:17-19); both willingly took up the means of his execution; and both demonstrate that one life can be sacrificed for another — the ram for Isaac, and Jesus for all of mankind.

During this Passover season, let us ask the LORD to quicken these words of John the Baptist within our hearts:

הְנֵה שֵׁה הָאֱלֹהִים הַנֹּשֵׂא אֶת־חַשָּאת הָעוֹלָם:

"Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world" (John 1:29.)

Israeli Armor Saves **American Lives in Iraq**

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Israeli-developed armor that has been installed on American armored personnel carriers (APCs) in Iraq has saved "many lives," according to a letter of recognition the US Army has sent to Rafael, the Israel Armament Development Authority.

The Bradley and 7AV APCs in the service of the US Army and the Marines, which play a central role in the armed operations in Iraq,

have been fitted over the last year with armor by Rafael in partial cooperation with the American General Dynamics company, based in Burlington, Vermont.

A source in the company told *ISRAEL21c* that the letter stated, "When the fighting in Iraq was tough, and your product was urgently needed, you did everything you could to expedite production and delivery."

The rush deliveries were part of the US military's effort to slow the damage done by roadside mines, explosive charges and rocket-propelled grenades (RPGs), which have killed more than 150 U.S. troops in Iraq.

According to the Israeli paper Ma'ariv, one of the senior officials in the American defense establishment said explicitly: the Bradley is the best-protected vehicle in Iraq.

"The armor is of the most advanced in the world: it is made up of passive protection, which is constructed of strong material that diverts the rocket, and of reactive protection, which is comprised of plates that contain explosives. The minute the rocket jet stream hits one of those plates, the explosives go off, preventing the rocket from penetrating the APC.

"The armor has minimal effect on the vehicle, it's lightweight and easy to enter. Crews in the field can handle it easily," the Rafael source told ISRAEL21c. "The active armor is also easy to handle — it can operate in extreme conditions and temperatures."

"The idea is to apply chemical energy against chemical energy," an official within Rafael told Defense News, "The tiles contain a very special, insensitive explosive that is detonated only when hit by a missile or a rocket."

"For safety reasons, our armor does not react to other heat sources such as small arms or other fragments. When it detonates, the action of the elements inside the tiles interact with the incoming jet of the warhead, and defeats it."

The US Army is thrilled with the results, according to a release from the US Program Executive Office Ground Combat Systems (PEO-GCS).

A military spokesman stated, "This is a quality-proven product which has saved the lives of many American Marines."

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Alligators and Open Doors

During our winter speaking tour, we parked our trailer in an RV park which had a small golf course. One day I encountered an individual fishing golf balls out of a pond thirty feet away from an alligator, sleeping on the shore. I called out to the man in a soft voice about what was behind him, but he smiled and said, "Oh, that's just Dopey the Alligator."

As I drove away, I couldn't help but say, "Maybe he's not as dopey as you think." (I look at Muslims the same way. Many of

them seem benign, but I still consider each one possibly dangerous.)

As we traveled to speaking engagements, we continually passed a church called The Open Door Baptist Church. It was very near our RV park. I finally had our speaking scheduler, Claudia, call that church and offer our services as a speaker. We never even got a call back.

Perhaps the church door is not as open as they think. — Zola

Why Speak English?

From a circulating internet email

A U.S. Navy admiral was attending a naval conference that included admirals from the U.S., British, Canadian, Australian, and French Navies. At a cocktail reception, he found himself standing with a group of a half dozen or so officers that included personnel from most of the countries.

Everyone was chatting away in English as they sipped their drinks, but a French admiral suddenly complained that, whereas Europeans learn many languages, Americans learn only English. He then asked: "Why is it that we always have to speak English in these conferences rather than speaking French?"

Without hesitation, the American admiral replied: "Maybe it's because the Brits, Canadians, Aussies, and Americans arranged it so you wouldn't have to speak German."

Suddenly the group became very quiet.

Insane Border Controls

On March 19, in a Fox News story, a retired U.S. border guard said that what concerned him about the porous border with Mexico was the influx of terrorists from the Middle East.

Congressman Tom Tancredo of Colorado said



that if there is another incident like 9-11, the blood of everyone killed will be upon the Congress and the president for leaving this immigration problem relatively unaddressed.

Many of the terrorists are said to have come through an area referred to as "the Arab road," and there immigration officers found a prayer rug, a Koran, and a diary written in the Arabic language.

In a way, we are our own worst enemies. Our system of honoring minorities, such as Hispanic people, by ignoring the influx across the Mexican border, could prove to be our undoing. - Zola

Women's Rights

From a column by Suzanne Fields in *The Washington Times*

[Ms.] Massouda Jalal, a presidential candidate in Afghanistan's first real election, reminded everyone that under Taliban rule women "couldn't live like full human beings." Now they can. 40% of the registered voters in Afghanistan are women, and they're beginning to move into the private sector. Namin Othman recalled how the Ba'athist regime in Iraq sold young girls to Saudi Arabia and Egypt, executed prostitutes without a trial, and identified women who protested against the government as prostitutes so they could be executed. In the old Iraq, women had rights only in theory. More than half the voters in the January election were women exercising their rights for real.

Polluted Dictatorships



Geography World

Often labeled the poorest country on Earth, Haiti tops the list of most polluted as well, according to Brad Bowerman's Geography World. Saudi Arabia is second, followed in order by Burundi, Ethiopia and Libya.

Horrors! A Christian!

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The inspiring story of Ashley Smith, the Georgia woman who talked murderer Brian Nichols into turning himself in to police, has Jill Porter in a cranky mood. Porter, a columnist for the Philadelphia Daily News, admires Smith but doesn't see why she had to bring religion into it:

Briefs



Ashley Smith

The story of Ashley Smith ... is a riveting tale of grace and humanity.

Would that it had remained just that.

Instead, it's become a testimonial for an evangelical Christian book and an endorsement of the theology embraced in the book and that leaves me feeling alienated from what should be an inspiring tale of human transcendence.

Suddenly, the near miracle that occurred in Smith's apartment because of her calm and compassion is infused with the rhetoric of Christian evangelism.

And suddenly, those of us who are wary of the increasing influence born-again Christians have on our political and cultural life feel a regrettable discomfort with this wonderful story.

The universality of Smith's appeal is being compromised by the religious propaganda that seems to infuse the story more and more.

But Ashley Smith ought to remain a hero to us all — and not be reduced to a shill for a book or a symbol of the righteousness of evangelical Christianity.

You just have to feel sorry for Jill Porter. Why should other people's religious beliefs threaten her so? Why can't secularists just live and let live and be comfortable with who they are?

Blaming the Bulldozer

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We recently noted that the parents of terror advocate Rachel Corrie, who died in a self-inflicted bulldozer accident two years ago, were suing the Israeli government in an Israeli court. It turns out they're also suing Caterpillar Inc., which made the bulldozer she attempted to obstruct, in a U.S. court. The Associated Press reports: "The brutal death of my daughter should never have happened," Corrie's mother, Cindy Corrie, said in a statement released by the Center for Constitutional Rights, a law firm handling the case. "We believe Caterpillar and the (Israeli Defense Forces) must be held accountable for their role in the attack."

The lawsuit, according to the AP, "alleges that Caterpillar violated international and state law by providing specially designed bulldozers to Israeli Defense Forces that it knew would be used to demolish homes and endanger people."

Of course, Israel was using the bulldozer not to "demolish homes and endanger people" but to destroy a tunnel that Palestinian Arab terrorists were using to smuggle in weapons from Egypt, for the purpose of murdering Israeli civilians.

One of the reasons Corrie's death was a tragedy is that, although she was an adult, she was young enough (23) that one could imagine her eventually outgrowing and coming to regret her juvenile hatreds. Her parents, however, ought to know better.



Arming the Enemy

The U.S. has just agreed to sell nuclear-capable F-16 fighter jets to Pakistan. To sell such equipment to a Muslim state in this day and age is utter insanity. Pakistan is likely a contributing nation in the upcoming Gog and Magog invasion, if not Armageddon, and to merely do this for cash is appalling.

The State Department's spokesman on the matter tripped over his words, trying to get out the lie that selling fighter jets to Pakistan, and to India as well, would encourage their cooperation. Our greed may well be helping to end the world as we know it. — Zola

TV AIRING SCHEDULE (below)

The Religion of "God and Peace?"

Dear Zola:

I was watching your show, Mr. Zola. I was truly impressed with all that hatred towards Muslims and the way you portray Muslims as terrorists — all of them, without exception.

I always thought religions were all about peace and love. And I see some people like you in the name of religion they add fuel to the fire to serve certain goals clearly far away from nobility. Your perception is completely unrealistic and reflects clear ignorance. Either that or deliberate will to convey such misleading information about Muslims and Arabs. Wonder if you ever read or pursued any other source, other than what you quote all the time, just for the mere fact of objectivity?

It is really sad to see what I saw on TV. In the times we need people to approximate the different point of views and help make peace, instead we see all that apparent and concealed hatred delivered on TV to people.

It is amazing that what was done; killing and all other kinds of evil, in the name of Christianity was never used to show Christians as evil people.

Then when you see what a bunch of terrorists did in the name of Islam you see many opportunistic or ignorant people like yourself using that to attack Islam, the true religion of God and peace.

— P.M.

Dear P.M.:

Obviously we disagree, but I appreciate your writing. I just don't think that Islam is the "true religion of God and peace," certainly not the way some Muslims are acting today. But please know that I don't hate anybody. The medieval Christian church was just as wrong in it as earlier practices, but it seems that Islamic hostility is worldwide. — Zola

The Antichrist's Lineage

Dear Zola:

I watched your program this morning and understood you to say, if I am correct, that the

Antichrist would probably be from the Greco- Syrian heritage.... saying some even would suppose he could be Muslim. On your website, under the heading "Will the Antichrist be a Jew?," you say, "the Antichrist will therefore be of Roman Gentile origin." Could you help with my confusion?

Thank you,

— S. C.

"...both may be true."

Dear S.C.:

I think both may be true. He can be a Muslim of Greco-Syrian heritage (Daniel 8) rising to power in a revived Roman Empire in Europe. — Zola



Mixing a Lie with the Truth

The latest dodge to cover over Palestinian atrocities is to try to lump those Arabs in with those of brighter prospects like Iraqis and Lebanonese.

The March 14 *Newsweek* magazine was devoted to its cover headline "Across the Arab World... People Power." An article by Fareed Zakaria entitled "Where Bush Was Right" follows the encouraging developments in certain of the Middle Eastern dictatorships.

But one must be careful exactly what one swallows with this whole glass of water. Writer Zakaria says this:

"Most ordinary Arabs, it turns out, are not consumed by grand theories about the clash between Islam and the West or the imperialism of American culture or even the Palestinian cause. When you let the Lebanese speak, they want to talk about Syria's occupation of their country. When Iraqis got a chance to congregate, they voted for a government, not an insurgency. When a majority of Palestinians were heard from, they endorsed not holy terror to throw Israel into the sea, but practical diplomacy to get a state."

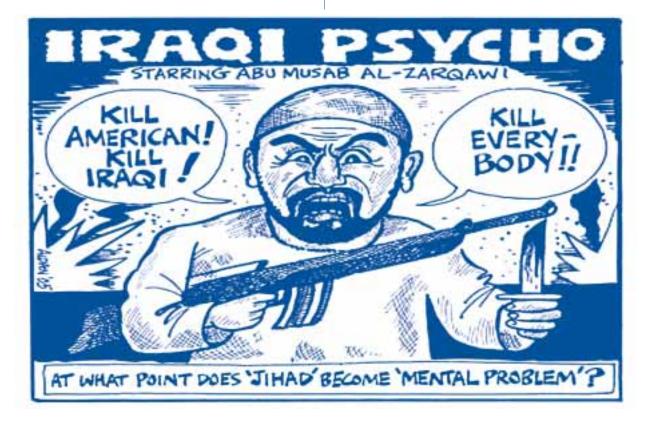
The last three statements are a classic example of mixing a lie in with some truth to make it fly. The statements about Lebanon and Iraq are certainly true. The one about the "Palestinians" is utterly fabricated by this sympathetic writer. Palestinians did not have a free election at all. As I have pointed out repeatedly, their dictator died and they were made to go to the polls and appoint his number two man as their new dictator. The fact is, Hamas, the terrorist group with blood all over each hand, was the big winner in that "election." Indeed, "they endorsed...holy terror."

Poll after poll taken in "Palestine" show that not only do the vast majority of people want to "throw Israel into the sea," but they also want to continue killing innocent Israeli civilians *after* a two-state solution!

It should also be noted that these people have never seriously asked for a state and refused a state when it was presented to Arafat on a silver platter.

When you read three sentences, make sure they're all true, particularly when a fellow named Fareed writes in the American media. The subtlety and duplicity of many Eastern lineage reporters is designed to, and many times is successful, in slipping lies past gullible readers.

In the same manner, Muslim professors at our great universities indoctrinate our brightest youth with many of the same tricks. Of course, on a university campus they no longer have to be subtle at all. We're not far from learned symposiums on subjects like Exterminate Israel, Kill the American Jews, etc. — Zola



EditorialNotes

Protesters in Nepal Clash with Police USA Today

Police in Nepal beat protesters and arrested hundreds during nationwide rallies against the king's emergency rule, while communist rebels torched buses and threatened to step up attacks against the government. The demonstrations coincided with the United Nations Human Rights Conference in Geneva, which was to discuss King Gyanendra's power grab on February I, when he imposed emergency rule and suspended civil liberties. India, Britain, the U.S., and other governments denounced the takeover and several donor nations cut aid or threatened to do so unless democracy is restored.

Police clubbed demonstrators in two southern towns, injuring at least nine people. About 300 people were detained nationwide. Maoist rebels burned at least four buses near Itahari, 310 miles west of Katmandu. No one was hurt.

Well, it's not as good to be king as it was last month in Nepal. The dictator is having problems with his utter elimination of the government and the press in his country. Rather like the Arab dictators, he's not sleeping quite as well these days. — Zola

Bible Loses Three-To-Two

Gary Bauer's End of Day Report

The Colorado Supreme Court, in a 3-to-2 vote, tossed out the death sentence jurors gave to a convicted murderer. Why? The jurors consulted the Bible for moral guidance during their deliberations. Wait, it gets worse. In Colorado, jurors in death penalty cases are specifically told to make a moral judgment, but, the majority on the Colorado Supreme Court said the Bible was an improper outside influence and an "extraneous text." The Bible is extraneous to making a moral judgment?

In contrast, the two dissenting judges said the majority was confusing the Bible with outside influences, such as newspaper articles and television programs, which are normally to be avoided when a jury deliberates. Rather, they wrote, "The biblical passages the jurors discussed constituted either a part of the jurors' moral and religious precepts or their general knowledge, and thus were relevant to their court sanctioned moral assessment."

My friends, count this as yet one more example of a judicial elite that wants Christianity in the closet, while every other philosophy and lifestyle is invited out.

City of Philadelphia in Crisis www.kyw.com

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Authorities and prosecutors concerned with a rash of killings in the city continued their plea for the public's help in identifying murderers.

In an eight-day period (March 10-17), there were 23 homicides in Philadelphia, including three in the latenight and early-morning hours after District Attorney Lynne M. Abraham made her appeal and vowed that her office will protect witnesses.

"We cannot only move you out of the city, we can move you out of the state; we can move you across the country," Abraham said.

The deaths brought Philadelphia's 2005 murder total to 78, up from 66 at the same point a year ago, police said.

The mayor declared the violence throughout the city a crisis, and as a result ordered a full review of police department policies, and suggested a full moratorium on the issuing of gun permits.

In addition, the mayor has requested a meeting with Governor Ed Rendell to talk about possible new gun legislation. He contends that some murders are impossible to prevent without tougher gun laws.

To further the fight against violence, local Philadelphia TV reports that one of the most elite units in the Philadelphia Police Department is now actively engaged in a citywide crackdown.

Officers from Philadelphia Police's Highway Patrol Unit hit the streets of north Philadelphia in search of guns and possible suspects.

In the first year (2001) of the State Department's warnings against travel to Jerusalem, I looked up murders in Jerusalem, a city roughly half the size of Philadelphia. There were 25 murders in the entire year, and they were all the result of terrorism. Washington, the home of the State Department's offices, had 233 murders that year.

My point was to say that our media wildly exaggerate unrest in Israel and minimize domestic violence.

— Zola

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Israeli Discovery Chips Away at Gum Disease

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One of the most common medical conditions in the US is gum disease. According to the American Dental Association, three out of four adult Americans have some form of gum disease and about 25 million adults suffer from serious periodontal disease. But the fear of long, painful hours in the dentist's chair — and the prospect of dental surgery — keeps many people from getting it treated.

However, since its approval by the Food and Drug Administration five years ago, an innovative Israeli product called the PerioChip is becoming an increasingly common component of dental care in the United States and around the world — as a way to prevent surgery.

The PerioChip, the first biodegradable delivery system for reducing pocket depth in adult periodontitis, is designed as an adjunctive therapy to the deep cleaning of the teeth that is commonly used to fight periodontitis.

The PerioChip is perhaps one of the most thoroughly Israeli items in the world, explained one of its inventors. "It is one of the few products that was invented in Israel, underwent clinical trials in Israel, is being manufactured and produced in Israel, and is sold and marketed worldwide by an Israeli company," said Dr. Doron Steinberg.

Steinberg, together with Prof. Aubrey Soskolny, Prof. Michael Sela, and Prof. Michael Friedman — all of the Hebrew University Medical School — invented the Perio-Chip. This accomplishment — the result of ten years of research and work by the four scientists — won them one of the university's top honors, the Kaye Innovation Award.

Open Bible = A Threat to Our Nation! www.thomasmore.org

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A federal judge has ordered an open Bible contained in a four-foot tall privately donated display in Harris County, Texas, removed because it violates the United States Constitution. The nearly 50-year-old display was designed and erected by the Star of Hope Mission, a Houstonbased Christian charity in memory of the late William Mosher, who had been an active member and longtime supporter of the homeless mission.

In 2004, Houston resident Kay Staley filed a federal lawsuit to have the Bible removed from the display, claiming the inclusion of the Bible violated the Establish-

ment Clause of the Constitution. A federal district court judge agreed with Staley and ordered the Bible removed.

Harris County has now appealed the ruling to the Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, and at the county's request, the Thomas More Law Center has filed a friend of the court brief in support of the open Bible display and the county's legal position.

Richard Thompson, president and chief counsel of the Law Center, commented, "This is another example of the hostility toward Christians exhibited by many federal courts."

Staley confirmed her own hostility toward Christian displays in an interview last August following the court's ruling: "There are a lot of these Ten Commandments/ Bibles in a lot of places and they need to be removed." As a result of her actions, the Houston Atheist Society gave Staley the "Activist of the Year" award.

Edward L. White III, trial counsel with the Thomas More Law Center who authored the brief explained: "The district court totally ignored the argument that this memorial reflects the private speech of a private organization. The memorial to William Mosher is clearly the private speech of the Star of Hope Mission. The Fifth Circuit must now reverse the lower court decision and allow this memorial to remain."

The Star of Hope Mission erected the memorial display in 1956 to honor the service of William Mosher, a man committed to serving the homeless. The Mission included the Bible in the display to convey that Mosher was a Christian and "Godly man" who helped others.



"No Place for the Jews"

By Bob Westbrook, www.Israelinsider.com

Democracy is being touted as the great hope for the transformation of the Middle East. Is this realistic, given the mindset that prevails in those nations? Can we anticipate that Israel's nasty neighbors will suddenly become nice through the magic wand of democracy?

Antipathy for Israel is endemic in the entire Arab/Muslim world. Rare is the voice that speaks the slightest amiable word about the existence of the Jewish state. Despite the spurious "peace process," peaceful attitudes towards Israel are not in evidence in the "Arab street." The following statement, compiled from various Muslim sources, is representative of the prevalent regional attitudes towards Israel:

"The land of Palestine is an Arab, Islamic land that has been usurped by force at the hands of Zionist Jews and it can only be restored by force. In Islam, if your enemy occupies a small piece of your land, then you have to declare jihad against the enemy. Palestine is occupied by the enemy. The occupation of Palestine is an Islamic obligation, because occupation of any Islamic land is a violation to the sovereignty of the Islamic world. Jihad in Palestine is a legitimate right for the Palestinian people. It is a compulsory duty on all Muslims, males and females. It is a grave injustice to describe such a right as terrorism on the part of enemies of Allah."

Listen to the voices from around the region and you will hear widespread agreement with such statements. The question of whether this is a "legitimate" interpretation of Islam is a moot one. The issue is not theological (their "theology" is preposterous anyway), but pragmatic. Does it matter if this viewpoint represents "legitimate" Islam when the masses in the Middle East are prepared to kill and die for it?

Contrary to wishful thinking of pro-democracy advocates, radical Islam is not some fringe movement in places like Cairo, Amman, Beirut, Damascus, and Ramallah. The Islamist sentiments against Israel have become embedded into society. A very dangerous misconception exists in the West that the terrorism mentality is not the norm in the Middle East. Of course, not everyone is ready to strap a bomb to his or her chest, but do not the majorities cheer those who do?

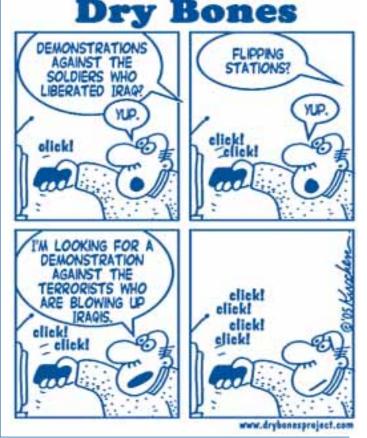
Among Israel's neighbors, jihadist Islam is indeed a pervasive ideology, one made even more pernicious because it is supposedly sanctioned by a "god." Hatred of Israel is the rancid mother's milk in the Arab world, a befouled anti-Zionist potion that nearly everyone drinks. Democracy cannot become a magic powder sprinkled in to purify the putrid.

Recent events in Lebanon are evidence of that. For a short time, many of the pro-democracy pundits were giddily celebrating the "people power" in Lebanon. The daily anti-Syria rallies were pointed to as evidence the new Bush policies are practicable. But when the Iranianbacked terrorist group Hezbollah organized a counterrally that drew half a million people, dwarfing the others, it demonstrated the grim reality of what democracy Mideast-style style could look like.

The aim of democracy is to represent the will of the people. But what if the will of the people is not benevolent, but malevolent? What if the radical Islamists, like Hezbollah, are the ones chosen to lead the people? What if the US throws a democracy party, but it becomes a "Party of Allah?" What if black-hooded jihadists best represent the aspirations of the masses?

In the Middle East, the consensus of the populace of all of the nations is remarkably united in one issue: their extreme enmity for Israel. If genuine regime changes were to take place that would empower the people to carry out their common will, it might not lead to peace in the region at all. It could lead to just the opposite.

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NO PLACE FOR THE JEWS continued

Radical Islamists, even worse than the current governments, could conceivably gain power in places like Syria, Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

The primary problem in the Middle East is not a handful of corrupt leaders who suppress the good intentions of their citizens. No, it is those very intentions of their citizens which are not good at all regarding Israel. In fact, in some countries, the governing officials are widely despised because they are considered too conciliatory to Israel!

Even in Iraq, which is supposed to be the laboratory for the New Middle East democracy experiment, there is little evidence of changed attitudes towards Israel. Mithal al-Alusi, a prominent Iraqi official who favors establishing diplomatic ties with Israel, was expelled from the Iraqi National Congress after he visited Israel. A specially convened court even charged him with a criminal offense for that visit!

The Iraqi newspaper *al-Sabah* said in response, "Al-Alusi committed a crime by visiting the enemy, the Zionist state." On February 7, his two sons Ayman and Jamal were gunned down during an attempt to kill him. Other attempts have been made on his life, and he now says

that members of the new Iraqi government are connected to those attempts. That government, you may recall, has been democratically elected.

It is naive to think that just giving people the right to vote and determine their own political future will metamorphose deeplyingrained hatred of Zionism. Hamas and Hezbollah are Islamic terror groups that have as their official stated policies the destruction of Israel. Yet Hamas in the West Bank, and Hezbollah in Lebanon

both enjoy widespread support of the people. Both are well-integrated into their societies, and both have representatives chosen during election processes. A "democratic Palestine," President Bush's vision, could conceivably become a Hamas state.

The effort to remake the Middle East according to a democratic model may have noble intentions. But it will not bring peace to a region obsessed with inveterate contempt for Israel. The very existence of the Jewish state is still considered a nakba (disaster) for the Arab world. Their fanatical religion of conquest insists "the end of the Zionist entity is a Quranic necessity; there is no place for the Jews no matter how long it takes."

Democracy cannot cure that malady.

The end of the Zionist entity is a Quranic necessity.

EDITORIAL

Sign of Hope www.aipac.org



A Congressional delegation returns to the U.S. with glowing impressions of Israel's tsunami relief work in Sri Lanka.

Traveling through Sri Lanka in the wake of the tsunami disaster, a delegation from the House of Representatives was overwhelmed by sights of destroyed businesses, homes, hospitals, and schools.

But they returned to the U.S. with glowing stories of what one congressman called a "sign of hope"— a relief camp for Sri Lankans operated by aid workers from Magen David Adom (MDA), Israel's official emergency services agency.

Representatives Joseph Crowley, Al Green, Steve Israel, Sheila Jackson Lee, and Linda Sanchez paid an impromptu visit to the camp after noticing an Israeli flag on the side of the road as their bus was returning from the Sri Lankan coast.

They became first-hand witnesses to a small part of Israel's massive tsunami relief effort, which has won worldwide praise. In addition to the emergency financial aid that Israel has sent to affected countries, volunteers from the Jewish state have worked diligently to identify victims and comfort survivors from Thailand to India.

As the House members arrived at the relief camp in Sri Lanka, the MDA aid workers were staging daily social activities for about 75 children, some of whom had lost their parents.



Jews and Christians Serve the Same God

By Rabbi Amy Wallk Katz, Kansas City Jewish Chronicle

Certain Christian Zionist churches are performing a wonderful witness to their Jewish friends. The following story illustrates such an effort. Francis of Assisi said, "Always testify of Christ. Use words if necessary." A Kansas rabbi recently gave the following address. — Zola

I am grateful to Rev. Adam Hamilton for allowing his church to host tonight's program. We are very glad to be here. I also want to thank Rev. Hamilton for being my friend and for being a friend of the Jewish community. I pray that our communities continue to find ways to work with one another and to understand one another's traditions.

In June 2002, when I first met Pastor Paul Brooks, I wasn't sure what to expect. I had heard him speak at a rally and knew he was fiercely committed to the state of Israel, but I wasn't sure what he thought about Jews. He is a Southern Baptist, and evangelical Christian, and I was nervous that perhaps there was an ulterior motive to Pastor Brooks' overtures. Cautiously, I began to get to know Pastor Brooks, eager to better understand who he is, and what he believes and feels about both Judaism and the state of Israel.

Pastor Brooks has become my friend and my teacher. I have learned much from him, and I believe that we are all indebted to him and to his tireless efforts to build bridges between our communities. Let me explain.

About six months after I first met Pastor Brooks, our communities first came together to pray for the peace of Jerusalem. At that time, Pastor Brooks welcomed us all into his church and said that, for him, the evening was a family reunion. At first I was a bit surprised and even uncomfortable with the idea of a family reunion.

You see, I am painfully aware of Jewish history. I know that Jews have been expelled from nearly every country in Christian Europe in which they have resided. I also know that in nearly every country where Jews have lived, they have at some time been subjected to beatings, torture and murder, solely because they were Jews. When I look back at the last 1,600 years of Jewish history, I am forced to recall the Crusades, the accusations against Jews that they slaughtered a Christian child as part of their religious ritual, and the libels that the Jews were plotting to poison the Christian world. I am also fairly certain that 1,600 years of Christian anti-Semitism laid a solid foundation that made the Holocaust possible.

And so when Pastor Brooks welcomed us to his church and suggested that a gathering of Jews and Christians was a family reunion, I had to do some very hard thinking. Intellectually, I knew Pastor Brooks was correct. We are all descendants of Abraham. And we pray to the same God. But my heart was telling me to be cautious.

Until I started to think about serving God.

While typically Jews think of God as omnipotent, in fact, many traditional Jewish texts suggest that God is dependent on human beings for influence in this world. Strange as it may sound at first, God needs the efforts of humanity in God's quest for the moral perfection of the world and especially for the dissemination of God's name and ways. The ancient sages of Jewish tradition picture God actually thanking the patriarch Abraham for making God King of the earth, for without Abraham's active proselytization, God would have remained unknown. Not until Abraham served as a sort of divine advance man was God able to bring God's word to the world.

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Good News, Bad News



JEWS AND CHRISTIANS SERVE... continued

EDITORIAL

Because I want to serve God, I was forced to think and rethink my relationships with my Christian neighbors. And tonight, I want to say that I fully accept Pastor Brook's message. This is a family reunion. We are brothers and sisters. And if we are to fulfill God's will here on earth, we must set aside our differences, come together, and work to make this world a better place.

While never forgetting the past, I call upon the Jews in this sanctuary to look to the future.

We Jews must recognize that major changes have taken place, both within Protestantism and Catholicism. We Jews must recognize that at this moment in world history, and, we pray, in the future also, Christians are our allies, not our oppressors. Finally, we Jews must recognize that each of us can make a difference by extending ourselves to our neighbors. Our communities worship one God. We share a love of the Hebrew Scriptures and a deep commitment to Israel. My prayer for this evening is that we harness our energies to repair the world.

If we study with one another, we understand more about each other and ourselves. If we find a way to celebrate our similarities and respect our differences, we serve God and we sanctify God's name. And that is really what our lives should be about. Serving God.

It would be interesting to hear some Islamic clergyman try to defend the idea that Muslims are also worshipping the Judeo-Christian God. — Zola

Sign of Hope continued

Crowley and Israel delighted the kids by taking part in a sack race, in which Crowley claims to have bested his fellow New Yorker.

The delegation also learned about the life-sustaining services the MDA camp is providing to Sri Lankans. The camp has a health center for local residents, and aid workers provide meals three times a day for more than 1,000 children.

"I thought it was absolutely mind-boggling that, in the small space that [the MDA camp] has, they can feed and take care of so many people daily," Jackson Lee said. "Israel obviously brings a lot of expertise to the table."

Representatives Crowley and Israel both said more attention should be focused on Israel's emergency relief efforts.

The Jewish state, Crowley said, is "a valuable and compassionate world citizen which can show compassion as well as strength to help those in the developing world."

Propagandizing for Terror By Patrick Cox, Contributing Editor

Two Jersey City burglars have been arrested for the murders of the Coptic Egyptian family of Hossam Armanious. The Washington-based Council on American-Islamic Relations, or CAIR, responded to the news by labeling writers and others outside New Jersey, who had urged an investigation of the Muslim extremists who had threatened to murder the Armanious family, as "hatemongers."

There may have been commentators who claimed that Muslims were responsible for the murders, though I never read or heard such. Clearly, and this is why we should all be concerned, CAIR was directing its accusations at those who said that, because Islamic radicals had promised to kill Armanious if he did not stop criticizing Islam, the possibility should be aggressively investigated.

CAIR's position, that even speculation that a Muslim might be responsible for religiously-motivated violence is racist and bigoted, would be amusing if it did not hold sway with so many mainstream journalists. For evidence that it does, we need only recall coverage of the DC snipers, John Allen Muhammad and Lee Malvo.

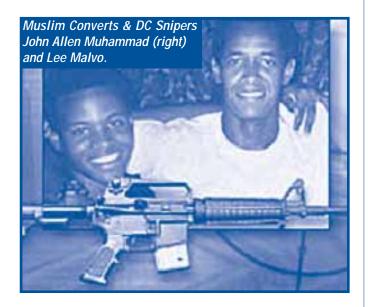
Not only did most networks and major newspapers play down or ignore altogether Muhammad's conversion to a radical brand of Islam, many of the top media organizations chose, whenever possible, to use his original name,

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PROPAGANDIZING FOR TERROR continued

John Allen Williams. Many people never even learned that "Williams" had launched his personal jihad by shooting up a Seattle area synagogue, with the same weapon he later used to kill ten people.



Lee Malvo was cast not as a vicious Islamofascist killer, but as a puppet to the psychotic "Williams." This odd leniency continued even after the two partners in assassination were separated and the younger killer spent his time producing shockingly violent poems and sketches that glorified the murder of Jews, the destruction of the World Trade towers, Saddam Hussein, Osama bin Laden, and his own Islamofascist ideology.

A spokesman for the Saudi-funded CAIR, however, denied that the sniper murders had anything to do with Islam or Muslims.

DC area police departments had apparently shared that view, having passed over several opportunities to stop and question the two murderers in their diligent search for more politically correct suspects. One has to wonder how many of those who died at the snipers' hands might have lived if authorities had been less fearful of accusations of "hate-mongering" and more willing to put Muslim converts on their suspects list.

If CAIR's charges of hate-mongering were applied equally toward Islamofascists, their supposed concern for civil rights might be more believable. One opportunity, that the organization missed entirely, occurred just weeks ago in New York.

Amina Wadud, an African-American author and professor of Islamic studies at Virginia Commonwealth University, made her own effort at reforming Islamic attitudes toward women. Her tactic, condemned by imams internationally, was to lead prayers for a group of Muslims, both men and women, who support a more moderate faith.

A band of Islamic hardliners gathered to protest and condemn the event, holding their own male-led service on the sidewalk outside. *The Chicago Tribune* reported that a "clearly furious" young American convert, who gave his name as Nussruh, said: "These people do not represent Islam. If this was an Islamic state, this woman would be hanged, she would be killed, she would be diced into pieces."

So far, CAIR has issued no statement condemning such extremism and hate-mongering. Of course, we shouldn't really be surprised. According to a well-documented story by a reporter from the *San Ramon Valley Herald*, CAIR's co-founder, Omar Ahmad, said in 1998 that "Islam isn't in America to be equal to any other faiths, but to become dominant. The Koran, the Muslim book of scripture, should be the highest authority in America, and Islam the only accepted religion on Earth."

Ahmad is, by the way, a Palestinian who grew up in a UN-supported refugee/Islamofascist indoctrination camp in Jordan.

CAIR and other supporters of Sharia in America are not working for a tolerant country where people of all religions can coexist peacefully. They seek to intimidate and silence anyone who points out that, at this point in history, most of the world's terrorists are radical Muslims.

This does not mean, of course, that all Muslims are terrorists, or even supporters of terrorism. I personally have Muslim friends who are as thrilled as I am that Christians, Muslims and Druze are demonstrating in Beirut, demanding that Syria and its Hezbollah proxies leave Lebanon and allow the people of that country to elect their own secular government. CAIR, however, has consistently opposed the liberation of Muslim peoples from the tyrants who rule the Middle East and fund propaganda efforts such as theirs.

Accusations by such defenders of dictators, that suspicion toward radical Muslims is a manifestation of prejudice and bigotry, is an egregious, yet peculiarly effective lie. Given the 9/11 attacks, the DC snipers, the murder of Ariel Sasha Sellouk in Texas, ongoing attacks on Israeli civilians, and many other such incidents, the assumption that Islamofascist motives might have been behind the murder of the Armanious family was entirely rational, and nothing to be ashamed of — unless logic and common sense are shameful or blameworthy.

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Dear Zola:

I normally would have written (snail mail) but I was so excited about the broadcast this morning I wanted to contact you ASAP. Sometime back you asked viewers to let you know if the show did not air as scheduled. Normally, I watch on INSP on Wednesday, but last night vou were preempted. Fortunately, I also have PAX available, so I was able to see your interview with Walid Shoebat this morning (March 10). This man is a treasure trove of information and has such a unique perspective that I found it tough to even keep up with him at times. I was delighted to hear you say this was just the first of many shows with Walid, so thanks to him AND you for that. I'm looking forward to those shows, just as I do to the *Levitt Letter* which I share with my ex-husband AFTER I sit down and read it cover to cover FIRST. Bless you and your staff for all you do and please keep up the great work!!

— С. М.

Best of Nine

Dear Zola:

I'm thinking of you and what a wonderful time I had in Israel in March. Last year was such a revelation for me in so many ways, but I think my trip with you all was the highlight. As many times as I had visited Israel (nine) I never saw or felt the experience the way that I did with you all. You have my heartfelt thanks and prayers for your continued success.

— R.C.

Letter from a Serviceman in Iraq Whose Mother Works in Our Office — Zola

Hi Mom & Dad,

Everything is going good here. I've been on four missions already. We found an IED (improvised explosive device) on the first mission and sealed off a six-lane highway. The civilians were so happy — as they detoured they honked and shouted *shuk run* (thank you). All the kids here wave and smile when we go by. I will send pictures as soon as I get set up on the internet.

You know already about the news media. They make it seem like we're fighting a losing battle, but the Iraqis have water and electricity restored, schools are being built with the help of our engineers, the Army is employing people, and democracy is setting in. It's a beautiful thing to witness. I gotta get back to work, but I'll write later. The mail may take up to eight days to get here.

Love y'all, — Randy

"Fighting a Losing Battle"

Insanity

My younger son contributed the following thoughts. — Zola

Hey Dad,

I was just reading the April *Levitt Letter* and the thing about Europe's "pathology" against the truths about Israel. I've often thought America is a ways off from welcoming the Antichrist when he comes, but with the things I keep hearing about Europe, it's too easy to imagine that if the Antichrist came tomorrow, many French, Germans and other Europeans would literally run down the streets toward him with their arms wide. That thought REALLY shocked me, because it seems like Europe is fully ripe for his arrival, and for the deception he'll bring.

You are right in your statement that one is probably clinically insane who believes the Holocaust and Israel's self-protection are comparable events. People with that kind of insanity would likely cheer on the Antichrist before he even lies to them! Things are really wrapping up; it's very hard for me to imagine ten more years without the Lord's return. — Aaron



The Temple Mount: No-Prayer Zone

By Aaron Klein, www.worldnetdaily.com

Christian, Jewish restrictions abound as Muslims police visitors to holy site

Judaism considers it the holiest place on earth. Muslims say it's the third holiest. Christianity reveres the spot as being of great historic importance. But if someone prays there, if he or she is not Muslim, the worshiper will be immediately arrested. Welcome to the Temple Mount.

The Temple Mount is the large area directly behind the Western Wall in Jerusalem. It is the site of Judaism's first and second Temples, the primary area of worship for the Jewish faith and the location in which God's "shekhina," or presence, is thought by Jews to reside. The area is about the size of 15 football stadiums.

King Solomon built the First Temple at the Mount almost 3,000 years ago, but it was destroyed by the Babylonians in 586 B.C., and 70 years later rebuilt by the Israelites returning from exile. It was later refashioned by King Herod at the same site.

Although it is not mentioned by name in the Koran, the Temple Mount is also commonly identified by Muslims as the "furthermost sanctuary," the site from which the Prophet Muhammad, accompanied by the Angel Gabriel, made the Night Journey to the Throne of God.

In addition, Christianity considers the area historically important. The book of Luke records that Jesus, raised a devout Jew, was dedicated in the Second Temple in accordance with the Laws of Moses, and describes Jesus' boyhood visit to the Temple, at which, it is written in John, he cleansed at Passover and during the last week of his life. Jesus once referred to the Temple as His "Father's house."

The Temple Mount was opened to the general public until September 2000, when the Palestinians started their intifada by throwing stones at Jewish worshipers after then-candidate for prime minister Ariel Sharon visited the area.

Following the onset of violence, the new Sharon government closed the Mount to non-Muslims, using checkpoints to control all pedestrian traffic for fear of further clashes with the Palestinians.

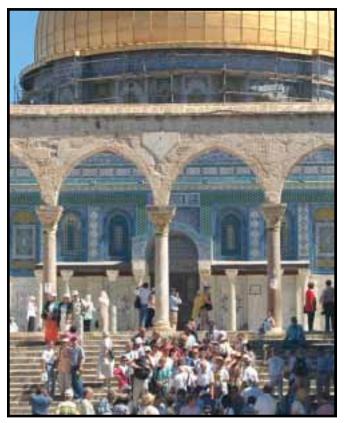
Noteworthy

The Temple Mount was reopened to non-Muslims in August 2003. It is still open, but only Sundays through Thursdays, 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., and not on any Christian, Jewish or Muslim holidays or other days considered "sensitive" by the Wafq, the Muslim custodians of the Temple Mount.

WorldNetDaily was given a tour of the Temple Mount along with several Christian archaeologists. The small group was warned in advance not to bring Bibles and, once on the Mount, not to whisper or make bowing movements for fear the Wafq might think a non-Muslim is praying in the area.

A Jewish woman was detained last summer for putting her head down while sitting on a bench: "It was a hot day and she just wanted to rest for a few minutes. The Wafq started screaming and the police arrested her. She told me she was held for six hours and had to sign documents stating she would never again return to the Temple Mount.

"You also can't bring anything with Hebrew letters, even secular Hebrew books. One man pulled out the Hebrew edition of *The Jerusalem Post*, and they took that from him."



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Jewish and Christian archaeologists charge that the Wafq, during excavations disposed of truckloads of dirt containing Jewish artifacts from the Temple period. After the media reported this, Israeli authorities froze the construction permit given to the Wafq. The remainder of the dirt now sits in a small garden outside the Al Aqsa Mosque.

Likud minister and leader of Israel's Manhigut Yehudit Party, Moshe Feiglin, told *WorldNetDaily*: "We gave away our sovereignty to the holiest place of the Jewish people. I can pray in Manhattan, Damascus, Cairo, but I cannot pray in my holiest place because of an Israeli decision. ...I think it's a disgrace that represents more than anything the deepest conflict that Israel deals with — not peace, not security or the Palestinians. It's the conflict between the Jews and themselves over what is going to be their national identity for the coming generations. This identity is represented more than anything else by the Temple Mount."

Yehuda Etzion, head of the Eternally Alive movement for Jewish rights on the Temple Mount, told reporters: "The worst thing is that there is coordination between the Waqf and the Israeli government."

The decision in 2003 to reopen the Temple Mount, even under heavy restrictions, fueled a wave of anti-Israeli incitement in the Palestinian press and a campaign by the late PLO leader Yasser Arafat to have the area closed. Arafat sent letters to Arab leaders threatening "grave consequences" for the "invasion of extremists disguised as tourists, under the auspices of the Israeli police."

Mahmoud Abbas, now Palestinian president, called the tours "provocative" and Arab League Secretary-General Amr Moussa said the Christian and Jewish visits were "an insult to Muslims everywhere."



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Russia defied stern US warnings when it inked a deal with Iran to supply it with nuclear fuel, only days after Vladimir Putin shared a stage with George Bush and promised Russia was in lockstep with the West on the need to prevent Iran from becoming a nuclear power. Russia announced its deal with Iran despite Washington's prolonged efforts to dissuade Moscow from supplying fuel for the Russian-built Bushehr nuclear plant, and has since announced it has sent more than two thousand Russians to Iran as technicians and guards.

The London *Sunday Times* is reporting that Israel has indeed drawn up strike plans against Iran and that Ariel Sharon got provisional authorization from his cabinet for an attack during a private meeting at his ranch in the Negev desert.

Israeli forces have already begun training for a strike, using a mock-up of Iran's Natanz uranium enrichment plant to practice a raid. The *Times* reported that the Israeli tactical battle plan "includes raids by Israel's elite Shaldag (Kingfisher) commando unit and air strikes by F-15 jets from 69 Squadron, using bunker-busting bombs to penetrate underground facilities."

The White House has been asked a number of times about the US position in the event of a strike on Iranian nuclear facilities by the Israelis.

Both President Bush and Vice President Cheney have hinted that such a strike would be fine with them.

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President Bush told reporters: in reply to the question, "If I was the leader of Israel and I listened to some of the statements by the Iranian ayatollahs about the security of my country, I'd be concerned about Iran having a nuclear weapon. And in that Israel is our ally, in that we've made a very strong commitment to support Israel, we will support Israel if their security is threatened."

The Bush administration has agreed to sign on to European Union diplomatic incentives being offered by Britain, France and Germany in return for assurances that, should diplomatic efforts fail, those countries would support a US referral of Tehran to the UN Security Council.

There is an historical parallel here. France and Germany, we now know, were the principal suppliers of nuclear material to Saddam's Iraq and were major beneficiaries of black market dealings with Saddam.

In the run up to the Gulf War, France and Germany offered Washington similar assurances of support in return for a US agreement to allow another effort at diplomacy to go forward.

When that failed, Germany and France jerked their promise of support and France announced that it would use its Security Council veto to prevent the UN from authorizing military force against Saddam.

France and Germany have similarly cozy — and similarly incriminating — financial arrangements with Iran's mad mullahs. Both countries have indicated that they would support lifting existing sanctions with Iran in the past, as they did with Saddam.

Both countries are being led by the same leaders that stabbed the US in the back last time around. Their "assurances" are not all that reassuring.

Assessment:

Israel, on the other hand, is a lot more reliable. Israel is well within Iran's nuclear reach and fully aware that the emergence of a nuclear Iran would ultimately result in Israel's destruction.

Israeli military and government officials have repeatedly identified Iran as the greatest threat to Israel.

"The Iranian threat is an existential threat to the state of Israel. Military action is the very last resort," said Ephraim Sneh, a member of the Knesset's Defense and Foreign Affairs Committee.

"We have to ensure that other steps, diplomatic steps, are carried out first. Here the United States plays a leading role and I hope it will fill it."

The US offer of economic incentives includes dropping objections to Iranian membership in the World Trade Organization and spare parts for commercial aircraft. Iran scoffed at the offer and said that "no pressure, incentive or threat" will reverse Iran's nuclear program.

This brings our attention back to Israel. Diplomacy takes a long time, and during the diplomatic period, Iran has a free hand. It is doing the same dance with the IAEA that Saddam invented, and the same IAEA is waltzing along to the same music.

Once the diplomatic dance is over, a resolution must be proposed to the Security Council, and history says that there is no guarantee that France and Germany won't find a reason by then to switch sides. That means more months of delay while the US "exhausts all available
options" — a euphemism for stalling for time to prepare for war.

The problem is, there isn't time.
According to the Israelis, Iran could
be nuclear before the diplomatic dance is over.

The London *Sunday Times* report confirms two things. Israel won't wait. And the US has given Israel a "green light."

"Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him."

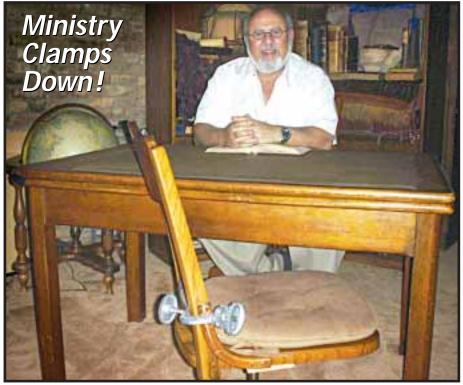
"PERSIA, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet . . . Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them."

"After many days thou shalt be visited: IN THE LATTER YEARS thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, AGAINST THE MOUNTAINS OF ISRAEL, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them." (Ezekiel 38:2,5,6,8)

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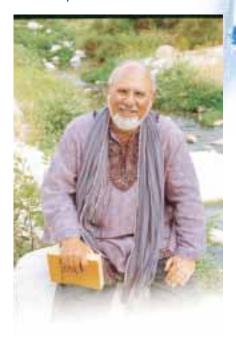
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