

LEVITT LETTER

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

The article below clearly explains the odd relationship between the United States, ostensibly conducting a war on terrorism, and Saudi Arabia, the heart of world terrorism. – Zola



ZOLA LEVITT

The Devil You Know...

By Jack Kinsella, www.omegaletter.com

On February 14, 1945, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt met for the first time with King Abdul Aziz Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia. World War Two was practically over, and Roosevelt was turning his attention from wartime victory to peacetime prosperity.

Before 1942, the U.S. government had no official interest in Saudi Arabia, even though an American oil company had struck oil there in 1938 and had created a small community of American geologists, drillers and engineers to deliver the oil to global markets.

No American official of higher rank than minister in the diplomatic service had ever before encountered the Bedouin monarch, and the king, in all his 64 years, had ventured no further out of the Arabian peninsula than Basra, in southern Iraq.

His domain was impoverished, isolated and backward; its levels of education, public health and mechanization were among the lowest in the world.

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Good News for Levitt Letter Addicts!

For all of you serious *Levitt Letter* aficionados, we're happy to announce that we now have a hefty dose of enlightening news and commentary for you each month at: www.levitt.com/news/

These captivating articles and commentaries were all candidates for the *Levitt Letter*, but space considerations prevented us from running them in the print edition.

The website is operational now, so when you finish reading this issue, log onto www.levitt.com/news/ for more entertaining and educational news from the Middle East and around the world! — Zola



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Your Tax Dollars at Work — Bashing Israel

By Zola Levitt

PBS, the educational television service, paid for, in part, by tax dollars and “supported by viewers like you” is no beginner at convicting Israel of terrorism. They are experts at blaming the victims.

Obviously, the Israelis are first in the world at being killed by terrorists who attack schools and synagogues, religious services, passing cars, etc. But PBS chose to do a documentary on a handful of Orthodox “settlers” who oppose the terrorists. The settlers actually planned to blow up an Arab school, but were religious zealots, not commandos, and went about their work very clumsily. The police arrested them, took them in and interrogated them, and started quite a protest against these ideologues.

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That first meeting is worth recounting. King Saud steamed toward his rendezvous with Roosevelt across Egypt's Great Bitter Lake aboard the USS Murphy.

On a deck covered with colorful carpets and shaded by an enormous tent of brown canvas, a large black-bearded man in Arab robes, his headdress bound with golden cords, was seated on a gilded throne.

Around him stood an entourage of fierce-looking, dark-skinned barefoot men in similar attire, each with a sword or dagger bound to his waist by a gold-encrusted belt. On the Murphy's fantail, sheep grazed in a makeshift corral.

Aboard the USS Quincy, President Roosevelt watched as King Saud's throne (with him still sitting on it) was hoisted into the air and transferred from the Murphy to the Quincy where King Saud spent five hours in conference with President Roosevelt. Thus began the strangest US foreign relationship in history.

The strange, one-sided relationship between the House of Saud and US presidents continued through every successive administration from Roosevelt through to George Bush. It is a symbiotic relationship — the US needs Saudi oil, and the Saudis need US money. But there is no love lost between either side.

Michael Moore's *Fahrenheit 9/11* alleges that there exists a special relationship between the House of Saud and the Bush family, based in large part on a book published by Craig Unger called *House of Bush - House of Saud* that cites some \$1.4 billion that he says was funneled to the Bush family, its friends and related businesses.

To arrive at that figure, Unger added together any money paid or contracted to any company that had any affiliation

with the Bush family or Dick Cheney. To that, he added any money invested by the Saudis in any company affiliated with the Bush family, no matter how remote.

Finally, Unger added together any charitable donations made by the Saudis to any charity affiliated with any Bush interests. Most of the \$1.4 billion went to the Carlyle Group, of which the senior George Bush is part owner.

According to Unger (and Moore) the Bush family is just a tool of the House of Saud. The facts are a bit different. First, the Bush family is rich — they have extensive holdings in lots of companies.

But at the time the Carlyle Group got most of their money, the Bush family was not yet involved with Carlyle. And Unger was unable to trace a single penny that went directly to any member of the Bush family.

Moreover, even Unger admits that when it comes to Saudi largesse, the Bushes are amateurs compared to other American political dynasties. President Clinton, for example, approached Prince Bandar in 1991 for \$20 million to launch a Middle East

studies program at the University of Arkansas. The request was approved by Prince Bandar during the 1992 election campaign in which Clinton defeated the senior Bush.

Overall, Saudi Arabia contributed about eight times as much money to Clinton "charities" as it has the Bush family.

But the photos of President Bush holding hands with Prince Abdullah (April 26) gives one pause to wonder.

Assessment:

Successive US administrations have tried hard to represent the Saudi government as a close US ally and a friend. Clearly, they are neither, but nobody in Washington will say it out loud.

There are a couple of reasons for this.

First, there is the principle of the "devil you know." Better to deal with the devil you know, than a new devil that could be much worse.

Secondly, there is the politics of oil. Thanks to years of domestic political stupidity that puts the welfare of Alaskan caribou above national se-

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curity, America is more dependent on foreign oil today than it was during the 1970's OPEC crisis that crippled our economy for a decade.

US-Saudi relations, far from being those of friends and allies, are more analogous to those of a drug addict and his supplier. No "friend" is more important to the addict than his drug dealer.

To the addict, who needs what his dealer controls just to make it through one day, the dealer is the "Main Man." No insult is too grave, no slight too painful for the addict to break that relationship. The addict just pretends it didn't happen and rationalizes it away.

It is from that relationship that the useful idiots extrapolate that the present US administration is in the pocket of Big Oil, and is therefore evil.

It isn't the government that is addicted to oil, it is you and me.

A government that broke the relationship with our suppliers would last just long enough to be impeached by the addicts who put them in office.

Politicians of any party are elected primarily to ensure the free flow of the drug that fuels our oil-dependent economy. All parties of all political stripes, from the Republicans to the Green Party, are equally addicted to oil.

If they own a car, buy groceries, or travel further than they can ride a horse or a bike, they are all part of the oil addiction.

How would Americans react to paying fifteen bucks a gallon for gas at the pumps? What would that do to the price of a banana in Buffalo, NY?

It isn't like the thinkers in Washington are too stupid to figure this out for themselves — but it is in America's best interests to pretend they can't. ✪

A look at our own history might be very illuminating. American settlers obviously attacked the Indians (though they had little right to be on this continent). It is normal in human affairs for people who live in frontier areas to fight against enemies. And finally, the Jews aren't the "settlers" at all in Israel. God gave them this land 4,000 years ago and at least some Jewish population has resided there virtually all of that time. It is the other side who are the occupiers.

Do Palestinian police arrest their terrorists, or do they celebrate them and congratulate their families? PBS quoted an Israeli official as saying that the Jewish Zealots are "preventing the peace process," of all things.

Rabbi Meir Kahane, murdered by the notorious Muslim terrorist El Sayyid Nosair in the Waldorf Astoria in 1990, is quoted throughout as an inspiration to these Orthodox settlers. And indeed, Kahane was such an inspiration, although he was an extreme radical. I heard him speak at one point and had to reject his utter hostility to Arab citizens of Israel and those called "Palestinians," though at the same time I could sympathize. Comparing these Orthodox settlers to Islamic terrorists is absurd. These are religious people who are profoundly committed to reestablishing the Scriptural Jewish land, a perfectly

Godly principle, who simply get out of hand with violence when they are provoked.

On the other side, one of the deaths caused by the Palestinian road assassins was an infant whose funeral was attended by hundreds in a pathetic scene. This leads to retaliation on the part of ideological people. Just as Timothy McVeigh was not an average American, these settlers are not really average Israelis, but PBS was not bothered to point that out. They are really such easy targets, these religious folk who, rather like the American Amish or other such unique sects, strive to their own way of life and do not necessarily cooperate in the government's policies.

If it hadn't been for so much criticism of the Holy Land over many years, I probably would be more patient with PBS and NPR. I used to be a donor of theirs. But I finally stopped the donations when they started running these awful "blame the victim" *Frontline* programs, and others. They are simply Muslim sympathizers even in this day and age.

When I called the station to explain why I stopped giving, I was told, "We understand your bias, Mr. Levitt."

— Zola ✪

Our Redemption Draweth Nigh

On April 4, National Public Radio, also tax supported, broadcast a story deploring the prisoner abuse at Abu Ghraib in Iraq. Experts at criticizing their own country, this publicly financed network, wringing its hands over how awful our army is, interviewed an officer at what is now called Camp Redemption, the former Abu Ghraib. The learned newscaster, a girl who probably could get a job in Beijing very nicely, commented in dolorous tones at the end of the story, "The only redemption the U.S. army can look for at this camp is their own."

It's really a small matter in today's world, but American taxpayers should immediately protest this awful radio network and its anti-American, anti-Israeli, basically anti-democracy and anti-freedom opinions. I seldom hear it broadcast what used to be called news. — Zola

Cracking Jokes with Hamas

By Daniel Pipes, www.Frontpagemag.com

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Shortly after Yusra Azzami, 20, strolled with her fiancé and her sister on the beach in Gaza, in April, the vigilantes from Hamas formed suspicions that she was engaged in “immoral behavior.” They followed her, shot her dead as she sat in her fiancé’s car, dragged her corpse out and mutilated it savagely with clubs and iron bars.

This atrocity follows on Hamas having murdered over four hundred Israelis going about their daily business since 2000. Unsurprisingly, the American and other governments consider Hamas a terrorist organization.

But how do they deal with such an organization? Two very different approaches exist, and President George W. Bush has articulated them both. In June 2003, he stated that “the free world, those who love freedom and peace, must deal harshly with Hamas” and specified that “Hamas must be dismantled.” Last month, however, he offered Hezbollah a chance to prove it’s not a terrorist organization and redeem itself “by laying down arms and not threatening peace.”

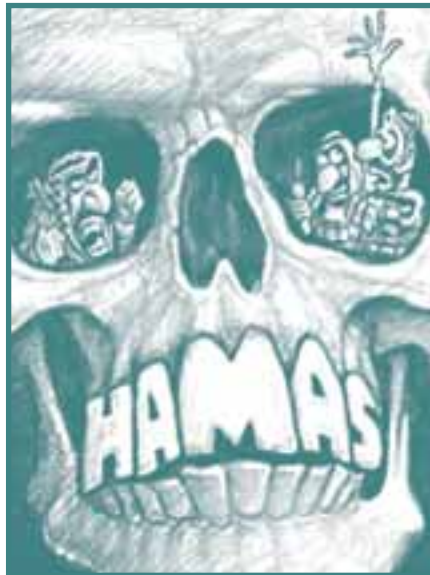
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This alarming second view builds on an outlook with growing support within the U.S. government. Many diplomats and intelligence officials believe, for example, that engaging the Muslim Brethren in Egypt (in *The Washington Post’s* description) “offers an opportunity for political engagement that could help isolate violent jihadists.” And Arabic-language news sources report that American officials in Egypt recently met with Muslim Brethren leaders.

To forward this wrong-headed idea, an organization called the Conflicts Forum was founded in December 2004. It has the immodest goal of

not just changing policy toward radical Islamic terrorist groups, but changing how Westerners see radical Islam itself. Conflicts Forum wants to challenge “the prevailing western orthodoxy that perceives Islamism as an ideology that is hostile to the agenda for global democracy and good governance.”

Conflicts Forum has several advantages, starting with the fact that what it terms the “prevailing Western orthodoxy” is — as noted above — quite soft. The group’s founder and leader, Alastair Crooke, 55, was a ranking figure in both British intelligence and European Union diplomacy, someone who hobnobs with insiders, gives upbeat speeches at premier venues (“It is Essential to Negotiate with Terrorists at the London School of Economics,” “Can Hamas Be A Political Partner?” at the Council on Foreign Relations), and enjoys a fawning press.



But Crooke’s true identity came out in a clandestine meeting he held with the Hamas leadership in June 2002, at a time when he still represented the European Union. We have an account of the meeting prepared by Hamas (which Crooke claims is inaccurate), and it deserves reading in full for an insight into Crooke’s amoral, craven, appeasing, and dhimmi-like, mentality.

He recounts to Hamas having insisted to two high-ranking Europe politicians that “the status of Europe in the eyes of the Palestinians has started to deteriorate” because Europe did not adequately support the Palestinians.

“The main problem [in the Middle East] is the Israeli occupation,” which is music to Hamas ears. “As for terrorism, I hate that word,” he tells leaders of a leading terrorist organization, going on to imply that he instead sees Hamas operatives as “freedom fighters.”

This last term fits Crooke’s routine public dismissal of terrorism as a threat. The West, he says, faces not “terrorism” (his quote marks), but a distinctly less nasty “sophisticated, asymmetrical, broad-based and irregular insurgency.” And his Conflicts Forum, dubbed by journalist Patrick Seale “a club of disaffected diplomats and intelligence officers,” engages in a pleasant form of personal diplomacy that diminishes the horror of Islamist terrorism.

Thus, at a Conflicts Forum meeting last month in Beirut with the leadership of four Islamist terrorist groups, including Hamas and Hezbollah, the mood and the food were too good to allow this inconvenient subject to intrude. Stephen Grey, a journalist covering the event, later reflected on it: “Invited to dinner with the participants in the Beirut talks, and sharing jokes with the Hamas men over tiger prawns, avocado, pasta, and cherry tomatoes, I wondered privately how one would explain all this intimacy to the mother of a child killed by a suicide bomber.”

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Conflicts Forum offers a seductive alternative to the hard business of waging and winning a war. Unfortunately, its wrongheaded, defeatist, and doomed approach amounts to preemptively losing the war. Its counsel deserves a round rejection. ■

Battles with Seminaries... Defending Israel – book

Is it really worth liberalizing Biblical doctrine to enroll a few extra students? We don't think so, and this book is designed to combat the lack of interest in Israel and prophecy that has taken hold of our major seminaries. Includes letters to and from seminaries and Zola's readers regarding Progressive Dispensationalism, a pox on the Church that is striking its pastors before they graduate and give their first sermons.

Offered on page 31.



Seven Churches—Does Yours Fit In?—booklet

The Lord appeared to the Apostle John at Patmos and dictated the dramatic Revelation of Jesus Christ. He began with commentary on seven churches of the time, which has remained an object lesson for all generations. The seven churches of Asia as seen by the Head of the Church.

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As the month went on, several interesting stories developed in world news, and I thought I would comment on each of those. — Zola

The Birth of Hope?

The most innocent news article can contain propaganda these days. In the National Weekly edition of *The Washington Times* (April 11-17), was a short item called “Birth of Hope?” It said in part: “In life, Pope John Paul II designated the Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem, Israel as a special project of charity. Now, after his death, supporters of the hospital are hoping lawmakers on Capitol Hill honor the Pope by funding the hospital’s new efforts to help pregnant women. Since 1990, Holy Family Hospital has been caring for women, children and babies in the war-torn area of the West Bank regardless of religion, national origin or ability to pay. It’s seeking \$3.5 million from Congress...”

That certainly seems reasonable enough and typical of this good Pope’s efforts to help the poor. But, a few things need to be said about the real facts on the ground in Bethlehem. First of all, the idea that the hospital will help anyone “regardless of religion” is irrelevant. There are virtually no Christians left in Bethlehem, and no Jews can ever visit there because of the hostile Muslim presence (two Jewish Army reservists, who took a wrong turn into Ramallah, were simply torn to pieces by the Muslim population there). Since the birthplace of our Lord and King David was handed over to Arafat in 1995, it’s become a typical Muslim slum area, intimidating and dreary.

So far as money for charity goes, the problem there is that some of the money tends to go toward terrorism. (We heard from Rev. G.D.V. Wiebe, an Episcopal priest who supports the same hospital in Bethlehem, but with Catholics and Episcopalians around the world being appealed to

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for charity, they must be raising more than adequate funds for a hospital serving a town that’s hardly more than a crossroads. One wonders what the real size of the hospital is. Perhaps it is simply a source for gathering cash gifts. Terrorism is expensive.) Bethlehem has been a source of any number of suicide bombers heading toward Jerusalem, and so the Israelis have had to mount a checkpoint, almost a national border, to examine who wants to come down the road. It should be said that this used to be a very peaceful place and a wonderful tourist site. I never had a problem in Bethlehem until 1995.

And finally, the adjective “war-torn” is so very unfair. There has not been a real war involving the area of Bethlehem since the Romans wrecked the temple in 70 AD. There is no war in Israel at present, nor has there been. There are simply murders, written up by the world media as if they were part of a genuine war, followed by police actions by Israel to control those murders. And that’s all.

While I certainly support any charitable hospital to care for the poor, or whomever anywhere in the world, I can’t help but develop suspicions of the real motives here, and especially of the way this reporter expressed himself.

Fearing Muhammed

One of my favorite newspapers, *The Washington Times*, recently published the following short statement:

“Islamophobia” — or such is the title of a unique three-day conference to be held later this spring in Washington,

sponsored by the Council on American Islamic Relations...

I confess to being Islamophobic, if there is such a thing. I have a natural fear of Muslims because some of them kill people and they don’t hesitate to kill absolutely innocent people that they don’t know from Adam. CAIR, the Council on American Islamic Relations, always acts surprised that Americans would have an adverse reaction to Muslims after 9-11. Such posturing is not just an insult to intelligence, but a very unpatriotic attitude, since the CAIR spokespeople, at least, are American citizens one and all.

That organization is so extremely sensitive to the slightest negativity about any Muslim, they howl in pain with a suggestion that Muslims in the United States are thought to be a danger.

Without consideration for the circumstances, it defends each and every Muslim under the guise of being concerned with “relations” between Muslim Americans and the others. It’s curious that no other minority in America really has to have a national committee to discuss its relations with the rest of the citizens.

But then they haven’t murdered so many of them! — Zola

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“Mary, Queen of the Universe”

A Catholic friend of mine has assured me on many occasions that the Catholics do not worship Mary. Although he himself will pray to Mary before driving a golf ball, he was very emphatic on the idea that they know that Jesus is the Son of God and they understand Mary’s role, etc.

This contradicted observations I’ve made on my own, such as driving past a Catholic church near the Holy Land Experience in Orlando called “Mary, Queen of the Universe.” And imagine my disbelief seeing a bank building on a highway in Clearwater where Mary’s image supposedly appeared on high windows on the side of the building. With my own eyes I saw a Catholic congregation and a priest serving them. I observed in the *Levitt Letter* at that time that the police were troubled by having to go out every night and pick up all of the cash that people were throwing at the windows, apparently to purchase a miracle from Jesus’ mother.

But when I was watching the Pope’s funeral, I was struck by his elegantly simple coffin, really just a wooden box in keeping with the modesty and humility of this rather effective Pope.

It had just two symbols on it — a cross and a capital “M” for Mary.

— Zola

A Roaring Success

The *International Jerusalem Post* of April 1 published that Samson, the lion from the Hai-Kef Zoo in Rishon Letzion, who underwent brain surgery at the veterinary teaching hospital of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, has recuperated and returned to his cage.

— Zola



Samson

Your Tax Dollars at Work for Audi

Palestinians receive more foreign aid per capita than any other people in the world. This article discusses how they spend some of it.

The Palestinian Authority’s decision to purchase more than 100 new vehicles for all members of the Palestinian Legislative Council and the new Cabinet has drawn sharp criticism from some Palestinians.



The PA’s twenty-four ministers will each receive a German Audi A-6 car, which costs \$76,000. The 86 lawmakers will be given the cheaper version of the Audi, the A-4, which costs an estimated \$45,000.

Palestinian columnist Yahya Rabah noted that thousands of hungry, unemployed laborers have attacked the offices of the Palestinian Legislative Council in Gaza City to protest against

the PA’s failure to solve their plight.

“What will happen when these workers see the new cars parked outside the Palestinian Legislative Council offices?” he asked. “How will we explain the decision to pay only \$1,500 to the families whose houses have been demolished or blown up?”

As to the final question, houses of the Palestinians are razed either when a terrorist of that family attempts a bombing in Israel or the house is built without a permit away from sewer, electricity and water lines, etc. I asked an American attorney what Americans would do with the same sort of illegal house building. He said we would eventually take the house down with a bulldozer.

In addition, during the great days of Saddam Hussein, that dictator used to provide \$25,000 to each terrorist’s household as a reward for a suicide bombing. Those were the good old days of Mercedes and BMWs, not Audis.

And for good measure, tourists are surprised to see Arabs driving full-size Mercedes taxicabs in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. Actually, those cars are part of German reparations to the Jews associated with the Holocaust.

Israeli Arabs who hold taxi licenses, needing durable automobiles, buy those fine cars cheaply, and eventually resell them to their cousins in the West Bank. And so it is not an unusual sight to visit Arab cities like Ramallah or Bethlehem, which accept donations from the whole world — certainly including our own government — driving around in cars average Americans can only envy!

Things are not always what they seem.

— Zola

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Letters to Zola

for a 32-page *Levitt Letter*). The main advantage to enrolling on our free email list at www.levitt.com (just click on "Levitt Letter" and then the "Online Request Form") is that you can preview our newsletters before they will arrive in the mail. But there's no substitute for reading them

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Dear Zola:

You may as well take me off the mailing list. I am really too poor to give and I am just trying to save you paper, postage and resources. Enclosed are 1/2-penny stamps from 1954 - no receipt necessary.

— T.J.

Dear T.J.:

Your gift of the stamps has been noted, and the receipt is filed in heaven. No contributions are necessary to remain on our mailing list. So long as you are reading our newsletters, then we are being good stewards with this ministry's paper and postage, which belong to God.

— Zola

The Gift of Helps

Dear Zola:

If everyone that has a computer available to him were to go online and print out his own copies of the *Levitt Letter*, then how much do you think you would save on printing and postage? How many more dollars would be available for TV programming and rising airtime expenses? With your permission, I would like to begin doing that as a routine, so please remove me from your mailing list. That way I can increase my small contribution in another way.

— T.J.

Dear T.J.:

It is less expensive for us to print and bulk mail your newsletters to you (about \$.64 each) than it is for you to print them at home (about \$.10 per page, or \$3.20

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— Zola

America Sponsors Terrorism

Dear Zola:

It has been announced that the U.S. government is going to give 350,000,000 U.S. tax dollars to the PA. Now who is supporting terrorism?

— A.D.

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With Our Hands Tied

At the end of April, there was a big celebration in Ho Chi Minh City about the fall of Saigon in 1975.



North Vietnamese celebrate victory

Indeed, we lost that battle somehow to the North Vietnamese and the Vietcong, and communism still prevails in Vietnam. It's well to remember what can happen to a superior power when it is simply not allowed to use its weapons by international pressure, bad publicity, or whatever.

Israel is having to pull out of Gaza, for one reason, because they cannot fight the terrorists with their hands tied behind their backs. The world will not allow the Israelis to use the superior weaponry and manpower they have against Palestinian terrorists, and so the only alternative is to do what we did — pull out.

The only difference in this respect is that Israel is not entirely leaving its land, of course, as we left Vietnam, but merely a portion of it that was not originally Biblical land in order to consolidate its civilians in a defensive posture against what Ariel Sharon predicts is an oncoming Middle Eastern war.

When the north invaded, some of the south Vietnamese people fled in boats and became the storied "boat people" who pleaded to be taken in by other nations. Israel was one of the first to cooperate, and those Vietnamese and their descendants are now citizens of Israel. Ironically, they are having to watch another ignominious retreat for the same ignominious reason.

When the right wing in Israel cries out that this is a military defeat for Israel and a win for terrorism, they actually are right. One cannot prevail militarily with all the nations of the world railing against the use of reasonable force, and terrorism wins out when good men cannot oppose it. — Zola

“We just love Zola’s Intro. to Hebrew!”

Dear Zola:

We received our book, *Zola’s Introduction To Hebrew* and just love it. You and Mr. Parsons did a fantastic job on it. We’re so glad you did this. How can we ever thank you!!

I learned the vowels and Aleph-Bet a year or so ago so I am ready to get with it. Also, I discovered your new online website for the same. It’s great as well. It’s wonderful to hear the letters and vowels pronounced for us. Just one problem for me and that’s trying to utter the letter *resh* within words like in mountain — *resh-hay*. Will keep at it.

Thank you so much again.
God bless you and your
ministry.
— T.C.



Dear T.C.:

You mean *hay-resh* (don’t forget to read right-to-left). You’re going to need that word for mountain, *har*, if you are going to “go, tell it on the mountains” in Hebrew!

Which Church?

Dear Zola:

Could you please tell me which Church or Religion “The Rev. GDV Wiebe, SSC., Ph.D. represents?”

I am referring to your most recent *Levitt Letter*. Which Church are you referring to when you say “I have known for a long time that your church was not friendly to my people”?

I await your response and God Bless!!

— J.A.

Dear J.A.

As the introduction to the story supplied, Rev. Wiebe, S.S.C., Ph.D., is an Episcopal priest. While I’m usually distrustful of folks who use lots of letters after their name (I am also a reverend and have seven letters among my college degrees), we have an Episcopal priest as a longtime board member of this ministry. But the difference between Fr. Nelson and Fr. Wiebe is that our man knows the Scriptures, loves and supports Israel, and is therefore a gifted adviser. — Zola

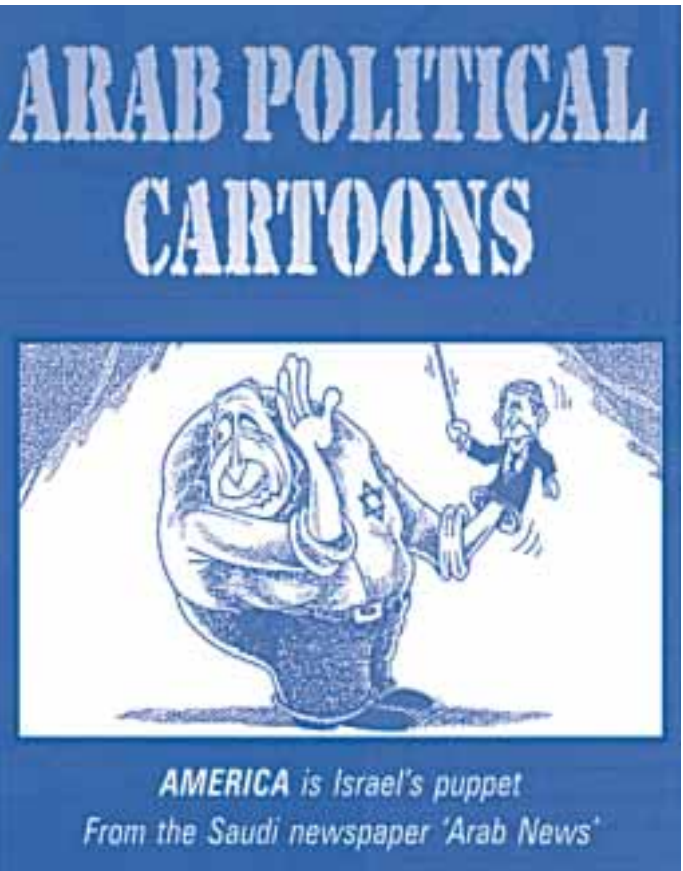
A Hodgepodge of Deception

Dear Brother Levitt:

I have just recently come across your website and have been enjoying the materials you present. I especially refer to your paper *Progressive Dispensationalism* with Dr. Thomas S. McCall. I had my suspicions confirmed about how Moody Bible Institute, along with Dallas Seminary, had departed from the vision of their founders with the adoption of Progressive Dispensationalism.

After reading your paper on the subject, I have seen how Moody has capitulated and has allowed this stuff to enter the school, and the resultant “Here We Stand” document from an Academic Freedom Draft that protected and kept people on staff who should have been fired. Then the requirement of students to sign the doctrinal statement for graduation in order to allow those who didn’t believe in pre-tribulationism and pre-millennialism to graduate. All these things helped me to understand the young man who is the pastor where I have been attending. He is a Moody graduate from the 90s. He has fallen for the pre-wrath rapture deception that is being put forth by Rosenthal. I have to admit that I had not heard of this stuff before I came to Oregon last October.

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Courtesy of Israel Today

Brother Levitt, I never heard such a hodgepodge of deception in my life concerning End Times. I am 76 years old and a retired missionary pastor and it was just too much for me to accept, since so many things are involved in that system that corrupts the Word of God. I tried twice to reason with him, but it was to no avail, so my wife and I quit going to that church. I wrote him a letter explaining why we had to leave and invited him to talk about it if he wanted to, but as yet, have received no reply. I cited several distortions that I noticed from one message concerning the rapture:

1. Failure to recognize dispensational truth.
2. As a result, there was no distinction between Israel and the Church.
3. Failure to distinguish between the Rapture and the 2nd Advent, and he used several 2nd Advent passages for the Rapture.
4. Does not recognize the necessity for literal interpretation of Scripture.
5. These things lead to a faulty interpretation of the Revelation.
6. Most of these things are a result of an erroneous view of the 70th week of Daniel and what its purpose is according to Daniel.
7. Because of apparent lack of understanding of identification truths and a right understanding of the heavenly position of the church adds to the confusion.

I detected these problems after sitting in just one session of this pre-wrath trib fiasco. I share your vital concern about the churches that get this type of person in their pulpits and the harm it can bring to the body of Believers. I applaud your ministry and the clarity with which you and Dr. McCall defend the Word on your website. Be assured of my prayers for you. Hold the banner high! Maranatha. Resting in Him,
— J.E.M.

P.S. I have asked to have the *Levitt Letter* sent to me.

Dear J.E.M.:

The newsletter is on its way. Your letter is long, but so very clear and accurate that I couldn't resist running it all. Keep up the battle, pastor. — Zola

News from Iceland

Dear Zola:

I had a discussion with a friend today who said the Jews in Israel

are not really from the 12 Tribes. She said they are Palestinians who have converted to Judaism. She also said the real ancestors from the Tribe of Benjamin are living in Iceland. This information came from a book her husband is reading. Her last comment was that she no longer gets upset over the Roadmap to Peace and about the Scripture that says He will bless those that bless the Jews and Israel. I am gravely concerned as to where she is going. Do you know anything about this? If so, is she wrong or am I wrong?

Sincerely,

— C.L.

Dear C.L.:

She's wrong. First of all, there was no Arab "Palestinian" nationality before 1964, and it's hard for me to imagine any modern Palestinian converting to Judaism. No one really knows where all the ancient tribes are now living, but I'm always grateful to Reuben for leaving us such a great sandwich!

— Zola

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ARAB POLITICAL CARTOONS



ISRAEL TAILORS the Middle East
From the Israeli Arab newspaper 'Al Ittihad'

Courtesy of Israel Today

Nice, Gentle Muslims

Dear Zola:

Please remove me from your mailing list.

I usually do not read much of the newsletter. This month, I found the letter from D.S. on the front page very disturbing in that the person, in the third paragraph, insinuates that Muslims in this country, any Muslim, might be a part of the 9/11 attacks. That is a bigoted attitude completely. I worked with a Muslim for some time. He was a very nice man and was horrified at what happened. Although he wasn't a Christian, he was NOT a terrorist or in any way associated with them. I'm afraid that considering a letter with this type of bigotry as worthy of the front page puts your newsletter on my no longer to read list. Save your funds by not mailing future issues.

— S.E.

Dear S.E.:

But sister, it's true that any Muslim might have been involved in the 9-11 attacks, even if only as a financial contributor. Our country is full of Islamic "charities" sending great sums to terrorists. I have known some nice Muslims, too, just as you have, and when I play golf between speaking engagements in Florida, I meet some very gentle and benign alligators. — Zola

Propaganda On Campus

Dear Zola and Staff:

I am a longtime supporter of your ministry and I will be for life. However, I have experienced a recent problem with which I think you may be able to help.

Approximately 3 months ago, I retired from the U.S. Army after 27 years of total service. One of my goals after retirement was to complete my college education. I chose a local college (satellite campus) with an accelerated program geared for the adult learner, Bethel College (main campus in McKenzie, TN), which is Presbyterian, and that seems to be part of my problem.

My most recent textbook, *Understanding the Behavior of Modern Organizations* by Nassar S. Nassar contains outright PLO lies and propaganda con-

cerning the Israelis. He states that "Arabs and Jews have both been killing innocent civilians while effectively arguing that the same acts committed by the other side are wrong" (p.14). Also, somehow, this textbook managed to get published without going through any established review process that all books go through. Mr. Nassar is the copyright holder and the college has accepted this and approved this textbook for use.

I have emailed Mr. Nassar, who is the head of the college outreach education program, and offered to meet face to face and respectfully discuss this error. What I would like from the ministry, is extra copies of the *Levitt Letter*, so I can offer them to my fellow students to counter this PLO propaganda. I do not want to be confrontational, but I do want to get the truth out. I have given several graded class presentations on Israel and the origins of the Palestinian name and most of my fellow students have been very interested in the topic. If the extra *Levitt Letters* are provided, I will not do anything that would put the ministry in a bad light, or open it up to abuse. I will remain respectful during any discussions, and I only want to expose my fellow students to the truth, as I doubt I will have any effect on the college.

Thank you for your time, — S.A.R.

Dear S.A.R.:

I understand the problem. I am challenged by loutish Muslim students and professors when I volunteer to speak at colleges without charge or travel expense. The extra *Levitt Letters* are on the way. — Zola

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On Guard!

UNMANNED BORDER PATROLS

Israel's high tech vehicle removes soldiers from harm's way.
It will patrol the border along Israel's security fence.

Courtesy of Israel Today

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Visit the land where time began and feel like you're in the center of the universe. Our bargain June 14-24 Kibbutz Tour of Israel includes the key Biblical sites, plus an archaeological dig. For your tour folder, please call Tony at (214) 696-9760 during office hours or our answering service 1-800-WONDERS (800-966-3377) anytime. Our next tour is tentatively planned with departures on November 1 and 6 with Petra and Mediterranean cruise options.

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Levitt Letter Extra at www.levitt.com/news

The *Levitt Letter* is twice as thick as a short time ago, when we referred to 32-pagers as "double editions." Even so, however, Zola and our newsletter's chief editor, Lou Hays, have devised a way to bring you more news and commentary than ever. Continuing yesteryear's *Levitt Letter Extra*, now you can click on *Levitt Letter* at our website and find more great stories.

Israel's and ZLM's Birthdays

Israel became a nation on May 14, 1948. Zola Levitt Ministries incorporated on May 17, 1979. In some years, those dates may occur on the same day due to differences in the Jewish and Gregorian calendars. Happy birthday, Israel and happy birthday to this ministry, which is now 26 years old!

We Accept Gifts in Kind

Sometimes it is more convenient to contribute cars, stock, land, and fine jewelry to tax-exempt organizations than it is to sell them. When required, we are happy to furnish an appraisal to go with IRS Form 8283. Please direct any questions in this regard to Mark's attention at our P.O. Box. Thanks.

Free *Levitt Letter* Overages

Would you like 50 recent *Levitt Letters* to offer at your church? We have begun printing a few extras for people, like you, who want to serve as Newsletter Ambassadors. Imagine delivering Zola's teaching to those who don't know it even exists — totally free of charge! Please help us to reach more people by periodically letting us know how many newsletters you can put to good use.

“No Oil Paintin’!”

Dear Staff:

You have a good magazine, and Zola is certainly THE champion of Israel. But frankly, I can no longer endure the egomania inherent in his journal, which, of course, Zola edits.

I've had all I can take of Zola says, Zola teaches us, Zola expounds, Zola reveals, Zola reviews, Zola explains, Zola clarifies, Zola leads us all to the light, *ad nauseam*. What Zola needs to do is get a grip on his ego. To be sure, the message is always greater than the messenger, (save in the case of Yeshua himself), but alas, I can no longer look past this man, who has calluses on his hand from patting himself on the back.

So now “Reuben says” please take me off your mailing list. And good luck.
— R.H.

P.S. Zola’s picture on every other page doesn’t help, either. He ain’t no oil paintin’!

Dear R.H.:

I’ve long realized that I ain’t no oil paintin,’ but my name has become like a “brand name” and helps us to explain our products. *Zola’s Notebook, A Note From Zola, etc.*, have a certain identification we think, which just wouldn’t work if my name were Joe. I thought the calluses on my hands were from golf. — Zola

Two Dollars from a Trucker

Dear Zola:

I just received my first *Levitt Letter* and I must say I am thrilled with all of the information. Thank you so much for telling the truth about all that is going on not only in Israel, but elsewhere as well. I love Israel and have for as long as I can remember. The Lord called me for intercessory prayer for Israel, as well as a Watchman. I am blessed by such an honor.

I read the article sent in about the two dollars the truck driver sent along with his other contributions. I thank him. My sister (who loves Israel and the people as well) and I will be sending our money to help support this valuable ministry.

I pray that God blesses you and keeps you in all you do and say. — B.M.

Dear B.M.:

I was grateful to this generous truck driver. And while I’m on the subject, I want to commend virtually all truck drivers, since my wife and I pull a trailer. They are skillful, courteous, and very intelligent to deal with at truck stops. They do beautiful work.

I look forward to meeting platoons of them this summer as Sandra and I drive the eastern Midwest to Chicago.
— Zola

“I Don’t Believe in the Rapture.”

Dear Zola:

Your March Personal Letter said the world is going to Hell in a handbasket, and after reading recent reports, I very much agree with you. Conversely, since I don’t believe in the rapture theory where God selects His Chosen Ones who “fly away” and leaves the rest remaining to blow up the planet, I’m very troubled. Too many innocent people are at the mercy of some very crazed lunatics in political power.

That I believe in God I have no doubt; but I do think He watches us make total fools of ourselves and does not intervene. When we no longer have the planet as our playing field and meet up with Him, I think then He will do the sorting. Warm regards. — H.M.

Dear H.M.:

It seems you lack some Bible knowledge. God will indeed take care of the Believers and we will indeed fly away with Him. [I Thessalonians 4:16-18]. (And, by the way, you can’t fly stand-by in the Rapture; you must have your own ticket.) Indeed, God will do the sorting, but that will be on Judgment Day when the courtroom is reserved entirely for unbelievers. I hope I see you “here, or there, or in the air,” as they say. — Zola



ARAB POLITICAL CARTOON

Dry Wells and Olive Trees

On April 4, CNN, not usually a fountain of Biblical information, supplied a story of Moses' prophecy in Deuteronomy 33:24 *Asher shall dip his foot in oil*. It seems that new drillers are asking donations to sink yet another well in Israel based on that prophecy.

But, what is meant in the Scripture is olive oil, not petroleum. Asher's territories are very fertile reaching from around Caesarea up into the Jezreel Valley, and the site of many orchards and olive groves. Asher traditionally supplied its excellent olive oil for the lamp stand in the Temple. Some years ago, a well was sunk near Caesarea at great expense with no result. After 22,000 feet, I was told, it was perfectly dry. Where petroleum is concerned, the Lord gave it to the Arabs, presumably so that the rest of us would talk to them.

Beware of well-meaning contributions to those who read Scripture to a purpose. Rather like the American rabbis and ministers who purport to raise charity for Israel, they become middlemen with large expenses of their own which they take out of the donations.

We have said before in the *Levitt Letter* that any charity must pass three standards for Christian giving: 1) they must agree to provide an independently audited financial statement by return mail, 2) they must state what percentage of your donation will go to their expenses, and 3) they must provide the address or email of the ultimate recipient so that you can verify the safe arrival of your gift.

Our ministry meets those standards and always has. I'm afraid not many do. — Zola

Be A Witness

This is your last call to be a witness on our next tour of Israel, June 14-24. November brings our deluxe Israel-Greece-Petra tour. For more 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 visit the eastern Midwest on our upcoming summer speaking trip, starting just after July 4. We intend to drive our RV through Branson, Mo., St. Louis, Indianapolis, and Chicago.

If your church is located near our route, please contact Claudia as soon as possible to book a speaking engagement. Her number is 817-417-0059 and her email is zolaspeaks@levitt.com. Churches often are disappointed

when they wait too long to book a speaking engagement with us. We keep a very busy schedule and the dates fill up quickly. We also have to make advance plans for driving and parking our RV.

We continue to seek your gifts to help offset the expenses on the PAX network. Please ask the Lord what He would have you do to help. Thanks.

Please pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

Your messenger,



Alice in Wonderland, Muslim Style

I've heard some Muslim propaganda in my day. We operate tours not only in Israel, but through the years have also served Turkey, Jordan, Egypt, and, in better times, the West Bank and Gaza. I've met a lot of Arab people, interviewed spokesmen, including cabinet members of the Palestinian government, and I have spoken to a number of Arab journalists.

But even *my jaw* had to drop looking at Link TV's *Mosaic: World News From the Middle East*. This program, on Direct TV 375, gives a fair survey of the news as presented in various languages from different countries in the Middle East and it is really something to see. While the news from Iraq and Jordan was relatively close to the facts (although the Jordanian newscaster kept referring to Palestinian terrorists as "activists," which sounds more innocent, I suppose, than our American journalists' expression: "militants"), the newscasts from Saudi Arabia and Iran were rather remarkable.

The Saudi Arabian newscaster continued to refer to Tel Aviv as the seat of the Israeli government, which of course it is not. The capital of Israel is Jerusalem. No federal government in Israel meets in Tel Aviv, and that Arab channel very well knows that. I have pointed out in the past certain American newspapers that persist in saying the same thing, trying to reserve Jerusalem for some future Arab capital. And the Saudi Arabian's references to Israel were only in terms of unrest and so forth, and no real news.

But Iran took the prize by absolutely fabricating news stories from scratch! I usually complain about bias, but I am silenced by utterly *made-up* news. The Iranian newscaster said that Israel is about to demolish 122 homes in Silwan, the Biblical Siloam, as in the Pool of Siloam. Furthermore, it's going to divide that land, the newscaster said,

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War in 2006!

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Israel has reportedly expressed its belief to Washington that Iran and several of its Arab allies are preparing for a full-scale war against the Jewish state, possibly following the expected United States withdrawal from Iraq in 2006.

Unnamed U.S. officials told Middle East Newline this week that according to Israeli assessments, the departure of most American forces from the region would lead to increased tensions and provide an atmosphere ripe for an escalation of violence.



Prime Minister Ariel Sharon “has relayed repeated messages to the administration that Iran and its Arab allies are preparing for war,” one official said.

Sharon reportedly raised the issue with President George W. Bush and Vice President Richard Cheney during his recent visit to the U.S., telling the Americans that an Iran emboldened with the acquisition of nuclear weapons would seek to form a regional alliance against Israel.

Israeli military intelligence reported earlier in the month that the Lebanese terrorist organization Hezbollah is

already planning a major offensive along Israel’s northern border, likely at the behest of Tehran.

But Washington has been largely dismissive of Israel’s assessments of Iran’s nuclear program and, therefore, the presence of any serious threat in the near future.

“Our intelligence community has used in the past an estimate that said that Iran was not likely to acquire a nuclear weapon before the beginning of the next decade,” state department spokesman Richard Boucher said on April 13. “That remains the case.”

America’s top priority in the region at this time, officials said, is to ensure Israel’s withdrawal from Gaza and northern Samaria and the establishment of a Palestinian Arab state on the Jews; Biblical heartland.

The birth of Palestine, the Bush administration continues to insist, would effectively put an end to regional animosity towards Israel.

“If you resolve the Israeli-Palestinian issue, you’ve resolved the problem with extremism,” Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said.

The Jewish state, however, suffered three full-scale, Arab-initiated wars and countless terrorist attacks during the 19 years prior to taking control of Judea, Samaria and Gaza in 1967.

Sharon is an experienced battlefield general and defense minister. His warnings may help to explain the Gaza pullout, as this newsletter has stated all along. — Zola ✦

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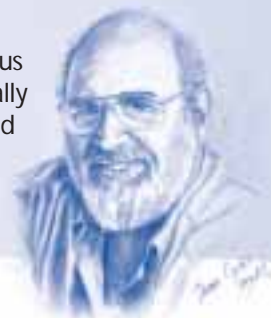
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Zola's Monthly Gift Program

Obsession!

The political left in America is now totally obsessed with "the far right," "Christian right," "religious extremists," etc. Did you see the May issue of *Harper's*? Its cover story is entitled "The Christian Right's War on America." One reviewer points out that the article systematically identifies conservative Christians with fascism.

And who are these Americans whom Gore hysterically screams at, Kerry blames for his defeat, that the media compare to Nazis, and that Senator Harry Reid imagines run the Republican Party? They are simply those of us who think marriage is between a man and a woman and that "under God" ought to remain in the Pledge of Allegiance.

We are the people who look at the Constitution and can't find any reason why child pornography hasn't been outlawed, nor why the Ten Commandments have been kicked out of the public square. We think unborn children should be protected under our Constitution and that our kids deserve more than free condoms when we are teaching them about love and sex. We believe America has been blessed by God and we believe, as our Declaration of Independence states so clearly, that He is the source of our liberty.

And, yes, we do vote!

A Righteous Gentile

www.jnnnews.com



Major Karl Plagge

Dr. Michael Good of Connecticut spent 6 years trying to find out more about a Nazi officer, Major Karl Plagge, who saved his mother and other Jews in WW II. Plagge saw the genocide going on all around him and he decided to help these Jews survive.

Plagge died and was forgotten until the doctor brought his deeds to light. The search for Plagge's story became something of an obsession for him. "I realized that I'm alive today and my children are alive and that we exist because of the actions of this brave man," Dr. Good said. "I started to ask more questions about what he had done, what had happened to him."

Jews first slated for extermination were those considered "unproductive" but, he lied to the SS that his workers were "skilled personnel." Plagge was honored as a Righteous Gentile at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial, in the presence of some of the Holocaust survivors he

saved, including Good's mother. It is

reckoned that he saved around 300 people. Of the 20,205 people who have been honored, only 410 are German.

Playing Dress-Up

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" Hamas is recognized by the United States State Department as a terrorist organization, but the Bush White House says it has no objection to members of the group who wear suits and don't openly bear arms playing the role of legitimate politicians."

At the April 13 White House press briefing, *WorldNetDaily's* Les Kinsolving asked spokesman Scott McClellan how the Bush administration would react to Hamas assuming majority control over the Palestinian Authority (PA) legislature. Failing to recognize the differences between Western and Middle Eastern politics, McClellan responded that "when people have elections that are free and fair... they tend to choose people who are committed to improving their livelihood, not people who are committed to terrorist acts." McClellan asserted that even though Hamas had already won several local elections, the group's candidates in those instances were "business professionals... not terrorists."

Evidently a murderer who wears a suit becomes a "business professional" at our White House. It's almost like pretending the Palestinians want peace because they appear at conferences and smile for cameras.

The article concludes succinctly: " Hamas is dedicated to the violent eradication of the Jewish state and has killed hundreds of Israeli men, women, and children over the past four years."

The Pope and the Jewish Dilemma

www.ynetnews.com

Pope Benedict XVI, the former Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, has had an up-and-down complex relationship with the Jewish community. One of Pope John Paul II's closest confidants, the new Pope is said to share the late Pope's affinity for Jewish people.

A member of the Vatican's Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews, he strongly condemned anti-Semitism. He has called for dialogue with the Jewish community that must start with a prayer for "greater esteem and love toward the Israelites. He also said

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Briefs

Catholics must acknowledge the “gift that they (Jews) have made to us,” meaning Jesus. He has been criticized for membership in the Hitler Youth organization as a teenager in Germany and for his service in the German Army during WWII.

The head of the Simon Wiesenthal Center said, “Membership in the Hitler Youth doesn’t disqualify someone from being Pope — he should be judged by his record since the war.” The new pope called the Holocaust an “atrocious” and said anti-Semitism “produced deplorable acts of violence,” including the failure of many Christians to help Jews escape the Nazi party.

War and Peace

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Palestinian Arab terrorists recently fired nearly 100 mortar shells and rockets at Israeli Jews living in and around the Gaza Strip, miraculously causing no casualties.

Several homes and public buildings in the Katif Bloc settlement of Neve Dekalim in southern Gaza sustained damage. A horse was also killed in Neve Dekalim.

The Palestinians say the enormous barrage was launched in retaliation for the killing of three Arab youths by Israel Defense Forces (IDF) soldiers along the Gaza-Sinai border on April 9. IDF officials said the teenage boys were helping to smuggle illegal weapons into PA-controlled areas of Gaza.

That assessment was later corroborated by Palestinian Authority (PA) security officials after they questioned two more members of the group who managed to escape back into the town of Rafiah. The Palestinians have increased arms-smuggling operations of late in what Israeli defense officials believe is preparation for a full renewal of hostilities against the Jews following Israel’s planned retreat from the Gaza Strip.

Despite their involvement in terrorist activity, Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) chief Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) called the IDF’s killing of the three boys a deliberate provocation. “The Palestinians who were killed were unarmed children and did not constitute a threat to Israel,” Abbas claimed.

Palestinian terror groups said they were no longer bound

to a temporary cease-fire hammered out between them and Abbas and threatened to continue attacking local Jews.

Defense Minister Sha’ul Mofaz contacted PA Minister Nasser Yussuf on April 9 to demand the Abbas regime take decisive actions to halt the deteriorating situation, Army Radio reported.

When the first rocket was fired from northern Gaza at the Negev town of Sderot on April 8, prior to the Gaza border incident, Mofaz declared the situation intolerable and insisted Abbas prevent it from happening again.

The PLO chief’s apparent justification of such aggression by terming the prevention of further arms-smuggling a “provocation” indicated he would not be acquiescing to Mofaz’s request.

“Protecting the West”

MTV News

Even among our roughest and toughest, common sense can lead to a peace process. — Zola

A week after pledging West Coast unity at a news conference for his tour with the Game, Snoop Dogg took his mission a step further by hosting a one-day peace summit among feuding West Coast hip-hop artists. Snoop announced he had ended his longtime feud with Suge Knight, as well as put aside issues with Jayo Felony and Kurupt, who has now rejoined Tha Dogg Pound, MTV.com said. The Game was there again, as were Steve Harvey, Xzibit, Nate Dogg, Warren G and Young MC — listening to Snoop urge them all to put a lid on public insults. “It was me relaying to them that the banging in the business ain’t making us no money,” he said Wednesday. “It’s time for us to start standing up for something. It’s called Protect the West. We’re all moving together; we ended all our beefs. “If we come together and move as one unit, money will be there and the opportunity to shine will be there.” Added Snoop: “It ain’t always cool to be gangsta to your homeboys.”



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Jihad In America?

Gary Bauer's *End of Day Report*



Gary Bauer

One question has been vexing the U.S. intelligence community ever since September 11th: Why has jihad not come to America in the same systematic way that terrorists routinely strike in Israel? America is a very open society and it wouldn't be that difficult for homicide bombers to strike a multitude of soft targets throughout the country. Some theories have been offered to explain our relative security, but many experts are holding their breath, waiting for the first attacks to come. In fact, the FBI may have foiled just such a plan.

There are few details about the case, but press reports indicate that two 16-year old girls in New York City are currently being held due to concerns that they planned on becoming homicide bombers. The case, however, also highlights the broader concerns of immigration reform and national security. Neither girl was taken into custody on terrorism related charges, but for immigration violations. Both are illegal immigrants.

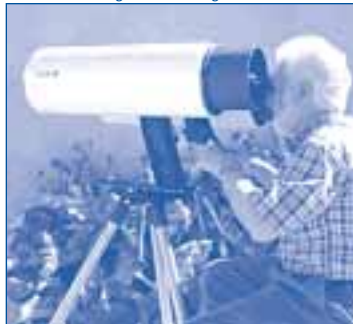
Unfortunately, policy-makers in Washington are sending mixed signals about their willingness to deal with the issue. Recently, a Senate committee stripped measures from a pending bill related to immigration reform and border security, measures which the House had already approved. The action casts considerable doubt on Congress' ability to address the immigration issue in a serious manner.

But Then Again

Proving once again that the American people can frequently solve problems better than the bureaucrats, the Minuteman Project has succeeded in cutting illegal entries across one section of the Arizona border by as much as fifty percent! Moreover, *The Washington Times* is reporting that these dedicated citizens have succeeded in getting something done that Washington has thus far failed to achieve — Mexican enforcement of the border.

According to *The Times*, Mexican police and military personnel are apprehending migrants and relocating them away from the border area monitored by the Minutemen volunteers.

Minuteman on guard with high-tech binoculars



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surrounding the sensitive Al Aqsa mosque between the local Jewish population and extremist settlers. Obviously, no such plans have been talked about, nor ever would they be. Silwan is a neighborhood of Jerusalem (Jesus told the blind man to wash there, John 9:7), and while sensitive, has been relatively peaceful. And certainly the Israelis would not be so foolish as to invite controversy right in their own capital.

The entire story is an Alice in Wonderland invention. I could go on and on.

There were also Arabic language news broadcasts from London that were relatively more accurate. It's interesting how the "Mosaic" of the various nations was presented. The female newscasters, other than one case, were all unveiled and Western-looking with long stylish hair and polished lips, rather like Diane Sawyer or the prettiest of our American newscasters — not at all anyone's impression of average Muslim females. The men were well-spoken and well dressed.

But the news was basically all lies. — Zola

OUR MAN IN JERUSALEM

We contacted Will King, our Jerusalem reporter, to investigate Silwan, which, of course, represented the very first Jerusalem of 3,000 years ago, when it was called the City of David. He filed the following report, which stresses that no homes are being demolished. — Zola

Three Thousand Years!

By Will King, www.newsinrael.com



Will King

While Jerusalem as a whole is known as the "City of David," today's capital looks a lot different than it did during King David's time. The original City of David is located just south of the Temple Mount, and is a small hilltop parcel of land shaped like an elongated triangle. Situated just beyond the 1949 armistice line, the "Green Line," this area is also known by Arabs as the neighborhood of Silwan. Despite the strong Jewish historical connection to this land, the seat of their ancient capital and immediately adjacent to the Temple, the world unfortunately only recognizes the "Green Line" factor.

Because of its location, any Jew that wishes to live there is considered a settler on Arab land. Despite this label, many Jews have decided to move there because for them it is a *mitzvah* and a privilege to live in the original Jerusalem. Remember, this area is far more ancient than

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From our “Partners in Peace”

Stephen Swartz, “The Face of Iraqi Terrorism,” www.ncpa.org

Many of the terrorists fighting in Iraq come from outside the country. A new report from the Project for the Research of Islamist Movements (PRISM) states that most of these foreign terrorists are coming from Saudi Arabia.

The author analyzes the origins of 154 Arab jihadists killed in Iraq in the last six months, whose names have been posted on Islamist websites. The sample does not account for all jihadists in Iraq, but provides useful insight:

- Saudi Arabia accounted for 94 jihadists, or 61 percent of the sample.
- Iraq itself only accounted for 13 terrorists, 8 percent of the sample.
- The total of 154 included 33 suicide terrorists, of whom 23 were Saudis.

The author argues, “the violent Jihad in Iraq against the Americans was encouraged by the Saudi Islamic establishment.” In particular, he claims that Wahhabism — a radical sect of Islam funded by the Saudi government — is driving the terrorism in Iraq. Of the Saudi terrorists in Iraq, 43.5 percent of the suicide bombers and 65 percent of all jihadists originated in the region of Najd, known as the heartland of the Wahhabis.

Iraqis have noticed their presence. In late February, 2,000 people assembled in Hilla, near Baghdad, to protest a car bombing that killed at least 25. The demonstrators chanted, “No to terrorism! No to Baathism and Wahhabism!”

More Weapons, Better Missiles

Gary Bauer's *End of Day Report*

Thankfully, there has been a pause in terrorist attacks against Israel.

But don't jump to the conclusion that the Palestinians, under new leader Mahmoud Abbas' direction, are ready for peace. Israeli and U.S. intelligence have found clear evidence that terrorist groups are using the lull in fighting as an opportunity to smuggle more weapons and better missiles into Gaza. Hamas, Hezbollah, Islamic Jihad, and the rest of their ilk have not “changed their spots” — they are still dedicated to Israel's destruction.

Meanwhile, in spite of numerous concessions already made by Israel, the State Department and the White House jumped on Prime Minister Sharon simply because he confirmed plans to build housing units for 3,500 Israelis between Jerusalem and a nearby Jewish community. Why was the State Department concerned? Because the housing units might upset the “peace process.” But peace in the Middle East still depends on what it always has — Israel's neighbors giving up their goal of driving the Jews into the sea. ✱

Fatwas Galore!

National Review



“The Islamic Commission of Spain... issued a *fatwa* (Islamic decree) against Osama bin Laden on the anniversary of the Madrid train bombings. The group condemned bin Laden for *istihlal*, or making up his own religious laws...”

What a concept — a decree against making up one's own religious laws! Well, I would like to issue a few *fatwas* of my own:

- Against the Presbyterian leadership for divesting from the Chosen People and the Promised Land and siding with the terrorists against the family of Jesus Christ.
- Against all the denominations that have given up Scripture long ago and create their own religions willy-nilly, saving no one and preparing to assist the Antichrist in the upcoming Tribulation.
- Against the rabbis who have, whether well-intentioned or otherwise, led the Chosen People away from Scripture into a fairyland of laws and customs and traditions having little to do with their Biblical heritage, and thus created a huge group of unscriptural Chosen People in Israel and throughout the world.
- Against the Roman Catholics for replacing Judaism in all its appearances including a high priest (the pope), a holy temple (the Vatican), and the worship of past wise men and sages (the saints). And they have done all this copying of Judaism with very slight regard, if any, for Israel.
- Against the American liberal who thinks our movies are great, the Muslims can be understood and embraced, the Jews are bad and suspicious, and Israel is a terrorist state.

Add your own here. We should all be able to issue a *fatwa* once in a while, and I think it would make a healthier world!
— Zola

The Politics of Blame

From an article in *CAMERA*

EditorialNotes

Professor Ruth Wisse of Harvard was asked the following question:



Ruth Wisse

Q: The “politics of blame” points the finger at Israel, but many Jews themselves participate. Can you address that?

A: Sadly, this is true. There are many kinds of Jews in the world, and some are highly susceptible to the politics of the pointing finger. For 56 years the Arabs have been saying, “You, the Jews you are responsible! Your state is illegitimate. You are colonizers. You usurped our lands. You dispossessed the poor Palestinians.” The longer it continued, the more Jews yielded to the power of this campaign. That is why I counsel students never to adopt a defensive position when arguing the case for Israel. It is important to counter all attacks against Israel, and to set the standard for truth and accuracy that an organization like CAMERA provides. But one must resist the temptation to assume the role of defendant in the court of Arab opinion.

The real crime in the Middle East is not Israel’s presence, but Arab aggression against Israel. Hence, one should never allow detractors of Israel to get away with the strategy of the pointing finger. Once you allow Israel to be made the subject, you have agreed to put Israel in the dock. I don’t see much difference between pleading “not guilty” and pleading “guilty,” once Israel is the country under arraignment. One has to turn the accusation around to say, “How dare you point your finger my way! Why are you obsessing with Israel when you should be addressing the abuses of your own societies?”

Some Jews believe that they are greater humanitarians when they hold Israel responsible for Palestinian hardship. This is a moral fallacy. In fact, they are compounding the misery of the people they say they want to assist. The Arab world will begin its long road to reform only once it accepts responsibility for its problems. Resisting the strategy of the pointing finger is the first step toward helping Arab leaders to help their own people.

A Witness in Atlanta

By Peggy Noonan, *The Wall Street Journal*

Ashley Smith and Brian Nichols were together for seven hours.

Something changed.

Something happened.



Ashley Smith

They were together seven hours and each emerged

transformed. He gave himself up without a fight and is now in prison. She reported to police all that had transpired, the police told the press, and now she is famous.

On the news a “hostage rescue expert” explained that she “negotiated like a pro.” Actually what she did is give Christian witness. It wasn’t negotiation. It had to do with being human.

Is it an accident that a great but troubled country that yearns so to be good is given such instruction at this time?

Why is Israel Suspicious Of The United Nations?

Canadian Institute for Jewish Research



1. Of the 175 Security Council resolutions passed before 1990, 97 were directed against Israel.

2. Of the 690 General Assembly resolutions voted on before 1990, 429 were directed against Israel.

3. The UN was silent when 58 Jerusalem synagogues were destroyed by the Jordanians.

4. The UN was silent while the Jordanians systematically desecrated the ancient Jewish cemetery on the Mount of Olives

5. The UN was silent while the Jordanians enforced an apartheid-like policy of preventing Jews from visiting the Temple Mount and the Western Wall.

6. The UN was silent while for 18 months Israel was terrorized by an indiscriminate suicide bombing campaign unleashed by PA leadership.

7. Israel is the only member of the UN that is not permitted membership on the Security Council.

8. Israel is the only country excluded from the U.N.’s regional group system [and therefore] it is the only country of 190 member states that is not eligible to serve on the numerous U.N. commissions.

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9. In recent years, the U.N. Commission on Human Rights has annually passed five resolutions condemning Israel. By contrast, each of the following countries/regions has been the subject of only one resolution: Afghanistan, Burundi, Congo, Cuba, Iran, Iraq, Myanmar, Russia/Chechnya, Sierra Leone, Southeast Europe, and Sudan.

10. Nov. 29 is the United Nations Day of International Solidarity with the Palestinian People. No other people have a U.N. Day of Solidarity.

11. Israel is the only state to which a special investigator with “an open-ended mandate to inspect its human rights record” is assigned by the U.N.

12. Israel is the only state targeted by two special committees and special units of the U.N. Secretariat ostensibly devoted to the Palestinians, but in reality dedicated to Israel-bashing worldwide.

13. UNIFIL, the U.N. force stationed on the Israel-Lebanon border, hid a videotape of Israeli soldiers being abducted by Hezbollah in October 2000. After finally admitting to having the tape, the U.N. would only show an edited version (in which Hezbollah faces were hidden) to the Israeli government.

14. UNESCO, in Paris, began passing resolutions about protection of Jerusalem holy sites and access for Muslims in 1968. No resolutions about protection or Jewish access were passed from 1946 to 1967 when Jordan controlled Jerusalem and barred Jews from entering.

“God’s Chosen Land”

The Jerusalem Post

A Cardinal who was considered a candidate to succeed Pope John Paul II delivered a strong message in favor of Jewish settlement in the Holy Land, rejecting the claim that European Christians’ support for the State of Israel is based on Holocaust guilt and saying that all Christians should affirm Zionism as a Biblical imperative for the Jewish people.

Archbishop of Vienna Cardinal Christoph Schoenborn, part of a visiting Austrian delegation, made the remarks in an address at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem on the topic of “God’s Chosen land.”



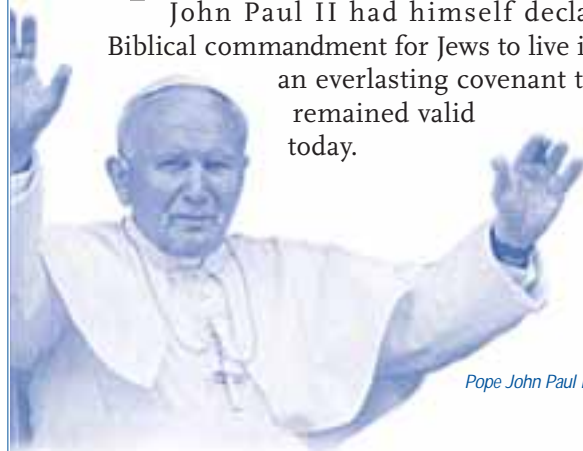
Cardinal Christoph Schoenborn

After asking, “What does *Eretz Yisrael* [the Land of Israel] mean to us,” Schoenborn answered by stressing

the doctrinal importance to Christians of not only recognizing Jews’ connection to the land, but also ensuring that Christian identification with the Jewish Bible not lead to a “usurpation” of Jewish uniqueness.

“Only once in human history did God take a country as an inheritance and give it to His Chosen People,”

Schoenborn said, adding that Pope John Paul II had himself declared the Biblical commandment for Jews to live in Israel an everlasting covenant that remained valid today.



Pope John Paul II

Christians, Schoenborn said, should rejoice in the return of Jews to the Holy Land as the fulfillment of Biblical prophecy. A Palestinian priest challenged the cardinal on that point, asking how he could preach to his Palestinian congregation that the establishment of the modern Jewish state was not a “catastrophe,” as they called it, or the result of European powers’ guilty conscience following World War II.

Schoenborn responded by saying that “I am myself a refugee” — at the end of World War II, when he was an infant, Schoenborn’s parents fled to Austria from Czechoslovakia — and that he felt pained at the unrecognized injustice that thousands of Czechs had suffered. However, he said, both that case and the Arab-Israeli conflict were matters of international law, whereas the Chosenness of the Jewish people and their inheritance in the Holy Land were matters of faith that date back to the Bible itself.

Schoenborn also said he hoped the conflict here would be resolved in accordance with international law, and with respect to justice for the Palestinian people. “We are all longing for that solution,” he said. “Yet I am not naive. Conflicts are part of [both sides’] love of the land, and always have been...There is no simple solution.”

So Many Ways to God

By Zola Levitt

Recently, I attended an Islamic program at Southern Methodist University advertised as a collection of charity. It turned out to be innocent enough. The Muslims seemed well-behaved, and the evening was devoted to the standard raising of money for the poor (although they've been accused of using some of the money they collected for terrorism — some or all of it. But I don't know that for a fact.) It was just kind of a big dinner party, and the Muslims comported themselves decently. I didn't hear any politics. I just went to hear what the other side was up to.

I was originally inspired to go by the fact that the imam who was going to be the main speaker was a Wahhabist, and this was confirmed by the chaplain of the university in a talk I had with him before the program. Wahhabism is practiced by Saudi Arabian extremists responsible for the World Trade Center and the mosques being built in America now. Expecting to perhaps have some trouble, I took along my good friend and golf partner John Niland, an all-Pro Dallas Cowboy of the 70's who has not gotten any smaller over the years, as strong and intimidating as his faith is inspiring.

This is how the evening went. The imam gave a long speech, but it was confined pretty much to sacrificing for the poor, and directed mainly to the fund-raising purpose of the evening. He appeared to be a "Nation of Islam" member rather than a Middle Eastern Muslim, being an African American from Brooklyn.

One of the other speakers said in passing that he was grateful to the university, the chaplain's office, etc., for protecting the Muslims after 9-11. I had some mixed feelings on that. If, by chance, some Muslims on campus were anti-American sympathizers, it's not protection we should be undertaking. But to be fair, I had no suspicions about the people sitting around me for their behavior.

Frankly, I was more discouraged by the chaplain of this Christian university than by the Muslims. The expressions he used, not just to the crowd, but to me personally, were most disappointing. He remarked before the program that there were "so many ways to God," and as chaplain he had to be understanding of different "traditions." When he stood up to speak, he talked in the same manner describing 29 different "religious traditions" on that campus, and how he was diplomatic and ambassadorial with all of them.

The chaplain asked me, "So, what is *your* faith community?" I said, "Well, I'm Messianic." He drew a complete

blank. "I was raised Jewish and then I became a Christian." He still seemed to come up empty, so I concluded that Messianic faith is not one of his on-campus "religious traditions."



He supplied that, for one thing, he's been there since 1980, and has served what he calls "29 religious life communities." He said in an email we obtained: "The speaker scheduled to speak is one about whom our security officers have been in touch with the FBI. The FBI has indicated that, on the basis of speeches given by this man on other campuses around the country, we should anticipate no problems."

To that I would say I humbly think a Christian university should have speakers who do not have to be vetted by the FBI before taking a podium. I speak around the country including universities and I'm not aware that the FBI is hearing my speeches (though I hope they are).

I was disheartened when he claimed there were "many ways to God." In his talk, he admitted that he has been criticized for holding this view. And he also made reference to "the founder of my tradition," but did not mention Who that Founder was. And finally, he said in reference to those many religious communities, it gave "opportunity for much information, dialogue and the development of respect."

He gave me the feeling not of someone sinister, but merely a politician who wanted to keep the peace. But all things considered, SMU was created by believing Methodists in order to found a Christian school and study Biblical values, if not Scripture itself. Perkins Seminary is located on campus, though it's never been a source of great Biblical enlightenment.

All the same, I felt that a Christian chaplain, addressing an audience of some 300 Muslims, many in Middle Eastern dress (especially the women with veils and headdresses and so forth), was constrained to keep things civil. In any case, I said to my wife after the program, "What else could he say to a hall full of Muslims?" Her reply was succinct. Sandra said the chaplain should have told them, "Christ is the answer." ❖

the “Old City,” having been first conquered by King David from the Jebusites around the year 1004 B.C.

The Elad Organization (to the City of David), as well as its parent the City of David Foundation, is a non-profit organization dedicated to reclaiming the ancient neighborhood for Jews to live in. Through charitable donations from mostly private sources, they legally buy homes in the City of David area and then move Jewish families into them. Elad also provides for Jews to pursue other legal means of reclaiming land, such as investigating prior titles, and even helps to provide security for those living in the neighborhood. To date, Elad has helped over twenty Jewish families move back into homes throughout the City of David.

With a mixed Arab and Jewish population, there are far fewer violent incidents than some would expect. The only time that tensions become strained is when a new Jewish family is about to move in. When this happens, the Arabs alert the world media about the new Jewish settlers and put up a resistance against them for the benefit of the cameras. Additionally, leftist Jewish groups, such as Peace Now, will show up and tell the media how wrong it is for Jews to be living in this area, and that it is an unnecessary provocation. In the end, the police escort the new family in, the media write their stories, and the new neighbors live next to each other without further incident.

In addition to its homes, the City of David has several important archaeological sites. Chief among them are Hezekiah’s Tunnel, the Gihon Spring, Warren’s Shaft, and the Pool of Siloam, which was discovered by archaeologists about one year ago. These sites outline a clear Jewish presence in this area far before the invading Arab armies swept across the land in the seventh century. However, despite these historical and archaeological facts, the world today chooses only to recognize the aftermath of a later Arab invasion, the one that tried to wipe out the newly born State of Israel in 1948.

What must be stressed is that Arabs are not being evicted from their homes illegally, and no Arab homes in the area are being demolished to make way for Jews. Again, the homes are either purchased, usually for exorbitant sums, or gained through other legal means. Jews have the religious and historical right to live in Jerusalem, or for that matter any place in Eretz Israel, and are making that right a fact on the ground in the City of David. ✦

Immigrants Prosper

Israel Today

According to a report by Nefesh B’ Nefesh (soul to soul) NBN, North American immigrants contribute 40 percent more per capita to Israel’s gross national product (GNP) than the average Israeli. NBN brings American immigrants to Israel with the help of donations from evangelical Christians. The 4,500 people who have immigrated through NBN since 2002 produce \$24,000 a year per capita and bring an average of \$76,000 with them when they immigrate. About 89 percent of these immigrants hold a college degree.



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Gog Visits Israel

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Russian President Vladimir Putin announced Russian intentions to train and equip the Palestinian Authority during his visit to Israel in April.

During a joint news conference with Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas, Putin said “If we are waiting for President Abbas to fight terrorism, he cannot do it with the resources he has now. We will give the Palestinian Authority technical help by sending equipment and training people. We will give the Palestinian Authority helicopters and also communications equipment. We will bring Palestinian police for training.”

Russia is one of the four co-sponsors of the failed “road-map for peace” together with the United States, United Nations and European Union.

Putin’s visit is historic; he is the first Russian leader to personally visit Israel.



Putin has made it known that Russia intends to become more involved in the peace process. The best way to help, decided the Russian leader, was to sell fifty armored personnel carriers and two helicopters to the Palestinian Authority.

Israel destroyed the Palestinian Authority’s helicopters in order to restrict the movement of Yasser Arafat after evidence of his role in terrorism could no longer be denied.

One of the first stops on Putin’s visit was to Arafat’s grave, where he laid a wreath inscribed with “From the President of the Russian Federation.”

I found this particularly interesting. At Arafat’s tomb, noted *The Jerusalem Post*, Putin stopped, and stood silently at attention, as if saying a prayer, then bowed, and walked away.

The move was clearly calculated to offend Israel (together with every thinking person on the planet). Arafat was the father of modern terrorism. Putin afforded Arafat’s tomb honors no Russian president has ever offered,

together with some semblance of prayer, and not one, but two separate bows.

While in Israel, Putin gave a press conference in which he proposed the convening of a Middle East peace conference in Moscow. Although it was immediately endorsed by the Palestinians, it met with little enthusiasm from the US or Israelis, which should have come as no surprise to the Russian leader.

During the press conference, Putin also announced Russia’s intentions to continue its nuclear cooperation with Iran. Adding insult to injury, Putin (speaking from Israel, remember), said a nuclear Iran “did not threaten Israel’s security.”

“We intend to continue in all our programs with Iran because we believe such programs have peaceful ends,” he said.

According to Bible prophecy, Russia’s role in the Gog Magog War outlined by the prophet Ezekiel is as leader of a wider alliance of nations, all of which are predominantly Muslim.

Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet: Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: and many people with thee. (Ezekiel 38:6)

According to Ezekiel, who was writing of a nation that, in his day, had not existed for 166 years and would not exist again for another 2,500 years. The principal antagonist in Ezekiel’s scenario is “Gog, the chief prince of Meschech and Tubal.” Much has already been written on the details that identify Gog as modern Russia. Ezekiel’s Ethiopia and Libya, both exist to this day, although in Ezekiel’s time, they encompassed pretty much all of north Africa west of Egypt.

Gomer and Togarmah correspond to Turkey, Armenia and the former southern Soviet republics.

Putin made a point of visiting the security fence, described by the Palestinian Authority as Israel’s “apartheid wall.” The “wall,” is becoming a symbol of the intractable differences that make peace between Israel and the Palestinians impossible. As such, it will come down amid much fanfare, as did the Berlin Wall, when the antichrist confirms a covenant of seven year’s duration between Israel and “the many.” (Daniel 9:27)

This gives us an important clue regarding the time frame of Ezekiel’s scenario.

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Imported Terror

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What happened on 9/11 is going to happen in the United States again, unless steps are taken by the present government to prevent such a reoccurrence. Saudi Arabia is one of the main sources of monies to build Muslim mosques throughout America. It also exports into the Muslim congregations in the United States the Saudi philosophy of a gradual takeover of America.

The Bush family has close oil ties with the Saudis and that is indeed worrisome. Moreover, the former Secretary of State James Baker's able law firm represents the Saudis in the United States, and serves as a protective shield for the plans and ideas of that wealthy Arab country.

The Road Map Plan is essentially the Saudi Plan, and represents a threat to Israel's and the Holy Land's continued existence. Nevertheless, President George W. Bush has appointed James Baker to head a committee, without bothering to have Israel in any way consulted, in order to pressure Israel not to obstruct Arafat's confidant Mahmoud Abbas in any way. Abbas, who is no different from Arafat except in appearance, is the co-founder of the PLO, whose charter calls for the elimination of Israel.

The evangelical Christians were the decisive factor in electing George W. Bush to a second term. It is they, and only they, who can convince him to change the State Department's and Baker's present policies with regard to Israel. The Holy Land should not, and must not be taken over by the Muslims. The threat to the values of Western Civilization, nursed by anti-Bible Saudi Arabia, must be fought by anyone who wants the moral values of the Bible to survive. Arab terror and the anti-democratic values of Saudi Arabia must not be allowed to triumph.

In last month's *Levitt Letter*, we showed a wooden desk chair that we had repaired with a large metal clamp. The chair looks silly, but still serves us well. We replaced the three chairs in this picture, however, when we bought better used ones for our staff. Our building's janitorial crew probably gave these "throwbacks to the '70's" to a needy family who had no chairs at all.



Up For Grabs!

And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates, To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land. (Ezekiel 38:12)

In Ezekiel's time, nations and city-states were defended by building walls around them to protect them from invaders. In modern times, such defenses are pointless. But in THIS generation, and, of all the nations on earth, in Israel, the symbol of the Arab-Israel conflict has become Israel's "Wall."

This is all coming together far too neatly to be dismissed as coincidence. At some point in the not-too-distant future, Israel's wall will have to come down. Its existence has become a symbol of intractable hatred. Any peace deal, to be credible, will have to include the wall's destruction as a symbol of peace.

Russia is putting its chips on the table. The Europeans already have. All eyes are on Israel, and, by extension, Jerusalem and the Temple Mount.

And when these things BEGIN to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh. (Luke 21:28)

The King is coming! ❖

Three Kinds of Enemies

By Zola Levitt

Old timers at Jews for Jesus such as Moishe Rosen, its founder, will remember the beginning of our ministry in the 1970s. We talked about my joining Jews for Jesus, but I told him that I felt led to have my own ministry. I even came to San Francisco at his invitation and looked at his fine ministry, but still wanted to be on my own.

As it happened, our ministry ended up more like Paul going to the gentiles than like Peter to the Jews. Today, Jews for Jesus continues a fine witness in the Jewish community, and it seems to be God's calling for our ministry to teach the Church its Jewish heritage and to help out with Christian questions about Judaism. Both ministries are thriving.

I became the pastor of the Messianic congregation Shalom Shalom in Dallas some four or five years ago. It's a spiritually prosperous little group, changing members as necessary and resembling nothing much more than a cell church of the first century.

Recently, I've had a number of invitations to speak at other Messianic assemblies, and I began to see special problems with some of those ministries. My experiences began with a congregation in Cleveland, Ohio which had first agreed to fly me all the way from Texas, set me up in a hotel, and hear from me several times; and I was glad to cooperate. But they suddenly cancelled the engagement citing as a reason that I had somehow defamed the Sabbath in my *Levitt Letter*. I can imagine that I instructed someone who had written in what the Scriptural position of the Sabbath in the New Covenant is, and that tends to cut across certain Jewish traditions about that day of rest (see Colossians 2:16-17). I was shocked that they cancelled and told them in no uncertain terms that I was miffed. I told them that I would return and speak free of charge at my own expense, but the subject had to be only: Christ and Him crucified. I've had no invitation as yet.

I had quite a comeuppance in Florida at a congregation I had visited several times before. I was told on the way in not to use the words Jesus or Church when I spoke to them. I said I'd do my best. Those terms did come out during the service, and a few others besides about law-keeping in general. It's difficult for me to teach Bible without stepping on rabbinical toes, if you know what I mean. Jewish people have long-encrusted traditions that simply don't come up in the teaching of valid Bible.

In Kansas, I was introduced to Gentile people who had become so very Jewish that they knew they were of the tribe of Ephraim. Just how they knew that I'll never understand, but they were keeping a very demanding Jewish law indeed. They ate according to dietary regulations. They criticized the church endlessly for meeting on Sundays, and they insisted that faith was expressed by how much law was kept. Know clearly that these were mostly Gentile folks who rarely met a Jew in their lives.

I was wondering if I was seeing the phenomenon called Judaizing in the New Testament, where Believers, having obtained liberty in Christ, somehow turned back to the previous Covenant and started living it out. That was for traditional versus Biblical reasons. These days, they search for rabbinical reasons to do what they are doing, like long torah services and almost endless chanting of choruses. At one service, they chanted not unlike Hindu worshippers in India who chant to get themselves up into a frenzy of religious fervor. It's not a particular doctrine that's working here, but simply the human tendency to be deeply moved by repeated singing. I didn't buy it.



In another instance of law-keeping, my wife's hairdresser has a situation where her daughter has married an Orthodox Jewish boy, and when the hairdresser is over at the boy's parents' home, they have to be very careful. On one occasion she placed a piece of pizza from a box of cheese pizza on the same plate with a piece from a box with meat pizza (pepperoni and sausage, and so forth). This was considered against the law and caused quite a bit of consternation. The plate had to be broken, etc., etc., lots of tears and problems, but none of it Scripturally meaning a hill of beans. There is no Scriptural law against separating milk and meat in Judaism. It's simply not in the Bible.

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Keeping the feasts is another sort of problem. It depends on the reason why one keeps them. Our congregation just read through the *Megillah*, the Book of Esther, and heard that grand old story once again, and we enjoyed it. But all of us realized that it adds not one iota to our salvation or that it is necessary to do at all. It's just fun to do. But there are those who regard the feasts as commands of God that must be kept, each one in its season, and even after one has received the Lord. That's where I'm a bit confused. Some congregations keep nine feasts: seven Biblical and two which came about after the Biblical canon was established, Hanukkah and Purim.

But keeping feasts to know about them is one thing; keeping them because one feels one must since one is under the Law is an error in the New Covenant.

The verse that covers the situation most elegantly is Colossians 2:16-17 — *Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the Sabbath days: which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.* Also Galatians 2:16 points

out that we Believers are the children of Abraham — *Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.* The idea of being a child of promise is a different way of coming to the Lord than of being children of the Law. As Paul said to the Galatians, if you're saved in the spirit are you going to perfect yourselves in the flesh? (Galatians 3:3).

In my ministry, I must admit, I quibble with three different groups of people: The Christians for whom my doctrines are not prim and proper enough sometimes, the Jews over matters like the ones discussed here, and the Muslims whose activities of recent years I must criticize along with any right-thinking individual who lives in a democracy.

It's not a completely friendly mission. It's a wonder, with those three kinds of enemies, how I have any friends. ✦

HebrewLesson

Shavu'ot — Pentecost (May 15)

By John J. Parsons



נָתַתִּי אֶת־תּוֹרַתִּי בְּקִרְבָּם וְעַל־לִבָּם אֶכְתָּבֶנָּה

"I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts" (Jer. 31:33)

נָתַתִּי	אֶת־תּוֹרַתִּי	בְּקִרְבָּם	וְעַל־לִבָּם	אֶכְתָּבֶנָּה
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I will put	my Torah	in their inward part	and upon their heart	I will write

Hebraic Insight

In the Jewish tradition, forty-nine days—seven weeks of days—are carefully counted between Pesach (Passover) and *Shavu'ot* (Pentecost or "Weeks"). This period of time is called *Sefirat Omer* ("counting the sheaves"). Every day during this season, a special blessing is recited naming exactly how many more days are left before the "seven weeks of days" are complete. God did not want the Jewish people to miss something here! It's almost as if there is a dotted line pointing directly from Passover to Pentecost—a Jubilee of days!

Originally an agricultural festival, traditional Judaism views Pentecost primarily as *Mattan Torah*, a time that commemorates the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai. Historically, as one of the three pilgrimage festivals, Jews from all over the world would come to Jerusalem to celebrate and reaffirm their com-

mitment to the covenant of Moses.

And such was the practice when God delivered the substance of which the festival of Pentecost was merely a "type and a shadow." For the New Testament reveals that Pentecost is the climax of God's plan for our deliverance through Jesus, the true Lamb of God. The countdown to Pentecost represents the giving of the anticipated New Covenant to mankind, since it was on this very day that the Holy Spirit was given to form the Church of God.

With a touch of divine irony, on the very day that Jews from around the world gathered in Jerusalem to reaffirm their commitment to the covenant of Moses, the Holy Spirit descended upon Israel to offer the promise of the New Covenant to all who will believe (see Acts 2:1-42). This new covenant makes Torah a matter of the heart, written by the hand of God's Spirit.

Platform for Jihad

The government of Saudi Arabia sponsored an international conference that sought to take an in-depth look at the sources, culture and ideology of terrorism. The gathering was attended by representatives of the UN, EU and Arab League. Saudi Arabia initiated the conference in an attempt to dispel its image of being a breeding ground for some of the world's most notorious terrorists, including Osama bin Laden and the 9/11 hijackers.

Nevertheless, state-run Saudi Television allowed its airwaves to become a platform for calls to *jihad* ("holy" war), in the following interview with Saudi cleric Mussa Al-Qami.

"The chaos, murder, aggression, rape, theft, and adultery that we see among people today are the result of values that are held high by Jews, Christians and other religions and faiths. There is no God besides Allah and Muhammed is his prophet.

"First, we have to realize that the Western world does not want us to speak about 'the enemies of Allah.' We are not allowed to say that the Jews and Christians are the enemies of the Muslims and of Islam. But this is deeply engraved in the Koran.

"Islam preaches mercy. However, this mercy is available only for those who convert to Islam. Whoever fights against Allah's religion distorts the religion of Allah and weakens Islam... Allah demands that we spread Islam throughout the world in a friendly way, but whoever resists us must be fought.

"We ask Allah to strengthen the souls of the *jihad* fighters in Iraq and Palestine and to help them against their enemies, the Jews and the Christians. This is a legitimate holy war in the name of Allah."

Saved from the Tsunami

Israel Today

Only one house withstood the tsunami in the Pondicherry region on the east coast of India — the home of the Skoles family, Israelis who immigrated to India 20 years ago. When Yuval Skoles started building their home, his wife Hannah dreamt of a huge flood — though natural disasters of this enormity had never occurred in this region. Nevertheless, the Skoles built their house on five-meter-high concrete columns, and the family survived the floods with all their belongings. It was the fulfillment of a dream.

How 'bout Them Apples?

Israel Today

Though Syria is one of Israel's most bitter enemies, its citizens are now enjoying apples from the Jewish homeland, following the Israeli government's approval of an export deal. When the joy over the abundant harvest fizzled with the lack of cold storage available for the apples, the government sought buyers for the surplus.



Druze apple farmers harvested some 35,000 tons of apples of which 20,000 are still in cold storage. And Jewish farmers harvested 30,000 tons, storing 20,000 tons. The government's decision allows the Druze to sell their surplus apples to Syria at fair market value. One benefit is allowing farmers to make a profit instead of selling the surplus harvest below the cost of cultivation.

And Syrians don't mind eating apples "Made in Israel" because as far as they're concerned, the Golan is occupied Syrian territory.

Furry Frequent Flier

Israel Today

Two-year-old Topsy often flies abroad to compete in dog shows. So it only seemed fair that she join EL AL's Frequent Flyer Club. The first Israeli dog to receive such status, she earns 30 points for each flight. The 17-pound pup (less than 8 kilograms) travels in a cage that is placed under her owner's seat.



El Al's Premier Flight to Indonesia

Israel Today

It was a first for EL AL — landing in Indonesia with 90 tons of supplies, including clothing, food, water, medicine, and baby food, donated by Israelis for victims of the tsunami.

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The flight was organized by El Al, the newspaper *Yediot Ahronot* and *Koach Latet*, an aid organization. Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom said Israel is always ready to assist any country willing to accept its help. Shalom hopes that the aid will help promote ties between Indonesia, the country with the largest Muslim population, and Israel.

Islamic “Family Values”

www.israelnationalnews.com

An Arab woman was brutally killed and her body bludgeoned with metal bars in front of her fiancé by a newly-established Hamas “vice and virtue” patrol in Gaza, set up to “safeguard Islamic values” according to Palestinian Authority security officials and residents.

Yusra al-Azzami, 22, was killed after a Hamas “morality” member spotted her with her soon-to-be husband, walking along the beach in Gaza City. Azzami’s younger sister accompanied the couple to ensure modesty, family members said. Eyewitnesses said the three got into a car to head home when five masked gunmen in another car opened fire at Azzami, killing her. The other two were severely beaten. Azzami’s body was then dragged out of the car and beaten with clubs and iron bars.

Although the attack took place at a busy Gaza City intersection, no bystanders intervened.

“Honor killings” are not a new phenomenon in Arab society, though the killers are usually relatives of the victims.

“There is No Racism in this Country”

Reuters

Turkey’s government has played down soaring sales of Adolf Hitler’s anti-Semitic book *Mein Kampf* (“My Struggle”) and said there were no racists in the large Muslim country.

Booksellers say *Mein Kampf*, or *Kavgam* in Turkish, has featured among the top 10 bestsellers in the past two months, to the dismay of the country’s small Jewish community and of the German embassy in Ankara.

Asked to comment on the phenomenon, government spokesman Cemil Cicek said: “We cannot allow prejudice against people for belonging to a certain race.”



“We have never had such an attitude in our culture, nor in our history, and we do not have it now...It’s not possible for people to choose their race... Turkish society’s idea about this issue is clear. There is no racism in this country.”

Privately, Turkish officials say this is a free country where the government cannot dictate what people choose to read. At least two new Turkish language versions of *Mein Kampf* are out in paperback.

Anti-Semitism has traditionally been weak in Turkey, a Muslim, but secular country that has forged close security ties with Israel in recent years.

The Turkish Ottoman Empire offered refuge to Jews and other minorities fleeing persecution in Europe from the time of the Spanish Inquisition onwards.

Political analysts say *Mein Kampf* probably reflects rising nationalism and anti-American sentiment rather than anti-Semitism or specific support for Hitler and his ideas.

Many Turks are worried their country is having to make too many concessions to the European Union as it prepares for the start of long-delayed entry talks later this year. There is also widespread anger about the U.S. occupation of neighboring Iraq.

The current No. 1 bestseller in Turkey, ahead of *Mein Kampf*, is *Metal Storm*, which depicts a U.S. invasion of the country. The Turkish hero avenges his homeland by destroying Washington with a nuclear device.

Even “Dummer”

Israel Today

The dummies below depict a mother pushing her baby carriage. Even the most brazen Israeli drivers will slow down for that! ▼



Courtesy of Israel Today

With the ongoing shortage of Israeli traffic police, they’re continually testing new ways to ensure that drivers reach their destinations safely. Tests have shown that several patrol cars with police officers at the side of the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway slow down speeding drivers. Using a dummy instead of an actual officer seems to accomplish the same thing. 🍌

“You Killed Them All. Praise Be to God!”

By Peter Zimonjic, www.telegraph.co.uk

Two teachers at an Islamic school in Canada who praised a pupil's essay about killing Jews with hand grenades and machine guns have been suspended for allegedly inciting racial hatred.

The pupil, who has not been identified, illustrated his creative writing assignment, which was written in Arabic, by drawing a picture of a Star of David in flames next to a machine gun. He also drew a Palestinian flag on top of the Dome of the Rock mosque in Jerusalem, one of Islam's holiest sites. Claims that the essay was put on display in a glass case at the entrance of the school, in Ottawa, are being investigated.

The boy's story told of a fictitious “hero,” Ahmed Yassin, born in Gaza two weeks after Israel assassinated Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, a co-founder of the terrorist organization, Hamas. One passage describes how, watched by a friend called Salah, Ahmed attacks Jewish soldiers with a gun and bombs.

“Without thinking, Ahmed took his M16 machine gun and threw the bombs, and he showered the Jews; this resulted in the killing of the soldiers,” the story reads. “Salah said: ‘You killed them all.’ Ahmed answered: ‘Praise be to God’.”

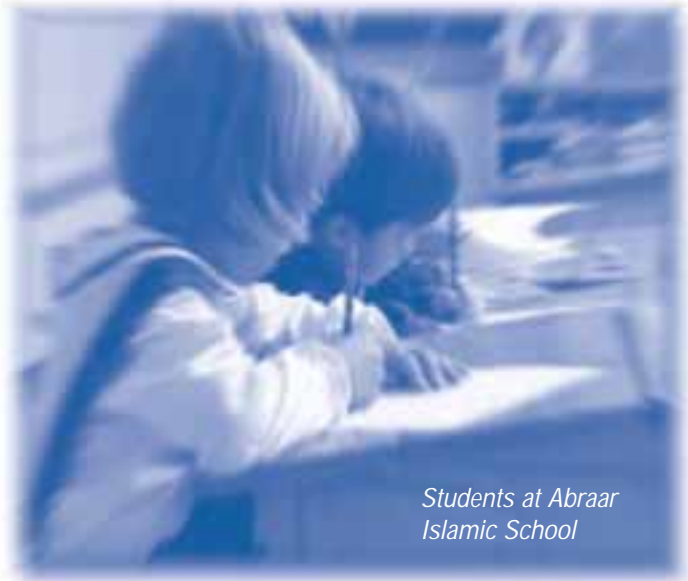
At the end of the story, the boy's fictitious heroes say: “We promise God and the heroes of Al-Aqsa that we will continue the path, we will continue in spite of the difficulties and the hardships until the victory of the martyrdom, we will not surrender; we will fight for the sake of God until the end.”

The essay drew praise from one of the teachers of Arabic at the Abraar Islamic School, who wrote on the story: “God bless you, your efforts are good. The story of the hero Ahmed and the hero Salah is still alive. The end will be soon when God unites us all in Jerusalem to pray there.” The teacher's name has not been released.

It is unclear how long the story was on display before it was brought to the attention of *The Ottawa Citizen* newspaper, which obtained two translations of the story before confronting the school. The headmistress, Aisha Sherazi, who is originally from Wimbledon, in southwest London, said that the school was “extremely shocked,

disturbed and concerned” about the boy's story. Canada has 580,000 Muslims among its 29.6 million population. The Canadian Jewish Congress has condemned the incident and the essay is under investigation by Ontario education officials.

Miss Sherazi, 32, said that the story had been entered for a creative writing competition at the school. “The students were allowed to pick a topic of their choosing as part of our program to enhance literacy in our school. It is against the policy of the school in terms of what we are trying to teach here, it contradicts it completely and is very, very disturbing.”



Students at Abraar Islamic School

The Abraar Islamic School, which does not receive state funding, teaches 260 children from reception classes to the age of 13. It was established in 2000 and follows the Canadian curriculum with the exception of its Arabic classes, in which the anti-Jewish story was written.

The school, which is the equivalent of a private prep school in Britain, has not been inspected by government officials, who inspect only private secondary schools. ✪

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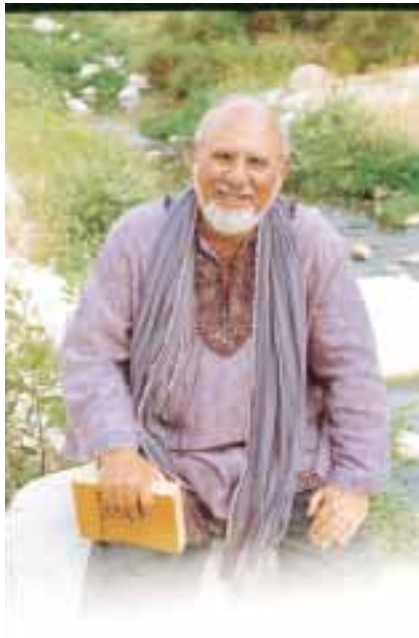
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