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# And Then They Came After Us Victor Davis Hanson, National Review

E'RE AT WAR. HOW ABOUT ACTING LIKE IT?

First, the terrorists of the Middle East went after the Israelis. From 1967, we witnessed 40 years of bombers, child murdering, airline hijacking, suicide murdering, and gratuitous shooting. We in the West usually cried crocodile tears, and then came up with all sorts of reasons to allow such Middle Eastern killers a pass.

Yasser Arafat, replete with holster and rants at the U.N., had become a "moderate" and was thus free to steal millions of his good-behavior money. If Hamas got European cash, it would become reasonable, ostracize its "military wing," and cease its lynching and vigilantism.



When some tried to explain that Wars 1-3 (1947, 1956 and 1967) had nothing to do with the West Bank, such bothersome details fell on deaf ears.

When it was pointed out that Germans were not blowing up Poles to get back lost parts of East Prussia, nor were Tibetans sending suicide bombers into Chinese cities to recover their country, such analogies were caricatured.

When the call for a "Right of Return" was making the rounds, few cared to listen that over a half-million forgotten Jews had been cleansed from Syria, Iraq, and Egypt, and lost billions in property.

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# SHOOT-TO-KILL vs. TARGETED-KILLINGS: A Study in Contrasts and Hypocrisy

By Tom Gross www.jewishworldreview.com

On July 22, as British police frantically searched for four presumed suicide bombers on the run, the people of London had a glimpse of what the people of Israel live with daily. The explosive devices of all four men had failed to go off properly on London's transport system the day before, and the men had subsequently escaped.

During the course of the day, there were roadblocks and house searches throughout London. Closed circuit TV footage of the four was released to the public in the afternoon, and by evening two suspects had been taken into custody. The people of

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When the UN and the EU talked about "refugee camps," none asked why for a half-century the Arab world could not build decent housing for its victimized brethren, or why a million Arabs voted in Israel, but not one freely in any Arab country.

The security fence became "The Wall," and evoked slurs that it was analogous to barriers in Korea or Berlin that more often kept people in than out. Few wondered why Arabs who wished to destroy Israel would mind not being able to live in or visit Israel.

In any case, anti-Semitism, oil, fear of terrorism — all that and more fooled us into believing that Israel's problems were confined to Israel. So we ended up with a utopian Europe favoring a pre-modern, terrorist-run, Palestinian thugocracy over the liberal democracy in Israel. The Jews, it was thought, stirred up a hornet's nest, and so let them get stung on their own.

We in the United States preened that we were the "honest broker." After the Camp David accords, we tried to be an intermediary to both sides, ignoring that one party had created a liberal and democratic society, while the other remained under the thrall of a tribal gang.

Billions of dollars poured into frontline states like Jordan and Egypt. Arafat himself got hundreds of millions, though none of it ever seemed to show up in good housing, roads or power plants for his people. The terror continued, enhanced rather than arrested, by Western largess and Israeli concessions.

Then the Islamists declared war on the United States. A quarter-century of mass murdering of Americans followed

in Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, East Africa, the first effort to topple the World Trade Center, and the attack on the USS Cole.

We gave billions to Jordan, the Palestinians and the Egyptians. Afghanistan was saved from the Soviets through U.S. aid. Kuwait was restored after Saddam's annexation, and the holocaust of Bosnians and Kosovars halted by the American Air Force. Americans welcomed thousands of Arabs to our shores and allowed hundreds of madrassas and mosques to preach zealotry, anti-Semitism and jihad without much scrutiny.

Then came September 11th and the almost instant canonization of bin Laden.

Suddenly, the prior cheap shots at Israel under siege weren't so cheap. It proved easy to castigate Israelis who went into Jenin, but not so when we needed to do the same in Fallujah.

It was easy to slander the Israelis' scrutiny of Arabs in their midst, but then suddenly a few residents in our own country were found to be engaging in bomb making, taking up jihadist pilgrimages to Afghanistan, and mapping out terrorist operations.

Apparently, the hatred of radical Islam was not just preddicated on the "occupation" of the West Bank. Instead, it involved the pretexts of Americans protecting Saudi Arabia from another Iraqi attack, the United Nations boycott of Iraq, the removal of the Taliban and Saddam, and even the Crusades and the Reconquista.

But Europe was supposedly different. Unlike the United States, it was correct on the Middle East, and disarmed after the Cold War. Indeed, the European Union was pacifistic, socialist, and guilt-ridden about former colonialism.

Hundreds of thousands of Muslims were left alone in unassimilated European ghettoes and allowed to preach or promulgate any particular hatred of the day they wished. Conspire to kill a Salmon Rushdie, talk of liquidating the "apes and pigs," distribute *Mein Kampf* and the Protocols, or plot in the cities of France and Germany to blow up the Pentagon and the World Trade Center — all that was about things "over there" and in a strange way was thought to ensure that Europe got a pass at home.

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But the trump card was always triangulation against the United States. Most recently, anti-Americanism was good street theater in Rome, Paris, London, and the capitals of the "good" West.

But then came Madrid — and the disturbing fact that after the shameful appearement of its withdrawal from Iraq, further plots were hatched against Spanish justices and passenger trains.

Surely a Holland would be exempt — Holland of wideopen Amsterdam fame where anything goes and Muslim radicals could hate in peace. Then came the butchering of Theo Van Gogh and the death threats against parliamentarian Hirsi Ali — and always defiance and promises of more to come rather than apologies for their hatred.

Yet was not Britain different? After all, its capital was dubbed "Londonistan" for its hospitality to Muslims across the globe. Radical imams openly preached jihad against the United States to their flock as thanks for being given generous welfare subsidies from her majesty's government. But it was the United States, not liberal Britain, that evoked such understandable hatred.

### But now?

After Holland, Madrid and London, European operatives go to Israel not to harangue Jews about the West Bank, but to receive tips about preventing suicide bombings. And the "cowboy" Patriot Act to now-panicked European parliaments perhaps seems not so illiberal after all.

So it was becoming clear that butchery by radical Muslims in Bali, Darfur, Iraq, the Philippines, Thailand, Turkey, Tunisia, and Iraq was not so tied to particular and "understandable" Islamic grievances.

Perhaps the jihadist killing was not over the West Bank or U.S. hegemony after all, but rather symptoms of a global pathology of young male Islamic radicals blaming all others for their own self-inflicted miseries, convinced that attacks on the infidel would win political concessions, restore pride, and prove to Israelis, Europeans, Americans — and about everybody else on the globe — that Middle Eastern warriors were full of confidence and pride after all.

Meanwhile, an odd thing happened. It turns out that the jihadists were cowards and bullies, and thus selective in their targets of hatred. A billion Chinese were left alone by radical Islam — even though the Chinese were secularists and mostly godless, as well as ruthless to their own Uighur Muslim minorities. Had bin Laden issued a fatwa against Beijing and slammed an airliner into a skyscraper in Shanghai, there is no telling what a nuclear China might have done.

India too got mostly a pass, other than the occasional murdering by Pakistani zealots. Yet India makes no effort to apologize to Muslims. When extremists occasionally riot and kill, they usually cease quickly before the response of a much more unpredictable angry populace.

What can we learn from all this?

Jihadists hardly target particular countries for their "unfair" foreign policies, since nations on five continents suffer jihadist attacks and thus all apparently must embrace an unfair foreign policy of some sort.

Typical after the London bombing is the ubiquitous Muslim spokesman who, when asked to condemn terrorism, starts out by deploring such killing, assuring that it has nothing to do with Islam, yet then ending by inserting the infamous "but" — as he closes with references about the West Bank, Israel, and all sorts of mitigating factors. Almost no secular Middle Easterners or religious officials write or state flatly, "Islamic terrorism is murder, pure and simple evil. End of story, no ifs or buts about it."

Second, thinking that the jihadists will target only Israel eventually leads to emboldened attacks on the United States. Assuming America is the only target assures terrorism against Europe. Civilizations will either hang separately or triumph over barbarism together. It

is that simple — and past time for Europe and the United States to rediscover their common heritage and shared aims in eradicating this plague of Islamic fascism.

Third, Islamicists are selective in their attacks and hatred. So far, global jihad avoids two billion Indians and Chinese, despite the fact that their countries are far tougher on Muslims than is the United States or Europe. In other words, the Islamicists target those whom they think they can intimidate and blackmail.

Unfettered immigration, billions in cash grants to Arab autocracies, alliances of convenience with dictatorships, triangulation with Middle Eastern patrons of terror, blaming the Jews — civilization has tried all that.

It is time to relearn the lessons from the Cold War, when we saw millions of noble Poles, Romanians, Hungarians, and Czechs as enslaved under autocracy and a hateful ideology, and in need of democracy before they could confront the Communist terror in their midst.

But until the Wall fell, we did not send billions in aid to their Eastern European dictatorships, nor travel freely to Prague or Warsaw, nor admit millions of Communistruled Bulgarians and Albanians onto our shores.

SEPTEMBER 2005

## **Our Sensitive Enemy**

By Steven Stalinsky, www.frontpagemag.com

Shortly following news reports alleging that copies of the Koran were desecrated at Guantanamo Bay, American officials at the highest level were quick to note that it is government policy to ensure that the Muslim holy books are treated with "utmost care" and "respect." During a White House press briefing, spokesman Scott McClellan discussed how the allegations were being "exploited" and "used to incite violence" in the Muslim world.

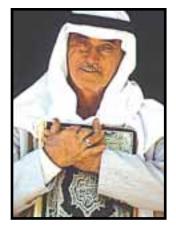
In Saudi Arabia, members of the royal family, leading religious figures, and members of the state-controlled press spoke out on this issue. Some called for American soldiers to be tried by *Sharia*, or Islamic law — implying a possible death sentence.

Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued a press release that was posted on the website of the Saudi Embassy in Washington, D.C. It stated: "The Kingdom urges the concerned United States authorities to launch a prompt investigation into these allegations. If these allegations proved true, it would be necessary to hold those responsible accountable for their actions and deter any repetition of such actions which are offensive to the Muslim community worldwide."

In a Friday sermon broadcast live on Saudi TV from Islam's holiest site, the Al-Haram Mosque in Mecca, Saudi Arabia's highest-ranking government-appointed cleric, Sheik Abd Al-Rahman Sudais, responded to the allegations. "We are demanding that the transgressors who erred and performed this despicable act be interrogated and that the heaviest and the most preventive punishments be imposed on them," he said.

It should be noted that Sheik Al-Sudais planned to visit North America, but Canadian members of Parliament initiated a debate that barred him from entering the country after reading MEMRI-translated quotations from sermons in which he supported jihad against the West, and criticized America and Jews.

A report in the *Saudi Gazette* elaborated on how some Saudis wanted to retaliate. The report stated that 18 Saudi scholars demanded that those involved in the alleged desecration of the Koran be tried by an Islamic court. The scholars also demanded the revival of a Saudi boycott of American products and for all Saudis detained at Guantanamo to be released. According to one report in Al-Jazeerah.info: "Insulting the Koran or the Prophet Mohammed is regarded as blasphemy and punishable by death in Saudi Arabia."

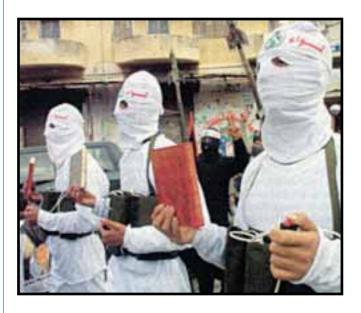


"Americans Interested in Koran After Abuse Scandal" headlined an article in the Saudi Gazette. The report said that the Council on American-Islamic Relations offered free copies of the Koran to Americans so that they can learn about Islam. The report added, "one copy was being requested almost every minute," and quoted the head of CAIR, Nihad Awad, as saying Americans

want to better understand Islam.

As well, the lawyers for the 158 Saudi detainees at Guantanamo were quoted as saying that the Koran debacle could benefit their clients and could lead to their release.

The Saudi press was particularly critical. *Al-Watan* cited historical "crimes" by America in Japan and Vietnam to suggest the Koran episode was only the latest in a long series of crimes — and that more should be expected. The article went on to suggest that America could make up for the Koran desecration if it were to "hand over the criminal perpetrator to justice and let him stand in a cage similar to those built on Guantanamo."



With the debate surrounding the alleged desecration of the Koran at Guantanamo, it is easy to forget that those being held at the detention center are terrorists. If one were to believe the rhetoric coming from Saudi Arabia, its citizens held there are completely innocent and just happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. But as we learned on September 11, 2001, this is not the case.

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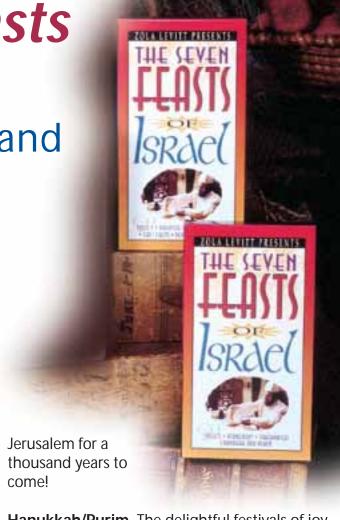
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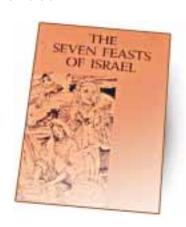
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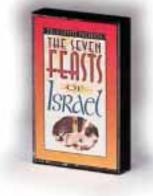
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### The Lesson Unlearned

By Patrick Cox Contributing Editor

Prime Minister Tony Blair, in a rallying call to his nation, identified the perpetrators

of the July 7th terrorist attacks on London as the "Islamist extremist terrorists, of the kind who over recent years have been responsible for so many innocent deaths in Madrid, Bali, Saudi Arabia, Russia, Kenya, Tanzania, Pakistan, Yemen, Turkey, Egypt, and Morocco, of course in New York on September 11th, but in many other countries too."

The obvious and glaring omission in this list of victim nations is, of course, Israel. Some of us hoped it had been an oversight, until Blair repeated shortly thereafter that he remained committed to solving the root cause of problems in the Middle East — the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians. He did so even while defending himself from charges that he had provoked the wrath of Islamists by participating in the liberation of Iraq.

Responding to one such accusation by a journalist, at a press conference with Australian Prime Minister John Howard, he answered, correctly, "I think I've said before, the people who are responsible for doing these things are the people who do them."

Unless, we must assume, they do these things in Israel.

Distressingly, it remains the case that even as the world comes to grips with the nature of Islamist imperialism, the old habit of blaming the Jews for the hatred that so much of the Muslim world has for Israel persists.

At the same press event, the Australian prime minister answered the same reporter, brilliantly.

"Can I remind you that the murder

of 88 Australians in Bali took place before the operation in Iraq. And I remind you that the 11th of September occurred before the operation in Iraq.

"Can I also remind you that the very first occasion that bin Laden specifically referred to Australia was in the context of Australia's involvement in liberating the people of East Timor. Are people by implication suggesting we shouldn't have done that?

"When a group claimed responsibility on the website for the attacks on the 7th of July, they talked about British policy not just in Iraq, but in Afghanistan. Are people suggesting we shouldn't be in Afghanistan?

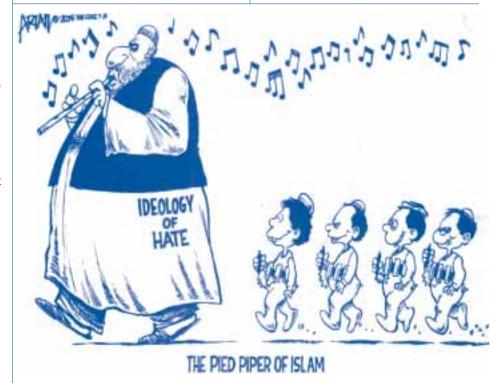
"When Sergio de Mello was murdered in Iraq — a brave man, a distinguished international diplomat, a person immensely respected for his work in the United Nations — when al-Qaeda gloated about that, they referred specifically to the role that de Mello had carried out in East Timor because he was the United Nations administrator in East Timor."

Howard's remarkably concise

summary of the true nature of Islamist aggression is laudable, but it also raises serious questions about those who blame Israel for Muslim hostility. Just as al-Qaeda itself admits that it was the rescue of the tiny Christian nation of East Timor from Muslim imperialism that makes Australia a target, Palestinian leaders have long blamed the very existence of Israel for their ongoing terror war against the Jewish population.

Still, however, people like Tony Blair insist on ignoring the words of most Palestinian leaders over the past fifty years and believing, instead, the European theory that it is "the treatment" of Palestinians by Jews that is the problem. This argument, by the way, has only been adapted in relatively recent years by mediawise defenders of Islam. My own experience is that Arabs are still somewhat astonished that Westerners would ever buy into such a theory, given the fact that the entire Islamic neighborhood tried three times, with all their military might, to destroy Israel before there was ever a "Palestinian" people for Israel to "mistreat."

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#### THE LESSON UNLEARNED continued

This "blame the Jews" mentality among Westerners is nothing less than appeasement by proxy, the habitual appeal to the Muslim world by Europeans and others who hope that an "evenhanded" treatment of both sides in the Israel/Palestine conflict will prevent a spillover of the violence and hatred that marks Islamists' policies. Once, such a strategy of neutrality might have made strategic, if not moral, sense. Those days are past. The list of terror victims put forth by Tony Blair is all too real — and growing.

In fact, the more meaningful terrorist attack in July didn't take place in Europe at all. It was the far bloodier bombing in Sharm el-Sheikh, the Egyptian resort town. It is important to realize that the terrorists planted and timed their bombs not to kill tourists, but the Arabs who make their livings catering to them. The message was clear — anyone who deals with the infidel, who accepts their presence in lands claimed for Islam, will be killed.

Though Sharm el-Sheikh is near to

Israel, it had nothing to do with Israel. Not one Jew was killed in the bombings.

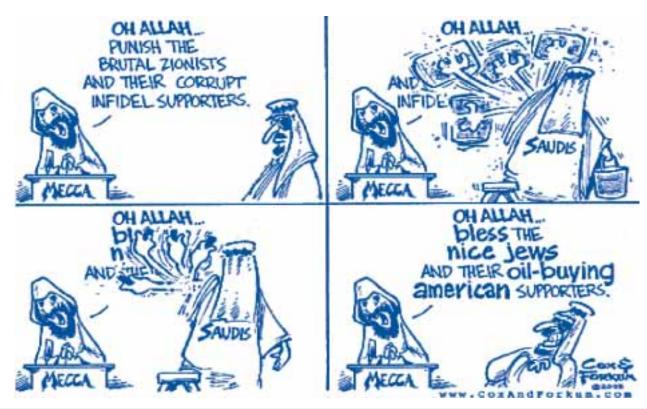
Though Blair is often praised for allying his country with America against Islamist terror, his continued faulting of Israel proves that he has not yet come to grips with the true nature of his enemy. Perhaps he should listen to Winston Churchill, who saved his country both from the forces of Nazism and the appeasers who blamed Britain for Hitler's aggression. This is some of what he wrote after the bloody war to prevent Islamist control of Sudan in the 19th century:

"How dreadful are the curses which Mohammedanism lays on its votaries! Besides the fanatical frenzy, which is as dangerous in a man as hydrophobia in a dog, there is this fearful fatalistic apathy. The effects are apparent in many countries. Improvident habits, slovenly systems of agriculture, sluggish methods of commerce, and insecurity of property exist wherever the followers of the Prophet rule or live. A degraded

sensualism deprives this life of its grace and refinement; the next of its dignity and sanctity. The fact that in Mohammedan law every woman must belong to some man as his absolute property, either as a child, a wife, or a concubine, must delay the final extinction of slavery until the faith of Islam has ceased to be a great power among men. Individual Moslems may show splendid qualities — but the influence of the religion paralyses the social development of those who follow it. No stronger retrograde force exists in the world. Far from being moribund, Mohammedanism is a militant and proselytizing faith. It has already spread throughout Central Africa, raising fearless warriors at every step; and were it not that Christianity is sheltered in the strong arms of science, the science against which it had vainly struggled, the civilization of modern Europe might fall, as fell the civilization of ancient Rome."

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Sir Winston Churchill, from *The River War*, first edition, Vol. II, pages 248-50 (London: Longmans, Green & Co., 1899).





# Letters to Zola

### From "Those in Bonds"

Dear Zola:

I was given one of your *Levitt Letters* by an inmate here, and this is one magazine that I find "right on," and I enjoyed it very much!

Please place me on your mailing list.

Re: "Doing Well While Doing Good" (*Levitt Letter*, August 2005): A reader's answer to those who would punish an equipment supplier for dealing with Israel. — Zola

#### Dear Zola:

I called Caterpillar recently and thanked them for doing business with Israel. I talked to their head P.R. man, who was a Christian and I told him that real Believers supported them 100% and that the Lord will surely bless them, no matter what the devil tells them. He said that they had already made up their minds long ago that they would not cave in or be intimidated. Check your family tree, Zola. You must be kinfolk with this guy.

Brothers and sisters, anytime you step onto the battlefield, you will draw enemy fire. The battle is the Lord's and He never loses.

Liberalism is not a different side of Christianity, it is a separate, false religion and that's how it should be treated.

G.D.

From Ladder 51

Dear Zola:

It is truly an honor to be able to give to your ministry. Keep sending me the *Levitt Letter*. Next time, I will order a whole gift basket of books and tapes from your catalog. I am especially interested in your *Prophecy at Ground Zero.* [See ad on page 10.]

I am a New York City firefighter who responded to the World Trade Center attacks on September 11th.

— G.B.

Ladder 51, Da Bronx!

Dear G.B.: Many thanks for your courageous service!

— Zola

I should tell you that I am Jewish (Messianic), came from an orthodox family, was married to a rabbi's daughter, and have four grown children (I am 57 years old).

I committed a murder in 1975, and I am paying for it now. Although I was an embarrassment to my family, they initially stuck by me! Then, one day, a Christian acquaintance pointed out a few things to me in the Scriptures that began to convict me more and more every day. I was compelled to go back and look at the Scriptures, and the ones he pointed out to me in both the Old and New Testaments. To make a long story short, I was miserable, but in the end I accepted Jesus after realizing who He really is, and what He did for this old Jew!

My family was horrified, and for the next year, they visited me more than I had ever been visited before. They wrote me every day and had a string of rabbis write to me. Then, one day about six months later, a sheriff's deputy delivered me divorce papers, and I haven't seen or heard from my wife or children since. My parents, siblings and a host of relatives (including my ex-wife) actually held a funeral for me and wrote me off as dead.

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**SERVICE WITH A SMILE:** Petty Officer Natalie Shalev navigates a navy tugboat, another sign of how women are moving up in the ranks of the Israeli military. The IDF(Israel Defense Forces) has opened the doors for women to serve in most service posts.

#### LETTERS TO ZOLA continued

This July makes thirty years I've served on this sentence so far, with no contact with anyone outside of here, no money for necessities, snacks or even coffee in the morning. For the paper, pen and stamp to write this letter, I had to trade my 4th of July chicken dinner — a real treat.

I still pray for my family, but many of them have moved to Israel.

Zola, I have no donation to send except my prayers, and you have them freely! I feel guilty asking you for a free subscription to the *Levitt Letter*, but please, pray for me!

Thank you. — D.

Dear D: The *Levitt Letter* is free to anyone and it's on the way to you. Our Lord, who was Himself a prisoner, is always with you. — Zola

#### An Old Friend

Dear Zola:

I usually don't write because I'm print blind, but I want you to know how much I enjoy your programs.

I see you on PAX in San Diego. When your program is

on, it is like having an old friend come to visit and have a cup of coffee and some good conversation. God Bless you always.

In Jesus' name,

— N.K.

### From the West Bank

Dear Zola:

It may interest you to know that the settlement's *chazan* (cantor), Danny Akiva, who is also a worldranking classical guitarist, will personally offer the prayers for your well-being.

This week's Torah reading is *Parashat Pinchas*, (portion of Phineas) and Danny says that the Kabbalistic interpretation of this *Parasha* is one of health and healing, so maybe it was the Lord God Himself who directed you to choose this particular date for your surgery.

In any case, the House of Anatot is praying for you.

— Stu

### Re: The UCC

Dear Zola:

I have heard that now the United Church of Christ wants to divest from Israel. This greatly concerns me as a member of the UCC as I am also very pro-Israel. Are there any Christian denominations that accord proper recognition to, and respect of, Israel?

— J.B.

Dear J.B.: Only those who use the Bible. — Zola

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### **Assaulted by Aliens?**

Dear Zola:

I am not sure if I understood well what you wrote in your recent *Levitt Letter* article "A Tale of Three Democracies," but I think you are comparing Mexicans with Muslims, when you said "both societies —USA, Israel — are being assaulted by aliens — Mexicans, Muslims — who inevitably hope to take control of those countries."

Did you really mean that?

As a Mexican, I have to tell you that I've never heard anything like this before. I don't think that Mexican people come to the USA to be able to take back or gain control over the land that we lost a long time ago. It does not make any sense to me, because if we can not take care of the one we already have, with so many bad things going on in Mexico — narcotics, corruption, violence, poverty, etc., how could we ever dream of having this land back? We don't even have a good army to fight with.

What I do know is that Mexican people come to this country because they dream of having a better life, a better income, a better environment, a better place to live, and the desire to be treated with respect and equality.

Thank you for your time, for reading my email. I hope someday to get my documents and be able to work so I can support your ministry. I do love Israel and its people, and I also know that there is a blessing in doing so.

In Jesus' love, — L.M.

#### Dear L.M.:

I didn't mean to equate Mexicans with Muslims, and I understand that Mexicans and other Hispanics come to the U.S. to improve their financial status. Muslims infiltrate countries with the idea of taking control politically and imposing their "religion" and its barbaric laws on the entire population.

But when you refer in your letter to "the land that we lost a long time ago," doesn't it mean that at least some Mexicans are contemplating getting it back at some point? — Zola

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### LETTERS TO OTHER EDITORS

### Lesson from the Arabs

The Dallas Morning News

Sir — The Arabs have a lesson to teach the Jews: "Not one inch!" They offer nothing and never falter in their claim to 100% of "Palestine." The Jews negotiate, falter, waver, bargain, offer sections, areas, whole pieces of the Jews' holy, eternal, miniscule, and unique heritage to — it sometimes seems — anybody who either demands it or terrorizes them.

The Arabs, with twenty-two huge countries, have never given anybody the tiniest piece of land without an unwavering fight to the finish.

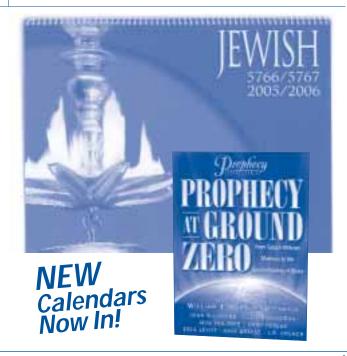
— R. H.

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### Religion's Toll

**USA Today** 

Dear Editor: It is wrong to believe that Muslims attack countries with a democratic system because they are jealous of our freedoms.

When people are fundamentally religious, there is only one way to perceive how life should be lived. That is their way, according to how they interpret their holy books.

What many of us perceive as freedom, certain Muslims and Christians perceive as evil.

When radical Christians kill doctors who perform abortions, they believe they are working on behalf of the higher power to rid the earth of evil. When radical Muslims fight countries with a democratic system, they believe they are doing likewise.

If some Christians of today had the power to run the government, there would be the same chaos and mindset that the religious leaders of these Muslim countries impose on the people they govern. When people of any religion believe their way to the glorious kingdom is the only way, those of us who do not fit this imagined moral code will, as history proves, find ourselves in great peril. — I V

In the writer's view, religion, not terrorism, is to blame for all these deaths. He compares a handful of radical Christians with the entire world of Islamic terrorists. Real Christianity is voluntary and can never be imposed by a government. — Zola

### **Divestment Delusions**

www.opinioneditorials.com

The decision by the United Church of Christ to urge its members to divest from Israel and American companies that do business with Israel is a sad moment in the history of the Protestant religion. In joining the Presbyterian Church USA, the World Council of Churches, the United Methodist Church, the Episcopal Church, and the Anglican Church in singling out Israel for economic sanctions, they have truly lost their moral compass. The members of the individual congregations must actively inform its out-of-touch leadership of the error of their ways and help rescind this appalling dictum. The only plausible reason behind the council's action is the trend in certain elite circles that has made it once again fashionable to openly hate Jews.

It was unpleasant enough when these groups openly discriminated against Jews in their universities, work-

places or country clubs. Now they have decided that Israel and companies that deal with Israel are to be blackballed from complete access to projects and the capital markets. It is a blatant attempt to destroy the only democracy in the Middle East and an ally of the United States.

Israel, a miniscule country in a sea of Muslim states, has been under threat of declared war and intifada by radical groups and sovereign countries ever since it was founded. The churches want Israel to turn the other cheek, but it is tough to do so when that cheek has been blown off in a suicide attack on a pizza parlor, mall or a banquet hall where a wedding or bar mitzvah is being celebrated.

Jewish Americans are constantly accused of having dual loyalties. The actions of these Protestant churches come perilously close to giving aid and comfort to those who desire to annihilate Jews and Americans wherever they live. Have these churches unwittingly joined the wrong side in our war on terror?

— Bob Tufts

### How Is Israel Different?

Dear Editor: The Dallas Morning News is to be congratulated for its exten-

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erage of the London terrorist bombings, but it's puzzling why you didn't mention the many terrorist bombings that have occurred in Israel.

There is a difference. While the authorities in Spain and England actively look for the perpetrators, the Palestinian Authority under Mahmoud Abbas, continues the Yasser Arafat response of looking the other way while the bombers are celebrated as heroes.

If *The Dallas Morning News* considers the lives of innocent Israeli commuters to be of less value than British or Spanish lives, perhaps you could run an article explaining the difference.

- Michael Hopkivitz



### Zola's Bulletin Board



### You're In The Army Now!

By Zola Levitt

After more than 80 tours of the Holy Land in some thirty years, our ministry was hard pressed to come up with something new for our pilgrims to do. While we have enjoyed being kind of a standard for many other tours that learn from our itineraries, we wanted to make some variation in the usual bill of fare over there.

One Israeli group thoroughly misunderstood in world publicity, is the IDF, the Israel Defense Forces. These boys and girls, while they obviously have some grim soldiering to do involving the issue of terrorism, are simply peoples' sons and daughters, on hand to help their country on a circulating basis. They are certainly not jack-booted thugs or angry ideologues. Each one receives very thorough training. Some have utilized their army training to go on in that work in a civilian field after their service. A heartening number continue to reenlist and become professional military people of higher rank, and the IDF promotes mostly from within.

With all that said, we wanted our people to understand how things go on an average day at an army base. Therefore, we gave them the opportunity to volunteer to be helpers.

The task at hand would be whatever a specific unit needed on that particular day, and we would be willing to help out. (It puts me in mind of the time the manager of a kibbutz ran into the dining room, where my small group was having breakfast, and yelled out loud: "My grapefruits are ready. We need grapefruit pickers! Where am I going to find competent grapefruit pickers?" And he looked at me with a wink. I looked at our group, and they all nodded, and I replied, "Why, we're grapefruit pickers!" Within the hour, we had happy tourists on ladders taking down grapefruits the size of volleyballs, and we were allowed to keep any number of "samples." Our folks had farm-fresh grapefruit for days afterwards!)

But our "day in the army" was a thrill for us. My sister has been a member of the Sar-El Project, which allows Americans to volunteer to replace a soldier in holiday periods. If an American is willing to come to Israel and do some desk job while a soldier visits his home for Passover or the Day of Atonement, the army is very grateful. But every army needs help all the time, and so we were willing to pitch in.

Will King, our ministry's "Man In Jerusalem," wrote a short report on what happened when we went to the base:

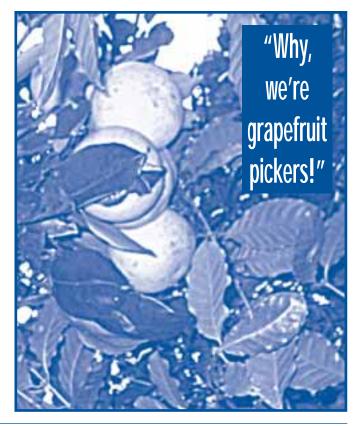
#### In the IDF now...

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

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

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

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### Springfield MO, July 20

We typically finish the writing of a *Levitt Letter* at the end of the month, but since my operation will be July 28, I will be in no shape to edit or finish my article. Therefore, I thought I would tape it now and still have time to look at the first draft before going under the knife. I would then have just enough time to look at the finished copy before it goes to the printer.

And that's how things have gone in the ministry for over thirty years, by the way. One has to attend to one's material life and always be in pursuit of the assignment for the Kingdom. As Dr. Thomas S. McCall, the senior theologian of our ministry pointed out: "We need to teach as if the Lord were coming tonight and also as if He were coming in fifty years."

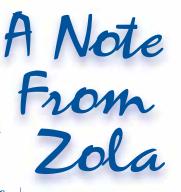
So if the Lord comes tonight, I will have dictated the first draft of my thoughts before this operation — or what I am beginning to think of as a "revitalization" to pursue the remainder of the ministry I have left. I have a hunch that my continuing assignment will last until the Rapture, and it is specifically to continue sounding warnings of the Islamic takeover and the onrush of the coming Tribulation period. The signs of the end are certainly all around us, and the Antichrist, as I've said many times, is like an actor waiting in the wings to hear his cue and enter upon a fully set stage to perform his awful work in the seven years leading up to Armageddon.

Judging by my last bypass operation, it is really a kind of restart or physical "rebirth" because after the recuperation period, I felt much better the last time. But after all, I am presently heading downhill with what I have. My coronary arteries and the bypasses I received in 1982 have virtually run their useful course and something has to be done.

If anyone wants to know, I gave a fleeting thought to simply sitting it out and seeing how far I could go. Perhaps I would live longer than anyone expected, by medication and losing weight and perhaps taking the volumes of pills and treatments our readers and viewers suggested when they heard the news of my operation.

I must say a word of thanks to all those people who meant so well and who gave a huge variety of suggestions to avoid this bypass operation. Various procedures and products were suggested and also chelation therapy, all of which I dutifully discussed with my cardiologist.

In any case, it's very late in the game for any such treatments. I have over the years taken antioxidant pills, vitamins of all sorts, and various recommended





home treatments for artery disease. And after all, I did pretty well, going 22 1/2 years since my last bypass.

I don't mean to bore you with my medical story, and I know that everyone has such stories of their own. The stress that I want to place here is on the fact that I have the firm belief that the Lord wants me in place for the next ten years, and possibly the next twenty in order to continue what I am doing. Someone has to speak up for Israel in a loud, clear voice to a large audience and I am doing that. Someone has to warn about the oncoming Islamic terror and I'm doing that. Someone has to stress that if we give in to the Muslims (and a great deal of our media and government are doing just that), then we will lose this war and enter into a new dark age.

It's quite easy to succumb to these terrorists. The Islamic forces are not coming on like a foreign army in uniform in attacks that we can prepare for and defend against. They are instead sneaking up in our cities, building their mosques, teaching their takeover doctrines, infiltrating the government and so on, and we could fall in the end like Egypt did. It would take a long period of time, but it will be just as hard a fall. Egypt, as I stressed many times in my new book, *Dateline Jerusalem*, was a world-dominating society as we are, but it was utterly overcome and reduced to where it is today — hardly able to feed itself — by Muslim forces.

As to the upcoming operation itself, I believe in God and I believe if the utter worst happens, I will finally see him face to face. And there is a certain excitement inside me with the idea that I might actually see God in eight days. That is not at all likely, but as my cardiologist pointed out, when one leaves the house in a car one takes a chance with his life every time. The big difference is that with a car accident I can end up in a wheelchair or worse for a long period of time and with this operation, it's pretty much all or nothing. Most people get much better and a tiny minority of people don't, and go on to whatever their reward might be. I'm counting on a terrific reward and I don't mind taking this chance.

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One thing is for sure, I certainly have many people praying for me, and most of the folks who sent in their ideas for cures also did much prayer on my behalf.

I'm dictating as we drive along toward the last speaking engagement for this summer which will be at the Cornerstone Church in Springfield, Missouri. After the service, I may add some notes about what came to pass in that service. They have requested some timely information about Israel, and I'm always glad to oblige. And once again, I have to say that if it's only one church in twenty that wants that information, it's still forty times more powerful than the liberal churches around its town. I just love being around the Believers, and that's a fact. And I look forward to every service. Even if this is the last service that I'll ever preach, I'll tell the Lord next week that I really enjoyed the speaking ministry!

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And just now the service is finished and we're driving away. The questions were good, the people were attentive, they laughed at the funny lines and they profited from the Israel knowledge. My only regret is that the liberals, in their fear of Biblical truths, heard so little about the Holy Land and the Chosen People in their churches, and in their ignorance, will surely face judgment.

Get your own knowledge about Israel in the best possible way by going on one of our tours! As the time of

our Lord's return gets ever so close, it is more important than ever for Believers to understand their role, especially as it relates to God's Chosen People. Join us in November on one of these exciting options: the Deluxe Tour (Israel only—November 6-16); the Grand Petra Tour (Israel with Petra/Eilat—November 6-21); the Grand Athens Tour (Greek Isles Cruise & Israel — November 1-16), or the Ultra Grand Tour (Greek Isles Cruise, Israel & Petra—November 1-20).

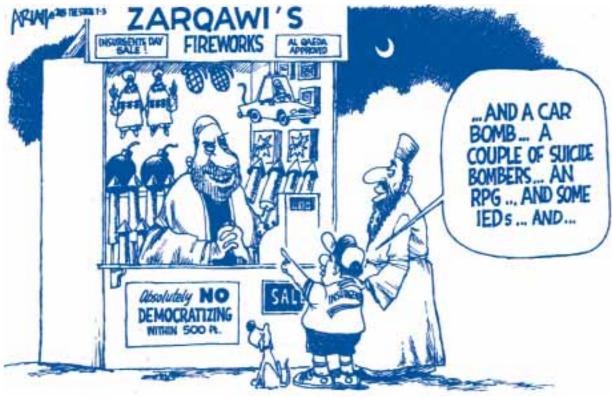
If you are looking for a family getaway, with spiritual value, then our tour at The Holy Land Experience in Orlando, Florida is a wonderful opportunity. Join Sandra and me, December 30, 2005 – January 1, 2006 for a very informal time at this "must see" Orlando theme park. We look forward to seeing you there!

And it's not too early to begin making plans to visit Israel in the spring of 2006. Tentative dates for our spring tour are — the Deluxe tour (Israel only) March 19-29, and the Grand Petra tour (Israel & Petra) extending to April 3rd.

For more information, or to request a brochure for any of these tours, call Tony at 214-696-9760 during business hours, 1-800-WONDERS (1-800-966-3377) anytime, or go to www.levitt.com and click on "Zola's Tours."

And please pray for the peace of Jerusalem.





### SHOOT-TO-KILL... continued

London expressed the fear of "living with terror 24/7," the world expressed their sympathy and there was much supportive and understanding coverage of Britain's plight by international media and politicians.

Palestinian terrorists have carried out over 25,000 attacks on Israelis since September 2000, resulting in thousands of deaths and injuries. Israeli security forces have thwarted thousands of attacks, and Israelis have grown used to living with manhunts of the kind seen in London, yet they are barely reported on abroad.

The head of the Shin Bet confirmed recently that Israel presently receives some 60 intelligence warnings of potential Palestinian terror attacks every day, and in July alone, several Israeli women and teenage girls were killed in various attacks.

Such was the nervousness in London on July 22, that at 10 in the morning a dark-complexioned man was shot dead on a train at Stockwell Tube (subway) station in south London. Witnesses on the train immediately said that it was clear the man had been unarmed, and in the words of one, was "literally executed." He was already lying on the ground motionless, having tripped, when British police pumped five bullets into his head at close range. The next day, the police confirmed what had been fairly apparent from the time of the shooting — that they had mistakenly targeted an innocent man. (It turned out he was a Brazilian Catholic.)

Israel has taken enormous care in its "targeted killings" of "ticking bombs," almost never killing anyone in a case of mistaken identity.

Contrary to the absolute lies told in the British media, the Israel Defense Forces have not instituted a shoot-to-kill policy, or trained the British to carry out one. For example, at the very time British police were shooting the man in the Tube, the IDF caught and disarmed a terrorist from Fatah already inside Israel, en route to carrying out a suicide bombing in Tel Aviv. Israeli forces didn't injure the terrorist at all in apprehending him, and disarming him of the five-kilogram explosives belt, packed with nails and metal shards, that he was wearing.

And yet for taking the bare minimum steps necessary to save the lives of its citizens in recent years, Israel has been mercilessly berated by virtually the entire world. Had Israeli police shot dead an innocent foreigner on one of its buses or trains, confirming the kill with a barrage of bullets at close range, in a mistaken effort to thwart a bombing, the UN would probably have been sitting in emergency session by late afternoon to unanimously denounce the Jewish state.

By evening, 12 hours had passed since the shooting, but the BBC still hadn't interviewed a grieving family, no one had called for British universities to be boycotted, Chelsea and Arsenal soccer clubs hadn't been ordered to play their matches in Cyprus, and *The Guardian* hadn't yet called British policy against its Pakistani population "genocide." As for London Mayor Ken Livingstone, who is in overall control of transport in the city, including the train where the man was shot, and who strongly defended the shoot-to-kill policy as a legitimate way to prevent suicide bombings, he was not yet facing war crimes charges — as Livingstone himself has demanded Israeli political leaders should be.

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#### **NOTABLE QUOTE**

"I don't want to understand why they hate us, any more than my father's generation sought to understand Nazis or the ideological slaves of Hirohito. Like that generation, since the jihadists have declared war on us. I want to kill them before they kill me."

CALL THOMAS
JULY 18, 2005

Instead, Polly Toynbee, the leading commentator for The Guardian, wrote that the terrorists were "deranged," "savage" and "demented" "killers" who "murder in the name of God." This is a far cry from the habitual manner in which The Guardian and others describe the suicide killers of Israelis as "fighters" and "activists."

One of the London terrorists responsible for the bombings on July 7, Mohammed Sidique Khan, traveled to Israel in February 2003. He stayed in Israel for just one day, and we can surmise that he wasn't there to volunteer on a kibbutz or visit Yad Vashem. Two months later, on April 30, 2003, two other Britons of Pakistani origin were involved in the suicide attack on Mike's Place, a popular bar in Tel Aviv, killing or injuring 58 people. Hamas later released a video of the two British citizens explaining their motivation for the attack, which included calling on God to punish Tony Blair and George W Bush. It has now been revealed that back in England, Mohammed Sidique Khan had been friends with one of the Mike's Place bombers.

Khan's visit to Israel was the main international headline in The Washington Post on July 19. Yet most British papers completely ignored it. The Independent and The Daily Telegraph didn't mention it at all; the Scotsman, the Times and Sun newspapers only very briefly.

There seems to be little interest in Britain in the murder of Israelis by British citizens. Many British journalists evidently have difficulty in admitting that people murdered on buses in Israel are as much victims as those on London buses.

Another British citizen, Richard Reid, who became known as the "shoe-bomber," also visited Israel and the Gaza strip for 10 days in July 2001. Reid was arrested in December 2001 after he tried to light a fuse extending from his shoe on a flight from Paris to Miami.

If people in Britain and the US want to stop terrorists, they need to recognize the inspiration and quite possibly the training that Hamas, the masters of the suicide attack, have given to would-be British and other terrorists, such as Reid, Instead, British officials continue to embrace Hamas, and hold talks with them.

Another of the problems Britons will have to overcome if they want to successfully deal with suicide bombers is to stop listening to the lies propagated by large sections of their media. For example, the cover story of the New Statesman, the favored publication of many in Britain's ruling Labour party, recently said: "there were no suicide bombers in Palestine until Ariel Sharon, an accredited war criminal, sponsored by Bush and Blair, came to power." You begin to wonder whose side some in Britain's media are on.

### Who Will Save the Pastors?

By Diana West, www.townhall.com

With guns pointed at his shaved and visibly battered head, Australian hostage Douglas Wood said things he didn't mean, parroting words his captors fed him. In a clip of film that has become a jihadist cliché masked gunmen, dehumanized captive, Al Jazeera logo — Mr. Douglas called for coalition forces to withdraw from Iraq, a jihadist goal he doesn't share with the thugs who imprisoned him for nearly seven weeks. After his rescue by American and Iraqi forces, the 64-year-old engineer made it clear he'd been coerced on tape and that he had not been speaking freely. "Frankly, I'd like to apologize to both President Bush and Prime Minister Howard for the things I said under duress," Mr. Wood said upon arriving in Melbourne. He also sang out a jubilant chorus of "Waltzing Matilda," Australia's unofficial anthem.

What a twist, then, that the same week, in that same corner of Australia, just as Mr. Wood was exulting in his renewed pursuit of life and liberty, two of his fellow Aussies, Christian pastors Danny Nalliah and Daniel Scot, were finding their own such pursuits derailed — not by vicious criminals in Iraq, but by civilized state statute. Mr. Wood could breathe freely in Australia and speak his mind once again; but the pastors Nalliah and Scot have been ordered by a tribunal in the state of Victoria to make public statements against their will, their conscience and their faith: namely, to apologize for their teachings on Islam, and to promise never to so teach again. As the first to be convicted of vilifying Islam under Victoria's 1984-style "Racial and Religious Tolerance Act," these men have vowed to go to jail rather than surrender their freedom of speech.

The cases of the kidnapped engineer and the "guilty" pastors are not really parallel. The Victoria state court is not a murderous gang of jihadists. But there's something similarly outrageous about the coercion brought to bear on these men — coercion at gunpoint in Iraq, or on pain of prison time in Australia — to revoke the precious and essential Western liberty to speak freely. CONTINUED ON PAGE 24 New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg shows us a clear method of losing the war on terror. We have bolded the most insane of his statements. — Zola

### "Easier for Terrorists to Succeed...."

www.newsmax.com

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg said on July 22 that "terrorists come in all sizes and shapes and forms" and it wouldn't be fair for police to profile terrorism suspects on the basis of a Middle Eastern appearance.



Asked about the city's random stop-and-search policy, which Police Commissioner Ray Kelly said would forbid racial profiling, Bloomberg told WABC Radio host John Gambling, "I think if we've learned anything, it is you can't predict what a terrorist looks like."

"You want to have restrictions [on police terrorism searches]," Bloomberg explained. "You want to have the police to have the burden of being very careful and **never discriminating."** 

"If you think that everybody with blue eyes is a terrorist, you can't just stop everybody with blue eyes," he added. "Terrorists come in all sizes and shapes and forms."

When Gambling reminded Bloomberg that "a higher percentage of them come from a certain section of the world," Bloomberg acknowledged: "That is true."

"But John," the mayor shot back, "the essence of our freedom is that you are presumed innocent — you're innocent until proven guilty. The presumption of innocence is the fundamental [value] of our society. And you just can't go and say everybody who has blue eyes — my example — is a terrorist just because most terrorists that you've caught have blue eyes."

Bloomberg acknowledged that his profiling ban would make it "easier for terrorists to succeed" in their next attack, but still insisted the practice was "unreasonable."

"It is just not a reasonable, not a rational — nothing that we want in our society," he maintained. "That does make it more difficult for the police, yes. But it's been more difficult for 235 years and we've kept the democracy and that's the challenge that we have to meet."

Wrapping up on the topic, Bloomberg caught himself profiling terrorists by sex — then quickly amended his comments, telling WABC:

"If you had no restrictions [on police searches], num-



ber one, you'd give up all our freedoms, and number two, I don't know that you'd necessarily do any better at catching the bad **guys** — **or that they are guys.**"

"Hatred, Plain and Simple"
By James Taranto, www.opinionjournal.com



Why do they hate us?

That's the question we've all grown sick and tired of hearing since Sept. 11, 2001. It's not that the query is inherently objectionable; understanding what motivates the enemy is obviously helpful in wartime. But the people who ask this question almost never genuinely seek to understand; rather, they have their own axes to grind against the U.S. or the West, and seek to use the prospect of terror attacks to scare the rest of us into supporting their views. This we have dubbed vicarious terrorism.

Now and then a terrorist actually takes the trouble to explain his motives. London's *Daily Telegraph* reports on the trial of the man who allegedly (and now confessedly) murdered Dutch filmmaker Theo Van Gogh: Mohammed Bouyeri, a baby-faced



27-year-old with dual Dutch-Moroccan nationality, broke his vow not to cooperate with the Amsterdam court by admitting shooting and stabbing his victim last November.

"I take complete responsibility for my actions. I acted purely in the name of my religion," he told its threestrong panel of judges. "I can assure you that one day, should I be set free, I would do the same, exactly the same."

Bouyeri then turned to the victim's mother, Anneke, in the public gallery, and told her he felt nothing for her. Mrs. van Gogh watched as he read out from what appeared to be a statement: "I don't feel your pain. I have to admit that I don't have any sympathy for you. I can't feel for you because you're a non-believer."

This had nothing to do with Israeli "occupation" of "Palestinian lands," America's "unilateral invasion" of Iraq, "torture" of prisoners at Guantanamo or Abu Ghraib, the widening "income gap," or any of the other litany of complaints that the terror apologists trot out. Islamic terrorism arises from religious fanaticism and hatred, plain and simple.

### **Briefs**

### Why Terrorism Works

By Alan M. Dershowitz, www.frontpagemag.com

Within a day of the horrific multiple bombings in London, the G8 announced a multi-billion dollar grant to the Palestinian Authority. The symbolism of this connection may be lost on some Westerners, but it clearly sent a powerful message to terrorists and potential terrorists: namely, that terrorism works.

There were no grants announced to the Tibetans, who have been occupied more brutally and for a longer period of time than the Palestinians. The Tibetans, however, have never resorted to terrorism.

The Palestinian Authority, and its leaders, are the godfathers of international terrorism. They developed airplane hijacking into a high art. They invented the high-profile murder of athletes and other prominent public figures. Were it not for their employment of terrorism, the Palestinian cause would today be regarded as the fifth-rate human rights issue that it rightfully is. But because the Palestinian leadership has always used terrorism (from the 1920s on) as the tactic of first resort, their cause has received worldwide recognition.

The primary cause of terrorism is not occupation, humiliation, or desperation. If it were, the Tibetans would be the greatest terrorists. The primary cause of terrorism is that it works. And it works because the craven international community gives into it and rewards it. It also works because too many Islamic leaders praise it and too few condemn it. Terrorism will continue as long as potential terrorists believe they will benefit from using that tactic.

### BBC = PC By Tom Leonard, London Telegraph

The BBC has re-edited some of its coverage of the London



Underground and bus bombings to avoid labeling the perpetrators as "terrorists," it was disclosed.

Early reporting of the attacks on the BBC's website spoke of terrorists, but the same coverage was changed to describe the attackers simply as "bombers."

The BBC's guidelines state that its credibility is undermined by the "careless use of words which carry emotional or value judgments." Consequently, "the word 'terrorist' itself can be a barrier rather than an aid to understanding" and its use should be "avoided," the guidelines say.

Rod Liddle, a former editor of the *Today* program, has accused the BBC of "institutionalized political correctness" in its coverage of British Muslims.

The *Levitt Letter* prefers the clearest term, murderers. — Zola

### "The Cancer" www.honestreporting.com

An important ruling against *Le Monde's* coverage of Israel has met with near media silence.

In a landmark ruling, a French court has found that country's leading paper, *Le Monde*, guilty of "racist defamation" against Israel and the Jewish People.

While this is an encouraging sign that Europe is waking up to the vitriolic anti-Israel content in its media, it's disturbing to note that this important ruling received almost no media coverage — in Europe or the United States.

None of the major wire agencies, and none of the major American news outlets (with one notable exception) has carried this story.

The French case focused upon a particularly troubling 2002 *Le Monde* article, "Israel-Palestine: The Cancer,"

that described the Jews as "a contemptuous people taking satisfaction in humiliating others...imposing their unmerciful rule." Tom Gross notes in a Wall Street Journal article that while the Le Monde piece was bad, it was no worse than thousands of other news reports, editorials, commentaries, letters, cartoons, and headlines published throughout Europe in recent years, in the guise of legitimate and reasoned discussion of Israeli policies.

### Forty-eight Years and Counting

National Review

He has prostate cancer and Parkinson's disease, a broken hip and pelvic bone. He calls it a crusade simply to mount the podium. But 86-year-old Billy Graham led a threeday crusade at Flushing Meadows in Queens, 48 years after his first New York City crusade in Madison Square Garden. He said, as he has been saying for all those years, "Prepare to meet your God," and "God loves you."

When he first came to New York, Graham's brand of Protestantism seemed beleaguered in an ocean of Catholics and Jews. It is still a minority, but it is a lively one, including many Africans, Koreans and Chinese. Surely it is the end of the line, or near it, for Graham. But not for revivalism. As Garry Wills wrote in *Under God*, "Nothing has been more stable in our history, nothing less budgeable, than religious belief and practice. Religion does not shift or waver; the attention of its observers does... Revival is, like respiration, the condition of its life."

### **A Convert Enlists**

The Jerusalem Post

A Palestinian youth who converted to Judaism reportedly enlisted in the Israeli military. Amnon Yitzhak-Shachar, who was born Ayman Abu-Zubuch in the Gaza Striptown of Khan Younis, reported to Israel's main draft office recently and was mobilized, *Ma'ariv* recorded.

According to the newspaper, Yitzhak-Shachar would not mind serving in a combat unit and fighting his former compatriots in Gaza.

The Palestinian Israeli became interested in Judaism as a teenager, when he accompanied his father to work in Kfar Saba. He said his parents banished him from Khan Younis after his conversion, and that he chose his new first name, Amnon, after the surname of the Israeli family that adopted him.

The Israeli army had no immediate comment.

### **Doing Whatever it Takes**

The Dallas Morning News

Blaming Britain and the United States for creating "a welcoming atmosphere for terrorists," Cal Thomas wonders why both countries allow within their borders "the incitements against all things Western, Jewish and Christian in who knows how many mosques..., the teaching of seditious ideas in radical Islamic schools funded by our 'friends' the Saudis and the refusal of most Muslim communities to assimilate and learn the

language, history and practices of their host countries."

"Unless we are prepared to accept continued terrorist attacks as 'normal' because of some sick understanding of tolerance and pluralism, we had better do whatever is necessary to root out these radicals and to forbid any more from entering our countries."

### Clear Skies Over Israel

By Judy Siegel, The Jerusalem Post

Israeli astronomers, equipped with a special telescope, supplied the United States with useful data on July 4 about "Deep Impact," the first man-made collision with a comet, which was carried out to mark U.S. Independence Day. Very few places on Earth were able to view the collision, which created a huge crater, at night — the only time when it is visible.

Dr. Noah Brosch, director of the Wise Observatory at Mitzpe Ramon in the Arava Desert, and an expert from Tel Aviv University's department of astronomy and astrophysics said that Mitzpe Ramon was the only observatory between Australia and Western Europe to supply good data to the U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration during the night.



"We are at the right longitude to provide data," said Brosch. "China was a partner, but there was rain and they couldn't see anything. We, of course have clear skies over Mitzpe Ramon at this time of year."

Brosch said he was "very excited" by the American success at hitting the comet with a perfectly navigated washing machine-sized copper-fortified projectile and photographing it from a flyby spacecraft. Israel was not involved in the actual mission, "but we provided good and helpful data from our observatory, and we were among the first to send our congratulations on a job well done."

### The Missing Regret

With the London bombings, we are beginning to hear a little more in the way of Islamic regret, but, unfortunately, it never seems like enough. I'm still waiting for significant apologies about the World Trade Center, which never seem to come, and wondering if there really are regrets about that.

The usual Muslim position is more like that of James Zogby and his brother, crooked pollster John Zogby, two Arab spokesmen who, each in his own way, help the Muslim cause. John skewed his poll in the last election, desperately trying to persuade people to vote against Bush and thus avoid inconvenience for the Muslim world. And James did his standard ministry of nice American-born talk about how Muslims are discriminated against and not tolerated properly in the American democracy.

James Zogby now has a kind of talk show on the Link channel (Direct TV 375). I call it "a kind of talk show" because he basically lectures the audience, restating questions and even his guests' answers as they sit there. We should not be fooled. The war is on. We're prevailing only in our own minds (not as much in Iraq anymore), and at stake are freedom, democracy and Western civilization. If we don't start taking these people seriously, and by that I mean taking them as seriously as past enemies in past wars, we're going to lose, and that will be a loss of virtually everything we hold dear.

— Zola

### **Dealing with the Murderers**

A lady who authored a book called *Coping After 9/11* was interviewed on *Fox and Friends Weekend* and stated that in Israel, parents tend to go out separately, so that if there is a terrorist attack, their children won't be orphaned.

Well, first of all, I don't know that that's true. I've never heard of it in Israel. Secondly, Israel is safer than the United States by a long shot. I've given the statistics that show that Washington DC is nearly ten times more dangerous for going out in the streets than Jerusalem, for example. But the overriding point is, whether the story is even true or not, why should any society have to live this way in this world? I've been around the whole world — including circumnavigating the entire globe in one trip — and as far as I can see, Israel is a perfectly safe and progressive country. I've been to reputedly dangerous places, but I've never been

scared anywhere (except France, where I personally experienced vicious anti-Semitism).

But I humbly think that if, in free societies, people have the kind of fear that inspires such a story or even the behavior itself, then something must be done about the source of the fear. Something must be done about the Muslim murderers we call militants, activists, insurgents, or whatever. They are simply murderers and something always needs to be done about murderers.

- Zola

### **Terror Works**

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A recent public opinion poll revealed that a majority of Pales-



tinian Arabs believe unrelenting Islamic terrorism brought about Israel's decision to surrender control of the Gaza Strip and northern Samaria and uproot all Jews living there.

Carried out by the Center for Opinion Polls and Survey Studies at An-Najah University in Shechem, the poll also showed nearly half of all Palestinians want to see anti-Jewish violence continue following the planned Israeli withdrawal.

Asked what factor they believed played the biggest role in causing Israel's Knesset to approve the disengagement, 40% of respondents voted for "pressure caused by Palestinian resistance"—meaning the blowing up of Israeli buses, cafes, restaurants, and shopping malls, as well as incessant rocket and mortar attacks.

Some 34% said the "security and economic inexpediency" of remaining in Gaza was behind Israel's intended pullout, while slightly more than 22% attributed the move to international pressure on the Jewish state.

Nearly 40% of Palestinian Arabs said they would support launching attacks against Israeli targets from Gaza even after the withdrawal. Fifty-two percent rejected the notion, while 8.4% were undecided.

The results of the survey seemed to give broad public backing to the often-repeated claim by Hamas terrorists that their ongoing terrorist assault against Israel's Jews had redeemed Gaza from non-Muslim rule.

Superior armies invariably lose if they're not permitted to fight, as with Vietnam. — Zola

### YOU'RE IN THE ARMY NOW! continued

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

To this year's Zola group of volunteers, for a job well done, you all earned an honorable discharge.

Until next year in Jerusalem. Dismissed!

It was eye opening for our people to rub elbows with the everyday Israeli soldier, usually a youngster, soft-spoken and polite, with no particular political bent. If one volunteered with Palestinian terrorists, he would have to meet a problematic prerequisite: having a mindset to do the awful things terrorists do. If one volunteered with terrorists in Iraq, he would likewise have to adopt a posture of hating democracies, etc. But with the IDF, an American can be exactly who he is, a freethinking person, promoting democracy in this world in some small, but helpful way.

Our tours have gone consistently since my first two in 1973-4, just before and after the Yom Kippur War. We have our own tour agency at our ministry and we handle all details door to door. Our tours are like others, except that we innovated any number of ideas that are now universal. We still take Holocaust survivors free of charge, door to door, on any of our tours, whether or not they've come to Jesus. Some of them turn out to offer our passengers genuine learning experiences in one way or another! This ministry believes that these people, above all, need to see their Promised Land.

In view of Israel being the home of all Believers in the Kingdom to come, and in view of the way that nation is beset now with worldwide Islamic propaganda, hatred at the U.N., European nations, Russia, and elements of our own government, that fledgling democracy needs all the help it can get.

I was proud of our people and proud of all people who undertake the trip to this wonderful land, whether by tour group, on their own, or by volunteering in various replace-a-soldier posts.



In view of the fact that all Believers are going to live in Israel for a thousand years and that that could begin some seven years from today, that country should be of galvanizing interest at this moment in the churches. Since the Holy Land is so maligned globally by Islamic propaganda and even by certain domestic denominations, it badly needs Americans to become familiar with it and turn into its ambassadors.

As for me, I've been told that less talk about Israel would create a less-controversial ministry message but, frankly, For Zion's sake, I cannot keep silent (Isaiah 62:1).

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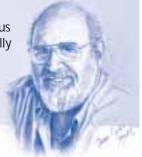
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### P.C. Suicide

By Paul Sperry, www.frontpagemag.com

After a new series of subway bomb attacks in London, the mayor of New York announced that police will search backpacks and other bags carried by people boarding city subways.

But the passengers they single out will be picked at random without regard for their race or religion. There will be absolutely no profiling, Mayor Michael Bloomberg vowed.

Talk about politically correct exercises in futility.

Young Muslim men bombed the London tube, and young Muslim men attacked Bloomberg's own city with planes nearly four years earlier. Statistically, they fit the profile of the terrorists targeting the American transportation system.

And yet, still no profiling.

Authorities instead will single out people for special security screening as they do at the nation's airports. That means stopping Girl Scouts and grannies in a procedure that has more to do with demonstrating tolerance for young Muslim men than protecting citizens from them.

At the same time, the NYPD is advising subway riders to be alert for "people" with bulky clothes or fiddling nervously with bags. Could they be more general in describing the traits of an Islamic suicide bomber? They're too PC to narrow it to a level where it can actually be useful to Americans trying to protect themselves and their loved ones.

Truth be told, commuters need to be most aware of young, olive-skinned men praying to Allah and smelling like flower water. Law enforcement knows this, and so should you.

Here are the "Suicide Bomber Indicators" the Department of Homeland Security advises U.S. border authorities to be on the lookout for, according to a January 2004 "For Official Use Only" handout I've obtained:

- "Nervous, unresponsive (blank stare), or preoccupied."
- "Stiff in the torso or lacking lower mobility or flexibility."

- "Shaved head or short haircut. A short haircut or recently shaved beard or mustache may be evident by differences in skin complexion on the head or face."
- "May smell of herbal or flower water (most likely flower water), as they may have sprayed perfume on themselves, their clothing, and weapons to prepare for Paradise. However, not all suicide bombers are using scented water, because it is widely recognized as an indicator."
- "Forceful behavior or actions (such as pushing through a crowd or entering a restricted area to reach a desired target)."
- "May be seen praying fervently, giving the appearance of whispering to someone."

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 "Recent suicide bombers have raised their hands in the air just before the explosion to prevent the destruction of their fingerprints. They have also placed identity cards in their shoes because they want to be praised and recognized as martyrs."

The London suicide bombers were identified at the scene of the attacks by their IDs. And on the eve of the 9/11 attacks, the hijackers shaved excess hair and perfumed themselves with flower water in a pre-martyrdom process called ablution.

Don't expect the feds to be any more serious about screening Muslim suicide bombers on Amtrak, which pulls into two of the biggest commuter train depots in the country: Penn Station and Union Station.

Asked after the London bombings if the fed-run trains were safe, White House terror czar Fran Townsend claimed: "They're safer than they were after 9/11, they're safer than after the Madrid bombings... It's a lot safer."

What a crock. Not only is there no passenger profiling on Amtrak, there's no bag screening — even after Madrid. The only restrictions on bags are a 50-pound weight limit, and that's no comfort at all. The London bombers used plastic explosives weighing less than 50 pounds.

Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta and his Muslim-sensitive civil-rights team act as a bulwark

against profiling at airports and train stations. One of Mineta's top aides is the son of a Wahhabi mosque leader who raised money for Osama bin Laden's No. 2 in Santa Clara, Calif.

So don't hold your breath for any policy changes there — even if, as experts predict, as many as 20,000 casualties result from London-type bombs detonated in the New York MTA.

And that's not the only al-Qaeda threat to mass transit that authorities are worried about. According to a closely held DHS security advisory I obtained, the "terrorists have designed a crude chemical dispersal device fabricated from commonly available materials, which is designed to asphyxiate its victims."

"The device produces cyanogens chloride (CLCN) gas and/or hydrogen cyanide (HCN) gas," continues the five-page document, first issued Nov. 21, 2003. "These gases are most effective when released in confined spaces such as subways."

And they are extremely deadly, experts say.

By not allowing police to profile the most suspicious train passengers, Bloomberg, Mineta and other leaders are not only unnecessarily inconveniencing millions of commuters, but unwittingly giving Muslim terrorists political cover to carry out their plans. Call it politically correct suicide.

### Who Will Save the Pastors? continued

Such liberty is what compelled both pastors to flee their native Pakistan, where "blasphemy" against Islam can be a capital offense. And there's another connection: The Islamic doctrine of jihad that inspires the terrorists in Iraq is precisely what lies at the core of the Australian pastors' lectures and teachings, which are based directly on verses of the Koran and other Islamic texts.



What is fascinating here is Judge Michael Higgins' conclusion that simply pointing out what the Koran says, now constitutes outlawed speech in Victoria. During court proceedings, when Mr. Scot began to read verses from the Muslim holy book that denigrate women, a lawyer for the Islamic Council of Victoria, the plaintiff, cut him off, explaining that reading such verses aloud is itself an act of vilification. "How," wondered Mr. Scot, "can it be vilifying to Muslims in the room when I am just reading from the Koran?"

How, indeed? As Robert Spencer, author of *Islam Unveiled*, has pointed out, at another point in the trial, the Australian judge was affronted that Mr. Scot had said that "the Koran promotes violence, killing and looting." Muslims have pointed to verses in the Bible that they would have us believe are equivalent in violence and offensiveness, or have claimed that the great majority of Muslims don't take such verses literally; but it takes a peculiarly strong resistance to reality not only to deny that such verses are there, but to charge one who pointed them out with religious vilification."

Douglas Wood lost his freedom at gunpoint; Danny Nalliah and Daniel Scot lost theirs by court-ordered political correctness. We know who rescued Mr. Wood; who will save the pastors?

Not "Muslim Enough"

Gary Bauer's End of Day Report

British authorities now have evidence indicating the explosives used in the terrorist attack on London were not primitive, as originally thought. Rather, the devices appear to be sophisticated military-type explosives probably smuggled into Britain.

The investigative "facts" are important, of course, and we wish Scotland Yard well as it tries to determine the identities of the exact individual thugs who murdered over 50 Brits. But while the police are doing their work, Britain's political leadership needs to explain the bigger picture.

On September 11th, America was not attacked by only the 19 men who carried out the carnage. They were merely the "foot soldiers" of a murderous philosophy that is incubating within Islam. Men of good will can argue about whether this death-loving philosophy represents 0.5% of Islam or 5%, 10% or more. We know from its indiscriminate murderous acts that it is willing to kill its co-religionists if it suits its terror purposes or if they aren't "Muslim enough" to satisfy the demands of bin Laden and his ilk.

This philosophy, which I regularly refer to as Islamofascism, receives much of its funding and its theological inspiration from Saudi Arabia. It controls large numbers of mosques throughout the Middle East, Africa and across countries like Pakistan and Indonesia, but its

tentacles also reach into London, Bonn, Rome and yes — the suburbs of Washington, D.C. and other U.S. cities. Its adherents want the whole world to be under Islamic law. It believes Christians and Jews are "pigs and apes" and that it is acceptable, indeed obligatory, to kill us all! Without a doubt its followers are working right now to bring to all free men sorrows greater than anything we have yet experienced.

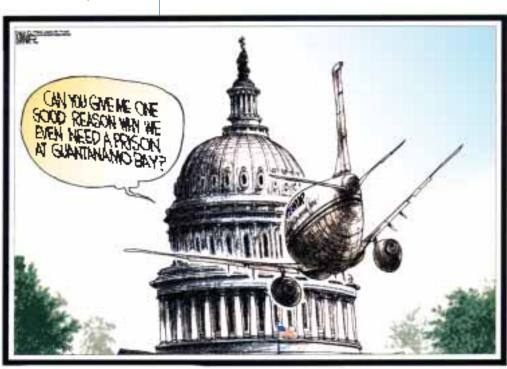
In Israel, this culture of death has led to countless homicide bombings carried out by Palestinian jihadists against Israeli civilians. Much to its shame, most of the political leadership throughout Western Europe barely wagged a finger at these murderers while constantly demanding that Israel make concessions to solve the "Palestinian problem." Serious leaders of the West have deluded themselves into thinking that if only there was a Palestinian state, the attacks would end. But, the Islamofascists are clear about their goal — no Israel, indeed no Jew, can be tolerated in the Middle East or ultimately in the world.

As for the rest of us — we are to live under *Sharia* law or not live at all.

Now this evil has come home to roost — in Madrid and London. Surely this is not the end. Rather it is what Churchill referred to as "the first taste" of a bitter cup that we will all be asked to drink from again and again until we find the resolve to win this war.

Again, Winston Churchill said it best in his first speech as prime minister before the House of Commons on May 13, 1940:

"You ask, What is our policy? I will say: It is to wage war, by sea, land and air, with all our might and with all the strength that God can give us. This is our policy. You ask, What is our aim? I can answer with one word: Victory — victory at all costs, victory in spite of all terror, victory, however long and hard the road may be; for without victory, there is no survival."



What will we hear about this from the National Organization for Women, Gloria Steinem, Pat Califia, Molly Yard, and other American feminists? — Zola

## Divorce — Islamic Style

By Shaikh Azizur Rahman, www.washingtontimes.com

Hard-line Islamic clerics in a northern Indian village have declared that a woman's 10-year-old marriage was nullified when her father-in-law raped her — and ordered the mother of five to marry the rapist.

The fatwa, or religious edict, was issued by Darool Uloom Deoband, South Asia's most powerful Islamic theological school known for promoting a radical brand of Islam that is said to have inspired the Taliban in Afghanistan.

The decision has outraged both Muslim and Hindu leaders and prompted a fierce debate that has dominated the front pages of national newspapers across India.

The fatwa ordered Imrana Ilahi, 28, to separate from her husband and treat him as her son because she had sex with his father.

"She had a physical relationship with her father-in-law, and it nullifies her marriage," said Mohammad Masood Madani, a cleric at the theological school. He said it made no difference whether the sex was consensual or forced. The village council then decreed that Mrs. Ilahi would have to marry her father-in-law.

Feminists and liberal Muslims reacted with fury, staging nationwide street protests.

But Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Mulayam Singh on June 29 supported the fatwa, saying: "The decision of the Muslim religious leaders in the Imrana case must have been taken after a lot of thought. ... The religious leaders are all very learned and they understand the Muslim community and its sentiments."

The rape took place June 4 in the village of Charthawal in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh, when Mrs. Ilahi's husband, Noor Ilahi, was away.

When Mr. Ilahi, a brick kiln laborer, learned of the attack, the village court instructed him to divorce his wife.

But Mr. Ilahi, 32, told his wife: "My father is dirty and you are clean. I still love you and I cannot desert you." Mrs. Ilahi, with her husband and five children, sneaked out of Charthawal and took shelter in Kukra, the village of her parents.

Mrs. Ilahi received another rude shock when the All India Muslim Personal Law Board, the country's most



influential Muslim umbrella organization, endorsed the punishment meted out by Darool Uloom Deoband.

"The fact that the woman was 'used' by her husband's blood relative makes her

[unclean] for her husband and there is no way she can be allowed to live with him," the law board said.

Under *Sharia* law, the rape has made her the mother of her husband, said Naseem Iqtedar, the law board's only female member.

Outraged leaders of Muslim social organizations met with Mrs. Ilahi's family and took them to police. Police immediately took Mohammad Ali, Mrs. Ilahi's 65-year-old father-in-law, into custody and ordered a medical test of Mrs. Ilahi for the rape.

Although the All India Muslim Personal Law Board supported the fatwa, the All India Muslim Women Personal Law Board decried it and asked Mrs. Ilahi and her husband not to separate.

"The fatwa goes against the light of Koran. No tenet of Koran can justify the injustice done to an innocent victim. Imrana should never be punished for no fault of hers. The victim has every right to continue with her marriage and live with her husband," said Shaista Amber, president of the Women's Law Board.

"The Islamic clerics have failed to differentiate between sex by consent and rape by force. The ruling was against the spirit and essence of Islam, which gives equal rights to women."

Javed Akhtar, a noted Muslim poet, said: "Islam teaches compassion, justice, equality and a fair deal for women. The fatwa, on the other hand, appears to treat women as mere commodities."

Although police have filed a case against her fatherin-law, legal analysts say Mrs. Ilahi might not be able to prove the crime because she underwent the medical examination almost two weeks after the attack and "doctors could not find any definite sign of the rape."

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## **G8 Offers \$9 Billion to Palestinians**

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In a direct response to the terrorist attacks on London, world leaders of the G8 nations doubled their commitment to African relief and offered the Palestinian Authority some \$9 billion.

The Palestinian Authority, particularly under the leadership of Yasser Arafat, was accused of siphoning off billions in foreign aid into private bank accounts. Arafat was one of the richest men in the world when he died last year.

The money was dubbed by the group an "alternative to the hatred" and came along with a pledge to address "global climate change."

"We speak today in the shadow of terrorism, but it will not obscure what we came here to achieve," British Prime Minister Tony Blair, the summit host, said as he closed the three-day Group of Eight summit. "It is in the nature of politics that we do not achieve ab-

solutely everything we hope to achieve, but nonetheless I believe we have made very substantial progress indeed."

With a last-minute pledge from Japan, Blair won a key victory, announcing that aid to Africa would rise from the current \$25 billion to \$50 billion by 2010.

Blair lost his push to get all summit countries to commit to boosting foreign aid to an amount equal to 0.7 percent of national income by 2015. Instead, a summit document said the European Union had agreed to that support, but did not mention the United States. President Bush had refused to be bound by the 0.7 percent target.

Blair noted that all the G8 leaders, including Bush, took the unusual step of signing the final summit communiqués as a way of demonstrating their determination to meet the new goals.

In a separate joint statement on terrorism, the leaders pledged new combined efforts against terrorism in light of the London bombings, including cooperation to improve the safety of rail and subway travel.



### **Hebrew**Lesson

### We Are Strangers In This World

By John J. Parsons





For I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, as were all my fathers. (Psalm 39:12)



### Hebraic Insight: Ger v'Toshav

In this verse, David confesses that he, like his forefathers, is *ger v'toshav* — a stranger and a sojourner in this world. This is a paradoxical phrase, since a *ger* is one who is just passing through, like a visitor or tourist, whereas a *toshav* is one who is a resident, like a settler or citizen.

How can someone be both a visitor and a resident of a place, or a stranger and a citizen at the same time? How can one "pass through" the place he is said to dwell?

Being *ger v'toshav* means understanding that the changes of life are the medium for that which is eternal and abiding. We neither detach from life nor cling to it, but live in the mediation of time and eternity. Every moment of life is therefore made sacred,

since it is the occasion to transform the temporal into the eternal.

Like a stranger, the *ger v'toshav* holds on to things lightly, yet at the same time is passionately committed to them as a gift from God. He is both infinitely resigned and infinitely engaged in life, since he understands that all of life is ordered to ultimately reveal the glory of God. He dies to this present world and is resurrected in the undying life of God.

If we are given grace to answer the call of Jesus to "take up our cross," we presently become *ger v'toshav*. As *gerim*, we confess that we are strangers in this present world, but as *toshavim* we believe that our labors are not in vain, and that our true citizenship is in heaven.

We die in order to live.

### Pack Up and Go!

By Zola Levitt

In a long article called "How CNN Changed Our World," *The Jerusalem Post* took it rather easy, I felt, on the cable news giant. There's no question that CNN's biased coverage of the Holy Land has made it truly a formidable enemy.

In fact, I can recall a point a year or two ago when Israel was discussing simply throwing out CNN and taking Fox News instead. Fox is much kinder to Israel and, in my estimation, much more truthful and balanced about a great deal of the news. Israel's cable now carries both.

The article stated: "There is no denying, however, that CNN has had to contend with serious criticism by Israel and by the Jewish community worldwide. 'One of the places CNN went wrong was in drawing symmetrical parallels between Israeli and Palestinian suffering — for example by creating an equation between Palestinian suffering at roadblocks and Israeli suffering from suicide bombings, as if they balanced each other out,' says University of Haifa Professor of Communications Gabriel Weimann.

"CNN declined to comment on points such as these raised in this article, despite attempts by *The Jerusalem Post* to obtain its response both through its Jerusalem bureau and its Atlanta headquarters."

Most of the world imagines that the Palestinian illegal aliens who repeatedly conduct terrorism against Israeli civilians are suffering from something other than self-inflicted wounds. In reality, they are among the richest Arabs in the Middle East. They receive medical care, concern and friendship from Israelis when they behave like normal human beings, and they have no reason to "suffer" at all.

But the media continue to exacerbate the conflict. And now two British reporters have invented a practice they call "Peace Journalism" in order to solve Israel's "problem."

They say, "Work in a Jerusalem bureau... is a top posting for any ambitious reporter — and a good place to examine how the media's focus on violence tends to prolong disputes rather than solve them, with most outlets sticking to the same narrow range of perspectives on the conflict.

"The 'War Journalism' version of the suicide bombing they show in the film, they explained, carried a message familiar to media consumers — that escalation is the fault of fanatics, and that peace prospects have become nonexistent.

### Levitt Letter \_\_

# Facts To

"By contrast, ... 'Peace Journalism' frames conflict in terms of the 'real interests' of the parties involved, and separates out their 'opinions' so that they are not represented as monolithic blocks."

Let me restate that gibberish in plain English. The reporters seem to be saying that we should stop publishing the truth — that escalation is the fault of fanatics, for example — and that they should instead interpret the "real interests" of the parties as they see them. In this way, the reporters themselves will solve all the problems.

I have a different suggestion. I think tomorrow morning, all the reporters in Israel should pack their bags and go home. If they would simply stop their characterizations of the people and the conflict in Israel and desist from inflammatory and negative reporting as CNN has done since the first day of its first program there, everyone in Israel would be better off.

Perhaps the reporters could give up their jobs as psychiatrists and simply go back home and report real news.



### The City of Death

By Dan and Peter Wooding, Assist News

All over the world, Auschwitz has become a symbol of terror, genocide, and the Holocaust. The Nazis established it in 1940, in the suburbs of the city of Oswiecim, which, like other parts of Poland, was occupied by the Germans during World War II. The name of the city of Oswiecim was changed to Auschwitz, which became the name of the camp as well.

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Over the following years, the camp was expanded and consisted of three main parts: Auschwitz I, Auschwitz II-Birkenau, and Auschwitz III-Monowitz. It also had over 40 sub-camps. At first, Poles were imprisoned and died in the camp. Afterwards, Soviet prisoners of war, Gypsies, and prisoners of other nationalities were also incarcerated there.

Beginning in 1942, the camp became the site of the greatest mass murder in the history of humanity,



which was committed against the European Jews as part of Hitler's plan for the complete destruction of that people. The majority of the Jewish men, women and children deported to Auschwitz were sent to their deaths in the Birkenau gas chambers immediately after arrival. At the end of the war, in an effort to remove the traces of the crimes they had committed, the SS began dismantling and razing the gas chambers, crematoria, and other buildings, as well as burning documents.

Now, in the beautiful setting of Hanchurch in the Staffordshire countryside at the United Christian Broadcasters (UCB) Europe studios, which seemed to be a million miles from the horrors of Auschwitz, comes the astonishing news that a Christian radio station is broadcasting the Gospel in this city of death.

Henryk Krol, the head of the Radio Contemporary Christian Music (CCM) network, said in an interview during the recent UCB International Conference in Yarnfield, Staffordshire, United Kingdom, "Our first transmitter of Radio CCM started its operation in 1998 and our antennas are not in the camp, but on the chimney of the factory where Zyklon-B was manufactured and used by Nazis in the death camp. So now, out of that chimney, the signal is spilling out with the Good News for people of this city where there was so much suffering." (Zyklon-B are pellets of hydrocyanic acid that vaporize when exposed to air. Originally intended for commercial use as a disinfectant and an insecticide, the Nazis discovered through experimentation that the gas could be used to kill humans.)

Krol, who, along with his family, was deeply involved in Billy Graham's historic visit to Poland in the 1970s, said that another of his radio stations is based in Gliwice, and the radio antenna is placed on a historical timber radio tower, the exact place where the so-called Gliwice German provocation triggered the beginning of World War II.

### The Pope's Terrorism Omission

By Alan M. Dershowitz, www.frontpagemag.com

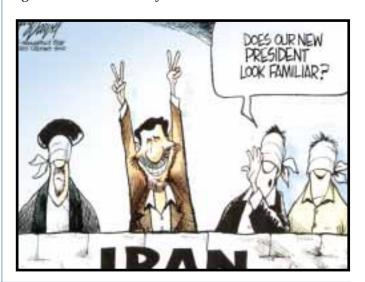
Let us now try to understand the Vatican's bizarre policy on terrorism. Recently Pope Benedict XVI condemned terrorist attacks against civilians in Great Britain, Egypt, Iraq, and Turkey. In a pregnant omission (very pregnant in light of the Vatican's long history of silence in the face of attacks against Jews) the Pope omitted any mention of the country that has suffered the largest number of terrorist attacks against civilians since 9/11, namely, Israel. When the Israeli government understandably protested the omission, the Vatican's position became even more troubling. It singled out Israel for criticism, saying that that beleaguered nation's responses to attacks against its civilians was "not always compatible with the rules of international law." It then went on to say that the Vatican could not protest every Palestinian attack against Jewish civilians if Israel did not always follow international law.

Let's try to understand what this means. Unless a country is absolutely flawless in its response to terrorism, the Vatican will not condemn terrorism against its civilian citizens. This seems to justify the killing of civilians as a protest against violation of international law.

Why, then, did the Vatican deliberately refuse to condemn terrorist attacks against Jewish civilians in Israel? I fear it is for the same reason that the Vatican took too long and did too little in protesting against the mass extermination of Jews by Nazi Germany. I suspect that it also has something to do with the Vatican's love fest with the godfather of international terrorism, Yasser Arafat.

The truth is that the Vatican has always had a Jewish problem. Today that problem focuses more on the Jewish state than on the Jewish religion.

Good Catholics should begin apologizing right now for this most recent manifestation of a double standard against Jewish victims by the Vatican.



# Predictions for the Day After Disengagement

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Will Sharon's plan actually bring disengagement from Gaza? As much as certain politicians and groups would like you to think that it will, all signs point to the opposite.



Prime Minister Ariel Sharon is now carrying out his disengagement plan, handing the terrorists a great victory. So now what? Once the protests in Israel have subsided and the terrorists have stopped dancing on the ruins of what were 25 prosperous Israeli settlements, what are the next moves to be made?

For Sharon, he can simply wait and watch. Undoubtedly, the world community will shower compliments upon him for some time, celebrating his "courageous decision" and "great sacrifices" for the advancement of peace. The compliments will be accompanied with calls for further territorial concessions, adjustments to the route of the security fence, and for progress along the Road Map. However, despite all of these calls for more action on Sharon's part, he can simply sit back and watch the Palestinians make a mess of the situation for themselves. As former Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban said, "The Palestinians never miss an opportunity to miss an opportunity." For Sharon, basking in the praises of world leaders, time is on his side.

As for PA President Mahmoud Abbas, time is the one luxury he can't afford. Every day, he and the PA grow weaker and weaker in their struggle against the many terror groups operating in the Palestinian areas. For Abbas, the disengagement means more territory that he is responsible for, but will be unable to control.

The PA is stronger in the "West Bank," close to where their headquarters are in Ramallah and its surrounding areas. However, Gaza is separated from Ramallah by distance, a fence, Israel, and the IDF, and Hamas is sure to become the de facto ruler there. On the political front, Abbas will be pressured by the world community

to step up to the challenge posed by Sharon and to take solid control of the new areas. This will undoubtedly mean armed confrontation with terror groups, which Abbas has refused to commit to, preferring instead to incorporate them into the official PA security services. Sharon will have scored a great victory politically, Abbas will be too weak to match the move, and the PA will continue to spiral downwards.

The third parties involved in the game are the terror groups. While these groups may have limited political agendas of their own, their main focus is, and always has been, the destruction of Israel. For them, the disengagement is a great victory and confirmation that their armed struggle against Israel is the only way to final victory, not through the PA and their negotiations. Terror groups will see a surge in recruitment, and new, smaller groups may spring up as well (these will likely operate in their local areas with limited aims, without the monetary or initial popular support to operate throughout the region like Hamas, Islamic Jihad, or Hezbollah). Other terror organizations throughout the world will also be encouraged by the success of the Palestinian terrorists, which could lead to increased attacks in other conflict zones. Further attacks by Palestinian terror groups will only speed up the PA's decline and force the hand of the IDF to respond in the areas that Israel has supposedly disengaged from.

The final player is the world community. Smelling a solution to the conflict close at hand (or the blood in the water), they will push Israel to make further concessions. Various countries will want to host summits between the Israeli and PA leadership, looking to have their city's or country's name associated with the agreement that solved the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The quartet (US, UN, EU, and Russia) hope that the disengagement will jumpstart their nearly dead Road Map peace plan and lead to a quick resolution of final status issues such as borders, Jerusalem, refugees, and settlements. The IMF, World Bank, EU, and others will pour millions upon millions into the Palestinian economy in an effort to rejuvenate Gaza and the West Bank, only to find the same corruption as before. The average Palestinian, whom the money is intended to help, will see very little of it, if any at all.

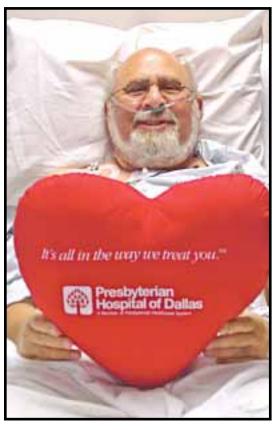
The day after disengagement doesn't seem too bright, but the future is what you make of it. The Israeli nation will continue to suffer so long as their leadership seeks to satisfy the secular world instead of placing their trust in God. But the good news is that God has not abandoned His Chosen People (Israel) for all these thousands of years, and it's never too late to return to Him.

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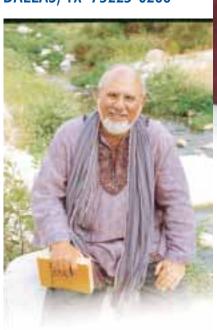


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