

LEVITT LETTER

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

Historic Christianity, Judaism, and Islam all wielded swords; only Islam continues the practice. Is it really the pope’s apology they seek?

Intolerance or Intimidation?



By Charles Krauthammer, *Chicago Sun-Times*

Religious fanatics, regardless of what name they give their jealous god, invariably have one thing in common: no sense of humor. Particularly about themselves. It’s hard to imagine Torquemada, Inquisitor General of the Spanish Inquisition, taking a joke well.

Today’s Islamists seem to have not even a sense of irony. They fail to see the richness of the following sequence. The pope makes a reference to a 14th-century Byzantine emperor’s remark about Islam imposing itself by the sword, and to protest this linking of Islam and violence:

- In the West Bank and Gaza, Muslims attack seven churches.

- In London, the dependably radical Anjem Choudary tells demonstrators at Westminster Cathedral that the pope is now condemned to death.

- In Mogadishu, Somali religious leader Abubukar Hassan Malin calls on Muslims to “hunt down” the pope. The pope not being quite at hand, they do the next best thing: shoot dead, execution-style, an Italian nun who worked in a children’s hospital.

“How dare you say Islam is a violent religion? I’ll kill you for it” is not exactly the best way to go about refuting the charge. But of course,

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Eurabia: The Islamic Conquest of European Civilization



By Dale Hurd, www.CBN.com

Welcome to post-Christian Europe, a land filled with beautiful monuments to an ancient religion that few Europeans practice anymore or know much about.

Christianity is still very relevant in the United States, and is exploding in the developing world, but Europe today has sunk below unbelief, and is now labeled “Christophobic” and “anti-religious.”

In France, as in much of Europe, only five percent go to church on a weekly basis, and most of them are the elderly. Only 10 percent think religion is “very important.” For all Europeans, that figure is only 21 percent.

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Muslims burn effigy of pope, while Anjem Choudary spouts his death.



refuting is not the point here. The point is intimidation.

First Salman Rushdie. Then the false Newsweek report about Koran-flushing at Guantanamo Bay. Then the Danish cartoons. And now a line from a scholarly disquisition on rationalism and faith given in German at a German university by the pope.

And the intimidation succeeds: politicians bowing and scraping to the mob over the cartoons; the *New York Times* telling the pope to apologize; the plague of self-censorship about anything remotely controversial about Islam—this in a culture in which a half-naked pop star blithely stages a mock crucifixion as the highlight of her latest concert tour. In today's world, religious sensitivity is a one-way street. The rules of the road are enforced by Islamic mobs and abjectly followed by Western media, politicians, and religious leaders.

The fact is that in their long histories, all three monotheistic religions have wielded the sword. The Book of Joshua is knee-deep in blood. The real Hanukkah story, so absurdly twinned (by calendric accident) with the Christian festival of peace, is about a savage insurgency and civil war.

Christianity more than matched that lurid history with the Crusades, an ecumenical blood bath that began with the slaughter of Jews in the Rhineland, a kind of pre-season warm-up to the featured massacres to come against the Muslims, with the sacking of the capital of Byzantium (the Fourth Crusade) thrown in for good measure.

And Islam, of course, spread with great speed from Arabia across the Mediterranean and into Europe. It was not all benign persuasion. After all, what were Islamic armies doing at Poitiers in 732 and at the gates of Vienna in 1683? Tourism?

However, the inconvenient truth is that after centuries of religious wars, Christendom long ago gave it up. It is a simple and undeniable fact that the violent purveyors of monotheistic religion today are self-proclaimed warriors for Islam who shout "God is great" as they slit the throats of infidels—such as the flight crews on Sept. 11, 2001—and are then celebrated as heroes and martyrs.

The pope gives offense and the Mujaheddin al-Shura Council in Iraq declares that it "will break up the cross, spill the liquor, and impose the 'jizya' tax [protection money]; then the only thing acceptable is conversion or the sword." This to protest the accusation that Islam might be spread by the sword.

As I said. No sense of irony.

In the next *Levitt Letter* we are looking for stories of pastors who stand both behind Israel and against Islamic intimidation. If that's you, please (1) send a picture of yourself from your pulpit, (2) write your story in 300-700 words and (3) email it to us immediately at staff@levitt.com — Jeff. ✨



What It Means To Be Jewish

By an Israeli woman – see the complete text at www.levitt.com

Only 60 years ago, they were leading Jews to their death like sheep to the slaughter!

No Country, No Army.

55 years ago!!

Seven Arab countries declared war on the small Jewish State, only a few hours old!!

We were then 650,000 Jews! Against the rest of the Arab world! No IDF [Israel Defense Force]. No mighty Air Force; just tough people with nowhere to go.

Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Jordan, Egypt, Libya, Saudi Arabia, attacked all at once. The country the U.N. "gave us" was 65% desert. The country started from scratch!

35 years ago!!

We fought the three strongest armies in the Middle East, and wiped them out in six days.

We fought against different coalitions of Arab countries, with modern armies, and masses of Soviet Russian weapons, and we still won!

And look at us: the Nation from the Bible, from Slavery in Egypt. We are still here, speaking the same language! Right here, right now.

The Arabs don't know it yet, but they will learn that there is one God.

As long as we keep our identity, we are eternal. So, sorry for not worrying... Not complaining... Not crying... Not being scared. Things are O.K. here. ✨

The Truth Will Make You Flee

By Patrick Cox,
Contributing Editor



We are now seeing the slow but utter disintegration of the pretense that Islam's hostility toward Israel and the West is caused either by the "occupation" of Palestine or the nuances of Israel's boundary disputes. Increasingly, we recognize the spirit behind the holocaust returning as an open hatred among unreformed Muslims toward Jews and Christians as well as their democratic customs.

This genocidal candor has surprised many for several reasons. In the annals of public relations campaigns, after all, the myth of a Palestinian minority oppressed by Jews has been one of the most audacious and successful propaganda ploys in history.

In the 1970s, with seemingly endless oil monies, those who failed to destroy Israel in a series of concerted regional wars mounted an enormously sophisticated manipulation of the world press, the UN, and other international institutions. Within a generation, the Roman word for the Jewish homeland, Palestine, was twisted to mean some historical though mythological Muslim people with a competing, legitimate right to Jerusalem and the Jewish homeland. Within a generation, less than six million Jews on a fraction of their original homeland, surrounded by hundreds of millions of hostile Middle Eastern Moslems with vast unpopulated lands, became in the eyes of much of the world the "Neighborhood Bully" — to quote Bob Dylan's great pro-Israel song.

That so much of the Islamic world would stray from such an astonishingly successful P.R. strategy—by admitting that the real issues are religious rather than political—is a development that we should all take very seriously. The most telling though underappreciated example, incidentally, was the kidnapping and forced conversion of Fox News journalists Steve Centanni and Olaf Wiig by Palestinians in the Gaza.

This leads us to a second area of surprise: that neither unprovoked war nor high-volume, well-publicized pledges by Islamic fanatics to kill all the world's Jews has made a dent in the old bias that insists on portraying Israel as overreacting to minor and probably deserved annoyances rather than mortal threats based on ancient prejudice.

UN chief Kofi Annan accused Israel of purposely attacking a United Nations observation post during the recent war, though e-mail from an Australian observer later

proved that the UN had known, but had not protested the fact, that Hezbollah was firing rockets into Israel from UN outposts. We saw the world media uncritically present blatantly staged and "photoshopped" pictures and stories prepared by Islamists within their organizations. [See Oct *Levitt Letter* page 20 for photos and article.] We saw the International Red Cross spread the easily-disproved lie that its ambulances had been targeted by Israeli Air Force rockets, and then refuse to apologize when the libel was exposed.

The rather good news that has been revealed by these loathsome slanders, however, is that the anti-Israeli Goliaths can be effectively fought and, if not yet destroyed, at least restrained. We know, in fact, about the Red Cross and other similar deceits because a dispersed network of ethical individuals has managed to bypass the traditional big-media filters that would have Jews offer themselves to "the butcher's knife."

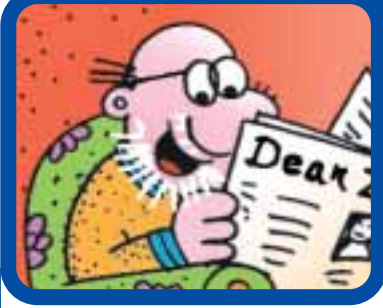
Lest you think I exaggerate, let me quote the man who stands as the unchallenged icon and patron saint of the Western anti-war movement. I refer, of course, to Mahatma Ghandi, who criticized the Jews who fled the Nazi death camps and fought for their lives in Warsaw and Treblinka. "The Jews should have offered themselves to the butcher's knife," he told biographer Louis Fisher shortly after the Second World War. "They should have thrown themselves into the sea from cliffs."



Ghandi

Clearly, the Western enemies of Israel will not disappear simply because large elements of the Muslim world have dropped the veil from the religious bigotry that drives them. Some of us who argue the justness of Israel's cause tend to forget this, but the modern anti-war movement, embedded in so many important institutions, represents an even greater threat to Israel than the fanatics physically attacking it. This is because Israel is, in fact, capable of defending itself, but these children of Ghandi seek to use international political means to cripple the nation's own defenses. In large part, they have done so.

Informed by biblical perspectives, Bible readers must look critically at today's news and see much of it for what it really is: anti-Semitic propaganda. Confront and avoid it! Zola Levitt's legacy is that he created an important part of the network of Davids that has proven itself capable of confronting huge and enormously powerful forces that would have Israelis give themselves to the butchers' knives. I hope you all understand that as part of that legacy, you are helping truly and profoundly to protect Israel. I hope, at this critical and dramatic point in history, we will rise to the occasion and make an even greater difference. ❖



Letters to ZIM

Thank you for not forgetting the prisoner.

Dearest Zola's Ministries,

As a prisoner, not once have I been pressured to send any money, and unlike other ministries I have dealt with, you have never taken me off your mailing list because of my lack to contribute funds.

Being a former Muslim, I agree strongly that your portrayal of the Islamic religion is an accurate one. Though many may perceive the articles in the *Levitt Letter* inflammatory, the crux of your presentations is always irrefutable. After studying the *Levitt Letter*, I leave it in the prison library for the general population.

Thank you for not forgetting the prisoner. Please find attached my new address: I'm being released!
B.D.

Dear B.D.,

May God bless you as you are released from prison. And you certainly are welcome for the years of free newsletters. To my way of thinking, you have done the Kingdom a considerable service by amplifying our outreach, simply by putting our newsletters in the prison library.

Perhaps your note to us will serve as an inspiration for other readers to leave their *Levitt Letters* in doctors' waiting rooms, church libraries, airport departure lounges, and wherever a stranger might appreciate picking up some good reading. Rest assured that blessings accrued for you in heaven when you made our teaching available to others, sowing seeds of faith.

Your fellow soldier,
Mark Levitt

P.S. Did you know that Jeff is a graduate of the North Texas Regional Police Academy and is a cop in another life? Please look us up when you're out so we can fellowship with you in the Lord face to face.

Dear Dr. Seif,

I met Zola 20 years ago and his enthusiasm for teaching was profound. I never did get to go to Israel with him, but I will go.

Here is why I wrote to you. You have been made for your role as a teacher.

I consider you one of the best I have ever seen, and you may well have a large role to play. Bless you for your ministry and thank you for reaching me.

I am working hard, making payments, and just trying to keep up. Your program reminds me that there are more important things to be mindful of.

Thank you. May God continue to Bless You. — P.B.

Dear P.B., Thanks for the encouragement. If you mention your trouble "trying to keep up" to apologize for not contributing financially, know that we're thrilled to bring this ministry to you free of charge. For that matter, your encouraging words meant more to me than a hundred dollars in the mail. —Jeffrey Seif

To Whom It May Concern,

I have suffered through much of the hatred your magazine constantly publishes. But, the article by that Nazi Ann Coulter was the last straw. Please take me off your mailing list.

Sincerely, F.S.

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An Israeli policeman shields a worshipper at the Western Wall from rocks being thrown by Muslims above.

Dear F.S.,

You are referring to our August *Levitt Letter's* excerpts from Ann Coulter's interview with *Front Page Magazine*. In it she characterizes liberalism as a religion and then pokes fun, saying that the Left worships nature yet, deep down, hates science and "considers the Judeo-Christian tradition to be 'an inconvenient truth.'"

You have been receiving our free newsletters since July of 2005 without sending us so much as a thank you. Many grateful recipients of our free publications are financially strapped, and this ministry is honored to bless them even though they are unable to reciprocate. Those who help this ministry the most with prayers and support typically offer the kindest and gentlest of constructive criticism. In one sense, your "cutting us off" does this outreach the favor of conserving resources for those who can be appreciative even though they don't agree with everything we say. Still you might have said thanks for the fifteen months of newsletters and other ways we have tried to bless you for free—even if we failed.

Blessings,
Mark

Classic Zola?

Dear Jeff, Sandra, Mark and Staff,

The information in the *Levitt Letter* is critically important! I devour every word, every cartoon. My hobby is world issues in light of God's Word. You are a great resource to me. I will miss Zola! How about a column or page of 'Classic Zola' and reprint his material?

K.S.

Dear K.S.,

Thanks for your suggestion, which we have taken to heart. We will look through the past decades of *Levitt Letters* to glean and republish our favorite tidbits of Zola's classics. In the meantime, you may wish to browse the *Notes from Zola* articles in the extensive collection of *Levitt Letters* posted at www.levitt.com. Also, we are planning on redeveloping our website and will offer expanding archives of Zola's teachings.

— Mark

Dear ZLM,

I truly believe that Doctor Seif is the perfect person to lead this ministry. I am sure that Zola would not mind him using his old desk. What a marvelous teacher Zola was. And I love you, too, Dr. Seif. God Bless!!!!!!!

Love, — L.

Badge of Honor

Dear friends in Yeshua,

Being told goodbye by TBN is a badge of honor in my opinion.

— D.K.

Dear Staff,

My wife and I are supporters of ZLM and do not intend to stop just because Zola went to be with the Lord Yeshua. The reason that I am writing is because of the media reports from TBN and their statements that ZLM is mistaken about the reason for canceling *Zola Levitt Presents*.

I do not believe for a second that anyone at ZLM, from Mark, Sandra and Jeff, and any of the staff would know-

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ingly report a falsehood considering this matter, or, frankly, any matter. I have grown to trust ZLM completely because everyone at the ministry has always represented everything truthfully. Unfortunately, I cannot say that about many ministries. Please straighten this out. I am still frustrated with TBN because of Hal Lindsey's cancellation.

Thank you,
C. and L. McD.

*"Please
straighten
this out."*

Dear C. and L.,

You want the truth? Here's the straight explanation:

Have you heard of "The Censored Foursome"? It was a four-episode set of *Zola Levitt Presents* that we last advertised in the September 2003 *Levitt Letter*. Now discontinued, its program titles were "Coming: The End, Part I and II," "Hated of All Nations," and "Netanyahu Speaks." All of this ministry's networks and stations, except TBN, aired these programs. (To see all our *Levitt Letter* ads for the "Censored Foursome," just enter "censored" onto the search line at www.levitt.com.)

Our August 2001 *Personal Letter* advertised, "Zola's TV Programs—Censored!!" That ad is not available for viewing online, but if you happened to keep your copy, you will see that it pertained to programs that were entitled, "The General Takes Command," "For Zion's Sake, I Will Not Keep Silent," and "Zola at Summer, '01 Prophecy Conference." In all of the above-mentioned ads we provided an alibi for TBN by including their claim that Europe's counterpart to the FCC prohibits discussing to whom Israel belongs or anything potentially offensive politically. The honorable goal, you see, was to put our Bible-teaching in more living rooms. Yet, I'm left wondering even now why we never heard from all those European viewers who were supposedly shown our substituted programs? Perhaps our programs didn't air there as we were led to believe.

— Mark

Shalom,

Political correctness has affected the Church, which I believe is very dangerous! I am very excited to see you carry on the ministry with Dr. Seif; I very much enjoy his teaching, and relate to his testimony. I watch *Zola Levitt Presents* on the Internet when at home; and when on the road, on my laptop (I'm a long haul trucker). I am thankful for all of you, and will look at my finances to see what I can give to help support you.

Blessings from the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,
B.H.

Oldies but Goodies

Dear Dr. Seif,

I am enjoying the commemorative series you are showing. I like the segments when you show a 'classic' Zola clip, then break away to a comment by you. I find myself wanting to return to the classic program to learn more. I didn't discover Zola until 2000, so I haven't seen most of the shows you're reviewing. I wonder if others also missed them. Do you think you could air some of the oldies in their entirety, with updated commentary by you and Sandra?

Blessing you and the whole ministry, — Q.L.P.

Dear Q.L.P.,

We are planning on making more and more Zola favorites available through our renovated website, much as we are integrating relevant clips in new series presently being produced. We're not going to forget our past as we reach into the future. — Jeff

Dear ZLM Staff,

My latest correspondence from the ministry came today and I had to tell my story. Two days after Sandra told us that the Zola Levitt programs had been cancelled, I e-mailed TBN with my profound confusion and rethinking of my monthly donation to them. I stated my concerns concerning Hal

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see the
TV Air
Schedule on
Page 18 for
Networks
that carry
ZOLA LEVITT
PRESENTS.**



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Lindsey, I felt a pattern with Zola Levitt being cancelled and who would be next?

I did receive a reply from the TBN (Paul Crouch) staff, but this whole mess is just too coincidental. The article by Ken Berg was much appreciated. I know I was not wrong to question "politically correct views." We seem to be getting away from the Bible's teachings on Israel. Keep up the good works.

Respectfully yours,
M.J.H.

*"...just too
coincidental."*

Dear M.J.H.,

How many Messianic Jews teach on Christian television these days? Rather than coincidence, perhaps TBN feels compelled to conform to our society's changing tides with pride of place given to appeasement.

— Mark

Dear Jeff Seif,

I just want you all to know that saying goodbye to TBN will probably be a BIG blessing to you. I am a Jewish believer and I said goodbye to TBN a long time ago.

I hope you get more feedback from other supporters of your ministry. I have access to INSP and PAX and just need to make time to tape your shows!

Keep up the good work. Your monthly *Levitt Letter* is very informative. God's blessings on you!
A.DeR.

"No Surprise"

Dear Sandra and Jeffrey,

How thankful I am that I am able to watch you on the Internet since our satellite stations do not carry *Zola Levitt Presents* any more. I wrote TBN and they tried to justify their programming, but I told them I will no longer watch them unless they get sound teachers back. I cannot understand how people are so undiscerning. It is deplorable.

Of course none of this is a surprise; but it still grieves my heart, as I am sure it does yours.

Please keep up the great ministry and don't, please don't change a thing. I have the whole course of *The Institute of Jewish and Christian Studies* and am working through it slowly. I do have much studying to do.

Love in Y'shua HaMashiach, E.G.

Dear Sandra and Jeff,

I want you to know you're doing a great job. I'm praying for you both, and will start give monthly as soon as our commitment to another ministry is up in Dec. 2006. Keep up the good work, and if you are going off TBN, I'll have to tape you on DayStar network because I work at that time.

Jeff, your program with Walid Shoebat was wonderful. Hearing truth is always costly, but refreshing. I pray you'll do many more programs with Zola's Arab friends like Walid.

Shalom, Shalom,
Rev. B.D.G.

Notable Quote:

"Going to church doesn't make one a Christian any more than going to a garage makes one a car."

— JACK KINSELLA, *OMEGA LETTER*

Dear Staff,

In light of what has happened with TBN, I have, in faith, decided to become a monthly partner with your ministry. It is a small amount, but I know it will be used for the right purpose. I have enjoyed your program over the years and would like to see you continue. I do not understand why TBN axed your program, especially with what is going on in the Middle East. I believe your ministry provides important information for true Believers everywhere. I join with you in celebrating Zola's promotion to heaven and wish you God's continued favor.

L.P.

Dear L.P., Please do not apologize for a small amount. The parable of the widow's mite teaches that the issue with giving is not how much one gives, but rather how much one has in hand afterward. For some a five-dollar donation is enormous; for others a fifty-thousand-dollar gift is nothing. There are no small donations. Every gift here is considered significant.

— Jeffrey Seif



Mark Twain and the "Jewish Question"

By Dr. Jeffrey L. Seif



Many have attempted to answer the following question: "Why do people hate the Jews?" One of my favorite responses comes from Mark Twain's pen and was developed by him under the title *Concerning the Jews* (Philadelphia: Running Press, 1985). Now in bookstores.

Traveling in Europe after the death of his daughter Susy, Twain observed that many people hated the Jews and he frankly wondered why. Writing for *Harper's New Monthly Magazine* in March of 1898, Twain's initial response to the irksome question emerged under the title "Trying Times in Austria," and then again in September of the same year in a follow-up piece entitled "Concerning the Jews." A brief assessment follows.

Twain opined that "the Jew is not a disturber of the peace," "not a loafer," not a "noisy" person, nor a "brawler, rioter or quarrelsome" citizen. He said that "in the statistics of crime, his presence is conspicuously rare—in all countries" and that "he is a stranger to the hangman." He noted, as well, that Jews have good homes and that "the family is knitted together by the strongest affections." Furthermore, says Twain, Jews are "not a burden to charities of the state nor the city." He summed up: "The Jew is actually a very good and orderly citizen... He is quiet, peaceable, industrious, unaddicted to high crimes and brutal dispositions" and that, more than most, Jews were indeed strikingly "honest," so very honest, Mark Twain believed, that *people tended to trust Jews in matters of business and that this, more than anything, accounted for their success* [italics mine], as well as their hatred.

Writing decades prior to Hitler's rise, Twain ominously reported: "In Berlin a few years ago, I read a speech which frankly urged the expulsion of the Jews from Germany." Why? Twain said, "eighty-five percent of the successful lawyers in Berlin were Jews and that about the same percentage of the great and lucrative businesses in Germany were in the hands of the Jewish race," and that non-Jews felt that they simply "cannot *compete* with them, the Jews." In sum, Twain believed that Jews' hard work and honesty contributed toward their economic success, and that the duress they experienced from non-Jews was attributed to jealousy which then came as a result of that success. In closing, and while pondering additional Jewish contributions "to the list of great names in literature, science, art, music, finance, medicine and abstruse learning" and after considering Jews' thousands of years of existence, Twain said the Jew shows "no decadence, no infirmities of age, no weakness of his

parts, no slowing of his energies and no slowing of his alert and aggressive mind."

As students of real-world history are aware—Islamic claims that the holocaust story was created and perpetuated by dishonest Jews notwithstanding—the Jewish plight through the centuries has been checkered by ghastly misdeeds and horrible crimes. For Twain, the problem was rooted in economics; for Jeffrey Seif—a German Jew (and son of a Holocaust survivor)—the problem is more rooted in the spiritual world than the material world.

Though I believe that Twain's short book is both a good read and a must read, I am more inclined to consider the "Jewish question" with Ephesians 6:12 in view: "we are not contending against flesh and blood... but against spirits and principalities," forces bent on destroying God's work, along with everyone and anyone that He puts His loving hands upon. By all means read Twain's good book; but keep reading God's Book, too!

Dare to Care

In the next *Levitt Letter* I am wanting to run stories of pastors who (1) love the Jewish people, (2) firmly stand behind Jews' bid in Israel, (3) aren't afraid to voice their position, and (4) will not compromise their stance, as the pope did recently, in the wake of Muslim protests. If that's you, please (1) send a picture of yourself from your pulpit, (2) write your story in 300-700 words, and (3) email it to me at staff@levitt.com immediately. —Jeff



The Religion of Peace Strikes Again

By Will King, www.imagesofisrael.com



Will King

While the motivations for Pope Benedict XVI's remarks about Islam may be unclear, the violent response by the "religion of peace" was easily forecast. Much like the "cartoon riots" throughout Europe earlier this year [see related story on page 14], Muslims exploded with anger and violence. Several churches have been destroyed or damaged throughout the Palestinian territories, and Christian communities there face increased persecution and threats. Several Islamic terror groups promise a fresh wave of violent attacks against Israeli targets during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan as a form of retaliation against the pope's comments.

Why is it that Muslim political and religious leaders can be the first to criticize other nations and religions, yet start violent riots whenever Islam is viewed under the same critical light? Moreover, are a couple of cartoons (some were first published in an Egyptian newspaper) or a medieval text cause for violence? I believe the pope apologized in an effort to try and quell the violence, but it was too late; Islamic radicals already had the excuse they needed to take to the streets and attack Christians.

Nothing that the pope said was incorrect, especially considering the period during which the text that he quoted was written. By the 14th century Islam had been expanding for over 500 years, all at the tip of the sword, and the Christian world had fought several Crusades with limited success at wresting control of the Holy Land from them. Muslim leaders often use the word Crusade to describe the West's actions in the world today, and Muslim tactics have changed very little as well.

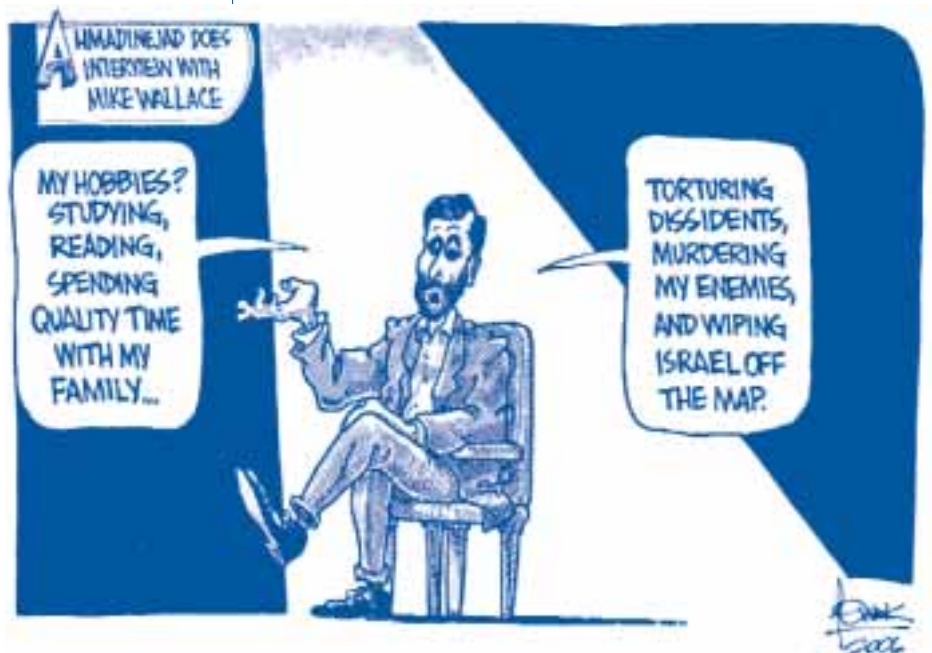
A perfect example of violent Islamic expansion is the Sudan, where Muslims in the north kill Christians in the south. The majority Muslim government seems unwilling or simply uninterested in stopping the attacks, and the number of dead and enslaved Christians continues to build. Christians in Nigeria also experience increasing violence from their Muslim neighbors, and several churches there have been attacked. As expected, the United Nations has done less than nothing to stop the violence in these places, choosing instead to focus the bulk of their

attention on the "Israeli occupation."

At an international conference on terrorism held recently in Herzliya, Israel, the new US Ambassador to Israel, Richard Jones, said that the greatest thing he has learned through his experiences is, "...our current situation is not primarily a war of Islam as a religion against the West, or against other religions, neither is it in my view a clash of civilizations, although I admit that sometimes it appears to be such. Instead, it's a quest within Islamic society. It's more of an outgrowth of a struggle for leadership and power within Muslim societies." Not a surprising outlook considering that Ambassador Jones spent the majority of his diplomatic career in Arab and Muslim nations, including Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, and Kuwait.

The pope sitting in the Vatican discovered more about Islam and the threat it poses to freedom and religion than the man who lived among them for more than 20 years. If you still question the religious nature of Islam's war against Christianity, Judaism, and the West, go to the Zola Levitt website, at www.levitt.com, and view any of the programs with Walid Shoebat, Joseph Farah, or Dr. Ergun Caner. These men have a personal acquaintance with Muslim literature, culture, and religion, and provide unique perspectives into the Islamic world that Christians need to hear and understand.

In this spiritual war against Islam, the power of prayer has the ability to beat back the oppressors. Use, also, the power of your voice to tell senators, representatives, friends, family, and fellow church members how we have to remain strong against the threats poised against us. If you choose to be a foot soldier in this spiritual war, I encourage you to come and stand in His holy land and comfort His chosen people. ✱



Listening to the hot, anti-Jewish verbal lava spewing from the mouths of Islamic spokespeople troubles me, and prompts me to dedicate most of this *Levitt Letter* to the theme of anti-Semitism. The United Nations forever giving its pining heart, soul, and attention to well-known terrorist darlings, while unfairly “turning a deaf ear” to Israel in her distress, contributes to my decision as well. That 1,668 synagogues were ransacked and destroyed in Germany and Austria during *Kristallnacht*, 9-10 November 1938, likewise contributed to developing the anti-Semitism theme for this November *Levitt Letter*.

Some wonder how troubled we are by TBN’s dropping Hal Lindsey earlier this year and then bidding us farewell in the immediate wake of Zola’s passing. With 168 hours in a week—that’s 336 half hour slots—I think TBN could have found a place for us if they wanted to. For reasons of their own they opted to “break up” with us and “dump” us. What do I think?

Personally, I don’t think anyone cares whether a package is delivered by “UPS” or “FedEx,” as long as the package arrives on time. TBN, you know, is “not the only guy in town” selling airtime. There are a host of “other guys,” younger, gutsy network options, who are thrilled to work with us and who don’t ask us to tone down our message. Without exception, these other guys think we’re quite attractive, as do the multitudes that stand with us. By attaching this ministry to the evolving TV industry’s rising network stars—as we have been doing for years in anticipation of the TBN rupture—our ministry will continue to provide the millions who watch us, and our cadre of financial supporters, with even better program options. Perhaps we’ll reconnect with TBN later. Who knows?

Believing that we’ll do just fine regardless, Sandra and I have been hard at work.

In the wake of Zola’s passing, we produced a commemorative series, with clips from favorite Zola programs and embellished by Zola’s music. I did a three-part mini-series on “Pentecost,” and Sandra and I did a three-part series on the Middle East conflict. I went to Israel and shot a Messianic Jewish gospel presentation on Isaiah, one that is reaching into millions of homes, heads and hearts. Earlier in October, I was in Israel filming an eight-part series on “Daniel and the Last Day’s Battle for Planet Earth,” with fantastic

dramas and Holy Land footage, and with interviews from world-renowned scholars. This inspirational and informational series will deliver good news from the eyes of Messianic Jews—my passion and Zola’s trademark, as well.

Interested in prophecy? If you haven’t done so, I hope you’ll acquire a copy of my new book *The Iranian Menace in Jewish History and Prophecy*, one I got to work on immediately after rejoining the ministry. Get it and let me know what you think.

A Note from Jeff



By Dr. Jeffrey Seif

Soon, you will be invited to visit our new web-world. This virtual, electronic dream-store will offer you art and jewelry from Israel, access to vast archives of Zola’s music and programs, good books; let you sign-up for great college-level courses and trips to the Holy Land; connect to Internet links, interact with Sandra and me, and more. We hope to develop a daily or weekly Internet program called “Jews in the News.” Ministers wanting to go to Israel will learn of reduced-fee programs—a “Leader Feeder” option—and Bible college and seminary professors will learn of our “Teacher Feature,” and how we’ll take them to Israel at no cost to them. It’s all about serving God, serving others, and better serving you.

Consider traveling to Israel with us, please. As always, Sandra and I, along with Dr. Tom McCall and Dr. Todd Baker, stand ready to minister in your church if such is your desire. Call and let us know.

Shalom,



JOHN THAYER/Albuquerque Journal

Profiling Airline Passengers Israeli-style!

By Jeff Jacoby, www.JewishWorldReview.com

The safest airline in the world, it is widely agreed, is El Al, Israel's national carrier. The safest airport is Ben Gurion International, in Tel Aviv. No El Al plane has been attacked by terrorists in more than three decades, and no flight leaving Ben Gurion has ever been hijacked. So when US aviation intensified its focus on security after 9/11, it seemed a good bet that the experience of travelers in American airports would increasingly come to resemble that of travelers flying out of Tel Aviv.

But in telling ways, the two experiences remain notably different. For example, passengers in the United States are required to take off their shoes for X-ray screening, while passengers at Ben Gurion are spared that indignity. On the other hand, major American airports generally offer the convenience of curbside check-in, while in Israel baggage and traveler stay together until the security check is completed. Screeners at American airports don't usually engage in conversation with passengers, unless you count as conversation their endlessly repeated instructions about emptying pockets and taking laptops out of briefcases. At Ben Gurion, security officials make a point of engaging in dialogue with almost everyone who's catching a plane.

There is a reason for these differences. Five years after Sept. 11, 2001, US airport security remains obstinately focused on intercepting bad things—guns, knives, explosives. It is a reactive policy, aimed at preventing the last terrorist plot from being repeated. The 9/11 hijackers used box cutters as weapons, so sharp metal objects were barred from carry-on luggage. Would-be suicide terrorist Richard Reid tried to ignite a bomb in his shoe, so now everyone's footwear is screened for tampering. Earlier this year British authorities foiled a plan to blow up airliners with liquid explosives; as a result, toothpaste, eye drops, and cologne became air-travel contraband.

Of course the Israelis check for bombs and weapons too, but always with the understanding that things don't hijack planes, terrorists do—and that the best way to detect terrorists is to focus on intercepting not bad things, but bad people. To a much greater degree than in the United States, security at El Al and Ben

Gurion depends on intelligence and intuition—what Rafi Ron, the former director of security at Ben Gurion, calls the “human factor” that technology alone can never replace.

Israeli airport security, much of it invisible to the untrained eye, begins before passengers even enter the terminal. Officials constantly monitor behavior, alert to clues that may hint at danger: bulky clothing, say, or a nervous manner. Profilers—yes, that's what they're called—make a point of interviewing travelers, sometimes at length. They probe for “anything out of the ordinary, anything that does not fit.” Their questions can seem odd or intrusive, especially if your only previous experience with an airport interrogation was being asked whether you packed your bags yourself.

Unlike in US airports, where passengers go through security after checking in for their flights and submitting their luggage, security at Ben Gurion comes first. Only when the profiler is satisfied that a passenger poses no risk is he or she allowed to proceed to the check-in counter. By that point, there is no need to make him remove his shoes, or to confiscate his bottle of water.

But because federal policy still bans ethnic or religious profiling, US passengers continue to be singled out for special scrutiny mostly on a random basis—patting down elderly women in wheelchairs, toddlers with pacifiers, even former US vice presidents.

No sensible person imagines that ethnic or religious profiling alone can stop every terrorist plot and most Muslims are not violent jihadis; but all violent jihadis are Muslim. “This nation,” President Bush has said, “is at war with Islamic fascists.” How much longer will we tolerate an aviation security system that pretends, for reasons of political correctness, not to know that? ■



My friend Jean stopped by the house the other day to say hello, check on me and bring some Judaica. She is always finding cards, napkins, candles, and all kinds of holiday Judaica and sharing them with me. This time she brought me Hanukkah goodies. I was reminded that Hanukkah is a winter holiday and this year it begins at sundown on December 15th. It is interesting to me that the festival of lights and celebrating the birth of the Light of the World occur in the same month. In fact, the word Hanukkah in Hebrew means rededication. It is a holiday that Yeshua celebrated. John 10:22-23, "Then came the Feast of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Yeshua was in the temple area walking in Solomon's Colonnade."

This is a holiday that has been celebrated since 164 B.C. Why do I say celebrate? Because Hanukkah is a wonderful and victorious holiday for the Jews. Not one of the seven feasts, but none the less, the "festival of lights" is the celebration of religious freedom and honors those who stood up for Judaism against a wicked King. It offers a lesson for all of us to stand up against evil. Zola would say, "When God raises up a people, the devil also raises one up". He was speaking of Islam. We are not only in a physical war, but a spiritual war. We must not be afraid and we must stand up for what we believe. Psalm 27:1 says, "The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?"

The story of Hanukkah starts in 175 B.C. when Antiochus IV became King of Syria. He wanted the Jews to worship the Greek gods and give up their Jewish ways. In the little town of Modin, in Judea, there was a man named Mattathias who had five sons. They rebelled against King Antiochus and had to flee to the mountains. One of the sons was Judah. His nickname was "the hammer" and his band of rebels was called the Maccabees. Though they were small in number, they fought well and finally liberated Jerusalem. When they reached the Temple, they were in for a shock.

Pig's blood had been sacrificed on the altar. But, worse still, the Temple menorah was not lit. Exodus 27:21 commands, "Aaron and his sons are to keep the lamps burning before the Lord from evening till morning. This is to be a lasting ordinance among the Israelites for the generations to come."

This was to be an eternal and lasting light, and it had been put out by evil. The Maccabees cleaned the temple and finally found some oil for the menorah. However, it was just enough oil for one day. Tradition holds that it takes seven days to consecrate new oil for the menorah. But, with a little faith, they lit the lamp and waited. They thought it would last only one day. Imagine what they thought when the oil lasted eight full days until

Shalom From Sandra



the new consecrated oil arrived to "rededicate" the Temple. Can we ever imagine? What a wonderful visual lesson for the Maccabees and what a confirmation that God was with them. What a miracle. In Israel, at Hanukkah, potato latkes and donuts with jelly are the main delights eaten because they are made with oil. It is a great occasion. Everyone walks around with a donut in their hand. If you think about it, oil in the Bible represents the Holy Spirit. We do not ever want our "lights" to go out. So, we must be always re-supplying our oil with Word and prayer.

Thank you all for the wonderful mail we have received. It has been very encouraging to hear from you. I also appreciate your prayers and support.

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Is Stewardship Israel's Downfall?

By Joseph Farah, www.worldnetdaily.com



Who would you say is Israel's most implacable foe? Would you agree that it is al-Qaeda—the terrorist group that attacked the U.S. Sept. 11, 2001, and is now openly organizing in Gaza?

What would you say if I told you al-Qaeda believes God gave the Jewish people an eternal covenant with the "Promised Land"? Would you say I was nuts? How about if I told you al-Qaeda believes this contract between God and the Jewish people has been abrogated only because Israel has not been determined enough to defeat its enemies in obedience to God? Would it change your opinion of the Middle East dynamic if you learned that al-Qaeda believes Israel's compromises with and concessions to its enemies persuade al-Qaeda that it is unworthy of fulfilling God's covenant with the Jews?

I'm not going to give you my opinion about this. I'm going to give you al-Qaeda's verbatim analysis.

But before I do, let me summarize it for you:

Israel's "sin" is in not fearing God. Israel lacks the faith to fight for the land God bequeathed it. The Jews are willing to compromise with God's promise by giving up the land of Israel piece by piece. That's what al-Qaeda believes, according to a report it issued just over a year ago.

Here are translated excerpts from that Arabic-language al-Qaeda report from July 2005 threatening imminent attacks on the Jewish state:

- God decided to test the Jews when they were still an oppressed people while still captive in Egypt. God seeks to lead them to the path of faith and victory and therefore urges them to conquer the Land of Israel. But the Jews are unwilling to make the necessary sacrifices to achieve the goal.
- To this day, the Jews have not learned that God grants victory only to those who struggle for victory.
- Throughout the generations, Jews, unlike Muslims, showed that they do not fear God or recognize Him as the moving force in the universe. Instead, they are more concerned with what man thinks.
- For this reason, the Jews find it easier to break the covenant between God and Abraham, which awarded the land of Israel to the Jews forever. (Genesis 15:18)

In the Internet magazine *Zerwat al Sanam*, meaning

"Tip of the Camel's Hump," the al-Qaeda author of this screed, Abu Zubeida al-Baghdadi, concludes that Israel's willingness to compromise with its enemies gives the Arabs an opportunity to be God's vehicle to destroy the Jews. ✪



Peace in Israel from a Jewish Perspective

By Rabbi Noson Weisz

The State of Israel may be 58 years old, but we are still fighting for our existence. We do not need the experts to tell us that this ceasefire is merely a respite; experience has taught us that lasting peace in the Middle East is a chimera.

The Declaration of Independence in 1948 defines the State of Israel as a Jewish country. No other country on earth is defined in terms of its religion. There are many countries where the majority of the population is Muslim or Christian, but a Christian has no right of return to England or France or the United States, nor will Egypt or Iran accept every Muslim. Every Jew, however, has the right of return and can become an Israeli citizen on demand. Why? Because Israel is the Jewish homeland and a place of refuge for world Jewry.

This is an inspiring concept, but it presents the Jewish people with an extremely challenging issue; how to define a Jew. It is absurd to call yourself a Jewish country if you have no clear idea of what being Jewish means, and yet that is precisely our situation.

There is little urgency in defining a Jew if Jews are identical to other people anyway. They need to be reminded that they have a unique, historic mission which sets them apart, and it is essential to their security and well-being to understand this mission and define it clearly. Divine Providence will present them with thought-provoking stimuli whenever they show signs of ignoring their Jewishness and abandoning their mission.

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Tiptoeing Around Islam

Ayaan Hirsi Ali is one of the most sharp-tongued critics of political Islam—and a target of radical fanatics. Her provocative film “Submission” led to the assassination of director Theo van Gogh in November 2004.

Hirsi Ali was born in Somalia where she experienced the oppression of Muslim women first hand. When her father attempted to force her into an arranged marriage, she fled to Holland in 1992. Later, she renounced the Muslim religion.

Here are excerpts from an interview with the German magazine *Der Spiegel* after the Danish cartoon scandal, arguing that if we don't stand up to extremists, a culture of self-censorship of criticism of Islam that pervades in Holland will spread. See the full interview on www.levitt.com

Spiegel: Hirsi Ali, you have called the Prophet Mohammed a tyrant and a pervert. Theo van Gogh, the director of your film which is critical of Islam, was murdered by Islamists. You yourself are under police protection. Can you understand how the Danish cartoonists feel at this point?

Hirsi Ali: They probably feel numb. On the one hand, a voice in their heads is encouraging them not to sell out their freedom of speech. At the same time, they're experiencing the shocking sensation of what it's like to lose your own personal freedom. One mustn't forget that they're part of the postwar generation, and that all they've experienced is peace and prosperity. And now they suddenly have to fight for their own human rights once again.

Spiegel: Was apologizing for the cartoons the wrong thing to do?

Hirsi Ali: Once again, the West pursued the principle of turning first one cheek, then the other. In fact, it's already a tradition. In 1980, privately owned British broadcaster ITV aired a documentary about the stoning of a Saudi Arabian princess who had allegedly committed adultery. The government in Riyadh intervened and the British government issued an apology. We saw the same kowtowing response in 1987 when (Dutch comedian) Rudi Carrell derided (Iranian revolutionary leader) Ayatollah Khomeini in a comedy skit. In 2000, a play about the youngest wife of the Prophet Mohammed, “Aisha,” was cancelled before it ever

opened. Then there was the van Gogh murder and now the cartoons. We are constantly apologizing, and we don't notice how much abuse we're taking. Meanwhile, the other side doesn't give an inch.

Spiegel: What should the appropriate European response look like?

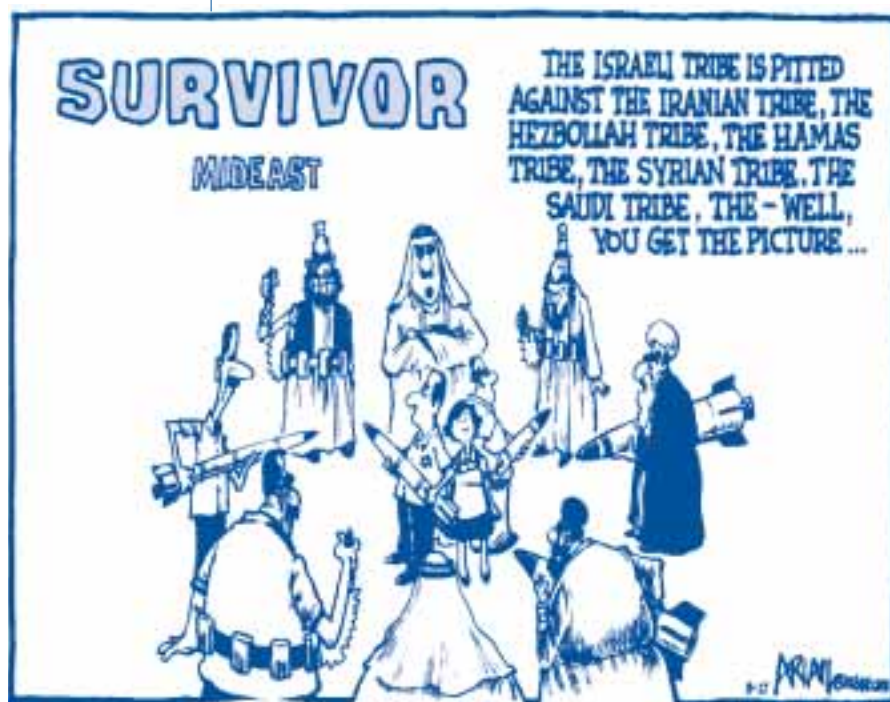
Hirsi Ali: There should be solidarity. The cartoons should be displayed everywhere. After all, the Arabs can't boycott goods from every country. They're far too dependent on imports. Freedom of speech should at least be worth that much to us.

Spiegel: But Muslims, like any religious community, should be able to protect themselves against slander and insult.

Hirsi Ali: That's exactly the reflex I was just talking about: offering the other cheek. Not a day passes, in Europe and elsewhere, when radical imams aren't preaching hatred in their mosques. They call Jews and Christians inferior, and we say they're just exercising their freedom of speech. When will the Europeans realize that the Islamists don't allow their critics the same right? After the West prostrates itself, they'll be more than happy to say that Allah has made the infidels spineless.

Spiegel: Many have criticized the film as being too radical and too offensive.

Hirsi Ali: The criticism of van Gogh was legitimate. But when someone has to die for his worldview, what he may have done wrong is no longer the issue. That's when we have to stand up for our basic rights. ♦



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The Blessing and Burden of Grace

By John J. Parsons



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Blessed be the Lord, who daily carries our burden; the God of our salvation.
(Psalm 68:19)

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Hebraic Insight:

The Blessing and Burden of Grace

In this verse of blessing, the phrase *yom yom ya'amos-lanu* can be translated as “who daily carries our burden for us.” Just as a humble pack animal might bear heavy sacks of grain for its owner, or a beast of burden might suffer the drag of a plow in a field, so God, in His infinite compassion, bears our burden in order to lift us up, and relieves our distress so that we can walk uprightly before Him.

On the other hand, *yom yom ya'amos-lanu* can also be translated as “who daily burdens us.” Using the same analogy of a pack animal, every day God gives us burdens to bear and trains the direction of our plows. We are called to love and serve others, and that means performing *avodah* (work) by providing care, giving attention, and participating in the “repair of the world” (*tikkun olam*) as co-laborers with the God of our Salvation.

Like the paradoxical statement, “work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you both to will and to work for his good pleasure” (Phil 2:12-13), so this verse pictures us yoked together with the Lord in the process of our salvation. God becomes our “beast of burden” in order to free us up to become burden-bearers for others.

“Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest,” Jesus said. “Take up my yoke upon you and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in heart, and ye shall find rest to your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light” (Matt 11:28-30).

The yoke is not the burden, but is a means of bearing the burden. The burden of a life alienated from God in this fallen world is indeed heavy and difficult to bear, but the grace of God is given when we are yoked to Jesus and share His burden to love and care for others.



Jesus' Hebrew name is *Yeshua*, which comes from the same root (*yasha*) as *yeshuateinu* in this verse. *Ha'El Yeshuateinu* means “the God of our *yeshuah* (salvation),” and points to the salvation given to us through Jesus as our Sin-Bearer before the Father. Every day Jesus carries the burden of our sin so that we might bear the burden of His love for others. Blessed be His Name forever and ever.



Holocaust Suitcase Memories

Alan Riding, International Herald Tribune

Old suitcases gathering dust in the homes of many second- or third-generation immigrants around the world are mementoes of journeys that changed the lives of parents or grandparents. No longer used or even usable, perhaps with yellowing stickers recalling the names of long-deceased forebears, they survive as family relics.



Yet still more powerful symbols, not least for European Jews, are suitcases separated from their owners.

Jews rounded up in France during World War II, for instance, were frequently encouraged to pack a suitcase, presumably to deceive them into believing they were heading for internment or labor camps, not death.

The French artist Christian Boltanski once evoked the one-way journeys of these deportees in a touching installation of battered and antiquated suitcases. With the suitcases displayed at the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum in Poland, though, there is no ambiguity: All once belonged to Holocaust victims.

This is the story of one such suitcase—and the memory it still carries.

Last year, after much hesitation, the Auschwitz museum agreed to lend a suitcase from its collection for an exhibition called “The Fate of Jews from France during World War II” at the Foundation for the Remembrance of the Shoah in Paris. [*Shoah* literally denotes a “catastrophic upheaval” and is the Hebrew term for the Holocaust.—Ed.] At the time, the foundation pledged in writing to return it to the museum at the death camp by June 30, 2005.

Then, in February last year, while visiting the Paris exhibition, Michel Lévi-Leleu, a 66-year-old retired engineer, discovered that his father’s name, Pierre Lévi, was on the suitcase. Its lid had disappeared and its handle was broken, but it still carried the address of the family’s last home in Paris on the Boulevard de la Villette as well as Lévi’s prisoner reference, “48 Gruppe 10.”

After the German occupation of France in 1940 set in motion a witch-hunt of Jews, while Lévi, a former diamond trader, found work as a farmhand near Avignon, he hid his wife and their two sons, Michel and Étienne, in Haute-Savoie and told them to use the surname of Leleu. He visited them in fall 1942 and he was again on his way to Haute-Savoie when he was arrested at Avignon railroad station in April 1943. The suitcase was evidently still with him when he later passed through the Orgeval and Drancy transit camps in France and when he finally arrived at Auschwitz on July 31, 1943. After that, his name disappeared from German records; it is not known how or when he died.

Understandably shaken by the discovery of this precarious link to a father whom he last saw when he was 3, Lévi-Leleu quickly decided that the suitcase should remain in France.

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“I wanted it to stay here, not to put it in a cupboard at home, out of everyone’s sight, but so it could be shown to everyone in Paris,” Lévi-Leleu explained.

After he informed the French foundation of his resolution, it proposed to the Auschwitz museum that the suitcase remain in Paris for a “long-term” period to allow time to “persuade the family into not demanding its restitution.”

The 25-member International Auschwitz Council agreed to extend the loan of the suitcase until this past January. But one month before the new deadline, Lévi-Leleu obtained a court order preventing its return to Poland pending a final court decision on his ownership claim. The court in Paris is expected to rule next year and, in the meantime, the suitcase remains in the French foundation.

The Auschwitz museum was upset. It said that “it certainly understands, most profoundly, the feelings of the families of victims of the Shoah.” But it argued that, with the passage of time, it had become all the more important to preserve physical remnants of the death camp in order to safeguard the memory of the genocide. It also won support for its position from the Polish government.

So now this painful dispute has come down to the competing claims of individual and collective memory.

On the one hand, it seems heartless to deny Lévi-Leleu repossession of this poignant relic, one that might help him to assuage a loss suffered more than six decades ago. On the other hand, the collective memory of the Holocaust has been partly constructed in Auschwitz by personal effects—clothing, shoes, combs and hairbrushes, eyeglasses, razors, and buttons as well as suitcases—left by victims.

By fighting to secure his own memory, Lévi-Leleu has reinforced the collective memory. He wants to recover his father’s suitcase but, in the process, he has also drawn attention to all the other suitcases — in Auschwitz and beyond—whose owners will never be known.



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Windfall petrol-dollar profits (now around \$500 billion annually) financially fuel radical Islam. Iranian cash allowed Hezbollah to acquire the sophisticated weaponry needed to achieve parity in ambushes with the Israel Defense Forces. Unless the U.S. can find a way to force oil prices back down below \$40 a barrel, Islamists may eventually be better equipped with weapons they buy than we are with munitions we make.

—Victor Davis Hanson, *National Review*

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Day	9:30 am Thurs	8:30 am Thurs	8:30 am Thurs	9:30 am Thurs
DirecTV—Channel 255		Dish—Channel 181		
ABC-FAM Airing Day & Time by Zone				
Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day	10:00 pm Sun or 1:00 am Mon	11 pm Sun or 2 am Mon	12:00 am Mon	1:00 am Mon
DirecTV—Channel 311		Dish—Channel 180		
INSP Airing Day & Time by Zone				
Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day	3:30 am Wed 5:30 pm	4:30 am Wed 6:30 pm	5:30 am Wed 7:30 pm	6:30 am Wed 8:30 pm
Daystar Airing Day & Time by Zone				
Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day	3:00 pm Fri	4:00 pm Fri	5:00 pm Fri	6:00 pm Fri
DirecTV—Channel 369		Dish—Channel 263		

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 Thursday 8:00 AM Central
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Israel, My Love

Zola accepted Jesus as his Messiah on **March 14, 1971**. Within several years, he authored a dozen books and hosted a live talk-radio program, *The Heart of the Matter*. In December 1978, Zola's ministry expanded to television with *Zola Levitt Live*. From then until the end of his life, Zola produced over 700 hours of television that reached millions. This retrospective series of six programs brings you a few highlights of Zola's work, music and life. **Two-90 minute DVDs.**

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FIRST LOVE

Yeshua - 1983, *The Beginning of the End* - 1987, *The End of the Age* - 1989, *Signs of the End* - 2001, *Secrets of the Scrolls* - 1991, *Tell it on the Mountains* - 1993, *Age of Terror* - 2005. Interviews include Ariel Sharon and Tim LaHaye.

SCRIPTURE UPHELD

Israel, My Love - 1986, *Evidence of God* - 1999, *The House of David* - 1994, *The Miracle of Passover* - 1982, *The Bible: The Whole Story* - 1984, *Covenants of God* - 1998, *Israel: By Divine Right* - 1992. Interviews include Benjamin Netanyahu.

FAITH PROVED

The Stones Cry Out - 1996, *The Believers* - 1991, *Sons of Israel* - 2002, *Friends of the Rabbi* - 2001, *Is This The End or Just the Beginning?* - 2000, *The World Today* - 1990, *Return to Galilee* - 1988. Interviews include Kay Arthur, David Dolan and Tom McCall.

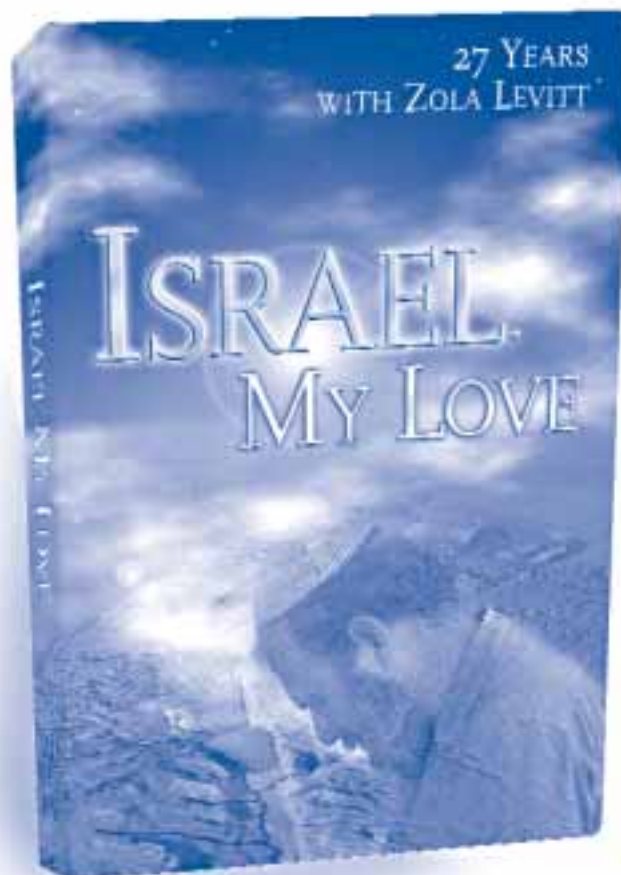
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Seven Feasts of Israel - 1984, *The Holy Days of Our Lord* - 2000, *Love Stories of the Bible* - 1998, *Beloved Thief* - 1987, *The Holy Places* - 1983, *Israel My Promised* - 1990, *A Pilgrim's Journey* - 1996, *Jerusalem 3000* - 1996. Interviews include Ehud Olmert.

PROPHECY UNFOLDED

The First Christians - 1995, *Prophecy 2000* - 1999, *Thy Kingdom Come* - 2001, *Upon This Rock* - 2001, *The Temple* - 1989, *Roadmap to Armageddon* - 2003, *Living Waters* - 1990. Interviews include Joseph Farah and Rosemary Schindler.



ULTIMATE VICTORY

Messiah - 1985, *The Holy Land Today* - 1991, *Voices From Israel* - 2003, *Jacob Have I Loved* - 1993, *Mine Eyes Have Seen* - 1990, *The Crusaders* - 2004, *Champions of Faith* - 1997.

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Broken Branches Book

Zola on Replacement Theology. What can replace Israel and the Jews in God's plan? Certainly not America and not the church. Nonetheless, well-intentioned denominations seem to have sprouted blinders to their heritage, the very roots of their Christianity. Let us restore the foundation to our Christianity and quit using Grace as an excuse to cast away the Jews and the Promised Land. This book is a must read for many Believers, churches, seminaries plus anyone else willing to celebrate the Promised Land and the Chosen People. *Please see page 31 to order.*



Baiting and Hating the Jews

By Shelby Steele, excerpted from a *Wall Street Journal* article

If this war makes anything clear, it is that Israel can do nothing to appease the Muslim animus against it. And now much of the West is in a similar position, living in a state of ever-heightening security against the constant threat of violence from Islamic extremists. So there comes, from the Muslim world, an unappeasable hatred that seems to exist for its own sake, a hatred with very little actual reference to those it claims to hate.

All this follows the familiar pattern of a very old vice: anti-Semitism. The anti-Semite is always drawn to the hatred of Jews by his own unacknowledged inadequacy. As Jean-Paul Sartre says in his great essay on the subject, the anti-Semite "is a man who is afraid. Not of Jews of course, but of himself." By hating Jews, he asserts that his own group represents the kind of human being that God truly wants. His group is God's archetype, the only authentic humanity, already complete and superior. No striving or self-reflection is necessary. If Jews are superior in some ways, it is only out of their alienated striving, their exile from God's grace. For the anti-Semite, hating and fighting Jews is both self-affirmation and a way of doing God's work.

Muslim Wisdom from the Arab Press: "Zionist Christians Adopt Satan as God"

This article blasting Zionist Christians is by Hamed Al-Tamimi, a Moslem cleric who was appointed before Hamas came to power, to the Palestinian Authority's Supreme Judicial Council. The article appeared on the council's website and was reported by Palestinian Media Watch. Here are some excerpts:

"Very few people know the truth about this [Zionist Christian] movement, which unconditionally supports the Zionist enemy, and unconditionally opposes Islam and the Muslims... These Crusader motivations stand behind the British and American policy in Palestine, Iraq, Afghanistan, and other Arab and Muslim countries.

"They [Zionist Christians] are a group which adopted Satan as God, and he drives their crazy nature. They have praised depravity and cursed virtue, they have turned the moral scale upside down and have reached [a point] in which forgery, deception, and lying have turned into descriptions of world policy."

Hacking Peace to Pieces

www.israeltoday.co.il

In an attempt to gain international legitimacy, Hamas is talking peace with the Western media in English, but continues making contradictory statements in Arabic. In a key interview, Hamas Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh told the American television network CBS that he hoped to sign a peace agreement with Israel some day.

"Inchallah" (Allah willing), he said with a smile. Haniyeh said that he was seeking American help to bring "peace and stability to this region."

The very next day, after Haniyeh's interview made headlines, Hamas was "clarifying" that the Prime Minister did not really mean what he said. Hamas parliamentarian Mushir al-Masri said the CBS report was part of a "crazy campaign aimed at embarrassing and confusing the Palestinians and undermining the trust of the masses in Hamas."

Quoted in the official Palestinian Authority daily *Al-Hayat al-Jadidah*, al-Masri said Haniyeh's statements were distorted and the official Hamas position is that negotiations with Israel "bring no benefit."

No matter what Hamas says in English, the group cannot talk peace with Israel because that would violate its most fundamental ideology, as expressed in Article 13 of the Hamas charter: "There is no solution for the Palestinian question except through jihad (holy war). Initiatives, proposals and international conferences are all a waste of time and vain endeavors."

Hamas has repeatedly rejected international demands to amend the charter and recognize Israel.



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Return of German Rabbis

CBS/Associated Press

Germany ordained its first rabbis since World War II in an event hailed as a milestone in the rebirth of Jewish life in the country responsible for the Holocaust.

Three men were given their ordination certificates at the ceremony in Dresden's modern, stone synagogue, which was rebuilt after the fall of the Berlin Wall—the first in the former East Germany

Daniel Alter, 47, of Germany, was the first of the three to be graduated from the Abraham Geiger College.

He was joined by 35-year-old Tomas Kucera, of the Czech Republic, and 38-year-old Malcolm Matitiani, of South Africa. All three wore black robes with white prayer shawls trimmed with tassels draped around their shoulders.

They are the first rabbis to be ordained in Germany since the Nazis destroyed the College of Jewish Studies in Berlin in 1942, midway through the war.

"After the Holocaust, many people could never have imagined that Jewish life in Germany could blossom again," German President Horst Koehler said before the event. "That is why the first ordination of rabbis in Germany is a very special event indeed."

Anglican Officials Urged to Remove Inflammatory Anti-Israel Remarks by Jerusalem's Bishop

www.adl.org

The Anti-Defamation League, founded in 1913, is the world's leading organization fighting anti-Semitism through programs and services that counteract hatred, prejudice and bigotry.

The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) said the anti-Israel statements made by Bishop Riah Abu El Asal are "despicable and defamatory" and urged Anglican officials to remove them from the website of the Anglican Communion. In its statement the ADL observed, "Bishop Abu El Asal's false charges against Israel reveal him as an extremist who continues to undermine the relationship between Israel and its Christian population, as well as the Anglican-Jewish dialogue."

Bishop Riah, the longtime Anglican leader in Jerusalem, called Israel "a predator that not only has robbed us of all but a small piece of our historic homeland, but

threatens the traditions and holy sites of Christianity." He also accused Israel of "a strategy of ethnic cleansing" over "four and five generations."

The group requested that the head of Anglican Communion, the Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams, urge church representatives to refrain from such hateful rhetoric.

The Anglican Communion has removed Bishop Riah's statements from its website.

Andrew Young Resigns After Racist Remarks

The New York Times

Civil rights leader Andrew Young, hired by Wal-Mart to improve its public image, resigned from that post after telling an African-American newspaper that Jewish, Arab and Korean shop owners had "ripped off" urban communities for years, "selling us stale bread, and bad meat and wilted vegetables."



Mr. Young said that Wal-Mart "should" displace mom-and-pop stores in urban neighborhoods.

"You see those are the people who have been overcharging us," he said of the owners of the small stores, "and they sold out and moved to Florida. I think they've ripped off our communities enough. First it was Jews, then it was Koreans, and now it's Arabs."

Mr. Young, 74, a former mayor of Atlanta and a former United States representative to the United Nations, apologized for the comments and retracted them, saying he was thinking only of Atlanta. Less than an hour later, he resigned as chairman of Working Families for Wal-Mart, a group created and financed by the company to trumpet its accomplishments.

Isn't it interesting that individuals like Mr. Young can decry abuses against African-Americans and champion related causes while, at the same time, discriminate against Jews and others? — Jeffrey Seif ✱



Islamic Demonstration in London

www.middle-east-info.org

Like Nazism and Communism, a strain of Islam offers its followers a form of redemption through violence and pushes for the establishment of a global totalitarian empire that denies all political and religious freedom. The terrorists are not a “radical” or “fundamentalist” sect that have twisted religious doctrine for power and politics, or that came to recast aspects of their faith out of some form of insanity. They are simply an Arab warrior caste involved in an armed jihad—a mainstream Muslim doctrine. This is how the physical jihad has been understood since Mohammed revealed it as the prophecy of Allah. Obviously, not every Muslim is obligated, or even really inclined, to take up this jihad. Indeed, many Muslims are loath to personally embrace this physical struggle. But that does not mean they are all opposed to such a struggle any more than the choice of many Westerners not to join the police force or the armed services means they do not support those institutions.

Anti-Semitism Alive and Kicking in England

www.worldjewishcongress.org

A Jewish girl was kicked unconscious on a public bus in London. The twelve-year-old girl and a friend boarded the bus, followed by a group of four girls and three boys. One of the group approached the Jewish girl and asked if she was Jewish; she replied “I’m English.”

The four girls then pushed her to the floor, stomped on her face, and repeatedly kicked her. The boys, who were not involved in the attack, stood guard while it was carried out.

The Jewish girl’s friend, who was wearing rosary beads, was not harmed.

Jesus as a Jew Art “Inappropriate”

UPI, *LaCrosseTribune*

A La Crosse, Wisconsin, artist is questioning why a hospital described her exhibit of paintings of Jesus as a rabbi as inappropriate and asked for their removal.

Clara Maria Goldstein hung 10 of her works in the Gunderson Lutheran Medical Center lobby, featuring such topics as Jesus celebrating Hanukkah and his bar mitzvah, Mary preparing Jesus for circumcision, and Rabbi Jesus saying to love one another.

But Kendra Riek, manager of hospital Gift Shop, asked Goldstein to take down the paintings because they were inappropriate for the hospital “and could be controversial.”

Goldstein did remove them but questioned the request.

“I don’t know why my paintings are not appropriate,” she told a newspaper. “Why are paintings of Jesus as a Jew not appropriate when paintings of a non-Jewish Jesus are acceptable?”

This is a great question. Keep asking it.
—Jeff



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Near Brussels, at Christian Center, an Assemblies of God church, Belgian Pastor Paul Devos ministers to a culture in which Christianity is largely irrelevant.

“In the United States, people would more quickly turn toward at least Christ in general and Christianity, because it’s still somewhat part of the culture in general. Here in Europe we have gone beyond that point, and we do not expect anything from religion apart from some very abstract hope that there is something after this life,” Devos said.

Among the clergy in the state churches, unbelief is extraordinarily high. Baylor Sociologist Rodney Stark said, “It’s easy to have a negative religious experience going to church in Europe. The one place unbelief is rampant is in the churches.”

The study “Fragmented Faith?” found that in Britain, one out of five Anglican pastors does not believe in the bodily resurrection of Christ. And only 60 percent believe in the virgin birth—that’s a lower level of belief than among churchgoers.

“It’s the churches they don’t go to. And one of the reasons they don’t go is that the people running them don’t care if they don’t go,” Stark explained.

Europe that was the custodian of the gospel in the very early decades now is the continent that is rejecting the gospel and Christianity. The European media continue to mock America’s high church attendance as weird. *The Economist*, a British magazine wrote, “To Europeans, religion is the strangest and most disturbing feature about (America).”

According to a French pastor with a dynamic street ministry in Paris, one of the French national TV stations broadcast a prime-time program on God in America. “It was Pentecostal Christians in the States, and they were ridiculed and treated as a simple-minded, naive people. But absolutely nothing can be said against Muslims, of course, because there’s always retaliation.”

Stark wrote in *Victory of Reason* that Europe owes everything—its culture, its freedom, its science, and its wealth—to Christianity. But European leaders today are defiant in their efforts to keep God and

Christian faith out of public life.

Some would say Europe has a new religion. Italy’s Culture Minister Rocco Buttiglione, a devout Catholic, calls it “a nihilistic fundamentalism against truth.” Stark calls it hedonism, and says it is why Europe is dying.

“The loss of faith in Europe is like an unseen black star that still has a tremendous gravitational pull,” journalist Richard Minter said. “They don’t understand why their culture is failing. They don’t understand why divorce rates and suicide rates are so high.”

One writer described Europe today as a majority of Christian atheists and a minority of Muslim fanatics—an exaggeration. But there is a spiritual void on the continent that Islam waits to fill.

“I have been an eyewitness to France becoming increasingly Islamicized. There is no longer an ability to morally resist a strong culture like Islam coming into the country,” says the French pastor.

Stark said, “Europe is going to get more religious than it is either because of a revival of Christianity or because they go Muslim.” There is that spiritual void and Muslims’ declaration that they will simply overwhelm us by birthing more children.

Because belief impacts everything from culture, to economics, to the war on terror, religious America and anti-religious Europe are likely to drift farther apart unless Europe returns to God. ★



“Pay for the Peace of Jerusalem”

By Dr. Jeffrey L. Seif



The primitive church did not service property debt nor did it service the needs of professional clergy. Even without those obligations that face today's congregations, let us ask the following: *Why did Christians raise money in the New Testament, and how did they do it?*

How they did it was clear: leaders asked. Why they did it is obscured—thus the reason for this brief article.

Immediately after telling us that “disciples were first called ‘Christians’ in Antioch” (Acts 11:26), Luke goes on to say that there was a widespread “famine throughout the world.” In response to that famine, the newly constituted Christians, “each according to his ability, determined to send *relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea*” (v. 29).

Why did they give? Luke tells us that the new Christians employed their resources to send relief, in this case, to Jews in Judea, much as Believers previously collected money and goods in Acts 2:40-47; 4:32-37; and 6:1-7 to assist with benevolence needs. They shared because they cared.

Most Christians are familiar with the oft-employed Pauline exhortation in 2 Corinthians 9:6-7: “He who *sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart...God loves a cheerful giver.*” Though most have heard this again and again, precious few have ever heard anyone go over specifically why they “sowed” and “gave” in the first place.

I'm going to remedy this problem right now.

Before he exhorted them in the 9:6-7 passage quoted above, Paul noted in 2 Corinthians 8:1-5 that the Macedonian church had contributed to the very same offering. In verse 6 he says he had instructed Titus to help the Corinthian church “complete the grace as well,” a phrase he repeats in verse 11. In 9:2, Paul follows saying, “I know your willingness, about which I boast of you to the Macedonians, that Achaia was ready a year ago.” Ready for what? In

Romans 15:26-27 Paul explains: “For it pleased those from Macedonia and Achaia *to make a certain contribution for the poor among the saints who are in Jerusalem...* For if the Gentiles have been partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister to them in material things.”

Why did Paul raise money? In Antioch, Macedonia, Achaia (Corinth), and Rome ‘Christians’ were instructed to support the work of the Lord among the Jewish believers in Jerusalem. Why? Apparently, Paul wanted them to help “Pay for the Peace of Jerusalem.” In support of that notion, Paul closes in Romans 15:31 asking for prayers that his “service to Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints.”

Considering the support mustered by these impoverished early churches, I am troubled by the fact that much of today's church has no “service to the [Jerusalem] saints.” I find it unacceptable, as well, that many directly or indirectly do a disservice to the Jewish “Jerusalem saints” by supporting those bent on destroying them.

It is not my job to decide what drives the motives and actions of non-compliant individuals and fellowships. Some proudly “fly the Christian flag,” but refuse to take orders from the “Commanders of the Fleet”—Paul, in this case. I'll leave it to them to give an accounting of their own actions—or inactions; and, mindful of my own imperfections, I won't dwell on the matter of shortcomings in others. As I close, however, I do want to ask that you join with those of us who carry the burden, who wish to carefully and prayerfully remedy the church's traditional lack of interest and support, and who wish to assist the House of Israel by our willingness to help “Pay for the Peace of Jerusalem.” ★



Ambassador to the Jew First

By Scott Phillips

Scott has been working with Zola Levitt Ministries for three years as Shipping Manager and now also as Speaking Engagement Scheduler. He has traveled twice to Israel with ZLM's "To The Jew First" missionary outreach and plans to go again next summer.

As I walked around the Galilee I felt like I was living directly out of the Book of Acts. On this beautiful, summer, Israeli morning, I took a taxi from the kibbutz to the lakeside city of Tiberius. Relishing the smell of the sea, I made way through the streets, not knowing what to expect. In the first group of gentlemen I came across, an appreciative Jewish man, thrilled that I had brought the Gospel to him, accepted the B'rit Chadasha (Hebrew New Testament) I offered with surprising joy.



Conversation with a bookstore owner

Walking farther along the shore, I encountered a group of not-so-friendly-folks, one of whom proceeded to snatch the tracts from my hand and voice threats and insults. In this, the first real persecution I had ever encountered, I remembered Zola saying that persecution is the exercise of the Church, and that the Church needs it from time to time to keep from becoming flabby. Interestingly, as I walked away, this man's friends asked for materials and apologized for his behavior.

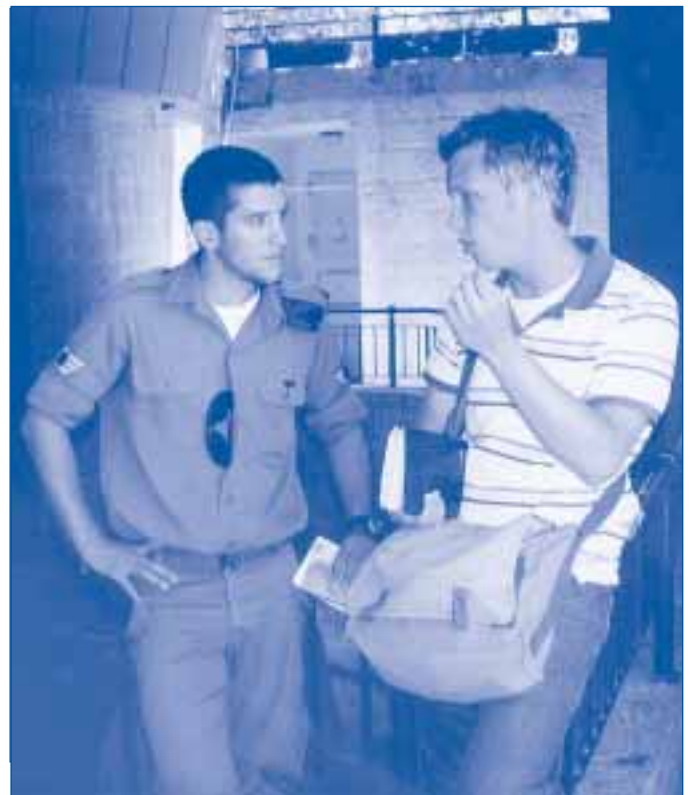
Throughout the rest of the day, I had several incredible conversations with God's Chosen, taking them through the prophecies in Scripture. I found downtown Tiberius an experience to the senses with the open air markets, colorful shops, and voices yelling here and there in Hebrew.

While in Jerusalem later, I walked down Ben Yehuda Street, passed out Gospel tracts, talked with many people, and offered them Hebrew New Testaments. As I

walked from the new city into the old, I came across one of the brave Israeli Army soldiers. He stated that he didn't know if he believed in God, but that he was open to hearing what I had to say. I let him know that I supported what he was doing, and that I supported and loved Israel. This amazed him and opened the door for me to share Isaiah 53, Leviticus 17:11, as well as certain fulfillments in the New Testament. He listened intently and graciously accepted a Hebrew New Testament, allowing me to pray with him when the visit ended. We exchanged email addresses and I hope to hear from him again.

Throughout my journey in Israel, I was reminded of 1 Corinthians 3:6 when Paul says "I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow." Whether I planted the seeds or watered them, I am confident that our awesome God will make them grow. I encourage you to seek out these Chosen People and bless them. Let them know that you love them and support them. In doing so, you will find that it opens a great door for you to present the life that Yeshua, the Messiah, offers to them. Many of them are refreshed to learn that an intimate relationship with the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is available to them. ★

Your donations to the To The Jew First fund send Believers like Scott to Israel to witness to the Jewish people. Thanks to all. This report gives evidence of your donations at work.



Scott sharing with IDF soldier

Australia Draws the Line with Muslims



Reuters - The 2004 London Tube bombings raised domestic terrorism concerns in countries with large immigrant Muslim populations, such as Australia. In its wake, Australian Prime Minister John Howard held a two-hour summit with moderate Muslim leaders in Canberra to work on a national strategy for addressing intolerance and the promotion of violence, during which issues such as the curriculum of Islamic schools and suggested measures for vetting imams were discussed.

Muslims who want to live under Islamic Sha'ria law were told to get out of Australia, as the government targeted radicals in a bid to head off potential terror attacks. Prime Minister John Howard and his ministers made it clear that extremists would face a crackdown.

Treasurer Peter Costello, seen as heir apparent to Howard, hinted that some radical clerics could be asked to leave the country if they did not accept that Australia was a secular state and its laws were made by parliament. "If those are not your values, if you want a country which has Sha'ria law or a theocratic state, then Australia is not for you," he said on national television.

Howard angered some Australian Muslims by saying he supported spy agencies monitoring the nation's mosques. Asked whether he was prepared to "get inside" mosques and schools to ensure there was no support for terrorism, Mr. Howard was blunt.

"Yes, to the extent necessary," he told Southern Cross radio. "I have no desire and nor is it the Government's intention to interfere in any way with the freedom or practice of religion.

"We have a right to know whether there is, within any section of the Islamic community, a preaching of the virtues of terrorism, whether any comfort or harbor is given to terrorism within that community.

"Immigrants, not Australians, must adapt. I'm tired of this nation worrying about whether we are offending some individual or their culture. I am not against immigration, nor do I hold a grudge against anyone who is seeking a better life by coming to Australia. However there are a few things that those who have come to our country, and

apparently some born here, need to understand. This idea of Australia being a multicultural community has served only to dilute our sovereignty and our national identity. As Australians, we have our own culture, our own society, our own language, and our own lifestyle.

"This culture has been developed over two centuries of struggles, trials, and victories by millions of men and women who have sought freedom.

"We speak ENGLISH; not Spanish, Lebanese, Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Russian, or any other language. Therefore, if you wish to become part of our society, learn the language!

"Most Australians believe in God. This is not some Christian, right wing, political push, but a fact, because Christian men and women, on Christian principles, founded this nation, and this is clearly documented. It is certainly appropriate to display it on the walls of our schools. If God offends you, then I suggest you consider another part of the world as your new home, because God is part of our culture.

"We will accept your beliefs; all we ask is that you accept ours and live in harmony and peaceful enjoyment with us. We are happy with our culture and have no desire to change, and we really don't care how you did things where you came from. By all means, keep your culture, but do not force it on others.

"This is our country, our land, and our lifestyle, and we will allow you every opportunity to enjoy all this. But if you complain about our flag, our pledge, our Christian beliefs, or our way of life, I highly encourage you to take advantage of one other great Australian freedom, 'The Right to Leave!'" ★



Sacred Water—at the Pumps?

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Forget cars fuelled by alcohol and vegetable oil. Before long, you might be able to run your car with nothing more than water in its fuel tank. It would be the ultimate zero-emissions vehicle.

While water, plain old H₂O, is not at first sight an obvious power source, it has a key virtue: it is an abundant source of hydrogen, the element widely touted as the green fuel of the future. If that hydrogen could be liberated on demand, it would overcome many of the obstacles that until now have prevented the dream of a hydrogen-powered car from becoming reality. Producing hydrogen by conventional industrial means is expensive, inefficient and often polluting. Then there are the problems of storing and transporting hydrogen.

Tareq Abu-Hamed, at the University of Minnesota, and colleagues at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel, have devised a scheme that gets around these problems. By reacting water with the element boron, their system produces hydrogen that can be burnt in an internal combustion engine or fed to a fuel cell to generate electricity. "The aim is to produce the hydrogen on-board at a rate matching the demand of the car engine," says Abu-Hamed. "We want to use the boron to save transporting and storing the hydrogen." The only by-product is boron oxide, which can be removed from the car, turned back into boron, and used again. What's more, Abu-Hamed envisages doing this in a solar-powered plant that is completely emission-free.

The hydrogen-on-demand approach is based on some simple high school chemistry. Elements like sodium and potassium are well known for their violent reactions with water, tearing hydrogen from its stable union with oxygen. Boron does the same, but at a more manageable pace. It requires no special containment, and atom for atom it's a light material. When all the boron is used up, the boron oxide that remains can be reprocessed and recycled.

Abu-Hamed and his team are not the first to investigate hydrogen-on-demand vehicles. The car giant Daimler Chrysler built a concept vehicle, but axed the project in 2003 because of difficulties in providing the necessary infrastructure to support the car.

Engineuity, an Israeli start-up company run by a former Weizmann Institute scientist, is working on a similar strategy, but using the reaction between aluminum wire and water to generate hydrogen. The US company PowerBall Technologies envisions a hydrogen-on-demand engine containing plastic balls filled with sodium hydride powder that are split to dump the contents into water, where it reacts to produce hydrogen.

Hydrogen-on-demand would not only remove the need for costly hydrogen pipelines and distribution infrastructure, it would also make hydrogen vehicles safer. A car that doesn't need to carry tanks of flammable, volatile liquid or compressed gas would be much less vulnerable in an accident. ★



Notable Quote:

"A nation with child-martyrs will be victorious, no matter what difficulties lie in its path. Israel cannot conquer us...because we have martyr sons who will purge the land of the Zionist filth..."

— HEZBOLLAH LEADER HASSAS NASRALLAH, in an interview on Radio Canada

Feds Teach Terrorists How to Avoid Detection at Airport

www.WorldNetDaily.com

The Department of Homeland Security took a Muslim group with known past ties to terror organizations on a VIP tour of security operations at the nation's busiest airport at the same time British authorities were working to break up a plot to blow up U.S. airlines.

In June, a senior DHS official from Washington personally guided Muslim officials from the Council on American-Islamic Relations on a behind-the-scenes tour of customs screening operations at O'Hare International Airport in response to CAIR complaints that Muslim travelers were being unfairly delayed as they entered the U.S. from abroad. CAIR is a spin-off of the Islamic Association for Palestine, identified by two former FBI counterterrorism chiefs as a "front group" for the Palestinian terrorist group Hamas. Several CAIR leaders have been convicted on terror-related charges.

Customs agents involved in the CAIR tour at O'Hare said they were outraged that headquarters would reveal sensitive counterterrorism procedures to an organization that has seen several of its own officials convicted of terror-related charges since 9/11.

"Isn't that nice of Customs and Border Protection," one agent said, to provide a "group like CAIR with a guided, behind-the-scenes tour of our customs facilities, explaining how programs designed to catch Muslim terrorists work."

CAIR says the tour allayed its concerns about profiling and that it "looks forward to continuing the relationship with U.S. Customs and Border Protection offices in the region, and to furthering understanding between the organizations as well as facilitating future communication in order to eliminate problems for Muslim travelers before they even arise."

A Muslim-sensitivity training course at O'Hare is taught by Margaret Nydell, an Arabic professor at Georgetown University, home to a large Saudi-financed center on Islamic studies.

A Customs and Border Protection supervisor described Nydell's instruction, along with CBP's companion training manual and video, as "politically correct drivel."

"It's all about how Islam means peace and tolerance. We're told how to deal with Arabs and Muslims, that they are loving people and not terrorists. That jihad is an internal struggle with sin and has nothing to do with violence." [That is one jihad, but this definition completely ignores the other jihad, the jihad that wages war—violent, terrorist war—in Islam's cause of world domination. – Ed.]

CAIR—which is bankrolled by the Saudis and the United Arab Emirates, two countries that formally recognized the Taliban—was invited to give religious and cultural sensitivity training about Islam and Muslims to the DHS, other government agencies, and the military. In June, for example, CAIR trained more than 300 military personnel at the Marine Corps Air Station in Yuma, Ariz.

Also in June, CAIR was invited by the Pentagon to a ceremony dedicating the first Islamic center in Marine Corps history at Quantico headquarters outside of Washington.

Washington-based CAIR also has regular meetings with the FBI and Justice Department. In fact, FBI case agents complain the bureau rarely can make a move in the Muslim community without first consulting with CAIR, which sits on its advisory board. CAIR in the past has cried racism and bigotry when the bureau has moved unilaterally with investigations and raids in the community. *

A CAIR-APPROVED POLICE LINEUP AFTER ANY ISLAMIST TERROR ATTACK:





Indian Cafe Drops Hitler From Name

Reuters

The owners of a Nazi-themed Mumbai restaurant apologized for calling the eatery "Hitler's Cross," saying they were only looking for a name that would be "different." The apology came a day after the owners announced that they would rename the restaurant following a storm of protest from Jews in India and abroad as well as by Israel and Germany.

"The name adopted by us was most inappropriate. Our intention was not to glorify Hitler, his atrocities or ideology," said Satish Sabhlok, one of the owners of Hitler's Cross restaurant located in the eastern suburbs of India's financial capital.

"We regret the anguish caused by the use of the name," he said.

How stupid does he think we are? He wanted attention and he got it. Before ordering a meal from this obnoxious, attention-getter's kitchen, I hope folks will remember how indifferent he is to the Jews who were mercilessly baked in Hitler's ovens! —Jeffrey Seif

Muslim Reports Islamic Gaza a Nightmare!

By Khaled Abu Toameh

"When you walk in the streets of Gaza City, you cannot but close your eyes because of what you see there: unimaginable chaos, careless policemen, young men carrying guns and strutting with pride, and families receiving condolences for their dead in the middle of the street."

This is how Ghazi Hamad, spokesman for the Hamas-controlled Palestinian Authority government and a former newspaper editor, described the situation in the Gaza Strip in an article he published on some Palestinian news websites.

The article, the first of its kind by a senior Hamas official,

also questioned the effectiveness of the rocket attacks on Israel and noted that since Israel evacuated the Gaza Strip, the situation has deteriorated on all levels. He holds the armed groups responsible for the crisis and calls on them to reconsider their tactics and to stop blaming Israel for their mistakes.

"Gaza is suffering under the yoke of anarchy and the swords of thugs," Hamad wrote. "The day Israel withdrew, Palestinians celebrated a promising future in the Gaza Strip and turning the area into a trade and industrial zone."

But, the "culture of life" that prevailed has since been replaced with a nightmare. Dismissing Israel's responsibility for the growing state of anarchy and lawlessness in the Gaza Strip, Hamad said it was time for the Palestinians to embark on a soul-searching process to see where they erred.

Hamad admitted that the Palestinians have failed in developing the Gaza Strip following the Israeli withdrawal and in imposing law and order.

Zola's Favorite Author:

Oriana Fallaci, loses her battle with breast cancer September 15, 2006.



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Israelis Enter the World of the Wardrobe

www.israelto-day.co.il

Along with the rest of the western nations,

Israelis entered into the world of the wardrobe, showing amazing numbers at the theater box office for *The Chronicles of Narnia*. This adaptation of C.S. Lewis's book *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe* packed theaters in Israel, despite criticism in the Jewish press regarding its Christian allegories.

"The Disney remake of *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe* is pretty faithful to the book and the values portrayed are refreshingly uncompromising and definite," said Shoshanna, an Israeli. "I think anyone who enjoyed the books would also enjoy the movie and anyone who has seen the movie, will be naturally curious to read the books."

An American Jew who moved to Israel said she would not see *The Passion*, but she enjoyed *Narnia* despite its "Christian" content.

In fact, the movie became a craze, with Israelis collecting *Narnia* action figures available in McDonald's Happy Meals. The *Chronicles of Narnia* series is available in bookstores in both English and the translated Hebrew version. Computer games are also on sale.

But it is the biblical themes and spiritual allegories used in this children's fictional series that are the most interesting contrivance emanating from the *Chronicles of Narnia*. "It was great, I wish all Israelis could understand the meanings behind the story and characters," said one Messianic Believer who preferred to remain anonymous. "*Narnia* succeeded in capturing a strong Israeli audience who, in the midst of likeable characters and high quality graphics, are hearing and seeing the message of the cross."

For this and other reasons, I maintain that this is a season for seed-sowing in Israel. Pray for our *Gospel According to Isaiah* series, which will be broadcast into Israel on DayStar network. —Jeffrey Seif



Come to the Jihad—Children's TV Show Encourages Child-Soldiers

www.ynetnews.com

An Egyptian Islamic cleric working for the state ministry of religious endowment has used a children's television program to encourage young children to strive for holy war.

During a program, the cleric told a story about Muslim children in history keen to "sacrifice" themselves and kill "infidels" for the cause of Islam.

"When a child is brought up in a good home, and receives proper education in faith, he loves martyrdom, which becomes like an instinct for him. He can never give it up."

On a previous Egyptian television show, a three-and-a-half year-old girl was asked to describe Jews. "They are apes and pigs... our God said so," was her reply. The girl's answer was enthusiastically received by the program's host. "Allah be praised. May our God bless her. No one could wish for a more devout girl. May God bless her and her parents," the host said.

See back page for our booklet/video offer that further exposes this horrifying reality.



Muslim father parades his daughter equipped with mock explosives.

Notable Quote:

"Jews are hated for what they are — so, at any moment in history, whatever they are is what they're hated for. For centuries in Europe, they were hated for being rootless-cosmopolitan types. Now there are no rootless European Jews to hate, so they're hated for being an illegitimate Middle Eastern nation-state. If the Zionist Entity were destroyed and the survivors forced to become perpetual cruise-line stewards plying the Caribbean, they'd be hated for that, too." ❖

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