

# Levitt Letter



"Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved."—ROMANS 10:1



Is this Russian-Iranian connection prophetic? A new ZLM TV series develops this theme.

## Russia Ships Nuclear Fuel To Iran

By Jim Heintz, Associated Press

Russia has begun delivering eight planned shipments of nuclear fuel to an Iranian nuclear power plant at the center of the international tensions over Tehran's atomic program, the Russian Foreign Ministry said.

The U.S. has been unhappy about Russia helping Iran build the Bushehr nuclear plant. But President Bush has supported Russia in providing uranium fuel to Iran as long as Moscow retrieves the used reactor fuel for reprocessing, as stipulated in an agreement between Russia and Iran.

"If that's the case — if the Russians are willing to do that, which I support — then the Iranians do not need to know how to enrich," Bush said. Iran contends the plant is strictly for civilian purposes, but critics say it could be used to advance efforts to build nuclear weapons. The construction of the Bushehr plant has been frequently delayed. Russia announced that its construction disputes with Iran had been resolved and said fuel deliveries would

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Bushehr nuclear power plant



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## Pray For The Peace of Pakistan

By Dr. Jeffrey L. Seif



Benazir Bhutto

Benazir Bhutto, 54, was assassinated on 27 December 2007.

Democratically elected as the first female prime minister of the Muslim country of Pakistan, she served as a leader in an Islamic world where women typically are not granted access to power. She served her first term from 1988 to 1990 and held the post again from 1993 through 1996. While making a fresh bid to influence Pakistani politics in 2007, she was mercilessly slain by Islamic extremists.

In the same year, 40 suicide attacks left 770 Pakistanis dead, and many others wounded — further evidence of a world on fire.

See Jeff's complete tribute at [www.levitt.com/news](http://www.levitt.com/news) ★

begin about a half year before Bushehr was expected to go into service.

“All fuel that will be delivered will be under the control and guarantees of the International Atomic Energy Agency for the whole time it stays on Iranian territory,” the Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

“Moreover, the Iranian side gave additional written guarantees that the fuel will be used only for the Bushehr nuclear power plant.”

The Russian Foreign Ministry reiterated its calls for Iran to halt enrichment, saying the Russian deliveries mean Tehran has “no objective need” for its own enrichment facility. However, Iranian vice president Gholam Reza Aghazadeh said Iran would continue its enrichment activities at a facility in the central city of Natanz to provide fuel for another nuclear reactor it plans in southwestern Iran.

Aghazadeh said it will take several more years for Iran to install 50,000 centrifuges in Natanz, an industrial-scale enrichment plant, to produce the fuel needed for its second nuclear reactor.

**This month, *Zola Levitt Ministries* will be shooting an eight-part prophecy series in Israel wherein we’ll look more closely at Ezekiel’s predictions about what Zola once called the “coming Russian invasion of Israel.” Stay tuned. — Jeffrey Seif**

## Israel: Iran Could Have Nuclear Bomb By 2010

By Ari Rabinovitch, Reuters

Israel believes Iran will have the resources to create a nuclear weapon by 2010 despite a U.S. intelligence report that it was not building an atomic bomb, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said. Olmert told his cabinet that Iran was continuing to enrich uranium and develop ballistic



*Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Mohamed ElBaradei*

missiles and that Israel would press the U.N.’s International Atomic Energy Agency to “expose Iran’s nuclear weapons activity.”

The U.S. National Intelligence Estimate (NIE) said Iran’s nuclear weapons program was frozen in 2003 and remained on hold, contradicting an earlier report that the Islamic Republic was bent on building the bomb. Olmert said Israel would continue seeking further sanctions against Iran, which he said would have enriched enough uranium to create a nuclear weapon by 2010. Israel says an Iranian nuclear weapon would pose a threat to its existence.



## WON BY ONE!

Will you please help us build our army of Jewish-loving, Christian Zionists? If everyone on our mailing list would speak to one or more like-minded friends, and encourage them to call us at 1-800-WONDERS to request our *Levitt Letter*, we could double our outreach overnight. Please help.

Notify a friend today. Have them contact us today and help us build “an army of one.”

Thanks. — Jeffrey Seif

# “...Be He God Or The Devil”

By Dr. David Reagan

European leaders, gathered in Lisbon, Portugal, signed “The Treaty of Lisbon,” which represents an attempt to further strengthen the European Union, increasing its powers as a super-state while diminishing the national sovereignty of its 27 member states.

Unlike the previously proposed constitution which required public approval, this treaty will bypass the public since it must be approved only by the parliament of each member state. The pact aims to create a more effective, centralized foreign policy, stronger central leadership, and more democratic decision-making.

A new post of foreign minister — in all but name only — is being created to give the EU a unified voice in foreign policy. He will speak for the EU at international conferences and at world organizations like the United Nations. The European Parliament, which until now has been primarily a debating society, is being given greater power to modify or reject legislation proposed by the EU Commission. The most important change from a biblical viewpoint is the creation of a supreme leadership post. In the past the EU has been ruled by a committee called the

“European Council” which is made up of the heads of government of the member nations. The chairmanship of this committee rotates every six months. The new treaty creates a full-time president of this Council who will be elected by the heads of government for a two-and-one-half year term, renewable once. What the EU has lacked is a strong, centralized executive. The new treaty takes the first step in creating this official by providing for an elected president of the Council.

I have anticipated this development for a long time. I believe this is paving the way for the rise of the antiChrist, whom I believe will take over the EU and serve as its president. I am reminded of a statement made 60 years ago by Paul Henri-Spaak (1899-1972), the former Prime Minister of Belgium, the first Chairman of the General Assembly of the United Nations (1945), and one of the key founders of the movement toward European unity. He said: “We do not want another committee. We have too many already. What we want is a man of sufficient stature to hold the allegiance of all people, and to lift us out of the economic morass in which we are sinking. Send us such a man and, be he God or the devil, we will receive him.” Such a man is on the horizon. We are witnessing the resurrection of the Roman Empire, an End Time event prophesied over 2,500 years ago by the prophet Daniel (2:31-45). ★



**Psalms 118: 24** *“This is the day the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.”*

# Shalom From Sandra



King George Tabernacle Baptist Church in King George, Virginia was the first church that asked me to speak after Zola's death almost two years ago. My friends Becky and Marshall encouraged and supported my speaking to congregations before anyone else. On this particular day, Pastor Sherman Davis was sitting about four rows behind me. When I felt a tap-tap on my shoulder, I turned around and heard him ask, “Do you know where you are going when you die?”

Startled by the question, I asked him “Do you know who I am?” I assumed that because I was the wife of Zola Levitt, everyone knew I was a Believer. But he kept asking the question. Pastor Davis was just making sure.

His wife, Darlene, was in the seat next to him just laughing and shaking her head. You could hear her saying, “That's my husband.” I must tell you that it did give me pause. That's the kind of witness I want to be. Bold enough to ask a noted Bible teacher's wife if she is saved. From that day on, Pastor Davis and I have been friends. He was one of the first to call me to speak, and for that I am grateful. He has since gone to Israel as one of our Ambassadors.

I never thought I would be speaking in front of people, but here I am, even though I came to it saying, “Lord, I can't do this.” But, I gave

*Please see page 32 for Holy Land 2008 tour details.*

each day to Him, and I *have* done it.

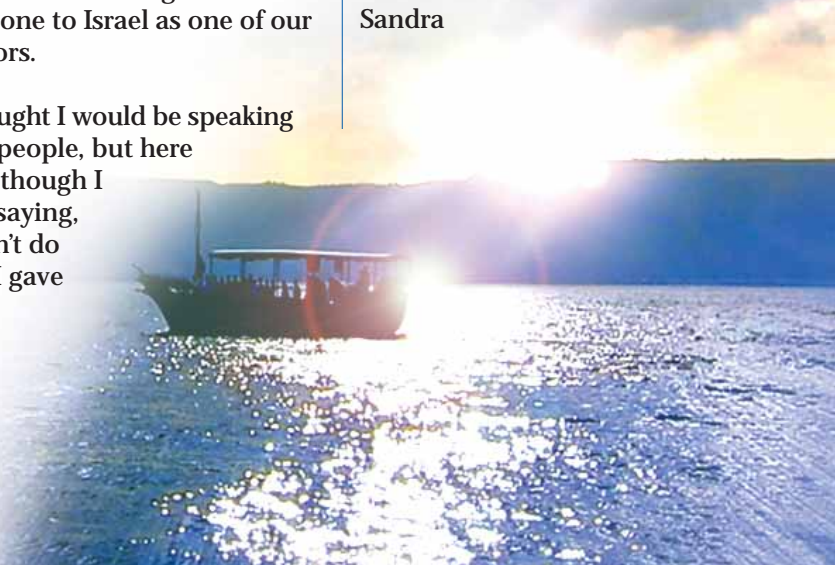
Not only have I spoken to many groups, but also I have grown to the point that I cannot wait to tell people about Israel, their Jewish Messiah, and God's love. God knew the plans He had for me. I just had to follow His lead.

I encourage each of you to follow God's lead. I know it may not be where you think you can go, but if God is calling you, it is from Him. I give God all the glory for the work I do for Him because it is from Him. *“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me”* Phil 4:13.

Plan on joining Jeff and me on the next tour of Israel, March 23 – April 2, or this summer, June 9 – 19. Seeing the Land of the Bible will change your life.

I wish you blessings as you pray for the peace of Jerusalem,

Sandra



## Germany: Duty To Protect Israel

Agence France-Presse, news.yahoo.com

German Chancellor **Angela Merkel** said she felt a moral duty to protect Israel and would stand firm in the face of Iran's nuclear ambitions and its threats to wipe the Jewish state off the map.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel (L) takes seat besides Charlotte Knobloch, President of the Central Council of Jews in Germany.  
(AFP/DDP/Marcus Brandt)



After receiving a prestigious award from the Central Council of Jews in Germany, Merkel said the prize gave her a responsibility to fight racism and to foster close ties between Germans and the Jewish community.

"Only by accepting Germany's past can we lay the foundation for the future. Only in as far as we acknowledge our responsibility for the moral catastrophe of Germany's history, can we build a humane future." She said the country could not merely pay lip service to these principles, but will be judged on how firmly it reacts to breaches inside its borders and also beyond them.

"I believe that in the face of the threat Iran's nuclear program poses to Israel, our responsibility must be more than empty words. These words must be backed up by deeds. My government will follow its words with action."



## France Vows To Defend Israel

By Nicholas Wapshott,  
www.NYSun.com

Reversing the anti-American stance of his many predecessors as president of France, **Nicolas Sarkozy** heralded a new and optimistic era of American-French relations on his first state visit to the U.S. France is ready to defend the existence of Israel, Mr. Sarkozy said, but the existence of a Palestinian Arab "nation state" is essential to end the Jewish state's differences with the Palestinians.



Mr. Sarkozy shrugged off France's reputation for anti-Semitism, declaring his full support for the security and integrity of the state of Israel, which, he said, should be guaranteed by international agreement. Mr. Sarkozy told of his efforts, while interior minister, to confront the poison of racial hatred, only to discover that anti-Semitic attacks were not even recorded by his department, which was responsible for law and order.



## Unveiled Women Get Death

By Sinan Salaheddin, Associated Press

Religious vigilantes killed at least 40 women in 2007 in the southern Iraqi city of Basra because of how they dressed, their mutilated bodies found with notes warning against “violating Islamic teachings.” Police Chief Maj. Gen. Jalil Khalaf blamed sectarian groups that he said were trying to impose a strict interpretation of Islam. They dispatch patrols of motorbikes or unlicensed cars with tinted windows to accost women not wearing traditional dress and headscarves.

Before 2003, Basra, Iraq’s second-largest city, was known for its mixed population and nightlife. Now, in some areas, red graffiti threatens any woman who wears makeup and appears with her hair uncovered: “Your makeup and your decision to forgo the headscarf will bring you death.”

Khalaf said bodies have been found in garbage dumps with bullet holes, decapitated, or otherwise mutilated with a sheet of paper nearby saying, “she was killed for adultery,” or “she was killed for violating Islamic teachings.” In September, the headless bodies of a woman and her 6-year-

old son were among those found, he said.

## No Hijab? Father Slays Daughter in Canada

AFP, [www.breitbart.com](http://www.breitbart.com)

Friends and classmates of a 16-year-old girl who police say was murdered by her devout Muslim father in a Toronto suburb told local media she was killed for not wearing a *hijab*. The victim, Aqsa Parvez, was rushed to hospital with life-threatening injuries, but tragically passed away. Her father, Muhammad Parvez, 57, was arrested at the scene and formally charged with murder. The girl’s friends told local media she was having trouble at home because she did not conform to the family’s religious beliefs and refused to wear a traditional Islamic headscarf, or *hijab*.

“She wanted to go different ways than her family wanted to go, and she wanted to make her own path, but he (her father) wouldn’t let her,” one of her classmates said. Said another of her friends, “She just wanted to dress like us, just like a normal person.”

The victim’s 26 year-old brother was charged with obstructing police in the investigation. ★



*A virtue policewoman apprehends two Islamic dress code violaters in Iran.*

*The police (Mutaween) are demanding separate sidewalks for men and women in Saudi Arabia. High Islamic fashion on display in stores at right.*



# What Does God Say About Women's Clothes and Hair?

By Zola Levitt (Levitt Letter, Feb. 1996)

I have been told that our outward appearance is just as important to God as our inward condition. That if women are to wear makeup, jewelry, pants, and cut or trim our hair we are out of the will of God. I want to do the Lord's will, but am confused especially by the following Scripture:

**I Cor. 11** — concerning a woman being covered when praying;

**I Pet. 3:3** and

**I Tim. 2:9** — “plaiting the hair, wearing of gold...”; and

**Deut. 22:5** — which seems to refer to cross-dressing.

Are women's pants considered men's apparel? I realize that we are no longer under the law, but I have been taught that any “moral” law that was considered an abomination to God is still an abomination.

Thank you, K. R.

Dear K.R. —

Your letter is a perfect example of the result of churches concentrating on

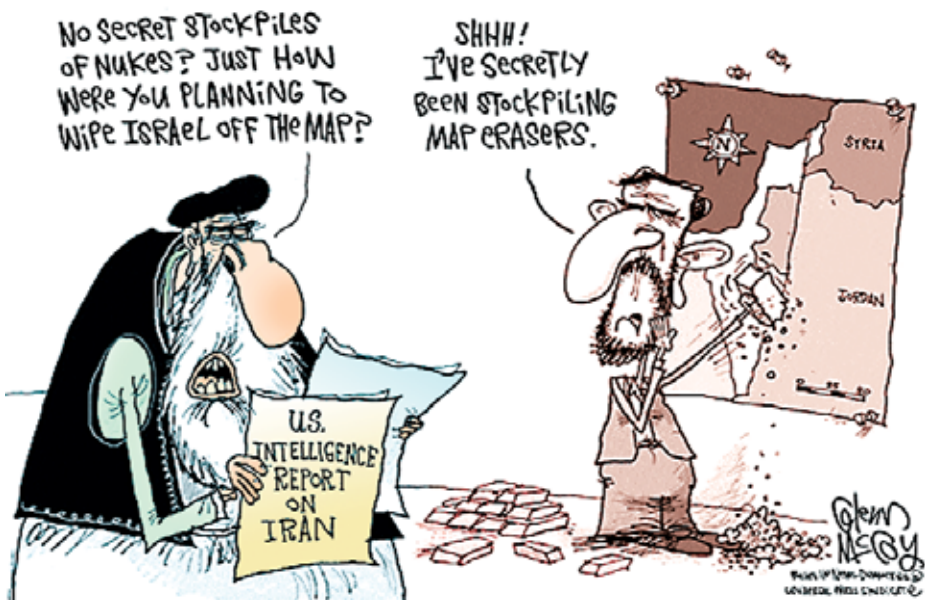
cultural nonessentials rather than on the true imperatives of the Gospel. It reminds me of a family holding a tea party while the house is burning down. This is Old Covenant thinking — how to act, dress, etc.



The Pharisees loved to nitpick about such things. And the belief that God is as concerned about our outward appearance as He is about our inward condition is precisely opposite to Scripture (“for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart” I Sam. 16:7).

Christ came to set us free from sin, and it is the inward renewing of our hearts and minds through the Holy Spirit that leads to righteous outward actions, not the other way around. God cares about 1) human souls, and 2) Israel and the Church; whether or not women braid their hair is surely low on the list. We need to be concerned above all that our hearts are right with the Lord. It is after that point that the Holy Spirit is able to lead us into all truth (John 16:13) and teach us, that we “may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God” (Romans 12:2).

— Zola



Should Christians make praying for their enemies an absolute priority? I say, *absolutely “Not!”* By contrast, I suggest that Christians *making enemies should be a priority* and then, once made, we should be praying for them. Sound strange? Listen up.

## DeSeifering Our World

By Dr. Jeffrey Seif



While Christians are fond of quoting Jesus praying “forgive them; they know not what they do” (Lk. 23:34), we do well to note that, though they didn’t know what they were doing, Jesus certainly did. At one level, they were responding to Jesus’ having previously and provocatively taken a whip to individuals in the Jewish Temple (see Jn. 2:13-22). Jewish authorities were, in like manner, responding to having been the object of Jesus’ prophetic scorn in Mt. 23:1-35, in the process of which they were referred to as “hypocrites” (v. 14; cf. vv. 23, 27), “blind guides” (v. 16; cf. vv. 24, 26), “fools” and “blind” (v. 17; cf. v. 24); and, as if all this wasn’t bad enough, Jesus likewise went on record calling them “serpents” and then “broods of vipers” in v. 33. Though Jesus prayed for His enemies, He also made His enemies on the heels of His provocations.

Paul, for his part, did much the same.

A riot ensued in the wake of Paul’s early ministry in Damascus, and he was spirited away in a basket to avoid getting killed (Acts 9:23-25). He narrowly escaped Thessalonica, when riots followed there (Acts 17:1-10). Luke informs that Paul generated so much discontent in Jerusalem that the authorities “called for two centurions... saying ‘Prepare two hundred soldiers, seventy horsemen and two hundred spearmen... and provide mounts to set Paul on, and bring him to Felix the governor’” (Acts 23:23-24).

Add Paul’s own autobiography to this mess, and we learn that he was slashed with whips many times, and on more than one occasion, beaten with rods, stoned with boulders, and imprisoned

frequently (2 Cor. 11:23-33). This guy was a virtual riot-maker! Though Paul graciously prayed for his enemies, let’s remember that he made them too. Had he done nothing with his life—as seems the case with many Christians today—the world would have ignored him, much as it ignores much of the boring and irrelevant in the Church today.

**“Praying for our enemies should not be our priority, as much as *making them* should be.”**

It’s for this and other reasons that I say praying for our enemies should not be our priority, as much as making them should be, by taking stands. Jesus, Paul, and the early brethren did not invoke the ire of the authorities by being really, really nice guys—the image of today’s Christians. No. They “stirred it up” by boldly contending for principles; and they, as we know, got into trouble by virtue of their so doing.

Seems to me that the issue of “praying for our enemies” is a moot and irrelevant point for many Christians today. Many simply don’t have any enemies to pray for because, contrary to the teachings and examples of Jesus and Paul, they are not doing anything to “ruffle any feathers” in the world. I say, “Let’s take stands, make enemies and then—of course—pray for them.”





# ZLM Mission Trip to Israel

By Daniel Williamson

To this day I can feel the joy that made my heart jump when I learned I'd been accepted to join a group going to Israel to minister, love, and encourage God's people. For this I am grateful to Zola Levitt Ministries' "To The Jew First Fund," which impacts Israelis and changes them for life.

This was my second mission trip to Israel, and I could not wait to get there and start witnessing! I love that the young Israelis are open to listening and hearing the truth. They are desperate for The Real Thing. I see a hunger in them for the truth—the real truth about Yeshua.

Out among the people, I had an incredible God-placed urge to tell them that I love them and their country. As I did this, the smiles on their faces touched me in a way I will not forget. I feel like I made family in Israel. I made a new home.

One memorable day, I was drawn to begin a conversation with a man. Then I just listened as he told me about his life and everything he had gone through—especially in the wars that Israel has fought—and I was blown away by the stories he told. I remember assuring him that God loved him, and he responded, "Yes, I know." But I repeated myself and said, "It's in a way so much more that He wants you to know." My heart went out to him because I could sense his hunger for something beyond what he was taught growing up. I was able share some Scripture about Yeshua and hand him some teaching materials. It blessed me that he was open and willing to accept me even though I am not from Israel.

I learned to let God's love shine through me, and to let Him do the work. This was an experience I will never forget. It was more than just *doing*; it was about being the example that Christ told us to be. My heart longs for Israel and the people in such a way that I cannot put into words. I am indeed grateful that the supporters of Zola Levitt Ministries sent me to the place I will one day call home. ★



Daniel (left) at the Garden Tomb

# If You Build It, The World Will Protest

By Will King,  
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Will King

Is east Jerusalem a settlement? This is the question that many are asking. The Israeli government's Housing and Construction Ministry recently announced that it was seeking tenders for building some 300 new homes in Jerusalem. However, the neighborhood, Har Homa, is located in the very southeastern part of the city between Kibbutz Ramat Rachel and the Palestinian-occupied city of Bethlehem. Its location across the Green Line, the ceasefire line after the Arab invasion of Israel in 1948, has rekindled the debate over Israeli building projects in Judea and Samaria (a.k.a. the West Bank).

If you ask a Palestinian Authority official, he will undoubtedly recite the familiar rhetoric: they demand all of the territory in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza that Israel captured in 1967 from Jordan and Egypt (not from "Palestinians"). Chief Palestinian negotiator Ahmed Qureia recently said, "Jerusalem is part of the Palestinian territories, and (Israel) should not build settlements on it, the same as the other areas occupied in 1967."

The United Nations for a very long time has had an anti-Israel agenda in its many General Assembly and sub-committee meetings. UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon said of the planned expansion in Har Homa: "The UN position on the illegality of settlements is well known."

The United States has also come out against the plans to build more housing in Jerusalem. In a recent press conference, spokesman for the Department of State Tom Casey said, "You know our position on settlements. It is outlined in the Road Map and we certainly want to see both Israelis and

Palestinians honor the commitments that they have made there." Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice told reporters at a separate press conference: "We are in a time when the goal is to build maximum confidence with the parties, and this doesn't help to build confidence."



But how do the Israelis see the issue of building in east Jerusalem? Mark Regev, a spokesman for Prime Minister Ehud Olmert's office, said in a statement, "Israel makes a clear distinction between the West Bank and Jerusalem. Israel has never made a commitment to limit our sovereignty in Jerusalem. Implementation of the first phase of the Road Map does not apply to Jerusalem."

The Har Homa neighborhood, which today has 5,000 residents on 460 acres, was first built under Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in 1997. Although across the Green Line, it is located within Jerusalem's municipal boundaries. Therefore, Israel sees it not as a settlement in Judea and Samaria, but rather as any other part of Jerusalem. Israel has already committed itself to a settlement freeze in Judea and Samaria, but Jerusalem is one of the so-called "final status issues" that are to be settled only in the final phase of negotiations in the Road Map. The bottom line is that Har Homa is not in violation of the Oslo Accords, the settlement freeze, or the Annapolis Conference. ★

# There's No Business Like Know Business

By Patrick Cox, Contributing Editor

If you've been following intelligence reports regarding the Middle East these last few months, you're probably as confused as I am about what's really going on over there. There is, however, one bit of information that is coming through loud and clear in the conflicting and bewildering actions of the CIA and other covert agencies: the same public political battle over America's relationship with Israel is going on in secret among our most powerful spymasters.



A National Intelligence Estimate released in December was clearly designed to give the impression that Iran has called off its own nuclear weapons development program—despite Iranian President Ahmadinejad's periodic statements bragging of his country's success in producing weapons grade uranium.

Criticism of the NIE report was swift and furious by legions of experts who pointed out that, hidden in the fine print, were serious warnings that no actual evidence supporting the claims that Iran has abandoned plans to build nuclear weapons exists.

President Sarkozy of France made the unprecedented point of disagreeing with the U.S. intelligence and agreeing with Israel's opinion that Iran is developing nuclear weapons.

President Bush publicly disagreed with the report's summary statement, but America's mainstream media, normally hyper-skeptical of anything our intelligence agencies say, successfully sold the report as evidence that the U.S. government has been persecuting the innocent Iranians—forgetting apparently Ahmadinejad's repeated promises to see Israel “wiped off the map.” Also forgotten

was Iran's recent war on Israel using its Hezbollah proxy and the fact that there is no conceivable economic reason for the oil-rich nation to purify uranium.

President Ahmadinejad praised the NIE and actually pronounced “victory” over the Bush administration's efforts to build an international movement capable of forcing Iran to abandon uranium enrichment. Israeli analysts despaired. Minister Yitzhak Cohen compared the NIE to World War II era intelligence reports that discounted evidence of the ongoing Holocaust. Many people, myself included, believe that the likelihood of war in the Middle East has been increased by the NIE.

I have some simple questions. Who did this? Who are they and what axes are they grinding? Were they encouraged, like author and former CIA analyst Michael Scheuer, by political operatives within the intelligence community to attack President Bush's Middle East policy and America's alliance with Israel? Are they “in the know”? I say “no.”

We'll probably never know all the facts. I recognize the need for secrecy when it comes to ongoing investigations of terrorist organizations and critical international negotiations. There are certainly times when the public's desire to know has to come second. Right now, however, it looks to me as if an entrenched intelligence bureaucracy, the same people who missed the al-Qaeda threat, are exploiting their secret status to manipulate foreign policy with neither accountability nor oversight.



# No Room At The Inn For Bibles

By Roya Wolverson, [www.Newsweek.com](http://www.Newsweek.com)

In the rooms of Manhattan's trendy Soho Grand Hotel guests can enjoy an eclectic selection of underground music, iPod docking stations, flat-screen TVs and even the living company of a complimentary goldfish. But, alas, the word of God is nowhere to be found. Unlike traditional hotels, the 10-year-old boutique has never put Bibles in its guest rooms, because "society evolves," says hotel spokeswoman Lori DeBlois. Providing Bibles would mean the hotel "would have to take care of every guest's belief."

What might be surprising to many Americans is that the Bible-free room isn't a development just in hip New York City hotels. Across the country upscale accommodations are doing away with the Bible as a standard room amenity. And in its stead have arrived a slew of "lifestyle" products that cater to a younger, hipper (and presumably less religious) clientele. Since 2001 the number of luxury hotels with religious materials in the rooms has dropped by 18 percent, according to the American Hotel and Lodging Association. The Nashville-based Gideons International, which has distributed copies of the Christian scripture to hotels since 1908, declined to comment on this trend.

Edgier chains provide "intimacy kits" with condoms in the minibar, and a "One Night Stand" package for guests seeking VIP treatment at local nightclubs and late checkout for the hazy morning after.



*One thing travelers could count on in their hotel rooms: a Bible in the bedside table. But like many traditions, this one may be dying.*

Even the staid Marriott chain, founded by a Mormon, is debating whether or not to include Bibles in its yet-to-be-named boutique chain. Marriott spokesman John Wolf says the Bible question is premature for the new venture, which he describes as "cutting-edge," "more urban" and "less values-oriented."

Now, there's a marketing slogan no one's tried yet: "Sleep with us. Leave the values at home." ★



## Green Tea Repairs Brain Cells

By Hana Levi Julian, [www.IsraelINN.com](http://www.IsraelINN.com)

Green tea has long been thought to have a healing effect on



the human body. Now a study by an Israeli scientist has found proof in the laboratory of the Technion Institute of Science in Haifa.

A research team led by Dr. Silvia Mandel found that green tea extract fed to mice with Parkinson's and Alzheimer's disease protected the brain cells from dying. It also stopped the process of degeneration in cells that were already affected. The research findings showed that the main antioxidant polyphenol found in green tea extract, called EGCG, reduced compounds at the molecular level that lead to lesions in the brain. The amount of EGCG injected into the mice was equal to that found in approximately two to four cups of green tea per day.

Her study, presented at the Fourth International Scientific Symposium on Tea and Human Health in Washington D.C., was one of the first to show the actual mechanism of EGCG when it enters the neurons in the brain. Mandel said a "neuro-rescue" study by one of her Ph.D. students showed EGCG not only prevented further deterioration

of brain cells in mice affected with Parkinson's disease, but also helped regenerate the neurons that were already damaged.

"In the past, it was thought that once brain cells were damaged, there was no way to repair them. The major question is whether these promising results are reproducible in humans," said Mandel.

## Muslim Helps Jews Build Synagogue

*Israel Today*

Jewish residents in the small, rural town of Springdale, Arkansas finally achieved their dream of building a synagogue, but with unlikely help: that of a Palestinian, Muslim contractor.

Temple Shalom congregants had met in a home, or wherever they could, until they bought land for a synagogue. Contractor Fadil Bayyari, an immigrant to the U.S., waived his regular fee, saving the Temple at least \$250,000.

Jeremy Hess, a founding member of Temple Shalom and building project coordinator, said Bayyari taught him that "you can't judge anyone except by the character of what they are." "Abraham is our forefather," Bayyari said. "We're first cousins. How we got to hate each other is beyond me."

What a marvelous story. In today's world, I wish that Mr. Bayyari's sentiment was more the "rule" and less the "exception." Would that there were millions more like him. — Jeffrey Seif



# John Hagee Controversy

By Dr. Jeffrey L. Seif

Recently, a consortium of Messianic Jewish scholars proffered an official declaration taking Pastor John Hagee to task for inappropriate theological innovations. Though asked to participate, I declined, because the whole affair saddens me and I didn't want to get Zola Levitt Ministries involved.

As many of you know, over the years Pastor John Hagee has shown himself to be a real friend of the Jews — one of the best. His intransigent personal and professional support for Israel — articulated time and time again in his church, through conferences, and over his syndicated TV program — has caught the attention of evangelical Christianity and world Jewry, and gained him acceptance in the corridors of power in secular and religious Jewish circles. With other Messianic Jewish leaders, I rejoiced in his good success.

## “Jews did *not* reject Jesus as Messiah”

However, in his recent book, *In Defense of Israel*, Pastor Hagee takes a theological turn that makes many in the Messianic Jewish world feel betrayed and prompts cries of “heresy.” Hagee says: “Jews did *not* reject Jesus as Messiah” (p. 132), “Jesus was to be a light to the gentiles” — *not* the Jews (p. 133), “the message of the Gospel was *from* Israel *not to* Israel” (p. 134), and “had Jesus permitted himself to become the reigning Messiah to the Jews, he would have *missed* the sovereign will of God for his life” (p. 134).



Hagee goes on to say: “it was not the Father’s will, nor his, to be Messiah” (p. 138), and, “The Jews were not rejecting Jesus as Messiah; it was Jesus who was refusing to be the Messiah of the Jews” (p. 140).

The Union of Messianic Jewish Congregations — one of the Messianic movement’s most significant, formal associations of Messianic Jewish theologians and rabbis/pastors — tendered a critical response, as have a variety of other Messianic Jews. The MJAA response can be pulled from their website ([www.umjc.net](http://www.umjc.net)), where they show Hagee the respect due him but gently unpack what seem to be his errors.

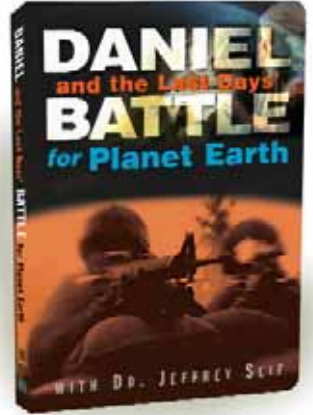


Pastor John Hagee

Pastor Hagee may just be playing with words, wanting to underscore that Jesus came at the first, only to be rejected — and thus did not want to be the reigning Messiah anticipated by Israel. Hagee may be saying that when He returns, at the Second Coming, He will be willing to be the glorious and reigning Messiah that Israel envisions and has long anticipated. If this is what Hagee means, maybe we just need to understand him more clearly.

Zola Levitt Ministries wishes him the best, personally and professionally. We hope he’ll either help us understand what we’re missing in what he’s saying, or that he will rethink what he is saying, and accept the correction from the Messianic Jewish leaders who love him but are concerned by his intellectual waywardness on this point. ★

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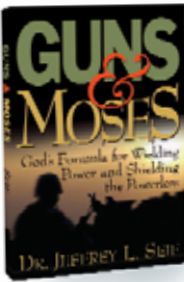
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*But the righteous one is gracious and giving (Psalm 37:21)*

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and giving			is gracious			but the righteous		

### The Importance of Giving

In Jewish tradition, *tzedakah* is an act of righteousness that comes from our duty to help others in need. It is sometimes understood as “charity,” but the root word means justice or fairness rather than philanthropy or generosity. *Tzedakah* means “doing the right thing” by demonstrating *tzedek* (justice, fairness) in your life. The Scriptures command: *Tzedek, tzedek tirdof*: “justice, justice you shall pursue” (Deut.16:20), and therefore helping others in need is a divine imperative.

A person who routinely practices righteousness is called a *tzaddik*, a righteous man (a *tzedeket* is a righteous woman). Followers of Yeshua (Jesus) are to be known as *tzaddikim* (Matt. 5:16; 1 John 2:29, 3:7,10) because they demonstrate their love by giving to others.

Some of the Jewish sages have said that practicing *tzedakah* is among the highest of all the *mitzvot* (commandments), along with *teshuvah* (repentance) and *tefillah* (prayer). Indeed, *tzedakah* is declared to be life-giving: *be'orach-tzedakah chayim* — “in the path of *tzedakah* there is life.”

Note that this verse further identifies the *tzaddik* as gracious (from *chanan*, one of the key attributes of the Name of the Lord given in Ex. 34:6-7) and *giving* (from *natan*, the root of the Hebrew word for gift). The *tzaddik* goes beyond the obligation to perform *tzedakah* as a mere outward duty and practices benevolent love.

Of course the greatest act of *tzedakah* was demonstrated by the gracious gift of Yeshua as our sacrifice for sin. He alone truly fulfilled the Torah of Moses and gave Himself as a sacrificial offering upon the cross at Moriah to save the world from the wrath of God (2 Cor. 5:19; John 3:36). By means of His substitutionary death, those who trust in Him are also justified as *tzaddikim*, since “the *tzaddik* shall live by faith” (see Hab. 2:4, Rom. 1:17, Gal. 3:11).

**Ultimately, then, this verse is about Jesus — the Righteous One who is gracious and giving to all who call upon him. Blessed be His Name.**



## Atheism For Kids

By Gene Edward Veith,  
[www.leaderu.com](http://www.leaderu.com)

It sounds like a storyline for one of the projected new Narnia books: A wizard creates another parallel fantasy world, one that is, in every way, the exact opposite of Narnia. Whereas Narnia is a realm of light, moral order, and Christian symbolism, this new world is grounded in darkness, rebellion, and atheistic symbolism. This new parallel universe grows in popularity and power, whereupon the wizard and his minions launch an attack on Narnia itself.

But this is not a storyline for a new Narnia book; the attack on Narnia is happening in the real world.

Philip Pullman is the author of *His Dark Materials*, a bestselling fantasy trilogy for children that in sales and popularity ranks just behind the Harry Potter series. Pullman's series is about a cosmic struggle against the "Kingdom of Heaven." Its ruler is an old man with a white beard—described as a doddering, senile sadist—who tries to make everyone conform to his wishes at the threat of eternal punishment. This is Mr. Pullman's portrayal of God. Hypocritical churches enforce His tyrannies on Earth.

The children in the novels must join with rebel angels to overthrow this tyrant and to replace this authoritarian hierarchy with a more egalitarian "Republic of Heaven." The storyline unfolds in a labyrinthine plot that is part science fiction and part dark fantasy, seasoned with old-fashioned scientific materialism, libertarian ethics, and esoteric symbolism.

The anti-Christian subtext of the series grows from book to book. Readers can easily miss it in the first



volume, *The Golden Compass*. In the second, *The Subtle Knife*, the caricature of God as a cruel old man becomes explicit. By the third, *The Amber Spyglass*, characters are openly going beyond the fantasy universe to say things like, "The Christian religion is a very powerful and convincing mistake, that's all." ★

Read this entire book review and Veith's conclusions at [www.levitt.com/news](http://www.levitt.com/news).

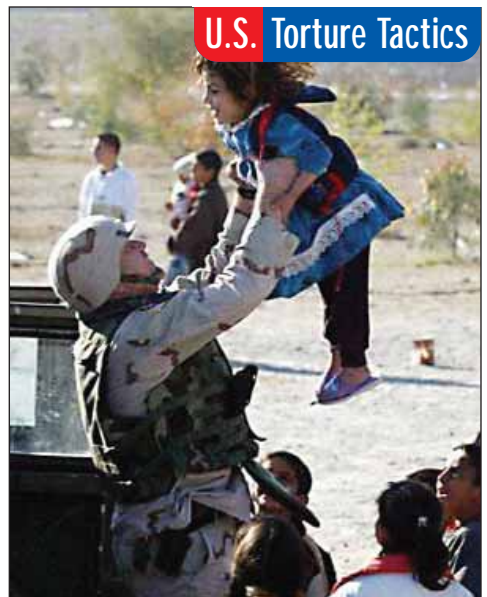
## Embarrassed To Be A Christian

[news.bbc.co.uk](http://news.bbc.co.uk)



**Tony Blair** avoided talking about his religious views while in office for fear of being labeled "a nutter," the former UK prime minister revealed. In an interview for the BBC One production *The Blair Years*, he said that his faith had been "hugely important" to his premiership.

His ex-spokesman Alastair Campbell once told reporters: "We don't do God." Campbell has now acknowledged to the program that his former boss "does do



God in quite a big way,” but that both men feared the public would be wary.

During the interview, Blair said having faith was a crucial component for him in having the character to take on the prime minister’s job. “For me, having faith was an important part of being able to do that,” he said. But while it was commonplace in the U.S. and elsewhere for politicians to talk about their religious convictions, he added, “you talk about it in our system and, frankly, people do think you’re a nut.”

Campbell added that the former prime minister always asked his aides to find him a church to attend, wherever he happened to be, each Sunday. “I think his close circle always understood that there was a part of him that was really, really important. On that kind of spiritual level it did inform a lot of what he talked about, what he read... what he felt was important.”



## Muslim Activists Infiltrate Presidential Debates

[www.WorldNetDaily.com](http://www.WorldNetDaily.com)

Radical Islamist groups are planting activists posing as ordinary Muslim Americans to ask candidates questions at the presidential debates.

The controversial Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), several of whose leaders have been prosecuted on terror-related charges, sent the executive director of its Chicago chapter to take part in the Democratic presidential debate in Des Moines, Iowa, which was supposed to be an opportunity for “ordinary people” to

ply candidates with questions. At the debate, CAIR-Chicago Executive Director **Ahmed Rehab**



stood up and asked if they would help

## Greek Church: “No Land To Jews!”

By Aaron Klein,  
[www.WorldNetDaily.com](http://www.WorldNetDaily.com)



Theophilos III

**Theophilos III**, the man enthroned as Greek Orthodox patriarch of Jerusalem, has been asked by church leaders to cancel the sale to Jewish groups of land constituting a key entrance to Jerusalem’s Old City. Ownership of the land in question—two hotels that make up a large section of the Jaffa Gate, the principal entrance to the Old City of Jerusalem—could be crucial in the future status of Jerusalem during upcoming Israeli-Palestinian negotiations.

The question of the ownership of the Jaffa Gate properties is at the center of a debate. A top church official said Theophilos’ leadership will stand against selling land to Jews. “Any deal that can serve the judiaization of Jerusalem is against the policy Theophilos wants the church to adopt. **Eastern Jerusalem is for the Palestinians.**”



Muslims fight “prejudice” and other “abuses” such as hate crimes.

Despite Rehab’s assertion that Muslims are victims of hate crimes and other abuses, the FBI released 2006 data showing the overwhelming majority of such crimes—66 percent—target Jews.

At the Republican debate in St. Petersburg, Florida, a former CAIR intern challenged GOP presidential hopefuls about the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. Wearing a *hijab*, **Yasmin Elhady** complained they’ve created anger in the Muslim world. “My question has to do with the current crisis in Iraq, as well as the U.S. efforts in Afghanistan,” she said. “What would you do as president to repair the image of America in the eyes of the Muslim world?”





# Letters to ZIM

## Letter From A Muslim

Jeff Seif,

Your calling yourself a theologian is an exaggeration and a belittlement of the status of theologians. A preacher, author, propagandist, columnist. I can see those titles, but not a theologian. Not only is your monthly letter void of any spiritual fruit or gems of religious enlightenment, but it is also full of errors and deception. I hold it in contempt. As for your constant criticism of Islam, you only prove to me your ignorance of Islam. Don't forget what the Prophet Mohammed (peace be upon him) was calling to — the worship of the One True God, to enjoin good and forbid evil, to shun sin and disobedience to God, to pray to God and fast, and give to charity to the poor, the destitute, and the needy. I expect your view from the Godless, not from those who claim to be men of God. Re-examine your views and stances.

May Allah Guide You to the Truth, B. C.

Thanks for writing, B.C. –

I believe that everyone who shares a word about God is at that moment serving as a theologian; the only question is whether someone is a good theologian or a bad one. So, though I may be a horrible theologian in your estimation, I am one nonetheless. That out of the way, I commend the virtues espoused in your recitation of Mohammed's "calling," as you put it. If you would please remind everyone in the Middle East who claims to follow Mohammed that this is the essence and substance of Islam, then perhaps theologians like me won't take issue with a religion that has lofty rhetoric *in theory*, but causes untold miseries *in practice*.

May Your Mind and Your Conscience Guide You Back to Reality, — Jeffrey Seif



*Thanks for not only a wonderful 2007 but also, if the Lord tarries, what promises to be an eventful and rewarding 2008! Ladies, Left to Right: Jane, Marty, Debbie, Anette, Marta, Dahlia, Sandra, Kate, Sandra, Cynthia. Guys, Left to Right: Greg, Mark, Jeff, Will, Scott, Daniel.*

## No Icons, Please

Shalom, Sandra and Jeff,

Have you ever considered a tour to Israel without the Catholic/pagan sites? I have been on two tours (not Zola's) and was sickened by all the gaudy icons and swirling smoke lanterns. Love your magazine and TV presentation.

Yours in Yeshua, H.K.

Dear H.K.—

Many people have vested interests in the “Holy Land,” do they not? Some tours are geared to Catholics’ interests, others to Protestants’. Participants on Jewish tours disregard all the Christian holy sites and focus, instead, on places deemed significant for modern Jews. Typically, pilgrims who come with us want to see Israel through Jewish eyes, and are pleased when we, likewise, embellish their travel experience with prophecy-related insights from the Word. —Jeffrey Seif

On our Israel and Greek tours, we make distinctions between “traditional” and “authentic” sites. An example of a “traditional” site would be the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and an example of an authentic site would be the Southern Steps of the Temple in Jerusalem. For sure Yeshua walked on these steps. It is important to remember as we follow in the footsteps of Yeshua and the apostles that it is not the exact *where*, but the *why*. Our tour has always been heavy on the authentic sites and I invite you to join us on an upcoming tour. Blessings,

—Sandra”



## Rush Order, Please

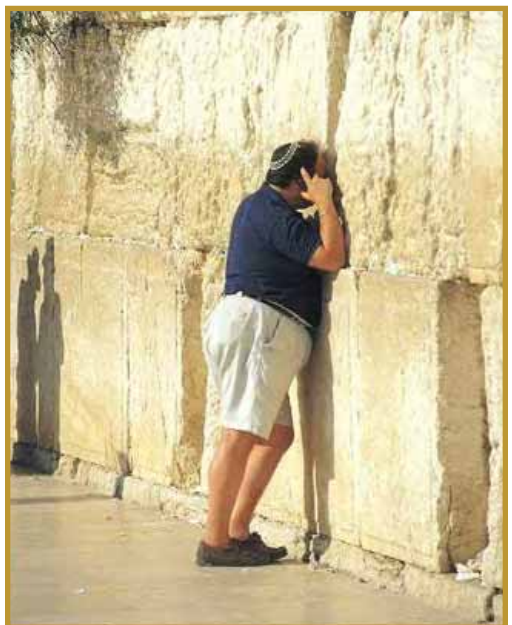
Dear ZLM,

Your timeline, “4-5 weeks for processing,” puzzles me. In my humanness, I question your customer service perspective. In my heart, I ask if an increasing desire for knowledge and understanding should be held at bay or even squelched. Is not what you supply more important than the next T-shirt, which arrives in 48-72 hours or 24 hours rush? Is this a ploy for hidden fees? I hope not. Shalom, M.L.M.

Dear M.L.M.—

Nope... no hidden ploy for hidden fees here, or any other ploys for that matter. This ministry gives away lots of free television and newsletters, and is much more than an order fulfillment company. We process many contributions and don't mark up our teaching materials very much, and we hire minimal staff so as to conserve funds. Our nominal rush charges aren't much compared with our monstrous airtime invoices.

—Mark



Hello God! I t's Sid. Can you hear me??

## Spreading The Gospel In Israel

Dear ZLM,

Would you kindly address a question about Israel, namely the issue of proselytizing? I've heard the country has strong anti-conversion laws. Does this mean that witnessing to a Jewish person is illegal?

God Bless, L. D.

Dear L.D. –

Judaism's national homeland does have a law designed to protect the national character from outside influences, with a provision against religions evangelizing in Israel. A democracy, however, the State does not enforce this. Nevertheless, groups of Orthodox discontents do stir up trouble and endeavor to hinder the Gospel's advancement—to no avail, however. The Gospel is expanding in Israel. —Jeffrey Seif



## Spreading The Gospel In Prison

Dear ZLM,

I am an inmate in the North Carolina Correctional System. I have found several of your newsletters and enjoy them immensely. I have been struggling with the importance of Christianity maintaining its link to Judaism, and find your outlook fresh and refreshing, as well as informative.

Sincerely, D. T.

## The Duties of Deacons

Dear Zola Levitt Ministries,

About your straight talk, I catch a little grief in the Sunday School class I teach as a deacon, to my biblical description of a deacon—his duties and attitude. Please pay no heed to the naysayers; stay the course and keep the faith.

Your Brother in Christ, R. S.

Dear R.S.—

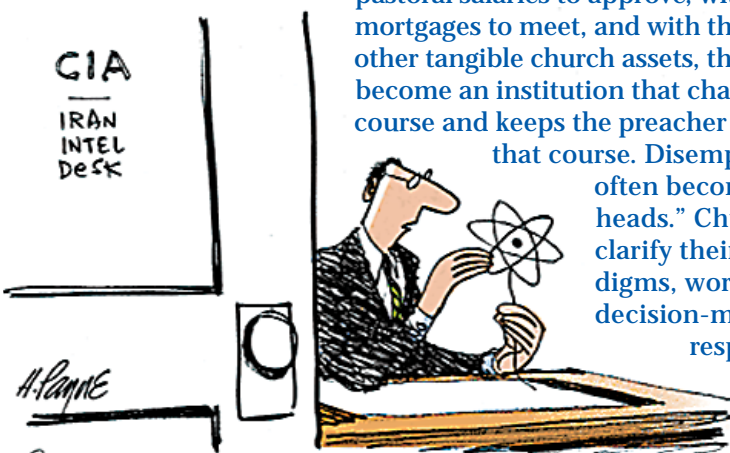
In biblical times, the “deaconate” acted principally as the church's service entity, constituted to dispense grace to those inside and outside the Church. Today, with

pastoral salaries to approve, with physical plants' mortgages to meet, and with the need to manage other tangible church assets, the “deaconate” has become an institution that charts the church's course and keeps the preacher “in line,” i.e., on that course. Disempowered pastors

often become mere “figure-heads.” Churches do well to clarify their leadership paradigms, work through their decision-making roles and responsibilities, and

outline respective spheres of authorization.

—Jeffrey Seif



“THEY'RE DEVELOPING NUKES... THEY'RE DEVELOPING NUKES NOT. THEY'RE...”





## Wise As a Serpent: A Fox Guarding the Henhouse

By Mark Levitt



Dear Dr. Seif,

Please examine some recent articles by Mark Levitt. In the June, August, October and December *Levitt Letters*, Mr. Levitt has written sweeping generalizations stating how self-serving financial planners are. Mark's inane babble against all financial professionals is prejudiced, juvenile, and astonishingly uninformed. What kind of experience in the financial services industry does Mark have? A lot of financial planners are born again and truly care for and do great jobs for their clients.

I'm an ordained minister and 16-year veteran of the financial services industry. I can tell you for a fact that Mark's comments are flat-out wrong, deceptive, and potentially harmful to your readers. Investors without guidance usually do the wrong thing at the wrong time. Mr. Levitt is obviously blinded by personal prejudices and has absolutely no idea what he is talking about. His false characterizations reflect poorly upon ZLM.

J.S.

Dear J.S.—

Thanks for pointing out that generalizations do not apply to individuals. Like the similar mortgage brokering industry, which is now in a state of meltdown, the stock brokerage profession has systemic problems, ones which can tempt or force brokers away from what's best for their clients.

In 2000, I was as wise as a dove when it came to investing. I trusted implicitly a Christian stockbroker whom I'd met through the Cub Scout troop at my children's Christian school. Unfortunately, he worked only to generate income for himself while

ravaging the savings of Zola, Sandra, my wife, my children, my mother-in-law, this ministry, and me. He traded at his discretion without proper authorization. Then I got to see from inside how dishonest and biased against the investor the NASD crony arbitration is.

Even this ministry's best researcher could not locate any public record of our family's multiple cases against the broker or brokerage. The paltry judgment amounts awarded to Zola and my wife for their IRA losses are well-kept secrets to this day—even though that same broker has had two subsequent complaints upheld against him.

Visit [www.levitt.com/newsletters/2003-09.pdf](http://www.levitt.com/newsletters/2003-09.pdf) (p. 21) to read about Eliot Spitzer, "The Sheriff of Wall Street."<sup>\*</sup> He was the attorney general of just one state, New York, so why did he take it upon himself to hotly pursue *national* investment firms? Answer: he believed the SEC and NASD weren't doing enough. The awards that Spitzer won were slaps on the wrist. Now that he has become governor, I can hear the wolves of Wall Street asking investors, "Where's your sheriff now?!"

J.S., I stick by my guns on recommending the experts cited in my articles: Scott Burns, Daniel Solin and, for investors who want assistance, the flat-fee consultants at Vanguard. As I've said, human nature is the culprit, not well-meaning Believers like you. (Dear Reader: Commissions on investments facilitate conflicts of interest that make me wonder why brokerages are paid based on the amounts you invest rather than on how much they make for you.)

— Mark

P.S. [www.wikipedia.com](http://www.wikipedia.com)'s description of the NASD includes: "Being an industry organization, the NASD has been accused of turning a blind eye to broker/dealers' biggest abuses."



<sup>\*</sup>Or see [www.cbsnews.com/stories/2003/05/23/60minutes/main555310.shtml](http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2003/05/23/60minutes/main555310.shtml)

# Jets For Jesus

By Rachel Zoll, Associated Press

Though the six televangelists under investigation by a Senate committee are an understandable embarrassment to many, some are wondering whether the investigation led by Republican Sen. Charles Grassley of Iowa is the right way to end the alleged wrongdoing.

Grassley, a member of the Senate Finance Committee, asked the ministries to submit records on compensation, board oversight, and perks — from oceanside homes and expensive furniture to flights on private jets. IRS rules for nonprofits prevent pastors and other insiders from excessive personal gain through their tax-exempt work. Even so, the groups are not legally required to disclose financial information to the Senate.

All the televangelism ministries preach a form of Word of Faith theology, known as the “prosperity gospel,” which effectively teaches that God wants Believers to be rich. Grassley quipped about the lifestyles of the preachers under his investigation, saying “Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, not a Rolls Royce.”

Pentecostal leaders and defenders of Christian orthodoxy have also challenged the TV preachers about their lifestyles or beliefs, as have others. Hank Hanegraaff, president of the Christian Research Institute, an evangelical apologetics group in Charlotte, N.C., has written and spoken extensively for more than a decade about what he considers the dangers of teachings by the televangelists in view: Hinn, Meyer, Dollar, and others. But even he says he has concerns about the impact of the Grassley investigation.

The prosperity preachers’ overly-simplistic and misleading “name it and claim it” doctrines are offensive, as are their lavish lifestyles. With Grassley, cognizant that “Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, not a Rolls Royce,” I find



Televangelist boards a private jet.

preachers’ excesses to be problematic at best, and disgusting at worst. The issue, however, isn’t what the government thinks about the propriety of a reverend in a Rolex. If these individuals are crystal clear with their respective supporters about their love-of-money religion, and if their donors are willing to contribute to their lavish lifestyles, then maybe they deserve each other.

It’s not the government’s role to judge the propriety of bad religion! That’s the job of ministers of the Gospel and representatives of Christ’s Church. You who make spiritual and material investments to Zola Levitt Ministries can rest assured that you are feeding the needy worldwide who learn of God’s grace through the time you provide for us on television. Your contributions to ZLM are used to spread the Gospel and not for Rolls Royces, private jets, and \$15-million mansions.

— Jeffrey Seif

Zola Levitt Ministries has always encouraged Believers to support Israel — whether through our ministry or another — and to be discerning when making donations. While the jury is out on these “prosperity” ministries, let me remind you that ZLM has been around for 30 years and has one of the highest ratings from Charity Navigator. We also have several focused-giving programs, in which 100% of any monies given goes directly to those who need it most. Please check our website,

[www.levitt.com](http://www.levitt.com)

and its links section for a list of these and other charities and volunteer ministries that we support. — Sandra



## Muslims Against Sharia

By Jamie Glazov,  
[www.FrontPageMagazine.com](http://www.FrontPageMagazine.com)

*Front Page Magazine* interviewed Khalim Massoud of Muslims Against Sharia, an organization of moderate Muslims who want to reform Islam and return it to the peaceful religion they believe it once was.

Massoud's willingness to confront pointed questions is displayed in the following exchange:

**Front Page:** Mr. Massoud, please do not misunderstand my questions and arguments here. I am in full support of you and your organization and it is obviously the West's and the world's prayer that Muslims will follow people like you. I am only asking these questions to clarify matters and to crystallize if the possibility of an Islamic reformation is truly a genuine hope and can be based on strong and realistic foundations.

**Massoud:** Mr. Glazov, there is no reason to qualify your questions. They are legitimate attempts to get to the truth of the matter and nobody should be offended by honest and direct questions about "sensitive" subjects. Failing to ask those questions is what got us where we are today in the first place.

[Mr. Massoud discusses the inconsistencies of the Koran, tactics of radical Muslims, and what moderate Muslims](#)

and the West need to do to defeat radical Islam. Read the entire in-depth interview at [www.levitt.com/news](http://www.levitt.com/news).

## Palestinians Prefer Killing Jews

By Samuel Blumenfeld,  
[www.WorldNetDaily.com](http://www.WorldNetDaily.com)

Journalist Mark Steyn recently spoke in Massachusetts. He stated: "Europeans forget it was American power that saved Europeans from their own self-destruction and that American armed forces are still stationed in Germany 60 years after the end of World War II. Europeans can afford to be pacifists because they expect America to do the fighting for them.

"The Muslim invasion of Europe has brought with it a new virulent form of anti-Semitism. In Britain, for example, synagogues now need armed security guards for protection against radical Islamists."

Concerning Condi Rice, he stated that she was "delusional." He said that the Palestinians could have had a state after the Oslo Accords had they really wanted one. "But they preferred killing Jews to having a state." And he feared, judging from what was coming out of Hamas in Gaza, that the Palestinians still prefer killing Jews to having a state, because in order to have a state they would have to agree to stop killing Jews. ★



## Islamic State of North America by 2050

By Art Moore, [www.WorldNetDaily.com](http://www.WorldNetDaily.com)

A Washington, D.C., imam states explicitly that he is part of a movement working toward replacing the U.S. government with “the Islamic State of North America” by 2050. With branches in Oakland, Los Angeles, San Diego, Sacramento, and Philadelphia, the group As-Sabiqun—or the Vanguard—is under the leadership of **Abdul Alim Musa** in the nation’s capital.



Noted Islam observer Robert Spencer, whose website is [www.JihadWatch.org](http://www.JihadWatch.org), said that figures such as Musa should not be ignored, “Not because they have the power to succeed, but because they may commit acts of violence to achieve their purpose.”

Musa launched the group in the early 1990s at the Al-Islam mosque in Philadelphia. His group says it is influenced by the writings and life work of Muslim thinkers and leaders such as Muslim Brotherhood founder Hasan al-Banna and Sayyid Qutb, both of whose writings figured prominently in al-Qaeda’s formation.

Musa’s organization declares, “The paramount goal of the movement is the establishment of Islam as a complete way of life in America. This ultimate goal is predicated on the belief—shared by many Muslims worldwide—that Islam is fully capable of producing a working and just social, political, economic order.”

The founder of the leading Islamic lobby group CAIR, the Council on Islamic-American Relations, reportedly told a group of Muslims in California they are in America not to assimilate but to help assert Islam’s rule over the country. CAIR spokesman Ibrahim Hooper also has said in a newspaper interview, he hopes to see an Islamic government over the U.S. some day. ★

## Seal of Queen Jezebel

By Etgar Lefkoviits, [www.JPost.com](http://www.JPost.com)

An ancient seal that surfaced in Israel more than four decades ago belonged to the biblical Queen Jezebel, according to a new study by a Dutch university. The seal, which some scholars date to the ninth century B.C., was first discovered in 1964 by the Israeli archaeologist Nahman Avigad, with the name “Yzbl” inscribed in ancient Hebrew, Utrecht University said.



Although it was initially assumed that the seal belonged to Jezebel, the powerful and reviled Phoenician wife of the Jewish King Ahab, there was uncertainty regarding the original owner both because the spelling of the name was erroneous, and because the personal seal could easily have belonged to another woman of the same name. Moreover, the unknown origin of the seal, which was not found in an official excavation but purchased on the antiquities market in Israel, has left Israeli archaeologists uncertain of its ownership for the last 40 years.

But the study by Utrecht University Old Testament scholar and Protestant minister Dr. Marjo Korpel, 48, concludes that the seal must have belonged to Jezebel, based on the symbols that appear on it. The seal, which was donated to the Israel Department of Antiquities in the early 1960s by the private Voss-Hahn collection, not only bears symbols that indicate a female owner but also “well-worked” symbols that designate that owner as royalty, Korpel said. Moreover, the seal is exceptionally large compared to those commonly possessed by ordinary citizens, she added.

Korpel, who is not an archaeologist, suggested that the upper edge of the seal, which is chipped off, must have originally included two broken-off letters that would have correctly spelled Jezebel’s name. ★

# Palestinians Admire Hitler

By Ezra HaLevi, [www.IsraelINN.com](http://www.IsraelINN.com)



A Palestinian Authority radio contest featured a laudatory biography of Adolf Hitler replete with his military victories, heroism, and no mention of the Holocaust.

“His golden year was 1940, when his armies invaded Denmark, Norway, Luxembourg, Holland, and Belgium and defeated France...By mid 1942, his country controlled the largest land area in Europe...He refused to surrender and continued to fight for two more years, but, his bitter end came in the spring of 1945 when he took his own life...Who is he?” The Voice of Palestine contest offered a prize of 600 shekels to the person who guessed Hitler’s name.

The broadcast presented Hitler heroically, detailing his two Medals of Honor in World War I, his rise to power, his launching of World War II, and specifying country after country that he conquered.

“Not surprisingly, though citing his victories and ‘bitter’ fall in great detail, not mentioning the Holocaust is consistent with Palestinian education in general which erases the Holocaust from history,” said a Palestinian Media Watch report on the 12th grade PA history schoolbook, showing that many pages were dedicated to the history of World War II and even to Nazi racism, but that neither Jews nor the Holocaust were mentioned.

According to the report, “It is important to understand that the revulsion of Hitler expected in the West is not true in Palestinian society. Palestinians can be found who are named “Hitler” as a first name.

The Hitler-Arab alliance during World War II is a factor in the continued admiration for Hitler apparent in PA

society. Mufti Haj Amin al-Husseini, the Arab leader in pre-state Israel under the British Mandate, was a staunch ally of Hitler. The meetings between the Mufti and Hitler are well documented. The admiration for Hitler is consistent with the status of *Mein Kampf*, which a PA daily cited as a bestseller in PA-controlled areas. ★

## Saudis Say “No” To Jewish State

[www.davidhocking.org](http://www.davidhocking.org)



Adel al-Jubeir

Saudi Arabia’s ambassador to the U.S. said that the Arab world would never recognize Israel as a “Jewish state” because nations should not be defined by religious beliefs or ethnicity, even the ethnicity of their majority populations.

“There are 1.5 million civilians in Israel who do not define themselves as Jewish,” the Jewish Telegraphic Agency quoted Adel al-Jubeir as saying at the U.S.-hosted peace talks in Annapolis, Maryland. “We do not believe states should define themselves according to religion or ethnicity.”

An Israeli blogger pointed out the blatant hypocrisy of the Saudi representative’s remarks:

- Saudi Arabia is a nation that officially endorses Islam to the point of outlawing the overt practice of any other religion;
  - The kingdom’s legal system is based on Muslim religious law, or *sharia*;
  - The Saudi king carries the official title of “Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques”;
- And last, but certainly not least, Saudi Arabia’s constitution begins with the following words:
- “The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is a sovereign Arab Islamic state with Islam as its religion; Allah’s Book and the Sunnah of His Prophet, Allah’s prayers and peace be upon him, are its constitution...”

Now that we’ve reached the point where half of Texas immigrants are illegal, I say that we owe them an Annapolis-style summit to formulate a nation for the Mexicans (present and future) who live within Texas. After all, we must avoid becoming an apartheid state ...lest we Americans risk being hypocritical in our expectations of Israel. —Mark ★

## Hospital Beds Must Face Mecca

### How Sharia Law Creeps Into Our Culture

By Neil Hudson, [www.YorkshireEveningPost.co.uk](http://www.YorkshireEveningPost.co.uk)

Hospital nurses in West Yorkshire have been ordered to turn Muslim patients' beds to face Mecca. Mid Yorkshire Hospital Trust will also provide *halal* (Islamically permissible) meals and separate shower and bathing facilities. Nurses will have extra training to ensure they have a greater understanding of Islam and other religions and cultures.

"Some Muslim former patients suggested that a more informed understanding of the Islamic cultures would help staff to further improve their service," said the hospital matron. "We listen to our patients and are willing to adapt nursing practices where possible to help them uphold their cultural beliefs. I'm sure that after this training our staff will have a greater understanding of different cultures and will be in a better position to do this." ★

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[www.levitt.com](http://www.levitt.com).



## Brainwashing American Students

By Julia Duin, *World Peace Herald*,  
www.WPHerald.com

In the summer of 2007, Harvard appointed an Islamic history professor to head its Prince Alwaleed bin Talal Islamic Studies Program. Harvard is hiring the first of four endowed chairs in the program and is using some of the \$20 million donated by a Saudi prince.

Georgetown University received a similar donation — funneling \$20 million toward its Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding, which was quickly renamed the Prince Alwaleed bin Talal Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding, after its benefactor. The center, part of the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, trains many of America's diplomats. Winfield Meyers, director of Campus Watch, said: "The prince knew very well Georgetown's in a milieu filled with lobbyists and opinion makers; thus any program of his will exert more influence there than at a university not in a power center like Washington."

According to one Saudi press organization, the grants are meant to promote understanding and change America's perceptions of Islam in the most fertile place, the university campus. The practice started around 1976, when the Saudi government established a King Faisal Chair in Islamic Studies for \$1 million at the University of Southern California. Since then, grants for endowed chairs in Islamic and Middle Eastern studies centers have popped up at several major universities. In 1998, the Sultan bin Abdulaziz al Saud Foundation gave \$5 million to Berkeley's Arab and Islamic Studies Center, whose post-docs have gone on to important tenure-track academic jobs, including Oxford, DePaul, Fordham, and Harvard universities.

In July 2000, the Harvard Divinity

School accepted \$2.5 million from the ruler of the United Arab Emirates to endow an academic chair in Islamic Religious Studies. However, Rachel Fish, a divinity student, began a protest, accusing the sheik of funding an anti-Semitic think tank in his capital, Abu Dhabi. Harvard officials said they would reconsider accepting the gift. In 2004, the sheik withdrew the funds.

The Israel on Campus Coalition, a group of Jewish organizations, released a study recently saying out of about 4,000 American institutions of higher learning, only nine have Israel studies centers, nine have Israel studies chairs, and 16 have visiting professors teaching about Israel.

Zuhdi Jasser, a Phoenix physician and a moderate Muslim who is chairman of the American Islamic Forum For Democracy said: "Islamists such as the radical fundamentalists seen with the Saudi Wahhabis exploit American universal tolerance to provide a vehicle for the dissemination of their propaganda free of critique. It is important to emphasize — 'free of critique'... it is the tolerance which permits that. One hopes that we correct our response, not by changing our tolerance, but by intensely critiquing political Islam and its incompatibility with our pluralistic democracy." ★





## Jewish Heritage Calendar

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