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



Letter



While reading this issue, remember the line from *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*: "And though this world with devils filled should threaten to undo us, we will not fear for God has willed His truth to triumph through us." —Jeff

Israel and the Axis of Evil

By Caroline B. Glick, www.JewishWorldReview.com

North Korea is half a world away from Israel. Yet the nuclear test it recently conducted has the Israeli defense establishment up in arms and its Iranian nemesis smiling like the Cheshire Cat. Understanding why this is the case is key to understanding the danger posed by what someone once impolitely referred to as the Axis of Evil.

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Sri Lanka's Lesson for Israel

By Jack Furnari
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After 30 years of fighting and approximately 100,000 dead, the government of Sri Lanka finally did what was necessary to defeat the terrorist Tamil Tigers.

The Tamil Tigers invented the suicide bomber belt, pioneered the use of women and children as suicide bombers, beheaded innocents, recruited child soldiers, assassinated scores of Sri Lankan politicians, and kidnapped, tortured, and murdered other Sri Lankans.

Over the years there have been U.N.-brokered ceasefires, peace-keeping troops, negotiations, and government concessions to



Less than two years ago, on September 6, 2007, the IAF (Israeli Air Force) destroyed a North Korean-built plutonium production facility at Kibar, Syria. The destroyed installation was a virtual clone of North Korea's Yongbyon plutonium production facility.

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This past March, the Swiss daily *Neue Zuercher Zeitung* reported that Iranian defector Ali Reza Asghari, who before his March 2007 defection to the U.S. served as a general in Iran's Revolutionary Guards and as deputy defense minister, divulged that Iran paid for the North Korean facility. Tehran viewed the installation in Syria as an extension of its own nuclear program. According to Israeli estimates, Tehran spent between a billion and two billion dollars for the project.

Aside from their chronological proximity, the main reason it makes sense to assume that Iran and North Korea coordinated their separate tests is because North Korea has played a central role in Iran's missile program. Although Western observers claim that Iran's Sejil-2 is based on Chinese technology transferred to Iran through Pakistan, the fact is that Iran owes much of its ballistic missile capacity to North Korea. The Shihab-3 missile for instance, which forms the backbone of Iran's strategic arm threatening to Israel and its Arab neighbors, is simply an Iranian adaptation of North Korea's Nodong missile technology. Since at least the early 1990s, North Korea has been only too happy to proliferate that technology to whoever wants it. Like Iran, Syria owes much of its own massive missile arsenal to North Korean proliferation.

North Korea's intimate ties with Iran and Syria show that North Korea's nuclear program, with its warhead, missile, and technological components, is not a distant threat, limited in scope to faraway East Asia. It is a multilateral program shared on various levels with Iran and Syria. Consequently, it endangers not just the likes of Japan and South Korea, but all nations whose territory and interests are within range of Iranian and Syrian missiles.

Israel assesses that Iran will have a sufficient quantity of enriched uranium to make a nuclear bomb by the end of the year. The U.S. believes that it could take until mid-2010. ★

“Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases:

If it moves, tax it.

If it keeps moving, regulate it.

And if it stops moving, subsidize it.”

—Ronald Reagan (1986)



the Tigers. None of these policies worked. The Tigers broke every agreement and continued the slaughter.

Recently, the Sri Lankan government decided it was through negotiating and set out to destroy the Tigers once and for all. The government hunted down and killed all the fighters and leaders of the Tiger movement.



Thousands of civilians died during this final assault, but the Sri Lankan government ignored calls from the United Nations and various human rights groups for "restraint."

Sri Lanka understood that sometimes, a terrible price must be paid to defeat evil. Sri Lanka understood that in order to defeat terrorists hiding among a civilian population, using civilians as human shields, civilians would have to die.

War is ugly. Human beings kill other human beings, and as children of God, we all are diminished by the violence. But good men must always confront and defeat evil, or the world descends into barbarism.

The 30-year Sri Lankan war is now over. The bloodshed has ended, and Sri Lanka is already taking steps to rebuild its war ravaged country. Sri Lankans were allowed to confront and defeat evil with only superficial criticism. They had one

big thing going for them: Sri Lanka is not Israel, and Sri Lankans are not Jewish.

For 60 years, Israel has been fighting the Palestinians, assorted terrorist organizations, and most of the Arab world. People have come to assume that conflict in the Middle East is inevitable.

20,000 French civilians were killed in the battle for Normandy during World War II, and over 200,000 civilians died during the battle for Berlin in 1945. Should the Allies, out of concern for civilian casualties, have acted with "restraint" and negotiated a ceasefire with Hitler? Obviously not; so why does the world always demand that Israel act with "restraint" when confronted with a similar evil?

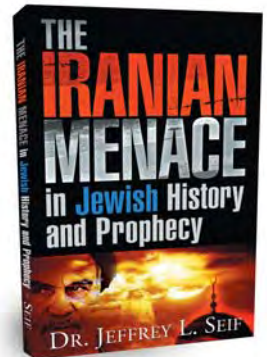
The terrorist organizations dedicated to the destruction of Israel copied many of the tactics pioneered by the Tamil Tigers. Israel has suffered atrocities similar to what the Sri Lankans suffered. Israel has also tried all the peaceable solutions that Sri Lanka tried. And, just as in Sri Lanka, none of them worked.

I hope that the next time Israel is attacked or threatened, Israel has learned the lessons of Sri Lanka: Ignore the U.N., and if it must, ignore the U.S. If Israel must face terror alone, it should do so. When the time comes, Israel must defeat the evil that confronts it by any means necessary, with or without the help of others. ★

THE IRANIAN MENACE IN JEWISH HISTORY AND PROPHECY BOOK

By Dr. Jeffrey L. Seif

Iran is central in end-times prophecy. At a time when Iran has captured the world's attention with nuclear threats, Jeff harnesses both scriptural and secular evidence to support his case for the Iranian-Armageddon Connection. After a glimpse of Iran in ancient Roman and Jewish histories, you will learn the significance of prophecy in Jewish Scriptures and apocalyptic literature. Jeff's analysis is based on sound scriptural understanding as well as his conclusions from two decades of academic contemplation. This easy read will provide fodder for its advocates and critics alike. (Please see related articles on pages 1, 8, and 35.)



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Zionist Vision Outlasts Any Politician



As the Israeli government convened to discuss the ramifications of President Obama's June 4th speech in Cairo, other Israeli politicians lost no time in responding to it. Excerpts from across the political spectrum:

MK (Member of the Knesset) Danny Danon (Likud Party): "The president has crossed all lines. His implied comparison between the Israeli government and the Nazi regime said everything. He has made a covenant with the Arab world and rewarded it for more than 60 years of aggression."

MK Aryeh Eldad (National Union): "Obama makes a shocking parallel between the destruction of European Jewry and the suffering that the Arabs of Israel brought upon themselves when they declared war on Israel."

"How dare Obama compare Arab refugee suffering to the six million Jews murdered in the Holocaust? If Obama does not understand the difference between them, perhaps he will understand it better when he visits the Buchenwald concentration camp in the coming days. And if he doesn't understand it even there, then Islam will once again teach it to him, just as it taught his predecessor on 9/11."

By Hillel Fendel
www.IsraelNationalNews.com

Regarding Obama's praise of Islam, Eldad said, "Obama spoke more from his own heart and less from genuine understanding of the direction Islam is taking around the world. Whoever thinks that the establishment of a Palestinian state will stop the war in Darfur, India, Chechnya, and Europe will apparently soon learn that Israel is not willing to be the 'pound of flesh' that he wants to throw to the Muslims."

MK Dr. Michael Ben-Ari (National Union): "The Zionist vision of the rebuilding of the Land of Israel is stronger than any president or government. We outlasted Pharaoh, and we will outlast Obama."

Obama said, "The United States does not accept the legitimacy of continued Israeli settlements. It is time for these settlements to stop."

Ben-Ari said, "Everyone can now see that Obama is not interested in Maoz Esther, but in Jerusalem."



Right-wing extremist group's Photoshopped poster in Israel.

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With the chaos following the recent Iranian “election” still vivid, Zola’s thoughts on dictators take on renewed relevance. —Editor

From Dictators To The AntiChrist

On the subject of dealing with dictators, I was struck by a statement of a NATO official, “We can’t expect democracies to prop up dictatorships.” That started me to wondering about the dictatorships that prop up the Palestinians in Israel. Iranian money is behind a lot of the terrorism; and Syria, obviously, foments unrest in the Holy Land. Both of those nations are dictatorships of the worst kind, where the head men dominate the entire population to the point where virtually no one is allowed to have his own opinion.

How do such dictators stay in office? In Syria’s case, Assad, one of the bloodiest and most treacherous dictators in the world today, has his people convinced that there’s

an ongoing conflict with Israel that he must manage for them. It’s sort of like inventing a foreign war to keep the folks at home in line, rather like in the movie *Wag the Dog*.



The biblical point in all this is that the world is being led toward the ultimate dictator, the antiChrist. Whole populations—like the Red Chinese and even small areas like Cuba or Gaza—are being weaned toward central control so that the antiChrist’s goal of world domination will be all the easier to accomplish. Since the Rapture of the Church will occur before he comes to power, great sectors of democratic societies will be missing—that is, the Believers will have ascended with the Lord—and the world will be largely a series of dictatorships anyway. It would be easy, for example, for the populations of the 22 Arab nations to look to a dictator, since that’s what they do every day, and so on throughout the world. ★

MK Zevulun Orlev (Jewish Home): “The speech arouses fears and concerns regarding the future of American relations towards Israel. I fear an erosion of the traditional American commitment to Israel’s security needs and its very existence and independence. Our response must not be to cave in, but rather to have dialogue with, and persuade the Administration, while waging an emergency call-up of all the resources of Israel and the Jewish nation.”

MK Ophir Pines-Paz (Labor): “Though things might be understood differently, I believe that Israel can be the big winner from the American change in approach... I am sorry that he said nothing about the return of Gilad Shalit as one of the confidence-building gestures that should be implemented.”

MK Zev Boim (formerly of the Likud—where he nominally opposed the Disengagement—and now of **Kadima**): “Obama’s stance on the Palestinian issue is identical to that of Kadima.

It is too bad that Netanyahu, because of narrow political considerations, is unable to join the idea of two states for two peoples, which is the only idea that can guarantee Israel’s existence as a Jewish state.”

Col. (ret.) Moti Yogev: “Obama’s speech was very professional and peace-seeking. But he quoted our Sages, which he attributed to the Koran, and the same Sages and sources have spoken of the Jewish People’s right to this Land. Just as he said that the State of Israel will not disappear, the same is true about the settlements in Judea and Samaria.”

Yogev added, “Though the speech was not inflammatory, I am sure that it will give a push to the settlement effort throughout Judea and Samaria, and we will grow even stronger than the five percent growth rate we already enjoy.”

MK Chaim Oron (Meretz): “The speech was inspired, optimistic, and heralded a new spirit that seemed to have disappeared from the region.” ★

Jewish Culture Shown In Gravestones

By Bill Archer, Combined Jewish Philanthropies, www.cjp.org



An Israeli educator, Dr. Tova Perlmutter, is working throughout eastern Europe to restore light to the stories of a generation of Jewish families that were dimmed by World War II and the Holocaust.

With much of the traditional resource materials destroyed when Jewish families were uprooted during the 1930s and '40s as part of Adolf Hitler's plan to eradicate the Jewish people, Perlmutter has looked in an unusual place to pick up the story of the people before the Holocaust—Jewish cemeteries of eastern Europe.

“You can tell by the art that is carved on each headstone who is buried here,” Perlmutter said. “Even if you can't read Yiddish, you can read the essence of the narrative of each person's life through the art on the tombstone.”

Perlmutter is the academic director of the MOFET Institute, a Jewish Teacher Education Community. When she is not in the field learning more about the lives of the people who lived, died, and were buried in eastern Europe before the Holocaust, she is either explaining how to “read” the tombstones of an earlier generation, or traveling around the world to talk with people in Jewish communities about her work.

Perlmutter had been visiting with 30 Jewish leaders in Germany prior to traveling to New York City to meet with a small group of Jews there. She was scheduled to be there for less than 24 hours before heading off to her next stop.

“I am working in communities around the world,” Perlmutter said with a sense of urgency in her voice. “Jewish history in eastern Europe was nearly erased,” she said. “This work is so important.”

A part of Perlmutter's presentation involves showing photographs of the headstones she has found. Some of the story lines on the stones are relatively simple and may have a menorah with 3, 5, or 7 candles. Perlmutter said that a menorah indicates that the stone marks a female's burial, and a broken candle indicates a female who died before reaching childbearing years.

One of Perlmutter's slides showed a wooden grave marker with an elaborate carving on it. “This is in a cemetery,” she said. “You see how all of the other grave markers are piled up against the tree in the picture. I do not think they are there now. Even the marker in the photo, I fear, is now gone.”

Perlmutter said each tombstone tells something unique about a person's life. “The essence of their personal narrative is right there,” she said. “We learn from the tombstones, and through them, we learn about life.” ★

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Israel's National War Drill

The Israeli public began the summer with a stark reminder that the threat of war always looms large over the Promised Land. Just a few months after residents of the southern part of the country were subjected to heavy Palestinian rocket attacks from the Gaza Strip, a massive nationwide security drill was held in early June.

The drill featured the sounding of air-raid sirens in all parts of the land—the first time such a wide scale test of the vital early warning system has been conducted. The public was instructed to act as if an actual attack was underway, meaning they were told to go to bomb shelters or security rooms at home, school, or work. If they were out shopping or driving, they were asked to seek refuge wherever they could find it.

A few weeks before the national security drill was conducted, the renowned Israeli Air Force carried out a major test of its fighting skills in time of war. Hundreds of military jets and attack helicopters, supported by cargo aircraft, took part in the week-long drill. Officials said the drill was based on the premise that Israel would probably be hit with rockets and missiles from several directions simultaneously, forcing Air Force commanders to fight on several fronts at the same time. Anti-missile batteries located in several parts of the country were also tested during the Air Force drill.

The seriousness of a missile threat was the main reason given by military leaders for ordering the countrywide security drill. While announcing in April that the drill would be conducted, Home Front Commander Col. Hilik Sofer told journalists that the general public would probably become an

important strategic component in Israel's defense during the next war, especially if it involved massive rocket and missile assaults as most military analysts predict.

Sounding an ominous note, Col. Sofer stated bluntly that the next war could be fought on virtually every citizen's doorsteps. He said the drill would therefore serve to remind Israel's civilian population that "war can happen at any time, with the entire country instantly transformed into a battlefield with no front lines and no safe places."

That being sadly the case, the Homeland Security chief noted that "We in the military will have to rely on the population itself to respond well to any missile attacks in their areas," adding that security forces on the ground will probably be too preoccupied to handle many local situations that would arise from such widespread missile strikes.



Israel's national drill in action

Most people here in Jerusalem and elsewhere seemed to take the army-run security drill quite seriously, understanding that the threat of a sudden missile attack from Iran, Syria, their Lebanese partner Hezbollah, and/or Gaza is hardly academic. Together, they have the capability to fire hundreds of missiles upon Israel simultaneously, with some possibly carrying chemical, biological, and in the near future, even nuclear warheads. ★

The best way to start the day: Watch the rising sun cast its rays over the Sea of Galilee. Except for the soft sounds of small birds chirping and early-rising pilgrims praying their morning devotions on the beach, silence surrounds me in Israel as I write.

DeSeifering Our World

By Dr. Jeffrey Seif



In a world racked by social unrest, political intrigue, and various spiritual assaults, the calm helps people find themselves in Israel, and helps many find their way back to God. It's an alluring and awe-inspiring place, one that draws sinners, saints, and devils.

Even as I write, well beyond the placid Galilean sea, the Islamic Republic of Iran makes its bid to rise high in the Middle East's sky. From there, it threatens to rain down misfortune on Israel's sacred soil—likely with hot nuclear rain.

Revelation 16:12-16 predicts that Iran will be the staging area for a final assault on Israel—and humankind—culminating in the long-dreaded Battle of Armageddon. One can't help but wonder if the fomenting Iranian discontent and nuclear intent is a prelude to that conflict.

Americans are distracted. They are transfixed by a charming and confident statesman who envisions a dawning new age. Likewise, traditionally anti-Western and anti-Israel Arab-Muslim nations around the Jewish Homeland seem to be infatuated with this powerful man's optimism and celebrity.

Jews in Israel, on the other hand, are not nearly as enthused by President Obama's mantra of "we are the world." In Israel, the Israel Defense Forces ramp up their readiness, anticipating an imminent conflict with Iran (see p. 7). Feeling more and more isolated in this increasingly anti-Semitic world, Jews seem ready to rely on their army. Statecraft doesn't hold much promise for purchasing a safer tomorrow.

Growing numbers of "finger-pointers" probably will continue to blame Jews for the world's troubles. Biblically illiterate people always buy the lie and can be counted on to sacrifice Biblical People and Real Estate on the geopolitical altar of political correctness. They'll do this hoping to usher in world peace and purchase prosperity.

If you agree with me that these are trying times, perhaps you'll help me offer a counter to this demonic offensive. Our general fund is down about 7% in 2009, and we could use some help.

If you think that our Jewish approach to Scripture is enlightening, and if you like the way we augment the biblical stories with appropriate dramas and on-location TV footage from the Holy Land, please invest in helping millions of people see the world through our biblical lens.

Beyond sending a missionary gift to Zola Levitt Ministries, why not consider coming to Israel now? We are anticipating a spike in attendance on this October's tours and those of March 2010. Call (214) 696-9760 and join me for an upcoming, awe-inspiring trip. Please see the related announcement on page 36.

I like staying in a particular hotel in the Galilee, where rooms face the sacred sea. Come and watch the sunrise from your balcony, and come to terms with what the Lord is saying, by joining me here and by walking in the footsteps of Jesus.

Yours,

Mission Report

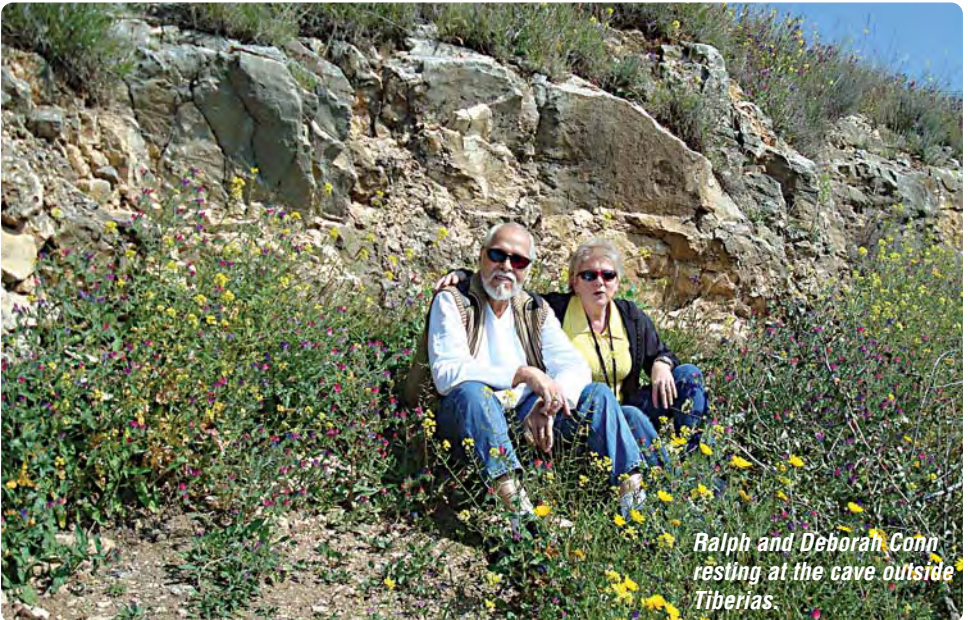
By the Revs. Ralph & Deborah Conn

We can't believe that our latest ministry trip to Israel is already over.

From the soldiers at snow-covered Mt. Hermon to the desert surrounding the Dead Sea, we experienced His love and His calling. We will remember the young man up high on Masada where we were able to share the love of Yeshua. And the 90+-year-old Holocaust survivor Zvi, who sat and rested by Ralph and told all about his life of victory because of Yeshua the Messiah. We gathered with Jerusalem shop owners and workers, some of them Believers in Yeshua. We gave one man a Hebrew Bible and as he cried, we sang praises to God and prayed for the growth of Believers in Israel. What a great blessing! We walked the streets of Jerusalem, Tiberias, Haifa, Tel Aviv, and many surrounding villages. On a hill near Tiberias sits a cave that we climbed to (even Ralph on his cane) and we were blessed beyond words by the view across the Sea of Galilee, where Jesus took the Disciples to rest.

At the Jordan River, Todd Baker and Ralph baptized 22 brothers and sisters. It is always a blessing to take part in this most moving event in a Believer's life. We also enjoyed sharing God's love at the Western Wall in the Old City. When the Lord tells us that the greatest gift is love and then leads us to share that love to the Jew first and then to the gentile, we feel humbled and blessed by Him.

It was an honor to be asked by Zola Levitt Ministries to be their ambassadors on this trip to Israel. It all began there, continues there, and will remain there for all eternity. There are many places to minister around this world, but we can't think of a more wonderful place to share God's love for mankind than Israel. ★



Ralph and Deborah Conn resting at the cave outside Tiberias.

Galilee Shore



What We'd Like Muslims To Know...

As talks open between the West and Muslim worlds, here are some points we'd like to see expressed to Muslims:

America has no desire to be at war with the Muslim world. Because of the widespread belief by many Muslims that America has declared war on Muslims and Islam, we need to restore the relationship that America and the Muslim world had just 20 years ago, when America did not just respect Muslims, it bled for Muslims. We Americans engaged in five military campaigns on behalf of Muslims, each one resulting in the liberation of a Muslim people: Bosnia, Kosovo, Kuwait, Afghanistan, and Iraq.

Bosnia and Kosovo, as well as the failed 1992-93 Somalia intervention to feed starving African Muslims—in which 43 Americans were killed—were all humanitarian exercises. In these 20 years, the U.S. did more for suffering and oppressed Muslims than any other nation, Muslim or non-Muslim.

America has not only *not* received gratitude, but has been the object of hatred, mass murder, and economic attack from Muslim individuals, groups, and countries.

A FEW EXAMPLES:

In 1973, Muslims attacked the American embassy in Sudan and murdered our country's ambassador. Also in 1973, the Arab oil embargo sent the U.S. into a long and painful recession. In 1977, Muslims murdered the U.S. ambassador to Lebanon. In 1979, Muslims attacked the U.S. embassy in Tehran, and for 14 months held American diplomats hostage. In 1998, Muslims bombed the American embassy in Nairobi, killing 12 Americans and 280 Kenyans, and bombed our embassy in Tanzania, killing another 11 Americans. On Sept. 11, 2001, Muslims

By Dennis Prager
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Dennis Prager

flew airplanes into the World Trade Center, burning 3,000 Americans to death.

So, between America and the Muslim world, who exactly has been making war on whom?

Moreover, in a country of 300 million people, with only a few million Muslims, there is virtually no incident of anti-mosque or anti-Muslim violence despite the butchery of 9/11 and the popular support for Osama Bin Laden that we saw in the Muslim world after 9/11. What would have been Egypt's reaction had Christians, in the name of Christianity, slaughtered 3,000 Egyptians? How would the Christians of Egypt and elsewhere in the Middle East have fared?

You would like America to abandon support for Israel. But every president since Truman, Democrat and Republican, has been passionate about enabling Israel to defend itself from those who wish to destroy it. And that, dear Muslims, is the issue. It has always been about Palestinians and other Arabs and Muslims recognizing Israel's right to exist as a Jewish state.

The obsession with a Jewish state the size of Belize has cost you dearly in every area of social development. Preoccupation with Israel has simply enabled the Arab world to not look within for 60 years.

Americans would feel more confident if they ever saw a demonstration of Muslims anywhere against the terror committed by Muslims in the name of Islam—London, Madrid, New York, Bali, Cairo, or Mumbai. The mark of a great civilization—and Arab civilization was once great—is a willingness to criticize itself. ★

Ask the Professor

By Dr. Jeffrey Seif

Q. Dr. Seif, America has been helping Israel for quite some time. Really now, don't you think it's about time that we did something good for the Arab people? It's only right. —D.

A. Hi D.— I agree that helping people is great—all people. Jesus imposes a kindness mandate upon us, even when we don't feel gracious toward others. Jesus thinks that loving people is the right thing, and I humbly agree with Him—though I do not agree with you entirely.

While I believe that we should sacrificially love others—Arabs in your case—let's not sacrifice Jews in the process.

Speaking of loving, we Americans have rid the Muslim world of the tyrant Saddam Hussein, and we have poured billions of dollars into various Muslim

countries and charities—despite the lack of appreciation from either.

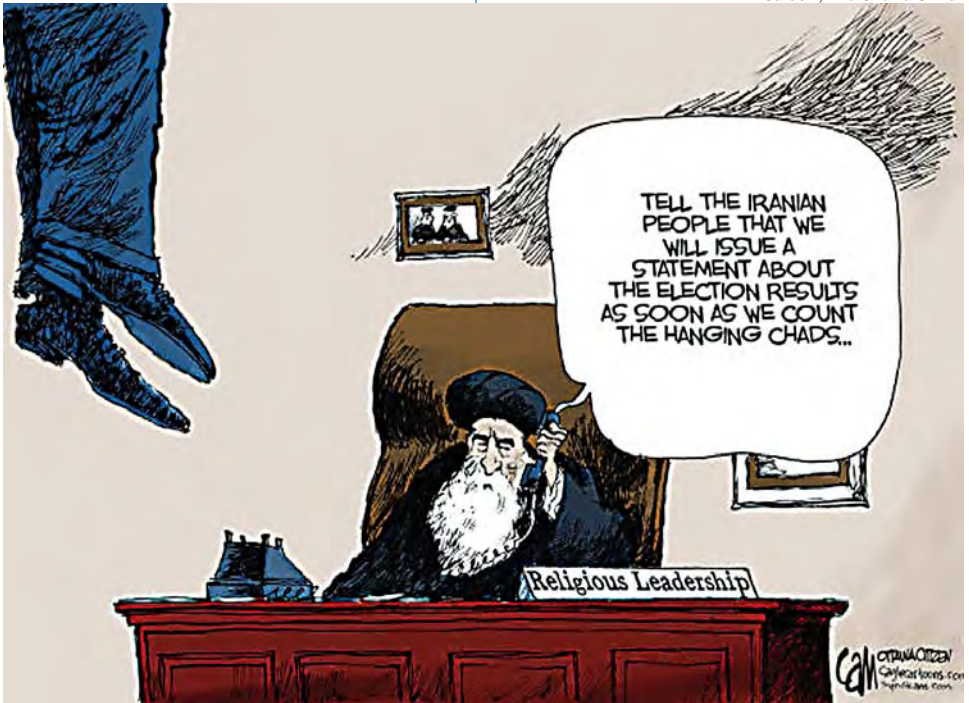
The good our nation does for the Arab world speaks well of us. But the move to sacrifice others, to push another sovereign country, Israel, to give up its real estate to belligerents bent on its destruction, goes beyond the bounds of our offering a loving *self*-sacrifice. So does insisting that Israel scale back its much-needed defenses.

In this case, it's not about pushing ourselves to give Arab Muslims in the Middle East a hand, as much as pushing Israeli Jews to tie their hands behind their backs so that others can come and cut their throats.

So yes, in my estimation I believe we should *continue* to sacrificially help Arab peoples. *We should not sacrifice others, however.* This is where I draw the line. ★



Cardow, *The Ottawa Citizen*



Netanyahu's Conditions For Peace



Netanyahu

By Gil Hoffman and www.JPost.com staff

In a much-anticipated foreign policy address, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called for the establishment of a demilitarized Palestinian state alongside Israel, but only if the Palestinians recognize Israel's nature as a Jewish state.

Netanyahu said that he embraced Obama's vision, adding, however, that the Holocaust was not the reason for the establishment of the Jewish state.

The prime minister said that the descendants of the Palestinian refugees must not be resettled within Israel's borders, and that Jerusalem must remain united. Israel, he said, would not build any new settlements or expropriate new land for existing settlements.

"Peace has always been our objective," Netanyahu began. "Our prophets always envisioned peace; we bless each other with *Shalom* (peace); our prayers end in peace."

...And the Muslim response:

Netanyahu's Speech Enrages Arabs

By Robert Spencer, www.HumanEvents.com

In his speech on June 14, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu offered a peace formula that would create a Palestinian state while preserving Israeli security and national identity. The reaction? The Palestinians and others in the Islamic world are enraged. Many Arab newspapers and politicians charged that Netanyahu had brought

the region closer to armed conflict. Hosni Mubarak, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt, said that Netanyahu's call to "recognize Israel as a Jewish state complicates things further and scuttles the possibilities for peace." Apparently an Arab state is just fine, but a Jewish state, no.

Palestinian Saeb Erekat complained that Netanyahu's speech "left nothing for negotiations....Netanyahu wants to put us in a situation where he looks like he offered something, and we said no." And he attempted to cast the onus back upon Netanyahu: "Netanyahu's speech was very clear. He rejects the two-state solution."

With Netanyahu finally agreeing in principle to a Palestinian state, these furious reactions seem curious. But they arise from his stipulation that such a state must be disarmed, a seemingly reasonable limitation in light of Israel's grim historical experience. Netanyahu reminded the world that the UN set out on the path of a "two-state solution" in 1947 when it mandated the establishment of a Jewish state and an Arab state. However, he noted, "the entire Arab world rejected the resolution... The Arabs rejected any Jewish state, in any borders." *cont. right*

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Perhaps with Barack Obama in mind, Netanyahu recalled that “many good people have told us that withdrawal from territories is the key to peace with the Palestinians. Well, we withdrew. But the fact is that every withdrawal was met with massive waves of terror, by suicide bombers and thousands of missiles.”

Netanyahu is right: territorial concessions by Israel have never eased the jihad imperative pursued by Hamas, Hezbollah, and the rest, and they wouldn't now. If a Palestinian state must be established, the only chance Israel has to survive is if such a state has no chance to become a new base for renewed and increasingly virulent jihad attacks against Israel.

But the reaction from the Islamic world was hardly promising. Jihadists in the Palestinian Authority and their allies in the Islamic world have always made clear their ultimate intention to destroy Israel. That has never changed, through broken accord after broken accord, even as Western leaders continue to nurse hopes of a negotiated peace. It is they upon whom the world should focus its indignation.



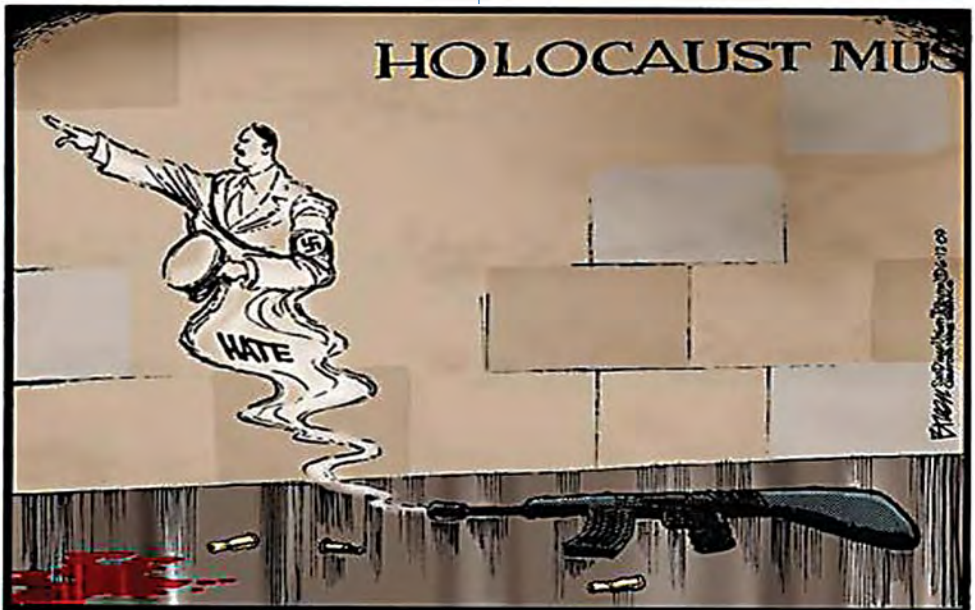
Al-Qaeda Is Broke!

By Evan Kohlmann
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The NEFA (Nine Eleven Finding Answers) Foundation obtained an audio message in June from Shaykh Mustafa Abu al-Yazid (a.k.a. “Shaykh Saeed”), during which al-Qaeda's No. 3 in charge desperately begged for cash donations in order to fund continuing jihad operations in Afghanistan.

In this message, Abu al-Yazid stated, “Jihad needs a lot of money, and the jihad battlefields need much money.” He continued, “Jihad with money is also an obligation. And here we, in the battlefield in Afghanistan, are lacking a lot of money and a weakness in operations because of lack of money, and many mujahideen are absent from jihad because of lack or absence of money with which they can carry out jihad. Even many brothers... who want to sacrifice themselves for the cause of Allah, we cannot prepare them because of lack of money.”

“‘Al-Qaeda Is Broke’ could be the single best financial headline anyone in the whole world has seen all year!”
 —Rachel Maddow, MSNBC



Sharia Law and Women

By Brigitte Gabriel, www.ActForAmerica.org

The next time you hear someone claim that Islam affords equal rights and protections to women, pull out the "Top 10" list below. You might want to add that in one of the hadith (the sayings and traditions of Mohammed), Mohammed claimed he was given a look into hell and saw that it was filled mostly with women because they were ungrateful to their husbands (Sahih Bukhari 2,18,61).

The oppression of women that Islam advocates is not only disturbing, but in direct contrast with everything that Western civilization stands for when it comes to the rights of women.

This is a shortened version of a 2005 *American Thinker* article. If you are interested in reading more on each verse, see the full article at www.levitt.com/news

10. Codifies rape.

Your women are your fields, so go into your fields whichever way you like.
THE KORAN IN SURA (CHAPTER) 2:223

9. Low value of females.

Wives have the same rights as the husbands have on them in accordance with the generally known principles. Of course, men are a degree above them in status. SURA 2:228

8. Males entitled to more inheritance.

The share of the male shall be twice that of a female. SURA 4:11

7. Women are unreliable.

And let two men from among you bear witness to all such documents [contracts of loans without interest]. But if two men be not available, there should be one man and two women to bear witness so that if one of the women forgets (anything), the other may remind her.
SURA 2:282

6. Sabotages the sanctity of marriage.

And if the husband divorces his wife (for the third time), she shall not remain his lawful wife after this (absolute) divorce, unless she marries another husband and the second husband divorces her. [In that case] there is no harm if they [the first couple] remarry.
SURA 2:230

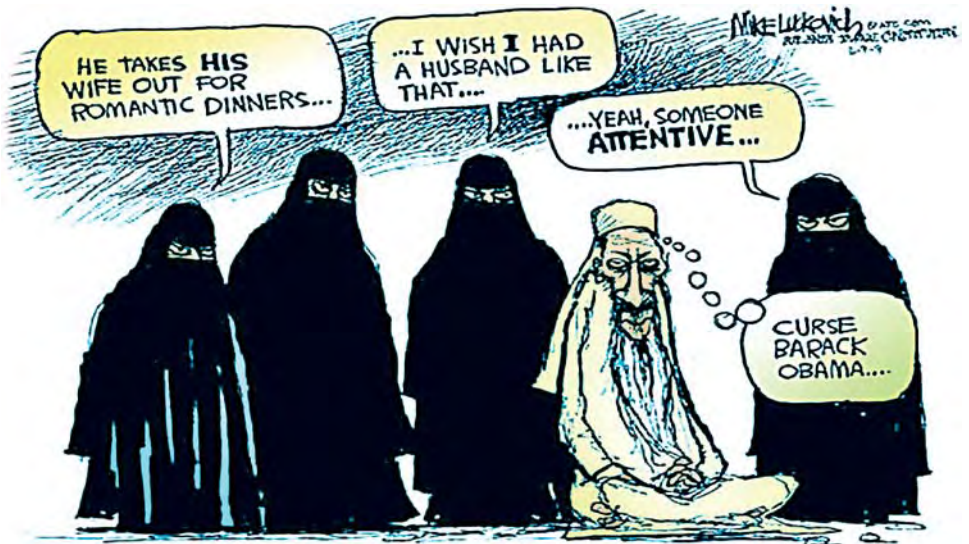
5. Slaves are sexual property of their male owners.

And forbidden to you are wedded wives of other people except those who have fallen in your hands [as prisoners of war].
SURA 4:24



Brigitte Gabriel

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4. Allows marriage with four Muslim wives and with numerous slaves.

And if you be apprehensive that you will not be able to do justice to the orphans, you may marry two or three or four women whom you choose. But if you apprehend that you might not be able to do justice to them, then marry only one wife, or marry those who have fallen in your possession. SURA 4:3

3. Easy to get rid of an undesirable wife.

It is not within your power to be perfectly equitable in your treatment with all your wives, even if you wish to be so; therefore, [in order to satisfy the dictates of Divine Law] do not lean towards one wife so as to leave the other in a state of suspense. SURA 4:129

2. OK to hit wife even if husband only fears she may disobey in the future.

If you fear highhandedness from your wives, remind them [of the teaching of God], then ignore them when you go to bed, **then hit them**. If they obey you, you have no right to act against them. God is most high and great. (emphasis added) SURA 4:34

1. Allows men to marry prepubescent girls.

O Prophet, when you [and the believers] divorce women, divorce them for their prescribed waiting-period and count the waiting-period accurately ...And if you are in doubt about those of your women who have despaired of menstruation, (you should know that) their waiting period is 3 months, and **the same applies to those who have not menstruated as yet**. As for pregnant women, their period ends when they have delivered their burden. (emphasis added) SURA 65:1, 4

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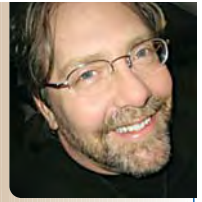


THE STATE OF "PALESTINE" QUIZ

1. WHEN WAS THE COUNTRY OF "PALESTINE" FOUNDED AND BY WHOM?
2. WHAT WERE ITS BORDERS?
3. WHAT WAS ITS CAPITAL?
4. WHAT WERE ITS MAJOR CITIES?
5. NAME AT LEAST ONE "PALESTINIAN LEADER" BEFORE ARAFAT.
6. WHAT WAS THE LANGUAGE OF THE "COUNTRY OF PALESTINE" ?
7. WHAT WAS THE PREVALENT RELIGION OF THE "ANCIENT COUNTRY OF PALESTINE" ?
8. WHAT WAS THE NAME OF ITS CURRENCY?
9. CHOOSE ANY DATE IN HISTORY AND TELL WHAT WAS THE APPROXIMATE EXCHANGE RATE OF THE "PALESTINIAN" MONETARY UNIT AGAINST THE US DOLLAR, GERMAN MARK, GB POUND, JAPANESE YEN, OR CHINESE YUAN ON THAT DATE.
10. SINCE THERE IS NO SUCH COUNTRY OF "PALESTINE" TODAY, WHAT CAUSED ITS DEMISE AND WHEN DID IT OCCUR?
11. WHY DID "THE PALESTINIANS" NEVER TRY TO BECOME INDEPENDENT UNTIL AFTER THE DEVASTATING DEFEAT OF INVADING ARAB STATES IN THE 1967 SIX DAY WAR?

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Vision and Exile

By John J. Parsons

גַּל-עֵינַי וְאֶבִיטָה נִפְלְאוֹת מִתּוֹרַתְךָ

Uncover my eyes, that I may behold wonders from your Torah. (Psalm 119:18)

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from your	Torah	wonders	and I will behold	uncover my eyes

There is a distinction between appearance and reality, between what seems to be real and what *really* is real. *How* we choose to see often says more about us than it does the thing we’re looking at. To those without faith in its words, Scripture appears as the product of a human hand, devoid of any special sanctity, and fully explainable using a set of “natural” assumptions. But to those whose eyes are “uncovered,” the words of Scripture are full of glorious wonders about the unseen world. The veil is pulled back and we are given a glimpse of reality and truth.

The Scriptures reveal that the natural world of appearance, subject as it is to constant change and decay, is ultimately *unreal*: “For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal” (2 Cor. 4:18). There is a spiritual world that overrules this world and to which this world will one day give account. This is the vision of the great “City of God,” heavenly Jerusalem, and the final reckoning of human history. The reality of God will trump all other interpretations of life.

We might expect our verse to read, “Uncover my eyes and I will behold wonders in your Torah,” but the text actually says “*from* your Torah.” We read the Scriptures in order to discern God’s wonders in the world around us. This is sometimes called *da’at Torah*—the “knowledge of Torah” that gives the correct *hashkafah* or “outlook on life.” Faith reveals the hidden hand of God in all things and discloses the deceptive nature of the world of appearances. Indeed, the verb “uncover” (*galah*) is related to the word “captivity” (*galut*), suggesting that the uncovering of our eyes reveals our state of exile from our true home in Heaven. “For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come” (Heb. 13:14).

Those who believe the Scriptures—whose eyes are “uncovered”—sometimes feel (and often appear) “crazy” before an insane world. The world traffics in images, sound bites, fleeting sensations, and various illusions, but we testify that all such appearances ultimately answer to a higher reality. This collision is part of the “normal” life of the person who “walks by faith, not by sight” (2 Cor. 5:7).

May it please God to impart to us a “divine discontent” of this world so that we may behold more wonders from His Torah. Amen

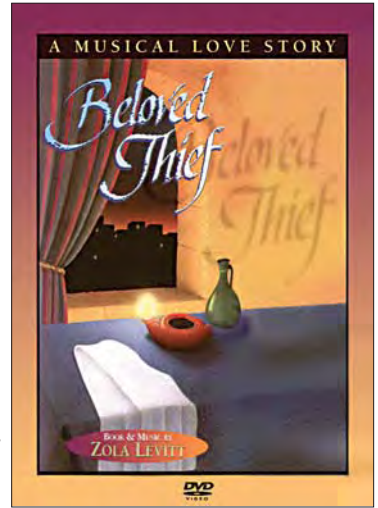


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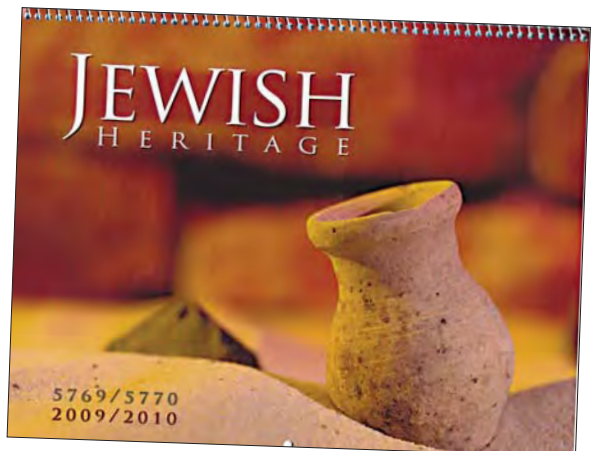
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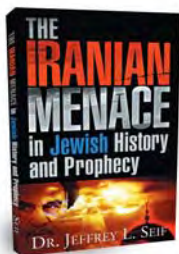
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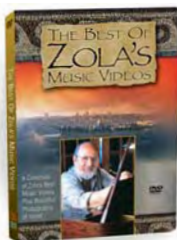


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A Jewish Response to... President Obama's comments about Israel on June 4 in Cairo, Egypt. In the eight-minute video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=nImmsxXoL00, Rabbi Chaim Richman, Director of the Temple Institute of Israel, refutes the following fallacies:

The Arab revisionist version of history undermining Israel's right to exist in its own Land. The world's interest in internationalizing Jerusalem as a home to Islam as well as Judaism and Christianity. (Note: the Torah mentions Jerusalem 700+ times; the Koran not once.) Islam's supposed tolerance of other religions, particularly in Jerusalem. Linking Israel's right to exist with the Holocaust.

Welcoming Iran to the arena of nuclear power when it aspires to destroy Israel. The rabbi concludes with a haunting warning of Jeremiah (2:3) not to devour Israel.



Jeff Is Jewish

Many viewers and readers are surprised to learn that Jeff is every bit as Jewish as Zola.

Jeff attended Hebrew school at Yeshiva Academy in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and had his Bar Mitzvah at Temple Beth El, also in Harrisburg.

Jeff became a completed Jew in 1973, primarily through the witness of an individual handing out tracts on the street.

Pamphlet of the Month

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Congressman Randy Forbes Responds to...



...President Obama's assertion April 6 in Turkey that the U.S. is not a Judeo-Christian nation. In the four-minute video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=dpQOCvthw-o, the congressman responds to two hypothetical questions:

- 1) Whether or not Americans ever considered ourselves a Judeo-Christian nation and,
- 2) If we did, when did we cease to be so?

Congressman Forbes discusses the Spiritual Heritage resolution (H.Res.397) and quotes Presidents Eisenhower and Ford, who said that without God there could be no American form of government or American way of life.

"Come Home!"

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Avoid Reverse Mortgages

By Mark Levitt



Mark Levitt

The excerpt below is from the *USA Today* article, “Reverse Mortgages Can Be Costly as Seniors Cash in On Equity.” The complete article is posted at www.levitt.com/news. The bottom line is that reverse mortgages should be one of the last options for supplementing your retirement paycheck.

A reverse mortgage is essentially a loan that lets seniors 62 or older convert home equity into cash. They don't have to repay the loan as long as they stay in their home. Interest payments and fees are most often paid when the home is sold or the homeowner dies.

However, reverse mortgages are not right for everyone. They can be costly and complicated in multiple ways.

Aggressive marketers often take advantage of vulnerable homeowners, who can end up paying more than they should for a product that doesn't work for them, says Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo. She sponsored a bill to help protect seniors from predatory reverse-mortgage lending. It became law in July 2008.

The Home Equity Conversion Mortgage Program (HECM) is run by the Federal Housing Administration and insured by the federal government. Recent changes include:

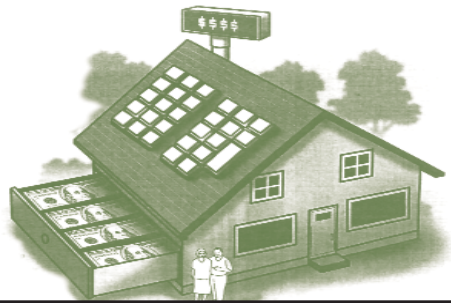
The maximum reverse-mortgage amount was raised to \$625,500, enough to save many from foreclosure. The loan amount is based on several factors that include the home's value and the borrower's age.

Origination fees. Homeowners pay 2% on the first \$200,000 and 1% on any amount over that, with the fee capped at \$6,000. But the origination fees are only a small part of the expenses. The upfront fees include an insurance premium and standard closing

costs—plus there's a monthly servicing fee and interest.

Home purchase. Homeowners can use an HECM loan to sell their current residence and buy a new one in a single transaction. That helps families who want to downsize, move to a retirement community, or move closer to family members.

AARP offers a free consumer guide, “Reverse Mortgage Loans, Borrowing Against Your Home,” that can be downloaded at www.aarp.org/revmort. You'll also see articles there such as “Scam Alert: Reverse Mortgage Seduction” and “5 Questions to Ask When Considering a Reverse Mortgage.”



High cost of reverse mortgages

Example: A 75-year-old woman owns a home valued at \$250,000. She qualifies for an HECM credit line of \$135,484, with a 7% interest rate. At closing, she withdraws only \$67,742 of the loan. Assuming that the interest rate stays the same and that she remains in the home for 12 years and doesn't take any other loan withdrawals, this is the cost of her reverse mortgage:

Total amount borrowed	\$67,742
Loan costs	
▶ Upfront costs	\$12,000
▶ Total mortgage insurance premiums	\$7,933
▶ Total monthly servicing fees	\$5,040
▶ Total monthly interest charges	\$111,056
Total loan costs	\$136,029
Total loan amount owed	\$203,771

Source: AARP (www.aarp.org/revmort)

To consider all of your retirement options (and many other worthwhile stewardship issues), you can visit the website www.decumulation.org, which is offered by the National Endowment for Financial Education, a non-profit foundation. “It is just one part of a retirement strategy,” says Brent Neiser, director of Strategic Programs and Alliances for NEFE. “It has its own set of costs and issues. And it should be one of the last options for supplementing your retirement paycheck.” ★



Letters to ZLM

Politics Not Your Mission

Dear ZLM,

Please remove my name from your donor list. Your recent criticism of our president was unwarranted. Your responsibility as a Believer in Jesus is to pray for your leaders! Our only agenda is to win the lost! —A.M.C. (IL)

Dear A.M.C.—

Spirited debate over policies and policymakers offends neither God nor man. Our Judeo-Christian democracy emerged from such debate. Earnestly wrestling with today's issues may inspire much-needed reforms. I agree, we must pray for our leaders and "win the lost." Our best and brightest, however, should prayerfully consider becoming professors, physicians and nurses, lawyers and judges, senators and presidents, as well as pastors and missionaries. Please forgo your self-righteous-sounding indignation and reconsider what it means to be Christian in the world. —Jeff

Won't Visit Israel Until Jesus Moves In

Dear Dr. Seif,

Recently you expressed optimism in the current financial crisis. I respectfully have to differ with your assessment.

Bible study has given me optimism only in the Rapture and the soon return of the Messiah. This past election and the rapidity of current world events give dire notice to a world spiraling out of control. Concerning your invitation to visit Israel in October, I plan to wait until the King of Kings has dealt with the enemies of Israel and takes control of His earthly Kingdom. Blessing and Shalom, R.E.L.

Dear R.E.L.—

I am hammering out this response from a hotel in Israel. The hotel manager downstairs wishes more Christians would come to show support. Do I tell him, "They're going to wait until after the end-of-the-world wars, and then they'll come with palm branches in hand to let you know how deeply they love you"?

The Bible prompts me to believe all things, hope all things, and endure all things (1 Corinth. 13:7). Even now, at this hour, I believe that God can and will take care of His own. —Jeff



*Jerusalem Sunrise from
the Mount of Olives*

I Need Christian Fellowship

Dear Jeff and Staff,

Thanks for the new study Bible you recently sent me. I am currently incarcerated—my fourth trip to prison. I have spent my entire life battling drug addiction and have relapsed many times. Thank God for His Grace, that He's strengthened me to stand up after I fall. I am about to get out and wonder if you know of any churches in the Dallas area that share the Messianic Jewish faith. I'll need as many resources as I can get.

Thanks, M.C.E. (TX)

Dear M.C.E.

Glad to help. Send me an email when you get out, at Staff@Levitt.com. We can meet when you're in the area. Coffee is on me, and I'll be of service, best I can. —Jeff



Are Jews Hearing The Word?

Dear Jeff,

I like your TV ministry, but I want to know if Jews are being converted to Christ. Please answer. —H.B. (GA)

Dear H.B.—

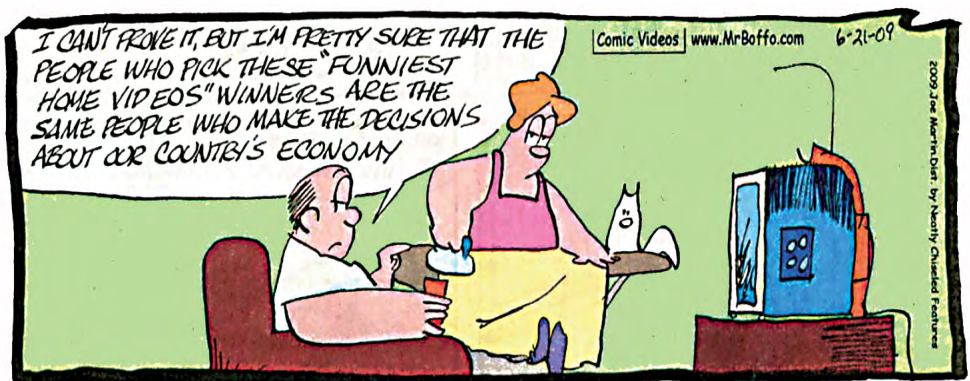
More Jewish people have come to faith in Jesus in the last nineteen years than in the previous nineteen centuries. See a testimony on page 9. —Jeff

Stop Begging—Zola Didn't

Please stop begging for money. Zola did just fine believing in God for provisions. Have you no faith? —W.P. (CA)

Dear W.P.—

I have more faith than I have patience for people who can't distinguish between asking for help and begging for money. If you watch our TV program, you'll see that we spend less than two minutes out of thirty asking for funds. Our large, free magazine dedicates virtually no space for requests. Every now and again I *do* ask for some help. But don't make me feel bad just because you don't want to give it. —Jeff



Don't ALL Christian Organizations Teach Jesus?

Dear Jeff,

I am very disturbed about a letter I just received from Jews For Jesus, in which David Brickner criticizes Christian Zionism and singles out Rabbi Eckstein's International Fellowship of Christians and Jews and John Hagee's Christians United for Israel, (Jews for Jesus, May 2009). Please tell me your view of Christian Zionism. —L.P. (WI)

Dear L.P.—

Considering the long anti-Jewish track record in Western culture, I praise God for any and all show of support. That some Christians want to roll up their sleeves and help Jewish people is commendable. Mr. Brickner's letter stemmed from his concern that many CUFI and IFCJ supporters are unaware that those organizations actively work to *impede* efforts to witness to Jewish people. Think of the potential if only more well intended Christians would funnel their energies and charity through ministries that support the advancement of the Gospel. The CUFI and IFCJ do not. ZLM does, as does Jews For Jesus! Your messenger,
—Jeff

Sorry My Donation Is Small

Dear Staff,

Thank you for continuing to send me your magazine even though I have been unable to send donations. Here's a small donation, \$30. I wish I could send more. God Bless You, G.P.R. (TX)

Dear G.P.R.—

Thanks. There's no such thing as a small donation. The issue in giving is not how much one gives, but how much is left over after the giving. If you put \$20 in an offering plate and have only \$20 more in your bank, in God's economy you have given more than Bill Gates if he sent in \$20,000,000. Sounds odd, I know; but it's biblical. Thanks for sending the large gift. —Jeff



Where's Sandra? We Miss Her.

Hello and God Bless,

We have noticed that Sandra has not been part of the TV show. Is all well? We really miss her insight from the women's point of view. We continue to watch the show and will send a donation as soon as we can. Love in Jesus, C. and M.G.



Sandra

Dear ZLM staff,

Is Sandra Levitt still part of Zola Levitt Ministries? She's not on the broadcasts with Jeff anymore. Just curious. She is a very nice and pleasant lady. Thanks, S.R. and K.M.R.

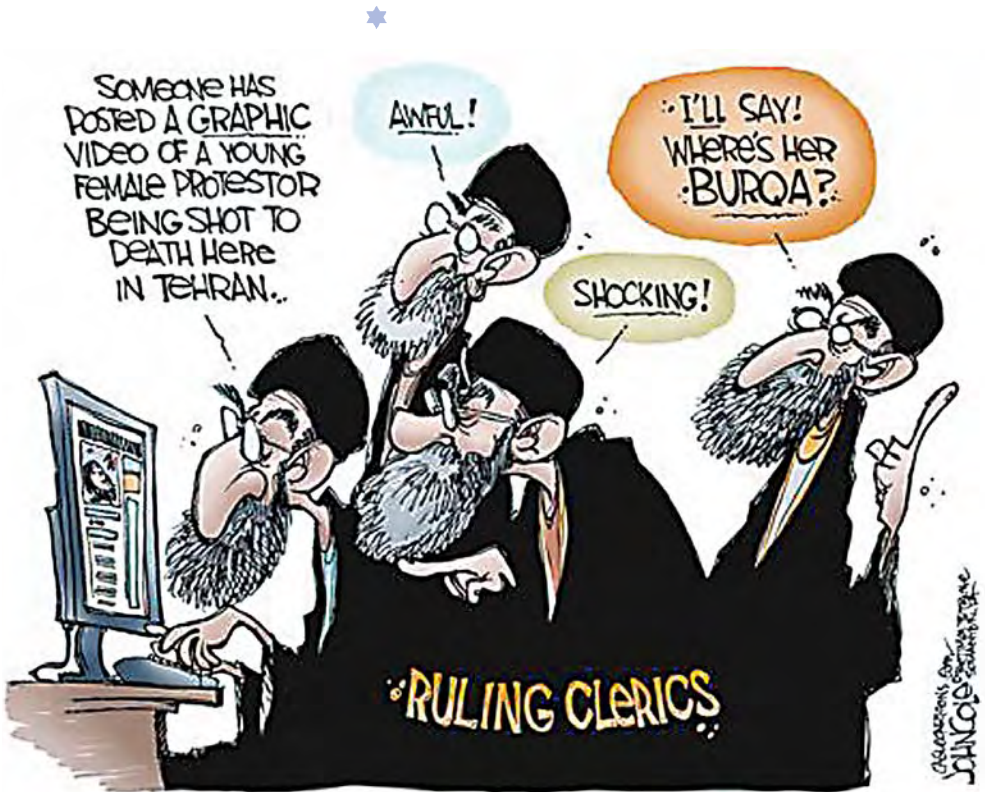
Dear C. and M.G., and S.R. and K.M.R.—

Sandra announced her retirement on page 6 of the Feb. 2009 *Levitt Letter*, which you can see online at www.levitt.com/newsletters/2009-02.pdf. She recently flew to Dallas to attend the high school graduation of my son James.

Our April 2009 *Levitt Letter* (page 20) introduced **Paul Wilbur** who is helping out and who joined Jeff during recent television shoots both in Israel and in Dallas at our studio. Paul was born to a Jewish father and Baptist mother. Now he's an accomplished musician who has ministered in more than 30 nations over the decades. You can learn more about him at www.wilburministries.com. Plus you can see his guest appearances in our *The Warrior King* television series online at www.levitt.tv/media/watch/966. Thanks for asking. —Mark



Paul



Getting Around Iran's Web Censors

By Ned Potter, www.ABCNews.go.com



Volunteer Engineers Get Dissidents Onto Blocked Internet Sites

For many of Iran's dissidents trying to defy the government of Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, contact with the outside world depends on a little flash drive in Shiyu Zhou's pocket.

Zhou is a Chinese-born computer scientist. He is deputy director of the Global Internet Freedom Consortium, though the group's name makes it sound somewhat more official than it really is. It is a loose network of about 50 engineers like him, working in their free time to break down the electronic walls put up by repressive governments.

"History is often made by people who have the courage just to do it by themselves," said Michael Horowitz of the Hudson Institute, a Washington-based group that supports the consortium's work. "I think that's what these guys are doing."

The consortium operates quietly across the globe, keeping the Internet open; Zhou asked us, for fear of reprisals, not to report where he lives. His true cause has been the Falun Gong spiritual movement in China. Twenty years ago, in Beijing, he was a student at the Tiananmen Square uprising, and he says it changed him.

"I realized how frightening a state-controlled media can be, that it can turn black into white overnight," he said when we met in New York.

To fight back in the Internet age, Zhou and his comrades have, among other things, devised a small computer application they call Freagate, and that's what is stored on Zhou's flash drive. It has been shared by hundreds of thousands of dissidents in Iran, China, Burma (Myanmar), and in other countries that try to limit people's access to websites that might compromise the government's power. If the government blocks access to websites, Freagate gets you to them and leaves no trace that you ever tried. It even determines the country you're in and gives instructions in the local language.

"We all remember when the Berlin Wall collapsed," says Horowitz. "Well, in the 21st century, the walls are made of electrons."

Zhou's supporters say his group needs support from the U.S. government. It consists of only 50 engineers playing cat and mouse with some of the world's toughest regimes. ★



A Molecular Approach To Fighting Cancer

By Sharon Kanon, www.Israel21c.org

At Biokine Therapeutics, the focus from day one has been on finding drugs to fight cancer. Nine years on, the Israeli company believes it's nearing its goal with a promising potential drug that can be adapted to treat a variety of different cancers—from leukemia to myeloma—as well as inflammatory diseases.

Biokine's novel molecular approach focuses on the role of chemokines in the development of cancer and inflammatory diseases. Chemokines are crucial prompters in physiological processes. "Chemokines are small proteins that alert immune (white) cells to come help when there is a problem in an area—an inflammation or a virus," says **Dr. Orly Eizenberg**, vice president, co-founder, and head of R&D at Biokine. The bad news is that in error, they can set off pathological processes throughout the body.

A MISTAKE SENDS IMMUNE CELLS TO THE WRONG LOCATION

"Receptors on these chemokines sniff out the need for help in a place where a stranger has invaded. Sometimes, however, they make a mistake, cause the immune cells to go to the wrong area, gather together for no reason or for the wrong reason, and even kill the wrong cells, the body's good cells [causing an auto-immune disease]," says Eizenberg, an expert in cancer cells and molecular biology. **"Misreading a signal, they lead cancer cells from one area to another, causing metastasis, the spread of cancer," she adds.**



*Dr. Orly Eizenberg,
head of R&D at Biokine.*

Rehovot-based Biokine is focusing on BKT140, an antagonist that inhibits the activity of the chemokine receptor CXCR4 which is linked to cancer progression, explains Dr. Amnon Peled, co-founder and the CEO of Biokine. Peled directs a laboratory at the Gene Therapy Institute at Hadassah Medical Center that focuses on the role of chemokines and chemokine receptor-based gene therapy for the treatment of cancer and immune diseases.

In clinical trials involving myeloma and leukemia, Biokine's drug pulls a double switch, not only causing cancer cells to die, but going directly to the stem cells in the bone marrow and inducing the production and release of normal immune cells. In this way, it also helps the body to recover after chemotherapy or radiation treatment. So far, the approach has shown promising results in trials against cancer—particularly myeloma and leukemia, and also in treatment for inflammatory diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis, and autoimmune diseases including multiple sclerosis.

The company has developed another platform, called Chemo-Hit, designed to look for promiscuous compounds to modify more than one chemokine activity. "A pathological inflammatory condition is usually regulated by more than one chemokine," explains Eizenberg. "Our idea is to have one drug that blocks all chemokines involved in a specific pathology. Targeting only one chemokine is not sufficient."

Pre-clinical trials indicate that Biokine's compounds are effective in inhibiting chemokines that are involved in the progression of inflammatory diseases such as MS. ★

The Settlements Canard



By Charles Krauthammer
www.JPost.com

President Obama declares there will be no more “dictating” to other countries. We should “forge partnerships as opposed to simply dictating solutions,” he told the G-20 summit. In Middle East negotiations, he told Al-Arabiya, America will henceforth “start by listening, because all too often the United States starts by dictating.” An admirable sentiment. It applies to everyone—Iran, Russia, Cuba, Syria, even Venezuela. Except Israel. Israel is ordered to freeze all settlement activity.

As Secretary of State Hillary Clinton explained: “a stop to settlements—not some settlements, not outposts, not natural-growth exceptions.” What’s the issue? No “natural growth” means strangling to death the thriving towns close to the 1949 armistice line, many of them suburbs of Jerusalem that every negotiation over the past decade has envisioned Israel retaining. It means no increase in population. Which means no babies. Or if you have babies, no housing for them—not even within the existing town boundaries. Which means for every child born, someone has to move out. No community can survive like that.

Muslim Takeover of Russia?

By Paul Goble, <http://GeorgianDaily.com>

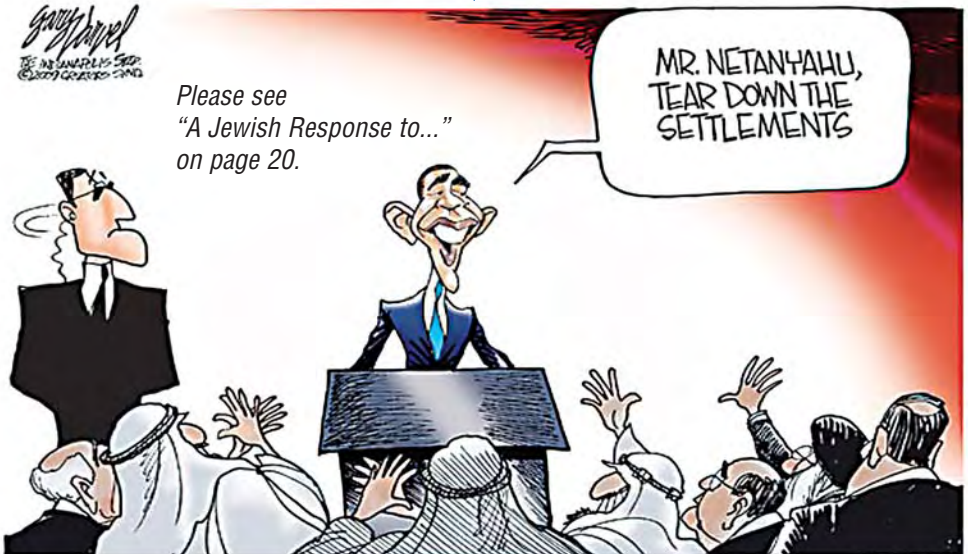
In an article provocatively entitled “Moskvabad — Capital of Rusostan,” a *Moskovskaya Pravda* journalist says that the influx of Muslim migrants and increasing rates of intermarriage between them and ethnic Russian women threatens the future of the Russian Federation.

According to Kirill Grishchenkov, “more than half of the marriages in [the Russian] capital are inter-ethnic,” with a large share of those being between ethnic Russian women and Muslim immigrants, and with a sizable proportion of their children lost to the titular nationality of the country. The number of Muslim immigrants is increasing, and their non-drinking lifestyle and romantic approach attracts ethnic Russian women. And as the latter marry the former, the city becomes even more attractive for Muslims to come and settle, thus increasing the likelihood that ethnic Russian women will contract even more mixed marriages.

In the relatively near future, he says, ethnic Russians will cease to feel themselves at home “in their own country.” ★

Gary Varvel
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Please see
“A Jewish Response to...”
on page 20.



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True Romance... Right For Each Other

By Kathleen Green, *The Dallas Morning News*

Their harmonious chemistry was apparent, but it took Danny Davis and Suzanne Burton awhile to tune in to their connection. As vocal professionals, they spent hours singing together in a Dallas recording studio in the mid-'80s.

"I always thought he was really, really cute and really, really funny," she says. "And I thought he probably had a girlfriend." And Danny thought Suzanne had a boyfriend. "It took me forever to wise up," he says.

When Danny and Suzanne began recording songs for *Beloved Thief*, a musical by Zola Levitt that dramatized a Jewish wedding, they were asked to play the parts: Danny as the groom and Suzanne as the bride.

"There was just extreme electricity between us," she says. "That's the first time we actually spent time together."

As they spent hours waiting for lights and costumes to be adjusted, Danny and Suzanne had a lot of time to sit and talk. But Danny dragged his feet in asking Suzanne out. Then one night the producer, Ken Berg, handed Danny a dollar.

"I said, 'What's that for?' And he said, 'Take her out and buy her a Coke.' Every once in a while he'd be walking by my office and he'd stick his head in and say, 'Hey Danny, you could marry Suzanne Burton.'"

In early April 1987, Danny finally asked Suzanne out for dinner. After talking for two solid hours, they say they both knew they'd found a soul mate.

"I just couldn't live without her," he says. "That's what my mom always



*Danny and Suzanne Davis
have always made beautiful music.*

used to tell me. You shouldn't get married unless you find somebody you absolutely can't live without."

Less than three weeks later, Danny asked Suzanne to marry him. "There was no doubt in either of our minds," he says. "I really didn't mean to propose that soon, but I couldn't help it."

Suzanne wasn't the least bit surprised by the impromptu proposal. "I knew he was going to," she says. "I felt it coming, and so I made him say it again just to be sure."

Danny and Suzanne were married on the first Saturday their church was available—Aug. 22, 1987.

"We like to joke that we dated our first year of marriage," she says. They learned how very similar their personalities were, says Danny, which made it pretty easy.

Their music and their faith keep them together both personally and professionally. Danny is worship leader and Suzanne is a vocal producer at their church. And, when they're not running around town with their two teenagers, the family works together writing songs.

"It gets better and better and better," says Suzanne. ★

Now, you know you want to listen to the *Beloved Thief* musical—see p. 17!



Israel's contributions in Science

IDF Rescue & Battle Snake

By Julie Farby, www.AllHeadlineNews.com

The Israel Defense Forces has created a “robot snake” capable of recording video and sound on the battlefield. The technologically advanced snake is about six feet long and covered in army camouflage, and mimics the movement of a real snake.

The IDF's new robot spy has the appearance of a real snake and is able to slither through caves, tunnels, cracks, and buildings, sending images and sound back to a soldier controlling the device through a laptop computer. The snake has a single camera attached to the front end that allows it to take pictures of its surrounding area and terrain.

Researchers studied the movements of real snakes in order to realistically capture their physical characteristics and abilities. The new robotic device is able to bend its joints and slither through very tight spaces, helping to find people buried under collapsed buildings and other enclosures. It can also arch its body straight up, allowing it to peer over obstacles.

The IDF's robot snake can also be used to carry bombs, making it a multifaceted military device.

The Ministry of Defense, collaborating with experts from Technion and Ben Gurion University, has created a whole slew of robotic animals with special

abilities, including a cat that can climb walls by using its claws, and a “dog-droid” that responds to human movement.

Creeping Sharia

By Daniel Pipes,
www.DanielPipes.org



St. George's Cross

As the Muslim presence in the West grows, so do the calls to do away with long-standing insignia that retain their Christian origins. Pipes's weblog keeps tabs on some of the more colorful demands.

Chief Inspector of Prisons Anne Owers forbade British prison officers from wearing a St. George's Cross tie-pin, although it is the national flag of England, due to its connection to the Crusades. Chris Doyle, director of the Council for the Advancement of Arab-British Understanding, approved of the step, noting that “A lot of Muslims and Arabs view the Crusades as a bloody episode in our history.” Doyle added that it was now time for England to find a new flag and a patron saint who is “not associated with our bloody past and one we can all identify with.” (Oct. 4, 2005)

Dec. 18, 2005: A reader responds: “Chris Doyle's claim is a historical gibberish. First, St. George was executed by the Roman Emperor Diocletian in 303 AD —rather limiting his opportunity to participate in the Crusades some eight hundred years later. Second, he was not English, but lived in Libya. Third, the cross belongs to St. George, not to England, so it is illogical to see it as tainted by the failings of England.” To which I add: Doyle wants a patron saint “we can all identify with,” but if he objects to a saint who lived centuries before Islam, which one will he accept? In 2006, some Church of England clergy suggested replacing St. George with St. Alban, a Christian martyr in Roman Britain, as the patron saint of England. There have also been claims that he should be patron saint of Britain as a whole.

Jews' Tie To Israel Predates Holocaust

www.JPost.com

In June, President Obama placed a single white flower at the Buchenwald memorial for the estimated 43,000 people—among them 11,000 Jews—murdered at the concentration camp. “The nation of Israel [arose] out of the destruction of the Holocaust,” he said.

Of course, had the Jews achieved a national homeland in Palestine *before* the outbreak of WW II—as Britain promised in the 1917 Balfour Declaration and as the League of Nations affirmed in 1920—history would have turned out very differently indeed.

What the Holocaust *proved* is that the world is too dangerous a place for Jews to be stateless and defenseless. But Zionists were making that argument long before Hitler came to power.

Long before Christianity and Islam appeared on the world stage, the covenant between the People of Israel and the Land of Israel was entrenched and unwavering. Every day for 2,000 years, Jews prayed in the ancient tongue for the return to Zion. At every Jewish wedding through the centuries, the bridegroom has crushed a glass beneath his foot while declaring: “If I forget thee, O Jerusalem...”

When anyone implies that Jewish rights are essentially predicated on

the Holocaust—not far, far deeper and more ancient—he is dooming the prospects for peace. For why should the Arabs reconcile themselves to the presence of a Jewish state, organic to the region, if Israel was established to atone for Europe's crimes?

Muslims Censor Geert Wilders—Again

www.Newsmax.com

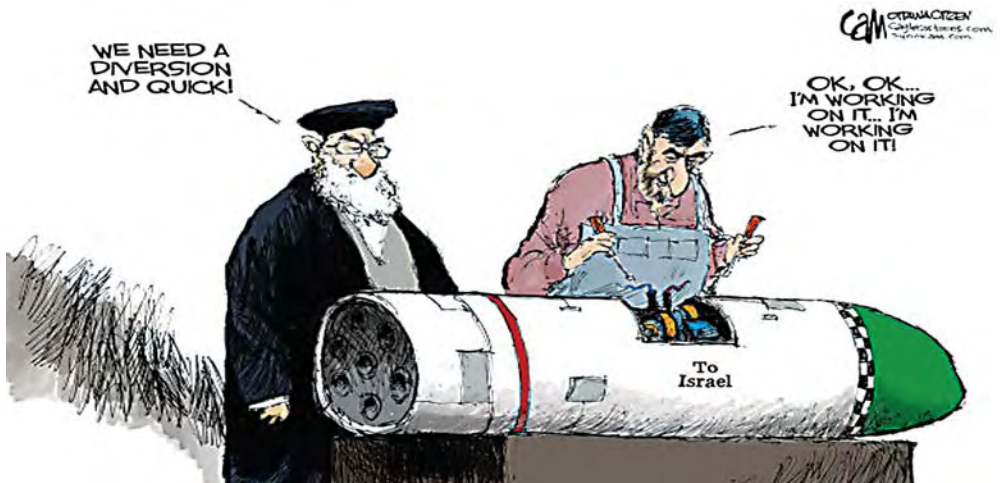


Geert Wilders

The manager of Loew's Vanderbilt Hotel in Nashville cancelled a conference contract with a conservative foundation, apparently after learning that the group would feature a keynote address by controversial Dutch parliamentarian/filmmaker, Geert Wilders. Muslim groups succeeded in preventing Wilders from screening *Fitna*, his 15-minute movie on radical Islam, in England's House of Lords earlier this year, claiming it was insulting to Muslims.

Hotel managing director Thomas Negri said that the hotel had “not received any information related to a specific security threat concerning this event,” and declined to provide any justification for canceling it at the last minute. ★

[To view the 17-minute movie *Fitna*, visit www.themoviefitna.com and, click on “Fitna the Movie,” the second item from the top, on the right.]



Making (Air) Waves Across the Globe

By Jerry Hodges, ZLM TV Syndicator

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Broadcasting television nationally and internationally is expensive. To assess which stations are worth keeping, we depend on your feedback to let us know on which station you view our program. Otherwise, we analyze the ZIP Codes of donors. Please update us regularly on which specific TV network or independent station you view our program, and advise us whenever it becomes unavailable to you.

Due to the new digital broadcasts, viewers of *Zola Levitt Presents* who use older televisions (the relatively square sets) must rely on a digital converter box or subscribe to a cable or satellite provider.

The "digital mandate" (which took effect on June 12) and the declining economy motivated us to revise some of our broadcast allocations. Due to inadequate responses, we stopped broadcasting on God's Learning Channel (GLC). Those savings are being redirected to the Inspiration Network (INSP), which increased its rates when it added Dish and DirecTV. In addition, our other networks increased their fees at the same time that donations have dropped.

We hope you have noticed an improved production quality in our programs. While our ministry seeks to exceed the production quality you see on secular television, we are having to juggle increased broadcasting and production costs with fewer donated dollars.

Would you kindly help us reach more viewers? Nothing works better than word-of-mouth endorsements from Believers like you who share our mission. To foster a grass-roots expansion campaign, we are adding Zola Levitt accounts to MySpace, YouTube, Twitter, and Facebook. By simply posting our links on your Internet accounts and mentioning us in your correspondence, you can help direct friends to our programs and the *Levitt Letter*.

Regular "DeSeifering the News" segments will be posted on YouTube, and Twitter will become our bulletin board. So please ask your friends to follow the "ZolaLevitt" Twitter account.

Once again, please advise us regarding the station on which you view *Zola Levitt Presents*. Of course, we would also appreciate any additional financial blessings to help cover our increased expenses. ★



Three Married Men

The first man married a Polish woman. He told her that she was to do the dishes and house cleaning. It took a couple of days, but on the third day, he came home to see a clean house and the dishes washed and put away.

The second man married an Italian woman. He gave his wife orders to do all the cleaning, dishes, and cooking. The first day he didn't see any results, but the next day he saw it was better. By the third day, he saw his house was clean, the dishes were done, and there was a huge dinner on the table.

The third man married a Jewish woman. He ordered her to keep the house cleaned, the dishes washed, the lawn mowed, and prepare hot meals for every meal. He said the first day he didn't see anything, the second day he didn't see anything; but by the third day, some of the swelling had gone down and he could see a little out of his left eye, and his arm was healed enough that he could fix himself a sandwich and load the dishwasher. ★



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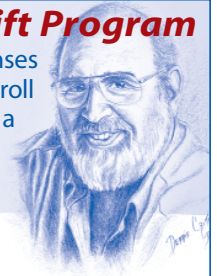
Fair Elections, Mullah-style By Rosslyn Smith, www.AmericanThinker.com



Iran's Guardian Council spokesman **Abbas-Ali Kadkhodaei**, speaking on Iranian television, had this to say in response to a complaint filed by Mohsen Rezaei, one of the candidates supposedly defeated in the June 12 election. "Statistics provided by Mohsen Rezaei in which he claims more than 100% of those eligible have cast their ballot in 170 cities are not accurate—the incident has happened in only 50 cities."

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Carter: I love the Palestinians!

www.IsraelToday.co.il

In June, former U.S. president Jimmy Carter was awarded the Palestinian International Award for Excellence and Creativity by the Palestinian Authority in Ramallah.



During his acceptance speech, Carter gushed about how he has “been in love with the Palestinian people for many years.” He urged rival Palestinian factions to put aside their differences and focus on seizing control of Israel’s biblical heartland.

Addressing Israel and the international community, Carter insisted that there could never be peace in the Middle East until everyone opened their arms for blood-soaked terrorist groups like Hamas.

The former president concluded by noting that he is eagerly teaching his great-grandsons about the “anguish and suffering and deprivation of human rights” that he suggested Israel has subjected the Arabs of the region to since 1948.

In his acceptance speech, Carter said to the Palestinians, “I hope in the future to address you in your perpetual capital, Jerusalem.” How can a purported Christian get this basic Bible teaching so wrong? —Editor

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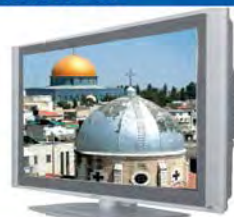
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Iran's Nuclear: Power or Weapons?

By Nancy Zuckerbrod
www.WashingtonPost.com

President Obama stated recently that Iran may have some right to nuclear energy—provided it takes steps to prove its aspirations are peaceful. He also restated plans to pursue direct diplomacy with Tehran, to encourage it to set aside any ambitions for nuclear weapons it might harbor.

Iran has insisted its nuclear program is aimed at generating electricity. But the U.S. and other Western governments accuse Tehran of seeking atomic weapons.

“Without going into specifics, what I do believe is that Iran has legitimate energy concerns, legitimate aspirations. On the other hand, the international community has a very real interest in preventing a nuclear arms race in the region,” Obama said.

The comments echo remarks Obama made in Prague in which he said his administration would “support Iran’s right to peaceful nuclear energy with rigorous inspections” if Iran proves it is no longer a nuclear threat. Iranian state television described the news as

Obama recognizing the “rights of the Iranian nation,” a phrase typically used to refer to Iran’s nuclear program.

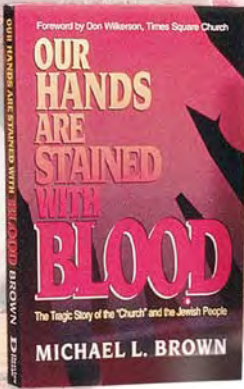
The president has indicated a willingness to seek deeper international sanctions against Tehran if it does not respond positively to U.S. attempts to open negotiations on its nuclear program. Obama has said Tehran has until the end of the year to show it wants to engage. ★

Is Fanatic Islam a Global Threat? Book

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Our Hands Are Stained With Blood

“And they’ll know we are Christians by our love.”
 Contrary to the sweet sentiment of that popular Peter

Scholtes Bible hymn, this book documents with unrelenting intensity the prolific anti-Semitism at the hands of the Church. From the first “Christian” persecutions of the Jews in the fourth century to the unspeakable horrors of the Holocaust, from Israel-bashing in today’s press to anti-Semitism in today’s pulpits, this shocking and painful book is a sure cure for someone who imagines that persecution of God’s Chosen is a hoax.

Authored by Dr. Michael Brown, Dean of the Messiah Biblical Institute and the Graduate School of Theology in Maryland, this is a history every Christian must learn.

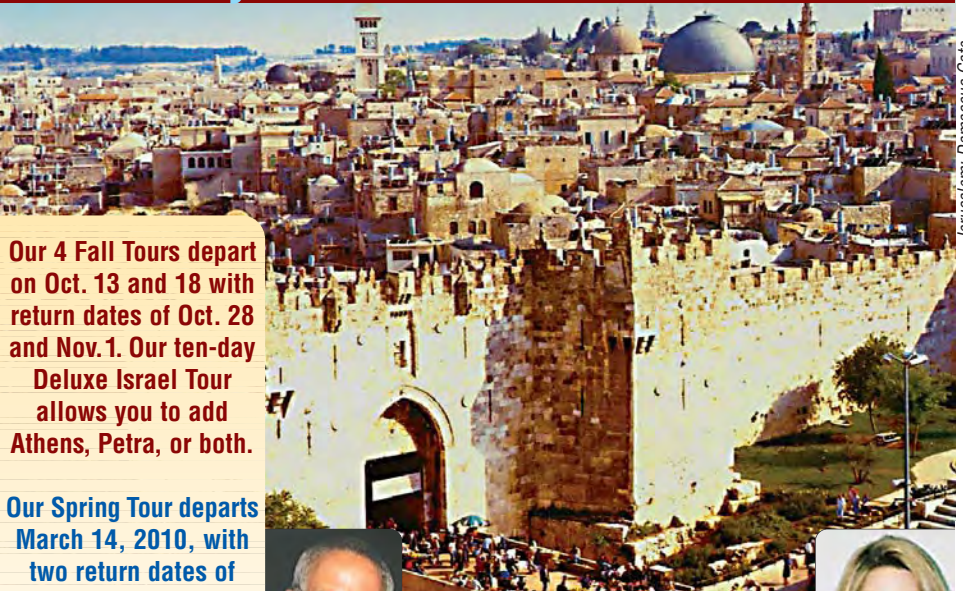
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