

Levitt Letter

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



An objective assessment from the United Nations!—Jeff

Israel Leads Middle East in Living Standards

By Leo Rennert
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Each year, the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) issues a voluminous report on human development progress and challenges among its member nations. Unlike many other UN reports that are heavily politicized, the human-development reports have maintained a sterling reputation for dispassionate scientific and statistical objectivity.

The annual report's most popular feature is its "human development index"—a table that ranks the "well-being" of nations, according to three main criteria—health, based on life expectancy; education, based on years of schooling of adults; and personal income.

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Buffett Wants to Invest Even More in Israel

By Elad Benari
www.IsraelNationalNews.com

American investor **Warren Buffett**, one of the world's wealthiest people, says he would like to invest more in Israel.



"We are always interested in more investments in Israel. We will be happy to acquire a large and independent company in Israel, or some small companies—what I call mergers into the existing framework and I think we will do both," Buffett said recently.

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The 2010 HDI—the most authoritative global report card on living standards—ranks Israel in 15th place. This represents a huge upward leap from its 27th ranking in 2009. Israel's latest showing is by far its best yet.

Its 15th place puts it ahead of Finland, Iceland, Belgium, Denmark, Spain, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Austria, and the United Kingdom. Just ahead of Israel are Switzerland (13th) and France (14th).

The top 10 nations on the 2010 HDI are led by Norway (No. 1), followed by Australia, New Zealand, United States, Ireland, Liechtenstein, Netherlands, Canada, Sweden, and Germany.

With its 15th ranking, Israel far outpaces the living standards of its Middle East neighbors. The oil-rich United Arab Emirates come closest with a 32nd ranking, followed by Qatar (38th), Bahrain (39th), and Kuwait (47th).

Despite their vast oil wealth, Saudi Arabia (55th) and Iran (70th) lag far behind Israel.

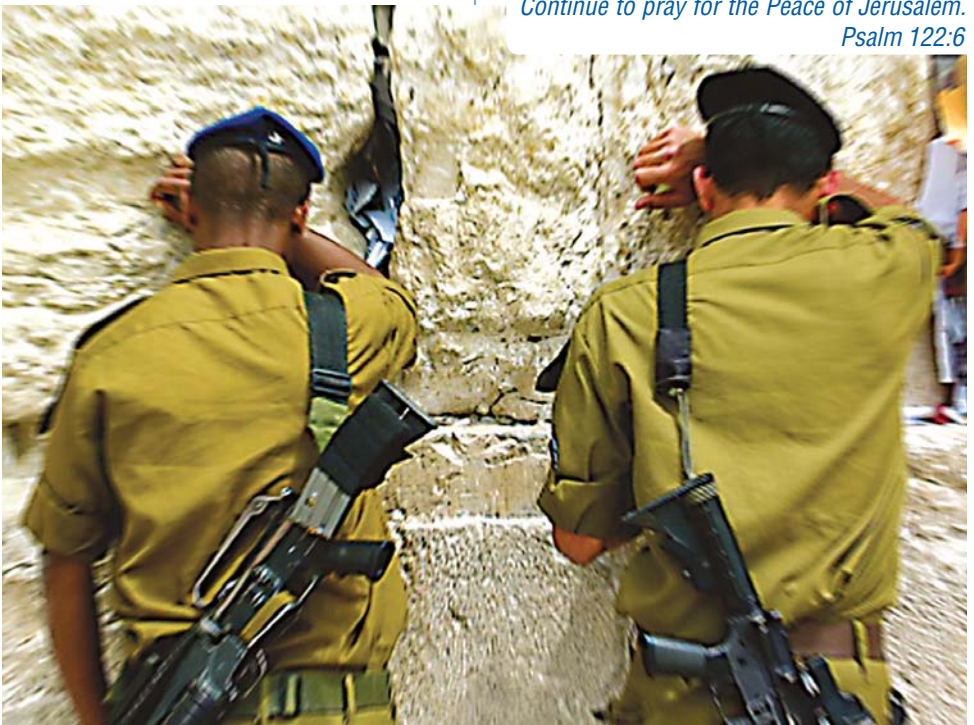
What makes the HDI unique as a snapshot of living standards is that it doesn't just measure a nation's overall financial wealth. Instead, it delves into such basic quality-of-life factors as public health, how widely educational opportunities are spread among its citizens, and individual income levels. Thus, countries that amass great wealth because of natural assets like oil can get relatively low marks if they fail to spread their wealth to all sectors of society, including minorities and women.

Countries that divert big chunks of their wealth to armaments or favored ruling classes instead of spreading good schools, good medical facilities, and adequate income to everyone also are apt to get relatively low marks.

Which makes **Israel's 15th place among 169 countries** around the globe all the more remarkable in view of multiple security threats that require major defense outlays; yet Israel still manages to excel in ensuring basic living standards for all its people.



*Continue to pray for the Peace of Jerusalem.
Psalm 122:6*





More than four years ago, Buffett's company Berkshire Hathaway Inc. acquired 80% of Israeli company Iscar Ltd. for \$4 billion. Iscar Metalworking Companies (IMC) is an industry leader in the metal cutting tools business with operations worldwide. Buffett later said that purchasing Iscar was a "dream investment."

Now, Buffett is enthusiastic about possibly investing more in Israel. "Our company CTB, which deals in agricultural equipment, bought two small companies in Israel that succeeded well and we have a company TTI that I think did a small acquisition in Israel," he said. "I loved the place. I spent some days there three years ago and enjoyed it very much, I managed to see almost all the country and I received a wonderful welcome from everyone."

He added that he believes that Israel has a sustainable advantage in the global competitive marketplace. "If you are looking for brains—stop in Israel, there is no need to go further. If you go to the Middle East to look for oil, then skip Israel. In my opinion, Israel as a state has proven that it has an exceptional amount of brains and energy and in my eyes it works."

Buffett believes that a country's success

is dependent on government and business working together in cooperation.

"Sometimes this may be a strange partnership, but [government and business] are part of the same family. That does not mean that the two brothers always get on well with each other. But they have a common goal. No state will succeed if it does not cultivate a climate in which businesses thrive, and businesses will not flourish in a country where the government is not stable, progressive and has a vision."

"I see the same situation in the U.S. as in Israel," added Buffett. "I think it is important that businesses and governments understand each other. They will disagree, but ultimately the government will not prosper without business, and businesses will not thrive if the government is not adequate... I do not know the internal situation in Israel, but I do not think [Israel] would have gotten to where it is today if there had been disputes between government and business."

Referring to his investment in Iscar, Buffett stressed that he is "more than satisfied" with it. "If you have more companies like Iscar, call me." ★



Ask The Professor

By Dr. Jeffrey L. Seif



Q Dr. Seif, I think you should use your television programs and print media to teach God's Word and underscore the boundless love richly manifest in the coming of Christ Jesus. Your criticism of Islam betrays Christ's loving values. It does a disservice both to your ministry and to the Gospel, not to mention it being out of keeping with the Christmas spirit. Why don't you just teach the Bible and focus less on others?
—Anonymous

A Dear Anonymous— At the very start of the New Testament, in the second chapter of Matthew's Gospel, Matthew tells a story that is part of the Christmas narrative. Do you recall it?

In 2:1-8, Matthew describes how a wicked political powerbroker named Herod attempted to manipulate wise men to undermine the coming "King of the Jews." But the Wise Men were too wise to be misled by the malicious king, who turned his fury on thousands of innocent baby boys, hoping to destroy the Infant (vv. 16-18).

The New Testament opens with this account of political intrigue, social unrest, and spiritual faithlessness. Speaking about such issues today doesn't seem to betray biblical virtues.

It may bother you—but it probably doesn't bother Jesus. To the contrary, I believe He finds lofty sermonizing to be burdensome, and cowardly preachers bothersome!

Let's move from Jesus' Christmastime entrance to His Calvary-time exit.

Just prior to His death, Jesus exhorted Believers to remember the afflicted, emphasizing that work as important for Judgment Day accountings (Matthew 25:35-46). Hear what He

says to those who don't care about the weak: **"Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me. ... Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me."**

If we take Jesus literally and seriously, He commends ministry to victims of abuse, and damns the cowards too selfish to take up their cause.

Who remembers the Christians suffering in Islamic-controlled lands? Who remembers the 150,000 anonymous Christians killed for their faith, or the 200 million unknown individuals persecuted for their faith in Jesus in 2010? Who considers that 80% of these persecutions occur in Muslim-controlled lands?

I won't overstate who I am, or what we Believers do on behalf of those poor souls—for surely it isn't enough. However, naming abusive religions and governments and calling attention to their misdeeds offends no biblical religion so far as I know. If you think it does, tear the Christmas story out of your New Testament so you won't be offended by Matthew's account of that business. ★

Dry Bones

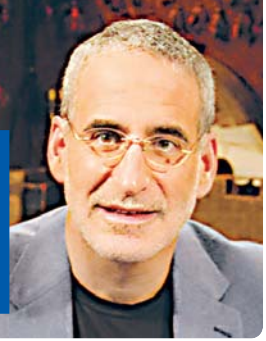




If you're Internet savvy, visit the above link where Canada's prime minister, Stephen Harper, (left) expresses support for Jews, despite political fallout.

DeSeifering Our World

By Dr. Jeffrey Seif



In this anti-Semitic world, I knew he'd experience a backlash. Immediately, Arthur Topham of Canada's *Radical Press* called Harper "an abject traitor as well as a full-blown slave to the racist, supremacist State of Israel." The prime minister, said Topham, "stands naked before the nation as a stark, fervent and rabid representative of the Israeli Zionist criminal cabal."

Topham called for "the death knell of this satanic, racist, supremacist and nihilistic initiative on the part of Israel," saying, "this cabal of Zionist cretins is anathema to our political and spiritual survival...Harper and his Conservative government must be removed from power...and tried for treason.... Nothing short of such a radical move will prove efficacious in terms of ridding our nation of the clear and present danger that the State of Israel and the Zionist ideology pose to our God-given rights and freedoms."

Ever notice that when we stand up, people want to beat us down?

Salim Mansur, a Muslim, defended Harper in a November *Toronto Sun* article. Mansur called Harper's stance "deeply moving and courageous when courage is sorely needed of our leaders." He quoted Harper: "...the oldest enduring bigotry against Jews still thrives in our midst when Israel is the only country in the world whose very existence is under attack." Harper added that civilized people "are morally obligated to take a stand" against anti-Semitism. This Muslim author surprised me by noting **that the lack of Christian resolve is the Jews' principal enemy.** He quoted Pierre Van Paassen (1895-1968), a Dutch-Canadian journalist who reported from Europe in the 1930s: "I am convinced that Hitler neither could nor would have done to the Jewish people what he has done—perpetrated the most heinous and gruesome crime of history on a helpless, disarmed, national and religious minority—if we had not psychologically and actively prepared the way for him...by our selfishness and by the anti-Semitic teachings in churches and schools...**Hitler could not**

have killed the Jews of Europe unless the Church of Christ had first killed them with its fiendish anti-Semitic teachings."

Wow! Such a stand! Why not contact Mansur and express your appreciation—salim.mansur@sunmedia.ca? I've often said that the only way to avoid criticism is to say nothing and do nothing. Those who stand for biblical values and the Jewish people can and do take a beating. I thank God for the help we get from Christian friends and others, like Mansur.

We need assistance now as our new TV series *Eretz Israel—the Land of Israel* makes its way through the editorial process, to the networks, and on to you—and also to the millions who will watch it but never help with its production and broadcasting. *Eretz Israel* will take viewers off the beaten path all over modern Israel. We'll journey back in time to biblical sites where God made promises that have meaning to this day. I'll go after the secular media and lukewarm churches that cast aspersions on Scripture.

We're in a war, friends! Please help us wage it. One of our non-religious networks recently mentioned raising our rates. Discouraging! We could simply leave the network, but we want to reach out to the secular culture—not just from Christian television.

If you praise God for our efforts, this would be an optimal time for you to help us. Give a Christmastime missions gift to the Lord during the season when we remember His birth. I know you'll be blessed.

Give yourself a gift by going to the Land of Israel. If you can picture yourself in Israel with us, call our travel manager Tracie at 214-696-9760. A Holy Land pilgrimage is the adventure of a lifetime. See p. 36 for dates.

Your messenger,

Israel's Drought & God's Gift of Rain

By Eitan Shishkoff



The Sea of Galilee—or as it is known locally, the Kinneret (meaning “harp”)—is Israel's largest lake and the country's primary reservoir. At 700 feet below sea level it is the Earth's lowest freshwater lake. The Kinneret is 68 stories lower than the surface of the Mediterranean Sea, only 25 miles away. The entire nation of Israel depends on the Sea of Galilee for our water supply. Thus, the sea's water level is constantly monitored. The Israel Water Authority reported a loss of 28.35 inches between July and Sept. of 2010. The lake is now 35.8 inches below the red line and falling.

Israel is still gripped in a drought that has continued for seven years. During that time, our fresh water supply has decreased by 25%. The driest spell in Israel since the 1920s, the current lack of rain parallels this year's unseasonably warm temperatures. In mid-Nov. our beaches were still well populated!

While Israel draws praise for such water conservation measures as recycled water, desalination, and a public awareness campaign that dropped urban consumption by 15%, we are ultimately dependent on one source that has never changed: rain from the heavens. God's special interest in rain is evidenced by 87 references to the subject in Scripture.

In the Torah we learn that rain is a covenant gift from God to Israel. When **“...you love the Lord your God and serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul, then I will give you the rain for your land in its season...”** (Deut. 11:13, 14). However, if we turn to idols, He will **“...shut up the heavens so that there be no rain, and the land yield no produce...”** (Deut. 11:17). Could that be the case now? Even a cursory check of our

increasingly immoral society, rising homicide rate, and continued corruption scandals demonstrates an idolatry of greed, anger, and lust. If we want rain in Israel, it's time for self-examination and repentance.

Thankfully, the Lord still listens to His praying remnant. **“When the heavens are shut up and there is no rain because they have sinned against you, when they pray toward this place and confess your name, and turn from their sin...then hear in heaven...and send rain on your land.”** (1 Kings 8:35, 36).

In Joel's end-time prophecies, he speaks of both physical rain and spiritual. The simple formula for ending both kinds of drought is the same. Let those **“...who minister to the Lord pray ‘O Lord, spare your people.’”** (Joel 2:17). Please pray with us that the winter rains will be abundant and that the Spirit of God will be poured out upon the people of Israel. ★

Israelis Plead With God To Send Rain *Israel Today*

Israel's chief rabbis have declared days of prayer and fasting in Israel to implore God to send much needed rain.

Israel has entered its seventh year of drought, though this winter was predicted to be the driest yet. So far, those forecasts are proving accurate. Since winter officially began, very little rain has fallen. Most parts of Israel are still experiencing dry summer-like weather.

“The land is dry due to our many sins, and this is a troubling matter,” Chief Ashkenazi Rabbi Yona Metzger and Chief Sephardi Rabbi Shlomo Amar wrote in an open letter to the public.

The rabbis continued: **“It is our duty to seek and delve into our deeds, and come close to God with all our hearts, and set forth our pleas with a broken and despondent heart.”**

Without a drastic improvement in rainfall during the second half of the winter season, Israeli officials have suggested that water rationing may become necessary. ★

The Mystery of Persia

Today a co-worker asked me to explain the attitude and behavior of Iran.

After all, here is a sovereign nation, somewhat backward but organized enough to function in international commerce and trade, doing its utmost to alienate the rest of the world. At this point it seems that the Iranians will fire on any ship of any flag, blowing men and goods out of the water willy-nilly. The nations who have taken tragic losses in the Persian Gulf would make a long list indeed. Iran has almost no friends left. It is condemned even by the most radical Muslim states in the Middle East.

But when I use the expression “almost no friends left,” I am thinking of the one nation upon which Persia has not fired. That nation is Russia. I can only think that Iran’s atrocious behavior of the moment is taking it to its rightful place for the calamitous end-times events, most emphatically, the coming Russian invasion of Israel. **See Coming: *The End! Russia & Israel in Prophecy* book and CD on p. 18-19 order form.**

Persia (Iran) and Magog (Russia) are to be allies in that fateful satanic enterprise (Ezek. 38:2, 5). Historically, inexplicable maneuvering on the part of a nation within the biblical theatre of operations could be explained by consulting the prophets. Hence, when Babylon took Judah into captivity, one needed only to look at the Book of Jeremiah to see its real motivation. When Cyrus later released the captives, one could see in Isaiah that Cyrus was merely carrying out God’s will.

Nations move according to political and economic reasons, but more pointedly they always move in accordance with God’s plans. Iran has a destiny. It is to be allied with Russia in a maniacal attempt to wipe out Israel. Since the present-day Iranians are averse to Communism, some extraor-

dinary series of events has to drive them to overcome that aversion. I think we may be seeing those events right now in the Persian Gulf.

In a word, Iran is making itself so obnoxious to so many nations that in the end, only Russia, for reasons of its own, will be available as an ally. We are seeing the early formation of this alliance in the fact that the Russian shipping has been undisturbed by Iran throughout all of the Gulf hostilities. Look for some remarkable transition in Iran or Russia that will drive the two closer together. And **“Look up, your redemption draweth nigh.”** (Luke 21:28) ★



A NUCLEAR WORLD

Nine countries are known to have nukes, but most inventories are tiny:



NOTE: INCLUDES MILITARY STOCKPILES AND RETIRED WARHEADS. SOURCE: FEDERATION OF AMERICAN SCIENTISTS/NRDC

October 2006 Update To Zola's 1987 Observations

By Ben Shapiro, www.TownHall.com

A Chinese-Russian alliance is forming. The Chinese client state is North Korea; the Russian and Chinese trading partner is Iran. Like China, Russia is a capitalism-utilizing dictatorship with a history of Marxism and a belief in its eventual historical conquest. Like Russia, China is a Machiavellian political actor willing to play both sides of the Islamic-Western conflict against the middle. China and Russia are the global beneficiaries of the Islamic-Western clash of civilizations. They remain largely outside its purview while benefiting from its externalities. Stalinist Russia and Maoist China began as allies. History has conspired to force them once more into the same bed.



Kim Jong Il

China and Russia are the powers behind the throne in North Korea. China has supported the North Korean nuclear program for years; they provide the vast majority of North Korea's food and fuel. China has defended North Korea for five decades and will not cease to do so now. Four years ago, I warned in this column that Russia was providing North Korea with "sophisticated long-range weaponry, as well as upgrades to its aerospace technology." Now, North Korea may soon have the ability to wed its missile technology to its nuclear technology, placing broad swaths of the continental United States within range of a Kim Jong Il mushroom cloud.

China and Russia have provided Iran with its nuclear and missile technology as well. For China and Russia, handing over weapons technology to rogue states like North Korea and Iran is equivalent to state-sponsored terrorism. Iran and North Korea are irrational actors on the world stage; Iran would likely attempt to use its nuclear arsenal on Israel, and in the near future, North Korea could use her newly-developed weaponry to go after South Korea or Japan, all the while threatening to send a missile to California if the United States is involved. ★



CHINESE CARRY OUT

Netanyahu Explains Israel's Economic Success

By Hillel Fendel

www.IsraelNationalNews.com



Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu recently talked about Israel's successful economy.

Israel's economy is growing at 4 percent. The U.S. is striving to reach 2 percent. Netanyahu explains: "We're a speedboat, and you're a cruise ship. So there's a difference. I can tell you as captain of a speedboat that we have followed a certain policy that has been good for us, but I don't pretend that it is necessarily good for every country, especially one that is a fifth of the world's economy. We're just, you know, a small niche economy. But what we've done and what we've instituted is essentially turning Israel into a high-tech, free market economy. And that is a fundamental change from where we were decades ago."

"We were growing oranges and selling polished diamonds," he elaborated, "and now we're selling the software on chips and producing all sorts of innovations, technological innovations. And **we've essentially become an export-driven, high-tech economy that has a very open marketplace.** Not open enough. That's actually our strategic opportunity for growth. That is, if you're lucky enough to have a lot of bureaucratic controls, by removing them, you actually get added growth. And that's the secret of what you do in an advanced economy, and you want to keep it growing after it has reached \$30,000 per capita income.

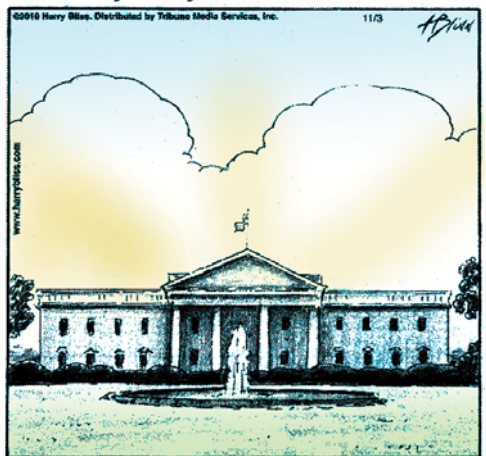
"We enjoy the fact that we had a concentration of young people who went through the military and received a technological education. That created the potential. That potential could not be unleashed until we made the Israeli economy more friendly to business. And I had something to do

with that, first as Prime Minister, again as Finance Minister, and now again as Prime Minister. What we did was basically follow three things. We controlled spending. We cut tax rates and projected them in a very deliberate path into the future. And we removed obstacles to competition.

"And the combination of the three propelled our economy from a crisis of contraction, about 1 percent contraction, to about 5 percent growth within 18 months. Now, will that work for every economy? I don't know. It has worked for our speedboat.

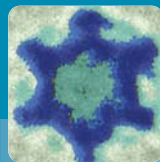
"A lot of the changes were very hard to do. I mean, they were politically very, very difficult. As Finance Minister I raised the pension age to 67; I haven't found a single voter who voted for me for that. We did capital market reforms. We took away a third of assets of our banks. We have large banks, a handful of them that controlled most of the economy. And we took away the long-term savings from those banks. That was very tough. Cutting government spending doesn't make you popular, believe me. And the important thing is we did it [all] at the same time. So the effect of the reforms bundled together is greater than the sum of their parts. It's a very powerful growth stimulus." ★

BLISS By Harry Bliss



"Mr. President, encouraging news! Secretary of State Clinton tells us that Israel has sent the Palestinians a "friend request."

Star Of David Shaped Nanoparticle



A new type of nanoparticle resembling the six-pointed Star of David, the symbol on Israel's blue and white national flag, has been discovered by researchers in Israel, and may have important implications for medicine and clean energy. They say the discovery may lead in such diverse directions as new ways to sense glucose when diagnosing diabetes and providing a catalyst to capture the sun's energy and transform it into clean fuel.

www.Israel21c.org

The researchers have been working to try and develop new nanoparticles made of two kinds of materials joined together. So far, scientists have only been aware of nanoparticles in which one material encapsulates the other (resembling an egg and a yolk), or where an island of one material forms on the other (much like the head of the match on a matchstick). This was not the case with the Star of David shapes.

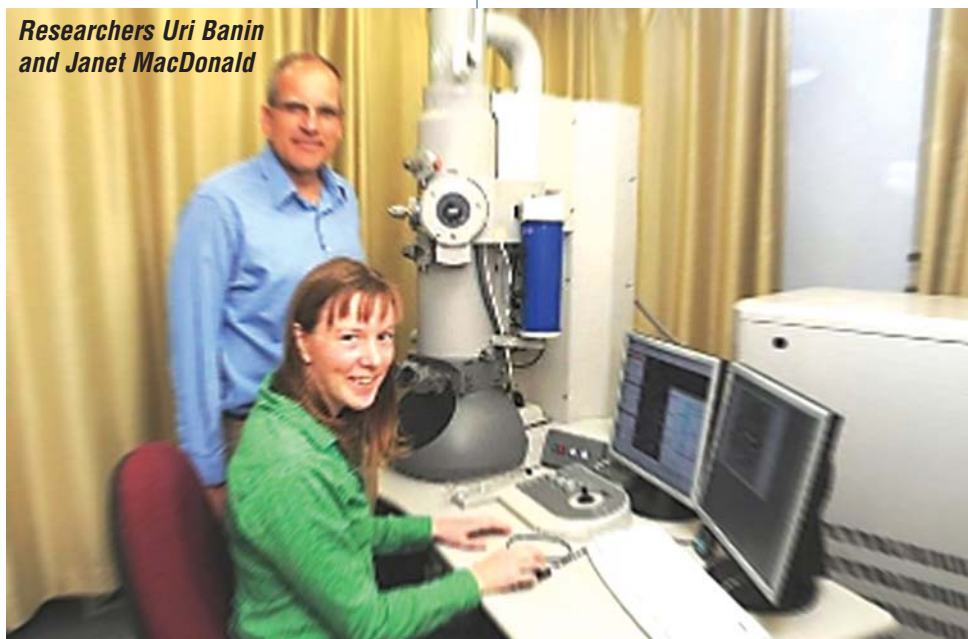
The scientists at the Hebrew University (HU) of Jerusalem further believe that their work greatly contributes to an understanding of how hybrid nanoparticles form. (One nanometer is a billionth of a meter.) Hybrid nanoparticles are systems that combine two or more different materials on the same particle, in which the combination provides multi-functionality to the particle.

The researchers generated a three-dimensional image of the tiny nanoparticles using a powerful electron microscope and found that, remarkably, the shapes are Star of David "nano-cages." The particles are nano-sized, hexagonal crystals, each with a tiny metal frame wrapping around and encasing them just like a bird's cage, but 100 million times smaller.

The HU discovery, which joins other impressive finds by Israel's nanotech scientists and engineers, is described in an article published both online and in the October issue of the journal *Nature Materials*.

Because the nano-cage is hexagonal, when looking at pictures of them from above, they appear as Stars of David. No one had ever seen hybrid nanoparticles form with such a cage structure before. ★

Researchers Uri Banin and Janet MacDonald



Nobel Laureates Rip Academic Boycotts Of Israel www.JTA.org

Some 38 Nobel Laureates have signed a statement condemning boycotts and divestment campaigns against Israeli academics and academic institutions.

A letter accompanying the statement, released in November under the auspices of Scholars for Peace in the Middle East, singles out for special concern the threat of a boycott by the University of Johannesburg in South Africa against Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

The statement reads: "Believing that academic and cultural boycotts, divestments and sanctions in the academy are antithetical to principles of academic and scientific freedom, antithetical to principles of freedom of expression and inquiry, and may well constitute discrimination by virtue of national origin, we, the undersigned Nobel Laureates, appeal to students, faculty colleagues and university officials to defeat and denounce calls and campaigns for boycotting, divestment and sanctions against Israeli academics, academic institutions and university-based centers and institutes for training and research, affiliated with Israel."

"Furthermore, we encourage students, faculty colleagues and university officials to promote and provide opportunities for civil academic discourse where parties can engage in the search for resolution to conflicts and problems rather than serve as incubators for polemics, propaganda, incitement and further misunderstanding and mistrust."

Professors Roger Kornberg of Stanford University and Steven Weinberg of the University of Texas at Austin led the statement effort by the Nobel Prize

winners who signed the statement, all of whom are from the United States. Many who signed the statement are not Jewish.

Scholars for Peace in the Middle East is a grassroots network of more than 60,000 faculty and scholars on 4,000 campuses throughout the world. ★

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Tikotin Japanese Art Museum In Israel

By Ilana Teitelbaum, www.Israel21c.org

An unlikely and little-known treasure trove in Israel's north is the Tikotin Museum of Japanese Art. It houses thousands of pieces and is the only museum of its kind in the Middle East. Located on Mount Carmel in Haifa, it has recently attracted the attention of NHK World, a Japanese TV channel which plans to film a program dedicated to the collection.



The museum is currently celebrating its jubilee year, an occasion it is marking with a special “Highlights” exhibit. Spotlighting remarkable pieces from the spectrum of Japanese history, according to chief curator Dr. Ilana Singer, it contains “a little bit of everything” —ceramics, swords, paintings, and prints.

A second exhibit displays new acquisitions, while a third offers a glimpse into the life of museum founder Felix Tikotin, a German-Jew who collected, lost, and then refound most of the treasures in the museum.

Tikotin, an architect, began building a collection of Japanese art before World War I. Afterward, he became an art dealer in Germany, specializing in Japanese art and continuing to build his own collection.

When the Nazis came to power in Germany, Tikotin went into hiding, and his collection was lost. In 1950, however, Dutch police called on Tikotin as an expert after they discovered art thieves trying to smuggle a collection of Japanese art out of the country. Tikotin discovered the collection was his own. Four years later, he decided to give the pieces to Israel.

Aside from housing Tikotin's collection, the museum also serves as a cultural center, catering to an increasing Israeli fascination with Japan. A two-week summer program for children introduces elements of Japanese art and culture, but the majority of the programming caters to adults. In addition to academic lectures and screenings of Japanese films, they can choose from classes in Japanese language, writing, ink drawing, origami, and even flower arranging.

“I think the museum serves as a place where people have a chance to meet this culture through its art,” Singer says. ★



An unlikely treasure trove — the Tikotin Museum of Japanese Art.
 Photo Mount Fuji painting: Mount Fuji, by an anonymous artist painting in the mid 17th century. From the collection of the Tikotin Museum.

Quelling Identity Theft Paranoia



Mark Levitt

In last month's column, I reported that a "police state stewardess" from "Lost Liberty [American] Airlines" fingered my 20-year-old son David and me for interrogation. (See the story on p. 13 of the *Levitt Letter* at www.levitt.com/newsletters/2010-12.pdf.)

I had coughed up personal data including my driver's license info and social security number. The TSA "storm troopers" *not* asking David for his SSN worried me that I had just been targeted for identity theft.

After substantial research, I have concluded that placing a fraud alert with one of the three national credit bureaus will be sufficient protection. When I notify one, they must alert the other two. Since each credit alert lasts 90 days, I will rotate from one bureau to the next, asking each for a free annual credit report at the same time. I will also decline whatever else they try to sell, particularly identity theft protection and my credit score.¹

For years I've been a devoted customer of LifeLock. Now I'm going to cancel the service and seek a refund. According to the expert opinions I've read, identity theft is no longer very costly or time consuming to remedy.² In June

wise
as a serpent

2008, Bruce Schneier of *Wired* magazine calculated that the supposed protection is actually negligible in the real world and worth merely \$8 per year rather than the customary \$120+ fee.³ And he reached *that* conclusion even before LifeLock quit filing fraud alerts for its clients.⁴

It is noteworthy that most identity theft involves unauthorized credit card use. It's not a big deal, and the cardholder is not liable in instances involving fraud. *New account fraud* presents more of a hassle, but it is much less common and police departments have become more adept at aiding resolution.

For a nominal fee, a credit/security freeze lasts until it is suspended (for an additional fee) or canceled. Considering that free *seven-year* fraud alerts are available to victims of identity theft, credit freezes are probably too cumbersome for most.



To simplify the quarterly task of requesting a fraud alert, I will create an undated form letter and address labels. Then I'll just have to add a signature and postage. This way, my family of five will save hundreds of dollars per year while maintaining better protection than we can buy. **The Equifax and Experian links below enable you to enroll online (super fast)!** ★

THE FOLLOWING SOURCES WILL ENABLE YOU TO VERIFY MY FINDINGS:

- ¹ <http://lifelock-scam.com/lifelock.scam> **Note:** this anti-LifeLock website offers a \$37 Identity Theft Deterrent kit I decided *not* to buy.
- ² "Money for Nothing—Don't fall victim to the identity-theft protection scam"
<http://www.phoenixnewtimes.com/2007-07-19/news/money-for-nothing/>
- ³ "The Pros and Cons of LifeLock"
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IDF, U.S. Army, Seek To Coordinate Medical R&D

By Yaakov Katz, www.JPost.com

The IDF Medical Corps and the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command held a joint seminar in Israel recently aimed at coordinating research and development efforts in new military-medical fields.

The workshops have been ongoing for 30 years and are held one year in Israel and the next year in the U.S. The U.S. delegation comprising 70 officers included Maj.-Gen. James Gilman, head of the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command.

IDF sources said it was possible the seminar would lead to the receipt of U.S. funding for ongoing Israeli research projects such as a freeze-dry blood technology that will enable soldiers to carry a unit of their blood into a battlefield and hook up to it intravenously if wounded.

Development of the technology is currently being spearheaded by an Israeli biotech company, which has succeeded in drying the blood and vacuum-packing it. It is still conducting

tests to locate the exact fluid needed for mixing with dry blood to turn it into liquid form.



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Discussions were also held on the challenge of diagnosing soldiers with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). The IDF Medical Corps presented the U.S. delegation with the results of a study conducted recently together with Ichilov Hospital in Tel Aviv which showed that Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging (fMRI)—a type of specialized MRI scan which measures neural activity—could be an effective tool in diagnosing and treating PTSD.

During the study, the Medical Corps showed soldiers, selected as potential candidates to suffer from PTSD, different pictures—some combat-related—while they were connected to an fMRI to stimulate them and see how their brains responded. ★

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Airport Security: Staying A Step Ahead

By Yaakov Katz, www.JPost.com

After every foiled attack involving the aviation world, headlines across the globe quickly declare that in Israel, it just wouldn't have happened.

This country, these newspapers claim, would have prevented Nigerian Umar Abdulmutallab from boarding a Detroit-bound flight with explosives in his underwear in 2009. It would have detected the sophisticated bombs which an apparent al-Qaeda cell hid inside printer cartridges and sent to Chicago-area synagogues last fall.

The officials in charge of security at Ben-Gurion Airport, however, are quick to point out that the country does not have the best security in the world. It has the best security for Israel. Ben-Gurion has three layers of security.

The first is on its perimeter, which can be accessed by two gates manned by guards, armed with M16 assault rifles, who require drivers to roll down their windows and tell them where they are coming from. The idea is to single out potential attackers before they reach the terminal, which is also under the watchful eye of plainclothes security guards, many of them standing along the curb outside, innocently listening to an iPod or pushing a cart with luggage.

The second layer is the questioning or profiling of passengers once they enter the terminal. There are several methods to do this, but anyone who ever flew out of Ben-Gurion is familiar with the young security guards waiting at check-in lines asking questions along the lines of "What is/was the purpose of your trip? Who

packed your bags? Did anyone give you anything to take for them?" The guards are mostly students who have completed full military service and undergo an additional three months of training before they speak to their first passenger.

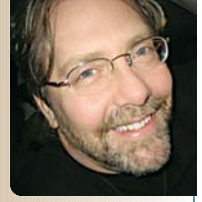
The third layer includes metal detectors and CT scans for luggage and people. Sometimes, more sophisticated explosive-detecting machines are used.

What makes Ben-Gurion unique in comparison to other airports, though, is that all security-related work is done by a single organization—its Security Division, which operates under the Shin Bet (Israel Security Agency).

In comparison, the entrance to Los Angeles International Airport has a checkpoint manned by airport policemen. After check-in by civilian airline employees, passengers go through a security checkpoint manned by Transportation Security Administration (TSA) officers. What this means is that every passenger has three different encounters with an airport official, but each is not connected to the next.

The Security Division does not rely on receiving intelligence of potential attacks from another agency. This problem exists for the TSA, which is dependent on other U.S. agencies to provide it with intelligence. ★





The Great Hope of Zion

By John J. Parsons

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For God will save Zion (Psalm 69:35)

The word “Zion” is mentioned over 160 times in the Scriptures. That’s more than the words faith, hope, love, and countless others... And since Zion is a poetic form of the word Jerusalem,

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the number of occurrences swells to nearly 1,000! Since it’s the most frequently occurring place name in all the Scriptures, it’s no overstatement to say that *God Himself is a Zionist...* “Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth” (Psalm 50:2).

Tragically, many of today’s Church leaders regard the ideal of Zion and its great hope as something “quaint,” perhaps even a little bit naive. Many of today’s Evangelical teachers, for example, seem to regard the reestablishment of the State of Israel as an historical accident, without any theological significance. They do not regard the Jewish people’s regathering to their ancient homeland as a *miracle*, nor do they regard it as a sign that we are beginning to see the prophesied period known as *acharit hayamim*—“the End of Days” (Deut. 28:64; 30:3-5). Ultimately what you believe about Israel and Zion will affect ALL other areas of your theology...

Zion represents the rule and reign of God in the Earth and is therefore synonymous with the Kingdom of God. The entire redemptive plan of God—including the coming of the Messiah Himself and our very salvation—is wrapped up in it (1 Pet. 2:6). It is the “historiography” of God—His philosophy of history, if you will. And this perhaps explains why the world system (and its agency, the devil) routinely mischaracterizes and condemns “Zionism” as a form of racism or injustice.

Friends, how *can* we forget Zion, “the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem” (Heb. 12:22)? Is she not “our mother” (Gal. 4:26)? Are we not her citizens, indeed, her *exiles* in this age? Doesn’t Zion represent our eschatological future—our home in the world to come? Indeed, even the New Heaven and Earth will be called Jerusalem—“Zion in her perfection” (Rev. 21). We are instructed to “pray for the peace of Jerusalem” (Psalm 122:6), yes, but we are also told to “badger” the LORD until he makes Zion “the praise of the earth” (Isa. 62:7).

Our Savior called Jerusalem the “City of the great King” (Psalm 48:2; Matt. 5:35). It is the place where He was crucified, buried, resurrected, and from which He ascended to Heaven. It is also the birthplace of the Church. And one day (soon) *Yeshua* will physically return to Jerusalem to restore the throne of David. **At that time, all the covenantal promises given to Israel will be literally fulfilled as the Kingdom of God is finally manifest upon the Earth. May that time come speedily, and in our day. Amen.** ★

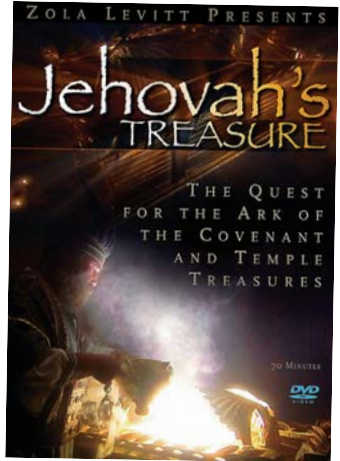


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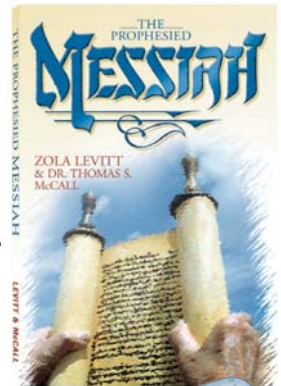


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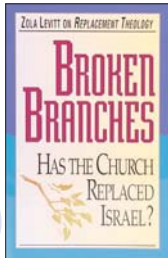
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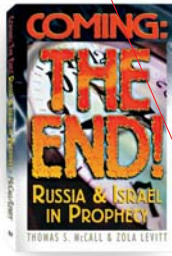
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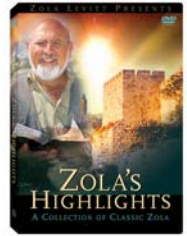
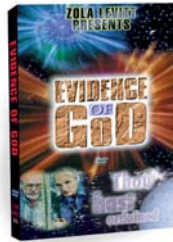


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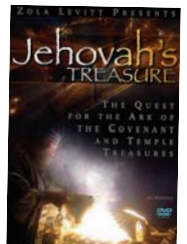


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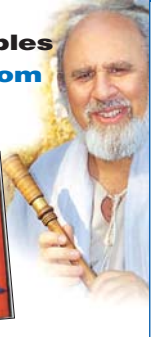
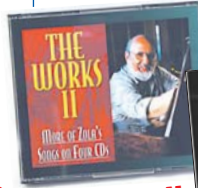
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Iran Ends Athlete's Career for Standing Next to Israeli

By Chana Ya'ar, IsraelNationalNews.com

An Iranian athlete forced to stand next to Israel's champion last fall during the World Masters Weightlifting Championships in Poland has now forfeited his career, as has the head of his delegation.

The Iranian champion, **Hossein (in red) Khodadadi**, was the target of withering criticism from his own government authorities following the award ceremony for those in the 105 kilogram category for ages 35 to 39.

Khodadadi took his place as a silver medalist on the medals podium prior to the announcement that Israeli medalist Sergio Britva had won the gold. It was the first time since the 1979 Islamic Revolution in Iran that an Iranian athlete had appeared beside an Israeli in an official championship.

The Iranian weightlifter said the team was not able to remove its flag from the hall, and that had he not attended the ceremony, the team would have been forced to return all the medals they had won on previous days. Furthermore, Iran would have been disqualified from future competitions.

To compensate, Khodadadi appeared in unofficial attire, and he declined to shake Britva's hand when he extended it to his fellow athlete on the podium. Nevertheless, he stood respectfully during the playing of Israel's national anthem, HaTikva.

According to numerous Iranian media reports, both Khodadadi and Mir Rasool Raisi, head of the Iranian delegation's weightlifting team, have paid a high price for their professionalism, having subsequently been banned by the Iranian government from all sport activities for life.

The ban was announced by Jalal Yahya-Zadeh, head of the Physical Education for Youth Committee.



Yahya-Zadeh told Iranian media, "The fact that an Iranian weightlifting veteran has competed against an Israeli during the worldwide competitions and has stood beside him during the distribution of medals is unjustifiable. Unfortunately, those who supposedly had the primary responsibility in this regard did not see any problem in this matter, however, and did not see it fit to be distributed within the public, which itself is an obvious mistake on their end." [See the video here: <http://wp.me/pieUD-M4>]

Raisi allegedly said in prior remarks that all photos and CDs of the event had been destroyed by the Iranian expeditionary team, which apparently did not expect publicity of the incident to get out.

The committee said the Cultural Commissioners had been informed and the president had been alerted to the matter. It was not clear whether there would be further government retribution against the two professional athletes. ★





Letters to ZIM

Comments from www.levitt.com

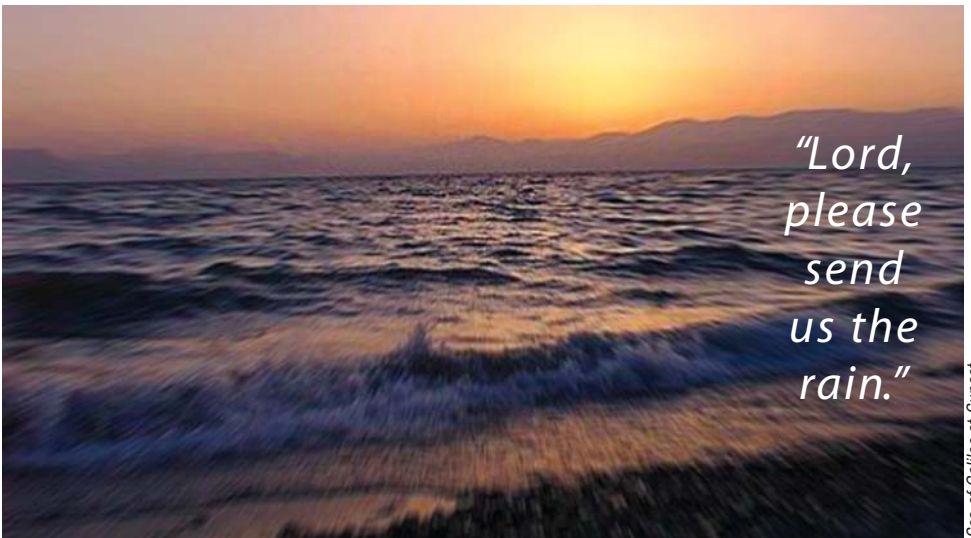
From J.M. (RI): I absolutely love your ministry and pray daily for it. I am pledging my support monthly because I believe that God has put it into my heart. I have been enlightened especially by Zola's lessons. I am convinced that your work is worth supporting. God Bless.

From C.B. (MO): I have been a watcher/reader/listener for many years. I use the DVDs as teaching tools in my Adult Bible class. This year I am also using the Grafted In Decals as gifts to my class members because we have been studying all the Prophets and will wrap up by focusing on Christ as Prophet. Thanks for such faithful service and for your outstanding teaching and products.



From J.P. (CA): After reading your article [*Levitt Letter* Dec. 2010, p.1], I realized that Christmas celebrations in this increasingly secular society may be the only time many people actually consider Jesus. Therefore, I say never mind the "pagan" aspects of its roots, we should encourage this, because imagine our country without it? Jesus might very sadly fade from sight. What a dark thought. God bless you for keeping the *Shammash* light [the servant candle that lights the others in the candelabrum] shining in this world.

From L.L.C.: We cannot pick up your program on the digital TV signal, so we are thankful that your programming is available at www.levitt.tv. My kids and I love your *Levitt Letter* as well. We share the articles with our extended family members and pass the newsletters on to others when we are finished reading them. We are very proud of the work you are doing. I wish we could do more to support your ministry. Blessings to you all!



Sea of Galilee at Sunset

I.F. (India): Thank you very much for the Oct 2010 issue of the *Levitt Letter*. It felt really good to have a printed version in the *actual size*; it became my companion in the bus en route to my meetings. I used to either read it off the net or print it out.

There is so much to thank the ministry for—the great TV shows (of which I have downloaded five), timely messages that complement Bible study, great store, etc.

Most of all, thank you very much for staying true to your calling, and your obedience to His work.

V.H. (TX): I have grown to respect and love the Jewish people and am honored to be a part of their heritage as a Christian. Thank you for all your hard work and integrity in reporting news to us.

K.H. (WA): I have known for many years that we (the Church) must have a Jewish perspective and that Replacement Theology is bunk! So, in order to truly “renew my mind,” I believe your *Institute of Jewish-Christian Studies* is what I’ve been looking for. I just led my 85-year-old mother to the Lord(!) and I want to make sure that that seed gets watered and is in fertile soil. I am her caregiver now, so we have lots of time to study this together.

J.U. (MI): I feel more “centered” as a gentile learning to worship our Messiah in a Jewish manner.

D.J. (TN): We recently found and now regularly attend a Messianic congregation that we learned about through Zola/Jeffrey. Our lives have changed since we began attending...and we have been saved for 30 years! We have grown more in one year than in years previously. Thank you for that!

How Much Does Shipping Really Cost?

Dear ZLM,

I’m not picking on you; others do this too. You charge as much to ship a small item as a 20-pound book. So I don’t order. Shipping costs exceed the cost of the item. One ministry has one cost to ship books and a very small cost to ship a DVD. I order from them—I love a good DVD. I won’t pay for a \$20 DVD that costs \$15 to ship. But I did pay \$3. —R.B. (KY)



Dear R.B.—

You raise a valid point, even if you do exaggerate our shipping rates. Our minimum shipping charge of \$5 covers items up to \$15.99, with \$6 shipping for items up to \$30.99. Of course, you don’t need to buy our DVDs: you can watch them for free on television, or anytime you want at www.levitt.tv. Do the merchants who charge only \$3 shipping give you the means to view those very same products for free? I doubt it.

If you conclude that our shipping charges surpass actual costs—remember to include employee time and packing materials as well as postage—then please think of the little extra as subsidizing a worthwhile outreach. Perhaps you’re aware that every month we mail “free” *Levitt Letters* to 1,700+ prisoners, not to mention tens of thousands to retirees, the handicapped, and others on fixed incomes. “Free” television and “free” newsletters for them—and you. —Mark

Poking Fun At Everyone

Zola Ministries Staff,

Love the *Levitt Letter* news magazine. Please keep sending it. I do have one issue though. I think you could do without poking fun at those who are enemies of the Cross. I sometimes want to hand the magazine to a Muslim but when they see they are being clowned on in your magazine, they hand it back. Just a view from a friendly brother. —G.H.

Dear G. H.—

Those who cherish freedom of speech sometimes employ satire when exercising it. Defined as “the use of irony, sarcasm, ridicule, or the like, in exposing, denouncing, or deriding vice and folly,” satire is a literary tool that makes people think. Americans “poke” at politicians, religious leaders, business leaders, and the like. In Islamic lands, those who dare question the political and religious elite are punished; here, those who question are not. I prefer our way. So do your Muslim friends. That’s why they stay in America. —Jeff

Responding to the Article in “TIME” (Nov. cover story)

Shalom Jeff,

I have abandoned the secular media for anything reliable! When it comes to stories about Israel, those of us who love the nation of Israel and its people and know the biblical and historical truths are willing to dig deeper for the real story behind the story. —R.K., Sr.

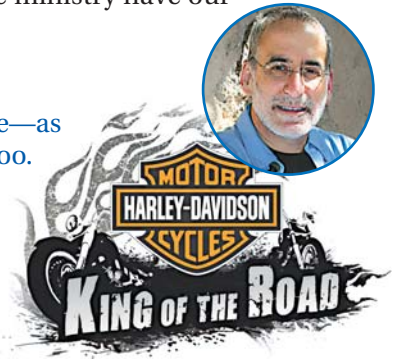
Jeff’s Motorcycle Accident

Please let Dr. Seif know he is in our prayers. I love riding too but bikes are not without their hazards. Mark, you and the ministry have our support and prayers. —W.M.B.

W.M.B.—

I appreciate your concern. I’m doing fine—as is Daniel. My Harley Davidson is feeling better, too.

—Jeff



Don’t Judge A Book By Its Cover

Dear ZLM,

I am so happy that God led me to your TV show! I am normally at work when your program comes on, and I just happened to see it today while I am off due to surgery. I love finding out that more people are letting Christ into their hearts.

My mother’s family is from Ramallah. But it’s frustrating when people think because you speak Arabic, you are Muslim. My father’s family was from Germany and came to America to escape Hitler, then converted to Christianity. We have always had Jewish friends, and I am happy to learn about Messianic Jews. I fully support you and all Messianic Jews. One day I would love to see the Holy Land, where my grandparents are from. God bless, —B.K. ★

Royal Garden Reveals Ancient Power

By Andrea Leontiou, www.LiveScience.com

A newly discovered 7th century B.C. palace garden near Jerusalem could reveal details about how royals liked to let loose in ancient times.

Researchers from Tel Aviv University and Germany's Heidelberg University uncovered the royal garden at the site of Ramat Rachel, a *kibbutz* (communal farm) in Israel, and are leading the first full-scale excavation of this type of archaeological site in Israel.

“We have uncovered a very rare find,” archaeologist Oded Lipschits of Tel Aviv University said. The garden was a massive and lush green space royals would use to relax. Such pleasure spots were once the ultimate symbol of power, according to the researchers. In fact, the garden would have been the most prominent feature of Ramat Rachel—visible from the west, north, and south—said researcher Boaz Gross, a graduate student in archaeology at Tel Aviv University.

One of the main features of the Ramat Rachel gardens is its intricate irrigation system, the likes of which have never been seen before outside of Mesopotamia (home of the famous Hanging Gardens of Babylon). The irrigation system includes open channels and closed tunnels for water to travel through, as well as stone-carved gutters and the framework for elaborate waterfalls.

This sketch by the scientists shows what the Ramat Rachel gardens may have looked like in 7th century B.C.

The irrigation system in the Ramat Rachel gardens included open channels and closed tunnels for water to travel through, as well as stone-carved gutters and the framework for elaborate waterfalls.

Credit: Boaz Gross, Tel Aviv University.



especially in the desert—was a great show of political strength.

Based on their analysis, the researchers think Ramat Rachel was built by the Judeans, but commissioned by foreign powers.

“The abundance of stamped jar handles, a form of administrative-economic system, from the Assyrian, Babylonian, and Persian periods (7th-4th centuries B.C.), indicate the site was in use throughout the changing of powers, and the lack of destruction layers suggest the transition went smoothly in Ramat Rachel, and that it continued with its original purpose—an administrative center of produce distribution,” he said.

The researchers are using a combination of excavation methods to study the garden site. For example, botanical and agricultural analysis will reveal which plants and animals lived in the garden, while geological inspection should show where the soil originated. The scientists are also studying the plaster inside water trenches to try to find hidden pollen remains.

“Proper excavation will provide an essential tool to future researchers,” Gross said. “We are carefully deciphering what we have in front of us. There are no parallels to it.”

The researchers' findings will be reported in an upcoming issue of the journal *Near Eastern Archaeology*. ★



Deceiving Non-Muslims Is OK In Islam

By Raymond Ibrahim, www.MEForum.org

Islam must seem a paradoxical religion to non-Muslims. On the one hand, it is constantly being portrayed as the religion of peace; on the other, its adherents are responsible for the majority of terror attacks around the world. Islam's dual notions of truth and falsehood further reveal its paradoxical nature: While the Koran is against believers deceiving other believers—for “surely Allah guides not him who is prodigal and a liar”—deception directed at non-Muslims, generally known in Arabic as *takiyya*, has Koranic support and falls within the legal category of things that are permissible for Muslims.

Takiyya is not confined to overseas affairs. Walid Phares of the National Defense University has lamented that homegrown Islamists are operating unfettered on American soil due to their use of *takiyya*: “Does our government know what this doctrine is all about and, more importantly, are authorities educating the body of our defense apparatus regarding this stealthy threat dormant among us?” After the Fort Hood massacre, when Nidal Malik Hasan, an American-Muslim who exhibited numerous Islamist signs which were ignored, killed thirteen fellow servicemen and women, one is compelled to respond in the negative.

This, then, is the dilemma: Islamic law unambiguously splits the world into two perpetually warring halves—the Islamic world versus the non-Islamic—and holds it to be Allah's will for the former to subsume the latter. Yet if war with the infidel is a perpetual affair, if war is deceit, and if deeds are justified by intentions—any number of Muslims will naturally conclude that they have a divinely sanctioned right to deceive, so long as they believe their deception serves to aid Islam “until all chaos ceases, and all religion belongs to Allah.” Such deception will further be seen as a means to an altruistic end. Muslim overtures for peace, dialogue, or even temporary truces must be seen in this light, evoking the practical observations of philosopher James Lorimer, uttered over a century ago: “So long as Islam endures, the reconciliation of its adherents, even with Jews and Christians, and still more with the rest of mankind, must continue to be an insoluble problem.”

Whereas it may be more appropriate to talk of “war and peace” as natural corollaries in a Western context, when discussing Islam, it is more accurate to talk of “war and deceit.” For, from an Islamic point of view, times of peace—whenever Islam is significantly weaker than its infidel rivals—are times of feigned peace and pretense; in a word, *takiyya*. ★

Raymond Ibrahim is associate director of the Middle East Forum.



Takiyya—Muslim deception can be viewed as an ignoble means to Islamic hegemony under *sharia* (Islamic law), which Muslims see as good for everyone (altruistic). Lying in the service of altruism is permissible. In a recent example, Muslim cleric Mahmoud al-Masri publicly recounted a story in which a Muslim lied and misled a Jew into converting to Islam, calling it a “beautiful trick.”

Israeli Business Ventures That Inspire Peace In The Middle East

By Karin Kloosterman
www.Israel21c.org



Making peace in the Middle East will never be an easy task, but what many people don't realize is that even in the midst of conflict, there are thousands upon thousands of Israeli people—Jews and Arabs—working dedicatedly for coexistence and the promise of a better life. Some of the most effective of these peace projects are those based on business.

The Levitt Letter will introduce the top ten business ventures that inspire peace in the Middle East. Here are numbers five and six in our series.

Smadar Nehab, one of the founders.

New Generation Technology

The New Generation Technology (NGT) business incubator is situated close to the new road that links Nazareth to the country's business hub in the center of Israel. The idea is to accelerate technologies in both



the Jewish and Arab sectors, with a focus on life sciences. Success stories include D-Herb, an herbal formulation to counter diabetes, and Nutrinia, an infant formula developed with the same natural bioactive proteins that are usually found only in mother's milk.

Says founder Davidi Gilo: "There are many Israeli initiatives that open

factories and do different things with Arabs—but basically the Jews are the employers and the Arabs the employees. NGT is the only project in Israel that is a pure, true partnership between Jewish and Arab businessmen in Israel. We're all board members, and we've all invested the same amount of money." ★



Tsofen (above)

After achieving successful careers in high-tech, entrepreneurs founded *Tsofen*, a non-profit organization to help Israel's Arab citizens enjoy the same benefits as Israeli Jews. Three partners share the vision of helping Israel's qualified Arab engineers in Nazareth find gainful work in the high-tech industry.

The long-term goal is to strengthen Israeli society from within. "We are located in Nazareth and our facilities enable industry to come to Nazareth and help Arab academics come close to the high-tech industry. It's not technical training that we give, but more cultural and hands-on," says

God's Little Notes

Don't let your worries get the best of you; Remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

Targeting Tumors Without The Pain Of Radiation

www.Israel21c.org



Prof. Israel Gannot

Scientists from Israel are developing a new way to destroy cancerous tumors that will have fewer side effects than traditional radiation therapy, and cause minimal damage to surrounding tissue. The innovative method developed by a professor at Tel Aviv University uses heat to kill the tumor cells, while leaving the surrounding healthy tissue intact.

Today, radiation therapy is one of the most important weapons against cancerous tumors, but the therapy can have a significant impact on the health of a patient as it harms healthy tissue as well as malignant cells. Patients often experience anything from nausea to hair loss, fatigue, skin irritation, and a lowered white blood cell count.

Prof. **Israel Gannot**, whose method is soon to be published in the journal *Nanomedicine*, uses a special mixture of nanoparticles—already approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA)—and antibodies to locate individual tumors and bind directly to them. The specialized cocktail is administered safely and simply, through topical local injection or injection into the bloodstream.

“Once the nanoparticles bind to the tumor, we excite them with an external magnetic field, and they begin to heat very specifically and locally,” Gannot explains. The magnetic field is manipulated to create a targeted rise in temperature, and it is this

directed heat elevation that kills the tumors, he says.

Once the treatment is completed, the nanoparticles are washed out of the body naturally without leaving a trace, minimizing side effects.

So far, the treatment has been proven effective against epithelial cancers, which can develop in almost any area of the body, such as the breast or lung. By using a special feedback process, also developed in his laboratory, the process can be optimized for individual treatment.

Gannot claims the method is effective against almost any type of tumor, as long as its specific markers and its antibodies can be identified. Aside from being minimally invasive, Gannot says that the treatment is also fast and efficient. The entire treatment lasts only six hours, and can be administered during an outpatient procedure, enabling patients to recuperate in the comfort of their own homes.

It's in its early days yet, however. Gannot is currently applying his technique to cell lines and to ex-vivo tissues and tissue-like substitutes in his lab, and plans to start in-vivo experiments in 2011. If long-term clinical trials are successful, Gannot believes the technique could become a mainstay of patient care. ★

Traditional radiation treatment has a range of damaging side effects, but Prof. Israel Gannot believes he can provide an alternative. Photo by Chen Leopold/Flash 90.



Cancer cell

America's Discoverer: King Solomon or Christopher Columbus?

By Tamar Yonah, IsraelNationalNews.com

Were Jews in the Americas in biblical times? Biblical Scripture records that King Solomon had a sophisticated navy that voyaged the world in exploration — looking for iron, gold, and other materials to build Jerusalem and the Holy Temple.

1 Kings 9:26-28 tells of King Solomon's navy: "And they came to Ophir, and fetched from thence gold, four hundred and twenty talents, and brought it to King Solomon."

These naval fleets of King Solomon embarked on voyages that sometimes took 3 years before they returned to Israel, bringing back riches and exotic plants and wildlife.

1 Kings 10:22 "For the king had at sea a navy of Tarshish with the navy of Hiram; once every three years came the navy of Tarshish, bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks."

Ancient Hebrew inscriptions of the Ten Commandments on the Los Lunas rock [see LLX Feb 20, 2006 <http://wp.me/pieUD-2N>], and coins from ancient Israel that were found in the Ohio river basin lead some experts to believe that the first settlers to America were not the Pilgrims, but the Jews and Phoenicians. The Ohio River was used as a trade line within the continent, which could explain the coins from the time of Bar Kochba found there.

Knowing this well traveled route to the "new world," did some of the 10 tribes of the Northern Kingdom sail on ships to these distant lands to escape the Assyrian onslaught and subsequent exile? Did other Jews fleeing the Roman Empire escape to the New World as well? Are ancient Jewish

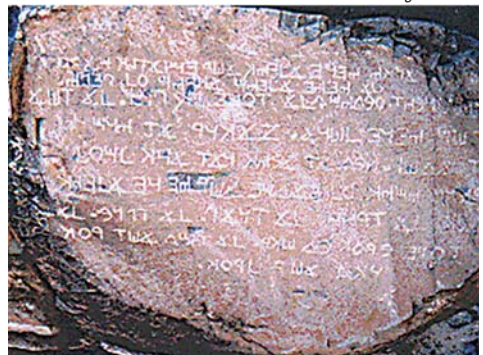
people the ancestors of some Native American tribes?

There are many similarities to Judaism in some Native American tribes, specifically the Cherokee nation. The Cherokees were monotheistic,



believing in one God; other Indian tribes believed in several gods/spirits. Some of the words in the Cherokee language are similar to Hebrew words of the same meaning, and the name of their God was similar to the Hebrew name of God. The Cherokee Indians also celebrated holidays akin to Jewish holidays. They had one day a week of rest from work, and observed fasts. They reportedly practiced circumcision, and didn't eat the meat of the hollow of the thigh of an animal. Their appearance also hints of a possible Jewish ancestry: their 2 braids at the side of their head resemble long sidelocks (*payot*), the fringes on their clothes resemble *tzit-tzit* (the ritual fringe a Jewish man wears on his four-cornered garment), and some Cherokees clearly had Semitic facial features.

Los Lunas Decalogue Stone



Hebrew inscriptions on Los Lunas Decalogue Stone, the Bat Creek Stone, ancient Jewish coins found in Ohio along the river basin, the Cherokee Indians...all point to some type of Jewish presence and influence, and that needs to be researched more. ★



The Real Israel Lobby— It's The American People

By William Kristol, WeeklyStandard.com

Now we know who constitutes the real Israel lobby: the American public. Consider the results of a new poll, a survey of 1,000 likely voters, conducted October 3 to 5 by McLaughlin and Associates for the Emergency Committee for Israel.

What the survey shows is this: **The American people strongly support the State of Israel, and want their elected representatives to do so as well.** An astounding 93 percent of those polled say the United States should be concerned about the security of the State of Israel. A majority—54 percent—say the United States should be “very concerned” about Israel’s security. Virtually the same number care that their elected representatives be pro-Israel. When asked, “Would you be more likely or less likely to vote for a candidate whom you perceive as pro-Israel?” 53 percent say more likely, 24 percent less likely. Even more striking, the same number—53 percent—say that they could not vote for a candidate if he were anti-Israel, even if that candidate agreed with them on most other issues. So it’s not only that the American public is pro-Israel by more than two to one. It’s also that being anti-Israel is an actual disqualifier for a majority of American voters.

Film Urges Opposition To Christian Zionism

By Ryan Jones, www.IsraelToday.co.il

A film produced early last year that depicts Christian Zionism as a fanatical and dangerous ideology is gaining popularity in the UK, and has even been peddled to government ministers in an effort to snuff out the influence of grassroots Christian support for the Jewish state.

The 82-minute film *With God on Our Side* accuses Christian supporters of Israel of advocating the ethnic cleansing of the region’s Arab population, be they Christians or Muslims, and of rubber-stamping all Israeli actions and policies regardless of morality.



The film asserts that Christian Zionists have eschewed Christian love for an apocalyptic theology, and should themselves be relegated to the lunatic fringe of political discourse. It blatantly ignores the history of the conflict, while accusing Israel of arbitrary cruelty and Christians of willfully approving that cruelty.

Screenings and anti-Israel lectures are scheduled across the UK, which is a sad testament considering that the UK was once the bastion of Christian Zionism and was used mightily by the Lord to facilitate Israel’s rebirth as a nation-state.



Israel's Cup Runneth Over

David Meyers is the president of Immanuel Tours, our land agent in Israel who makes sure that our three annual tour groups are hospitably received. He recently emailed the following update regarding tourism in Israel. As you'll see, it is as important as ever to reserve your spot early whenever you're ready to make your Holy Land pilgrimage.



Good morning, Mark,

It has been a long time since we have spoken, and I hope all is well with you and your family. I also hope to get a chance to meet you before long in Dallas.

I have attached a few pictures that were taken at the October 25 farewell dinner for Zola Tours at Yad Hashmona Messianic village. All in all, the fall tour went well, despite us having to battle many problems due to the current situation here in Israel. During the months of October and November, Israel saw the largest numbers of pilgrims from all over the world—numbers even higher than what we saw in 2000. The result is an industry struggling to cope with this type of movement, mainly due to lack of hotel rooms.

The hotels found themselves with 100% occupancy and some over-booking, resulting in many confirmed groups being turned away from their hotels. Due to the tight follow-up of the Zola group, this did not affect your group much, and we sorted the problems that did arise.

The situation for March 2011 looks to be even worse (from hotel point of view, better). This means we will continue to face challenges while hotels demand larger deposits to secure group bookings. We will work closely with Tracie to ensure we have enough rooms without booking beyond our requirements.

I hope to see you before too long.

Best regards, David 



Christianity: First Line of Defense for the West

By Abraham H. Miller, PajamasMedia.com

In a nation consumed with political correctness, there is one group whose sensitivities count for next to nothing—Christians. I don't mean nominal Christians. I am talking about those Christians who get up every morning and genuinely reflect on how they could become better people by becoming more like Jesus.

The kind of Christian that would never consciously be hired by a university faculty committee; the kind that receives the brunt of jokes from late-night comics; the kind that believes strongly in prayer. I am talking about the kind of Christian that Thomas Friedman and urban sophisticates mockingly refer to as “American Hezbollah.”

Strange, how I have never seen a Christian blow himself up on a bus full of innocent people, declare holy war on the unbeliever, or stone a congregant for adultery. In fact, one congregation I knew of that was rocked by a sexual scandal prayed for the sinners and sought to forgive them. There were no pits in front of the church with the sinners buried up to their heads, the pastor deciding which stones were not too big or too small for the occasion, and the families seeking to redeem their sacred honor by casting the first stone.

I am not a Christian, but the most impassioned and meaningful words I ever heard against racial discrimination came from a Christian pastor in Ohio. To him, discrimination was evil, an affront against God's creation, an act and thought that was a violation of faith. Those who held such thoughts, he intoned, were not real Christians. There could be no justification or tolerance for such evil.

In a secular, pseudo-sophisticated society, such moral precision

offends. As social-climbing intellectuals, we know which talking points to mouth and which groups to mock. Moral clarity threatens us because it runs counter to all the analytical incisions we feel compelled to make, and all the caveats we like to append to any problem. But worse, moral clarity threatens our inconsistent view of the world.

Liberals hate Christians because they are against abortion. But liberals don't hate Muslims or Orthodox Jews who are also against abortion. Liberals hate Christians because they want to pray—often silently—in the public square. But liberals will uphold the rights of school systems to take students into a mosque, have the women and girls separated from the men and boys, and have the latter invited and induced to pray, all on the taxpayers' dime.

The simple, solid organizing principle that stands as the bulwark against radical Islam is Christianity.

I don't mean the ultra-left pablum Christianity of the mainstream, empty-church Protestant denominations that reinvented Jesus as metaphor. No, I mean a fundamentalist God-fearing Christianity that understands who and what the enemy is, and possesses the moral clarity to understand the difference between good and evil. A Christianity articulated by a pastor who says that racism is evil—end of conversation.

The cynical, ultra-left Europeans have turned over their countries to the sensibilities of radical Islam. Think it can't happen here? As long as we are unwilling as a people to embrace some organizing principle that will mobilize us on behalf of a greater good, then in time we will march down the same slippery slope as the Europeans. The great irony of our time is the Christianity the left scoffs at will emerge as the first-line of defense for the West. ★



Finally—A great alternative to body scanners at airports!

The Israelis are developing an airport security device that eliminates the privacy concerns that come with full-body scanners at the airports.

It's a booth you can step into that will not X-ray you, but will detonate any explosive device you may have on you.

They see this as a win-win for everyone, with none of the objections about racial profiling.



After you hear a muffled explosion, an announcement comes over the PA system—“Attention standby passengers, we now have a seat available on flight #1818.

It would eliminate the cost of a long and expensive trial. Justice would be swift. Case closed! —Shalom!

Zola Levitt Presents TV Airing Schedule

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Day	9:30 am Thurs	8:30 am Thurs	8:30 am Thurs	9:30 am Thurs

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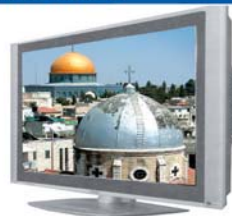
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Radicalism Dominates Palestinian Social Networks www.JPost.com

A study of Palestinian social media commissioned by the Foundation for Defense of Democracies (FDD) highlights what it calls the “serious risks to Israeli security” that may occur should the U.S. push too hard for a peace agreement.

The results were compiled from postings on various sites including Twitter, YouTube, and other social media sources, and showcase a cross-section of views. These reflect, according to the study, the opinions of the Palestinian people, or at least, those who are computer literate.

The study, “Palestinian Pulse,” was conducted by Jonathan Schanzer and Mark Dubowitz, both employed by the FDD, and utilized ConStrat, a company that deploys military-grade technology on behalf of the U.S. Central Command. Schanzer and Dubowitz said the following in an article in *The National Interest*:

“While polls are often designed to elicit specific responses, social media are largely free of outside manipulation. Most Palestinians write under pseudonyms, enabling them to dis-

cuss controversial issues without fear of retribution.”

The overriding conclusion drawn from the 102-page report of the results was that “although the Palestinian Web landscape is not devoid of users with moderate to liberal views, it is dominated by radicalism.”

Some of the study’s conclusions were not altogether surprising, including that Hamas shows little desire for peace with Israel, that Fatah is in internal disarray, and that the conflict between Hamas and Fatah shows little sign of being resolved. The authors went on to make recommendations following an analysis of the material collected.

Firstly, said the authors, “the U.S. cannot afford to discount the potential impact of deepening Palestinian radicalism and rejectionism. If the on-line environment is even a relatively accurate indicator of Palestinian public sentiment, the Obama administration should consider the serious risks to Israeli security from an overly aggressive and premature push for a comprehensive peace agreement.”

Further, the U.S. government should keep a close eye on the Palestinian online presence, as this could yield more accurate results than the often-disputed opinion polls. ★



This illustrates one of the pitfalls of America failing to adopt Israel’s approach to securing borders.

Despite Outreach, Many Muslims Still Hold West In Contempt www.investors.com

Titled “The Great Divide: How Westerners and Muslims View Each Other,” a new Pew study reveals that Muslim countries generally view Westerners as violent and immoral. Large majorities of even British Muslims think Westerners are “selfish” and “arrogant.”

Above all, foreign Muslims hate American foreign policy, which in a disturbingly large share of their minds justifies terrorism. Fully 57% of Jordanians think it's OK to attack civilians in jihad. A simple majority of Egyptians agree.

Even so-called moderate leaders are against us. “Yes, Muslims are against the West,” responded Adnan Abu Odeh, 73, former political adviser to Jordan's King Hussein. “Why? Western foreign policies, especially on two issues: the Palestinian issue and now Iraq.”

Muslims also blame us for their lack of prosperity. Nearly half of Turks, among the better educated of Mideast Muslims, say Western policies rob them of wealth. This Jordanian pharmacist is typical of respondents:

“There is no prosperity because the United States has seized all our products, all our oil, and all our wealth. All of it goes to the United States and the West,” Hassan Omar Abdel Rahman said. “It is not about the internal politics. Look at Saddam, you see what happened to him—did he come out with anything?”

Agreed Mohsen Hamed Hassan, a Cairo doctor: “I believe the American foreign policy is responsible for the greedy image. They support dictatorships because they want their oil.”



A majority of Americans more accurately blame Muslim government corruption and a lack of education for chronic Muslim poverty.

Though they are beneficiaries of \$10 billion in direct U.S. aid since 9/11, Pakistanis still hold us in contempt. Pew found that most think we are “selfish, immoral, and greedy.” “The West has an expansionist policy and they want to get hold of this portion of the world,” said Sadia Omar, a 34-year-old housewife from Rawalpindi. “They will never be friends with us.”

Laughably, majorities of Muslims in Pakistan and the Mideast think we are less “respectful” of women than they are. But perhaps the biggest divide comes over who's responsible for 9/11. Americans overwhelmingly blame Arab Muslims, while Muslims abroad, including 56% of British Muslims, insist someone else carried out the attacks. Denial, as they say, is not just a river in Egypt.

We suspect Pew would find similar hostility among the American Muslim community if it had included it in its survey. A recent Gallup poll of U.S. Muslims found that, despite herculean outreach efforts and remarkable tolerance toward them, “Muslims are the most likely group to report feeling anger compared with the overall population.”

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