

MIDDLE EAST MYTHS & REALITIES¹

Israel attempted a few years ago to eradicate Hezbollah terrorists from southern Lebanon. They were roasted in the media for doing so. Certainly the deaths of approximately one thousand people, especially the civilians who died on both sides during that brief conflict, are grieved by any normal person. It was also very difficult for the hundreds of thousands of Lebanese and Israeli refugees who had to flee from their homes for a month while the fighting was going on. Perhaps the most shocking thing here in St Vincent though, may have been the unmitigated blame and hatred that was leveled at Israel in the SVG print media. A few examples:

*“The current Israelis are **usurpers** who have no right to the possession of ancient Israel...they took away the lands of the Palestinians with great brutality...”-Clifford Pitt; “...when you study de scriptures, you will pick up two pieces ah buy-us, one, that it was penned or edited by male chauvinists...and de second thing is that the Bible...was written from ah Jewish perspective, like ah Movie, de Jews will always be de star and de Muslims de crooks...”-Bassy Alexander; “For the kidnapping of two Israeli soldiers (they say), the Israelis have been wrecking havoc upon the Lebanese people. Civilians have been murdered and displaced...**the false, unbiblical religious concept pushed by the evangelical world and others**, concerning Israel being God’s people, unconditionally, contribute majorly to Israel’s proud, horrendous and unfair policies and actions...”-Ann-Marie John; “Today a similar **holocaust** is taking place in the Middle East. This time, the Jews are the **butchers** and the Palestinian people in the Gaza and the people of Lebanon are victims of the **genocide**...Israel is... bombing and shelling, assassinating and imprisoning, killing and wounding civilians, including children and babies, in horrifying numbers...Israel left Gaza...but it did almost nothing to change the living conditions for the residents of the Strip”-Jomo Thomas; “I am being haunted daily by the frightening and horrific images coming from Lebanon and Gaza...Can anyone look at those images of slaughtered innocent women and children...and not be appalled by the gruesomeness, inhumanity and callousness?...Do you believe that epithet terrorist can only be used against Hezbollah fighting against Israeli occupation of Arab land?...I share the view...that Israel and the US are guilty of **war crimes**...”-Adrian Fraser; “Everyone is aware of **the criminal war of genocide** that Israel now wages against the Lebanese people because of the capture of three Israeli soldiers by the militant Hezbollah organization. Hezbollah is a legitimate political organization (sic) which is part of the Government of Lebanon...Arabs who were living in Palestine were removed to make way for the settlement of the Jews...The division of Palestine caused 600,000 Palestinians to become refugees in Jordan and Lebanon...Israel began to expand its boundaries through wars, taking lands from its neighbours...It is not strange that the USA and Israel **have followed the lead of Nazi Germany** since the armies of both countries have **copied the terror tactics of Hitler’s forces in the deliberate targeting and killing of innocent civilians**... Contrast their position with that of the majority of ill-informed ‘Christians’ who follow the line that ‘Israel is God’s chosen people.’... These American preachers receive massive donations from the Jewish lobby in the United States to support the Israeli cause...That is why among the fundamentalist right wing religion there is this fanatical support for Israel. Not God, not the Bible, nor prophecy drive these imperialist lackeys, but the gold and silver from the coffers of the allies of Eurocentrism.”-Casper London; “Writers such as Caspar London, Ann-Marie John and Clifford Pitt have surgically removed the fallacy or fallacies relating to the origins of the State of Israel and its policy or policies towards the Arab people...It is (the) process of incursion and occupation which led to the creation of Hezbollah and Hamas (sic)...This conflict is creating more and more people in the Arab world and elsewhere who are so disturbed and wounded by what they experience personally, see and hear, that they may become willing suicide bombing recruits...Those who supported the enslavement of black people used virtually the same racist arguments as these preachers...stop preaching self-hate and...stop supporting murder and genocide...”-Cecil [Blazer] Williams.*

Whew! Talk about venting your spleen on someone! Anyone with even a rudimentary knowledge of history must wonder why Israel is so often portrayed as the evil empire, while the various terrorist organizations such as Hezbollah, Hamas, Fatah, etc., are regularly depicted as paragons of courage & heroism, by everyone from Kofi Annan & the United Nations on down to the SVG op-ed writers.

Part of the answer is that those terrorist organizations realized long ago that words have the power to produce mental images that can be completely false. Take the term “*Refugee*” for instance. It was almost surreal to see a Fox News photo at the end of hostilities in Lebanon which showed a traffic jam of Lebanese vehicles. The caption said, “*Refugees* returning to their homes in southern Lebanon”, -the sun roofs on their late model cars open, with a shiny Mercedes-Benz near the front of the pack! Not quite what we normally think of when we hear the word “*refugee*” is it? The words

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“Settlements” & “West Bank” have been cleverly used in a similar way for years by Yasser Arafat & the Palestinian Authority. It gives the impression that the Jews are usurping land. In actual fact Jews have lived in the so-called “West Bank” for *centuries* only being run out by the Jordanians, during the period from 1948-1967 when Jordan “*occupied*” that territory which was historically called “*Judea & Samaria.*” During Jordan’s 19 year *occupation*, the government destroyed Jewish synagogues, harassed & killed Jews, the remainder fleeing in fear. The Jews who moved back in after Israel gained control of that land at the end of the 1967 war were in most cases, simply reclaiming land that had previously been theirs! Furthermore, the approximately two hundred thousand Jews living on only about 2% of the so-called “*West Bank*” hardly qualify as a provocative attempt to usurp Arab land.

“*Doctored Photos*” during the most recent conflict were another powerful vehicle of media propaganda. Reuter’s worldwide circulation of the “*enhanced*” photos of Beirut engulfed in smoke was only the tip of the iceberg. There were many more examples, such as the lady pictured wailing in front of her bombed out house on July 25th who amazingly turned up in another location two weeks later wailing in front of a completely different house! Or the guy in the green ball cap photographed supposedly helping to dig away rubble from an Israeli bombing. In a different photo location he is seen putting out a fire, while in yet a third photo and location he is being pulled out of a pile of rubble as an alleged “*dead*” body-still very much alive, his green ball cap tucked neatly under his arm being a dead give away! Then there were the countless “photos” with brand new dolls like Mickey Mouse perched in front of bombed out buildings, immaculately unscathed without a speck of dust, and wedding dress mannequins that just happened to be standing in the middle of the street in front of destroyed buildings, etc. The prize winner might have been U.S. News & World Report’s photo of burning tires in a dump, which they labeled as an Israeli jet that had crashed & burned.

Not to be outdone, UN boss Kofi Annan said: “*It (is) important to work with the countries of the region, including Syria and Iran, to find a solution to the crisis.*” That should be quite a solution, since those countries supplied Hezbollah with the rockets, anti-tank missiles, explosive-packed drones, they used in the conflict-Not to mention that Iran’s president Ahmadinejad has recently and repeatedly called for the total destruction and annihilation of Israel and denies that there ever was something called the Holocaust!

Speaking as what one SVG writer affectionately called an “ill-informed, fundamentalist, right wing, lackey”, I’d like to dare to remind us of something: Everyone is biased. We all see things through the colored lenses of our background, belief systems, race, religion and worldviews. So before we become a partisan of one side or another in *any* issue, it’s crucial that we first of all become a partisan of *truth!* Nowhere is that more important than in regard to the Middle East situation. In light of some of the bogus statements recently made in the SVG media, the actual documented facts will probably surprise you:

Myth: The “*Palestinian*” people are a distinct people group! ***Reality:*** There is no such thing as a “*Palestinian*” people. In fact “the Arabs in Palestine had immigrated primarily from Egypt, Syria, and Transjordan, and they shunned the name ‘*Palestinian*’, which had no reference to their Arab identity...the Arab leadership in the area did not refer to itself as the ‘Palestinian Authority’ but as the ‘*Arab Higher Committee.*’...In Jerusalem in 1946, the distinguished Arab historian Professor Philip Hitti testified, ‘*There is no such thing as Palestinian (Arab) history, absolutely not.*’”² Actually, there was never any talk of a “*Palestinian State*” until the Arabs lost the 1948 war, a cry that greatly intensified after another Arab loss in the 1967 war. “The use of the term Palestinian in reference to the Arab population west of the Jordan River cannot be found in any dictionary, encyclopedia, or history book until after the creation of the State of Israel in 1948...The term Palestine does not appear with reference to Arab nationalist goals until the formation of the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) in 1963.”³ At that time the PLO began talking about the displaced “*Palestinian*” people. Prior to that the term *Palestinian* was ordinarily used in reference to the Jews (!) who lived in the land! For instance “*The Palestinian Orchestra*” was composed entirely of Jews. “*The Palestinian Brigade*” was made up entirely of Jews. “*The Palestine Post*” newspaper? You guessed it...a Jewish newspaper! The people who are today called “*Palestinians*” (with the exception of some Turks) are actually Arabs by birth, ethnicity, religion, history and heritage!

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² (Dr. Randall Price, “*Fast Facts on the Middle East Conflict*”, p. 58 [Hitti quote originally cited by Avner Yaniv, August, 1974])

³ Ibid, p. 59)

Furthermore, present day Jordan (previously *Trans-Jordan*) already is a “Palestinian” state! King Hussein bluntly admitted that in a declaration he made in 1968 shortly after the “Six Day War”: “*Jordan is Palestine and Palestine is Jordan.*” Even Yasser Arafat, as late as 1974, was saying the same thing: “*What you call Jordan is actually Palestine.*”⁴ Are you ready for an even bigger surprise? **Arafat**-the most famous Palestinian advocate of them all...**was an Egyptian!** (Real name: *Muhammad Rauf el Codbi el-Husseini*. He was the nephew of Haj Amin al-Husseini, the mufti who pursued the *Final Solution* for the Jewish people in Palestine, in conjunction with the Nazi’s). Ergun Mehmet Caner a Turk, and former Muslim states: “*Time and time again...I have asked fellow Muslim background believers, ‘Show us “Palestine” on any map. When did the Palestinians ever form a government, have a capital, or maintain an embassy?’ The answer, of course, is never. The concept of a country named Palestine did not arise until after Israel became a nation. It is an entirely hypothetical country based not on a common ethnic background, but on a common hatred of Israel.*”⁵ Roger Carasso has bluntly observed: “The Arabs learned their disinformation tactic from the Nazis: *If you repeat the lie long enough and loud enough, people will actually believe you.* As a result, most people now believe there is something called ‘Palestinian’ people, a total fabrication, complete with a phony history and a phony culture. There is only one truth here, that there are 1.75 million people, a hodgepodge of Arabs and Turks, intentionally or maybe unwittingly, masquerading as a ‘people’ and made into a ‘people’ by the PLO and many in the world community...”⁶ “During the 19 years that Jordan and Egypt were in possession of the ‘West Bank’ and the Gaza Strip, it didn’t occur to them or to anybody else that the Palestinians should have a state or even that they were a distinct nationality. The claim for that did not arise until after the Six Day War.”⁷

Myth: The Jews are illegal occupiers and usurpers of Arab lands! Reality: The Jews have an unbroken history of living in the land for a minimum of at least 3,500 years-not even counting the time Abraham, Isaac & Jacob lived there! In addition, those who believe the Bible acknowledge that the Jews were given that land unconditionally by God.⁸ Arabs did not begin to live there until around A.D. 638 when Mohammed’s followers began immigrating and forcibly taking over lands and nations including parts of Europe, until finally being stopped at the Battle of Tours in France in A.D. 732. It should also be pointed out that even during the years the Muslims did dominate the land called “Palestine” ⁹almost none of them were Arab-a fact admitted by the Chairman of the Syrian delegation to the Paris Peace Conference of 1919. He stated: “*The only Arab domination since the Conquest in 635 A.D. hardly lasted, as such, 22 years.*”(!) The ones who ruled the land during that time period (during which the Jews still maintained a continual presence) were Seljuk, Kurdish, Caucasian (i.e. the Caucasus mountain region) and Turkish. Furthermore, the Turkish Ottoman Empire which held sway in the Middle East from the 1500s to 1918 initially encouraged *more* Jews to immigrate to Israel/Palestine, due to the beneficial effects of their presence in the land! Recently some “Palestinians” are now claiming that they are descended from the Canaanites, Jebusites and Philistines-a claim that is completely unsupportable historically. Interestingly, in 1930 *before* Israel became a nation, the Muslim Council revealingly admitted in regard to the Temple Mount site that “its ‘identity with the site of Solomon’s Temple is beyond dispute.’”¹⁰

Even a few Islamic leaders support Israel’s claim to the land and their right to exist. “Sheik Paluzzi: *‘Israel exists by Divine Right, confirmed in both the Bible and Qur’an. I find in the Qur’an that God granted the Land of Israel to the Children of Israel and ordered them to settle therein (Qur’an, Sura 5:21) and that before the Last Day He will bring the Children of Israel to retake possession of their Land, gathering them from different countries and nations (Qur’an, Sura 17:104). Consequently, as a Muslim who abides by the Qur’an, I believe that opposing the existence of the State of Israel means opposing a Divine decree. Every time Arabs fought against Israel they suffered humiliating defeats. In opposing the will of God by making war on Israel, Arabs were in effect making war on God Himself. They ignored the Qur’an and God punished them. Now, having learned nothing from defeat after defeat, Arabs want to obtain through terror what they were unable to obtain through war: the destruction of the State of Israel. The result is quite predictable: As they have been defeated in the past, the Arabs will be defeated again.*”¹¹

⁴ Ibid, p. 60. Arafat quote given while speaking to Orina Fallacei and quoted in *The New Republic, The Jerusalem Post International Edition* (Friday, September 11, 1992).

⁵ “*The MBB’s (Muslim Background Believers) Dirty Little Secret,*” IMG, Nov/Dec., 2004, p. 10.

⁶ Price, citing Carasso, op cit., p. 62. See “Palestinians” (Western Palestinian Arabs), 1994 at www.carasso.com/roger/Israel/palestine.html.

⁷ FLAME (Facts & Logic About the Middle East), “*The Big Lie-P*,” www.factsandlogic.org

⁸ e.g. Gen. 17:18-21; 15:18-21; 28:13-15; 35:12; Psalm 105:8-11; Dt. 4:29-31; Isa. 41:8-9; Jer. 30:2-3, 8-11; 31:35-37; 33:23-26; Ezek. 36:18-28; cf. Isa. 2:2-4; Hosea 3:4-5; Ezek. 37:242-28; Zech. 8:7-8, 11-13; etc.

⁹ Price, op cit., pp. 52-53.

¹⁰ Craig L. Parshall, “*Red Skies Over the Temple Mount*”, IMG, September/October, 2005, p. 12.

¹¹ “*The Anti-Terror, Pro-Israel Sheik*”, IMG, January/February, 2006, p. 31.

Even if Israel had *not* lived in the land for over three millennia, that would have no bearing on their legitimacy or right to be a nation and given that land. “Many of the Arab states didn’t receive their independence until the twentieth century (as did Israel): Saudi Arabia (1913), Lebanon (1920), Iraq (1932), Syria (1941), Jordan (1946), and Kuwait (1961). None of these Arab states can make historical claims to certain borders on the basis of antiquity in their own regions.”¹²

Myth: The Jews stole the land from the Arabs? Reality: Totally absurd! Jews who immigrated to Israel (Palestine) beginning in the late 1800s purchased the parcels of land that they occupied by the year 1948. Much of what they purchased had been considered worthless, comprised of malarial swamps, barren hills, and desert wastelands—for which they often paid exorbitant amounts of money. “Arab leaders protested to the Ottomans that the Jews had cheated the *fellahin* (common Arabs) out of their land and that the expanding Jewish settlement would eventually crowd out the resident Arab population... The fact, however, was this: It was Arab *effendi* families such as the Husseinis, the Nashashibis, and the Khalidis who had large land holdings and who were exploiting the Arab peasant-migrants. (Do the names King *Hussein* of Jordan & King *Khalid* of Saudi Arabia ring any bells?). It was from these families that the Jewish immigrants bought small and inferior tracts of land... as Mitchell G. Bard points out, ‘*more than 90% of the land Jews had purchased by 1936 had been bought from land owners, nearly 40% of whom lived in Egypt and Syria.*’ Less than 8.7% of the Jews’ land was purchased from the *fellahin* (common Arab peasants living in the land at that time). In addition, of the 370,000 acres in Jewish hands, 87,500 acres were swampland and 125,000 acres were lands never before cultivated. (!) Jews, who comprised 29% of the population, held only 5.5% of the land area west of the Jordan and only 11% of the area defined as ‘arable.’

With respect to Jewish immigration and settlement in Palestine, between (World War I & World War II) the *non-Jewish* population increased by 75 percent, *surpassing any increase in Jewish population.* This fact was substantiated by the *Peel Commission*, which carried out an investigation appointed by the British government in 1936. The commission determined that the shortage of land was ‘*due less to the amount of land acquired by Jews than to the increase in the Arab population.*’¹³ Golda Meir, the first female prime minister of Israel bluntly answered this bit of bogus history: “*I am more than a little tired of hearing about how the Jews ‘stole’ land from Arabs in Palestine. The facts are quite different. A lot of good money changed hands, and a lot of Arabs became very rich indeed. Of course, there were other organizations (besides the Jewish National Fund) and countless individuals who also bought tracts. But by 1947 the JNF alone—millions of filled ‘blue boxes’ (i.e. little “Piggy Banks” kept in Jewish homes worldwide for decades to help raise funds to purchase land in Israel by the “Jewish National Fund”)—owned over half of all the Jewish holdings in the country. So let that libel, at least, be done with.*”¹⁴

Myth: If Israel would just give the Arabs back their land, everything would be fine. Reality: It really doesn’t matter how much land Israel gives to the Arabs or “*Palestinians.*” They will settle for nothing less than all of the land in the Middle East...and the complete annihilation of Israel! Arab leaders and “*liberation*” organizations like *Hamas* (meaning: “*violence*”), *Fatah* (reversed letters of word *hataf* which means: “*sudden death*”¹⁵; al-Fatah-Arabic: “*conquest by means of jihad*”¹⁶), *Hezbollah*, the PLO (now *PA*), the president of Iran, etc., have all repeatedly and publicly written and stated that demand over and over and over again, ad infinitum, ad nauseam! Are you aware that there is no map that shows Israel in any Arab textbook in the entire Arab world?!¹⁷ Dennis Ross, former senior Middle East mediator under two former US presidents (including Bill Clinton) stated that “*he had never encountered an Arab leader who recognized Israel’s right to exist—only that it exists.*”¹⁸ In 2005 Kofi Annan and the UN got into the act during their “*Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People*”. They “*literally wiped Israel off the map. Hanging prominently between UN and Palestine Liberation Organization flags during the festivities at the UN headquarters in New York City was a map labeled ‘map of Palestine.’ Israel was gone completely. (Keep in mind that) Israel has been a UN member for 56 years. UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan addressed the meeting with the map displayed behind him. Anne Bayefsky, who reported on the event for the Eye on the UN organization, said the ceremony honored the worst of Palestinian terrorists.*”¹⁹ Now

¹² Price, op cit., p. 53.

¹³ Price, op cit., p. 28, quotes are from Mitchell G. Bard, “*The Complete Idiot’s Guide to Middle East Conflict*”, 1999.

¹⁴ Golda Meir (Israel’s first female prime minister) in her autobiography, “*My Life*”, quoted by Thomas C. Simcox in “*The Ottoman Legacy*, IMG, May/June, 2006, p. 28.

¹⁵ Ramon Bennett, “*Philistine*” (Shekinah Books Ltd: Keno, Oregon, 1995), p. ii.

¹⁶ Price, op cit., p. 64.

¹⁷ Many sources document this fact, including Itamar Marcus, former director of CMIP, director, Palestinian Media Watch on the documentary “*Relentless*”; Dave Hunt on the documentary “*Israel, Islam, & Armageddon*” etc.

¹⁸ In “*Quoteworthy*”, IMG, January/February, 2005, p. 23.

¹⁹ “*UN Ceremony Wipes Israel Off the Map*”, IMG, January/February, 2006, p. 37.

former US President Jimmy Carter, having swallowed this particular myth, has climbed onto the anti-Semitic bandwagon with a 2006 book that makes one wonder if he's gone completely senile.

Palestinian (PA) television is also "enlightening." Programs, including children's programming and cartoons, exalt suicide bombings and call for the murder of all Jews. "The Palestinian Authority's ruling Hamas terror group has launched a Web site for children, using cartoons and children's stories to preach the moral desirability of being a suicide terrorist...One of the stories quotes a mother saying that, when she heard her son had become a *shahid* (martyr), she bought dates, candies, and coffee to give out...(another) recently posted story honors a Hamas suicide terrorist who murdered 16 people when he blew himself up on a bus in Beersheva on August 31, 2004."²⁰ No wonder a Palestinian (!) source stated in 2001 that, "72% of the children from Gaza expressed hopes of becoming suicide martyrs."²¹

And have you ever seen video footage of the "*summer camps*" that thousands of young Palestinian boys have attended (paid for, ironically, by funds from the USA & European countries!)? The "*camps*" were nothing more than paramilitary training centers! (I have 4-5 different videos & DVD's documenting these facts from both Christian and secular sources). The Arab countries, along with the all other Islamic countries, have sworn by Allah to rid the land of every Jew and those who support them. The Qur'an commands them to do so (e.g. Sura 5:51; 3:85; 9:14, 29, 41, 123; 5:33-36; 4: 74-77, 89; 47:4; 2:190-191; 61:4, 10-12; 8:39; etc)!

Palestinian public opinion polls in 2003 found that "59% of Palestinians support the continued armed struggle against Israel, **even after gaining Statehood-even if given full statehood in Gaza and the West Bank, with Jerusalem as its capital.**"²² *So appeasement, or giving more land, will never solve the problem*-Jimmy Carter notwithstanding! It is hugely significant that many of the Arab statements and declarations regarding "*occupied land*" were made *before 1967* (i.e. before Israel regained the West Bank, Gaza, & the Golan Heights). In other words, to Arabs and other Muslims, the occupied territory *is the nation of Israel!* This has been repeatedly and emphatically stated in PA political rallies, as well as in Friday sermons in mosques throughout the Middle East for decades-an undeniable fact verifiable via radio, television, videotape, newspapers, etc. And they will break any agreement to accomplish the extermination of the Jews. The Palestinian Authority's Minister for Jerusalem Affairs bluntly stated that in 2001: "*The Oslo Accords were a Trojan horse; the strategic goal is the liberation of Palestine from (the Jordan) River to (the Mediterranean) Sea.*"(!)²³

A few examples of anti-Jewish hatred: "In a sermon delivered in May (2005) and broadcast on national Palestinian television, imam Ibrahim Mudayris said Jewish people are so evil they cannot be subjugated like Christians. So the must be killed: '*Israel is a cancer that spread in the body of the Islamic nation; because the Jews are a virus similar to AIDS, from which the entire world is suffering...The day will come and we shall rule America, Britain, we shall rule the entire world, except the Jews...The stones and trees will want Muslims to finish off every Jew.*'"²⁴ Yasser Arafat: "*We plan to eliminate the state of Israel and establish a Palestinian state. We will make life unbearable for Jews...I have no use for Jews...We Palestinians will take over everything, including all of Jerusalem.*"²⁵ Perhaps the most incredible example of hatred and gall was the one by an Arab member of Israel's Knesset (Parliament), Azmi Bishara, "(who) told an Arab audience in Lebanon that Arabs are the original residents of the land and urged Israelis to leave and 'take their democracy' with them. '*I will never recognize Zionism even if all Arabs do. I will never concede Palestine. The battle is still long. Return Palestine to us and take your democracy with you. We Arabs are not interested in it,*' Bishara stated at a Lebanese book fair in Beirut...Several years ago Bishara appeared with Hezbollah terrorists leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah and called for a 'united Arab nation' to come together against Israel...Michael Klenier (a fellow member of the Knesset)...stated, 'In any normal country, they'd put him in front of a firing squad. It's inconceivable that an Israeli Knesset member would encourage Arab states to launch a full-scale war against us.'²⁶

Myth: Israel continually tries to gobble up more of the Arab lands. Reality: Israel, in the Balfour Declaration of 1917 was originally given a much larger chunk of land for their homeland, one comprised of territory on both sides of the Jordan River i.e. modern day Jordan as well! However the British, in an effort to recruit Arabs to fight against

²⁰ "Israel in the News", IMG, May/June, 2006, p. 40.

²¹ (Palestinian) Government Sout Al-Nissa, "Voice of the Woman" Al-Ayyam, Jan. 24, 2001.

²² Palestinian Centre for Public Opinion, September 21-27, 2003 (margin of error +/- 4%), cited in "Relentless: The Struggle for Peace in the Middle East", www.balfourbooks.net

²³ Faysal Al-Husseini, PA Minister for Jerusalem Affairs, June 24, 2001, Al-Arabi daily newspaper, cited in "Relentless", Ibid.

²⁴ "Oprah's Mag Misses the Mark", www.honestreporting.com/articles/45884734/critiques/Oprahs_Mag_Misses_the_Mark.asp, quoted in "A Grave For Israel", IMG, September/October, 2005, p. 6.

²⁵ "Quoteworthy", IMG, November/December, 2004, p. 34, statement made in Stockholm, Sweden, January, 1996.

²⁶ "Israel in the News," IMG, March/April, 2006, p. 40.

the Ottoman Turks, had confused things by also giving assurances to Arab leaders like King Hussein in 1915 that they would be given some land if they would fight against the Turks. However it should be pointed out that they were *never* promised the territory that today comprises the nation of Israel. In that regard, the man who promised Hussein some land, later emphatically declared: “*I feel it my duty to state, and I do so emphatically, that it was not intended by me in giving this pledge to King Hussein to include Palestine in the area in which Arab independence was promised. I also had every reason to believe at the time that the fact that Palestine was not included in my pledge was well understood by King Hussein.*”²⁷ Nonetheless, because of the desire of the British government to try to placate disgruntled Arabs, 77% of what had been designated to be the future state of Israel, was instead given by Winston Churchill & Great Britain to the Arabs in 1922. That parcel of land became known as “*Trans-Jordan*” (today it’s called *Jordan*). In 1947 the United Nations drew up a plan dividing the remaining 23% of what was left of what the Balfour Declaration had designated for a Jewish homeland approximately equally between the Jews and the Arabs living on the west side of the Jordan river at the time. The Jews were not happy about what they were being offered (60% of the land that was designated for them was the Negev, which is nothing but barren desert). One of their political groups even voted against it. But ultimately the majority decided that something was better than nothing, and so they accepted it. **But the Arabs, who had already been given 77% of the land in 1922, did not feel another 12% (a total of nearly 90% of the land!) was sufficient. They wanted it all.** So they rejected outright the UN plan, choosing instead to initiate a war by five of their countries less than 24 hours after Israel declared their independence.

Only when the Arab states lost the 1948 war (& lost even more territory in the 1967 war), did they decide to begin agitating politically for land within Israel’s borders i.e. a “*Palestinian State*” in a strategy they call the “*Phased Plan*.” That strategy is to get whatever land they can inside of Israel via political pressure, which they can then use as terrorist launching pads and bases from which to eventually destroy Israel. The “*Phased Plan*” was adopted June 8, 1974 by the Palestine National Council in Cairo, Egypt. Arafat & other PLO leaders have been very public and vocal in stating this strategy repeatedly.

Interestingly, “the territories captured by the Israelis in 1967 (now claimed by the Palestinians as their occupied homeland) *never* constituted Palestine nor did it belong to the “*Palestinians*.” It belonged to Egypt, (Gaza Strip), Syria (Golan Heights), and Jordan (West Bank). In fact after the Six-Day War, those Arab countries sought the recovery of these territories *for themselves* and not as a homeland for the ‘*Palestinians*.’ ...What’s more, the Arab nations thought of the Hashemite kingdom of Jordan (which had annexed the West Bank in 1950) as Palestine. (!) Jordan’s King Hussein made a declaration of this a year after the Six-Day War (in which he lost the West Bank territory): ‘*Jordan is Palestine and Palestine is Jordan.*’ As late as 1974 Yasser Arafat was saying the same thing: ‘*What you call Jordan is actually Palestine.*’”²⁸.

Myth: The Palestinian “*refugees*” were run out of their land by the Jews. **Reality:** Most of the Arab “*refugees*” chose to leave Israel in 1948, many of them against Israeli requests to stay. They had been told by some of the five Arab nations that attacked Israel, that once Israel was exterminated they could come back and claim *all* the land! But in what could nearly be termed a miracle, Israel & its ragtag army beat the armies of those five attacking nations. If those Arab “*refugees*” had stayed put, they, like the Arabs who remained in Israel at that time, would be Israeli citizens today. Another little publicized fact: There are Arab and Druze members of Israel’s Knesset (Parliament), and there are over 1 million Arabs who are citizens of Israel, enjoying all the rights and privileges that go with that citizenship, e.g. the right to vote, religious freedom, employment opportunities, freedom of the press (there are approximately 20 Arab papers published in Israel), etc. And female Arab-Israeli citizens obviously enjoy far more freedoms and rights than they would ever have in *any* Muslim/Arab state that surrounds them!

Myth: The Arab nations have no problem with Jews, only the “*Zionists*.” **Reality:** Hundreds of thousands of Jews fled for their lives and were run out of the surrounding Arab countries where they had lived (some for generations), after those Arab countries lost the 1948 war. The number of such Jewish refugees was at least 800,000! Where are the howls of protest over the mistreatment of those Jewish “*refugees*”? You’re pardoned if you admit you’ve never heard of them before now. And if the Arab and other Islamic countries had their way, you never would know of them! Amazingly, tiny Israel has welcomed and absorbed all of their refugees—a grand total of at least 3 million since 1948. So why haven’t the Arab nations been able to absorb the 450,000-650,000 Arab refugees of that time? Israel is composed of only a little over 9,000 square miles, but they did it. Yet the Arab nations have an area of 5 million square miles and

²⁷ Price, op cit., p. 54.

²⁸ Price, op cit., Hussein quote, 1993, Arafat quote cited, 1992.

uncountable billions of “petro-dollars” with which to finance such an endeavor-yet they have hardly lifted a finger, relatively speaking, to help their refugee brethren! In fact they keep them in wretched conditions to be used as political pawns, while their numbers have swollen to about 5 million.

Myth: The suffering in Gaza and the “West Bank” (actually Judea & Samaria) is a new “holocaust” caused by Israel and the USA, evil, greedy, capitalist countries who refuse to help the suffering Palestinians! Reality: As of 2003, the United States had contributed over 1.1 billion dollars to the Palestinian Authority in direct aid! Europe’s total donations up to that time were \$2.52 billion. (In addition, until Hamas took over Israel had been giving approximately \$700 million dollars/year to the PA in taxes it collects on behalf of the Palestinians)!²⁹ Add to that the fact that Arab states donate \$55 million monthly, and the European Union donates E10 million Euros monthly, while organizations such as UNRWA donate more than \$1 million. (By the way, it should be added that Israel, under the Oslo Accord, supplied the PA with thousands of weapons to outfit their alleged security forces. Talk about giving your enemies the guns to kill you with!). “According to data from Info-Prod, an economic research center, the Palestinian Authority received a minimum of \$4,938,868,000 by the end of August 2002.”³⁰ The amount of money officially donated to the Palestinian Authority from the Arab Muslim world has increased more than 80 percent since the PA incorporated religion into its political rhetoric and added jihad to its agenda with its *Intifadas*.³¹ “The Palestinian Authority also has investments earning over \$5 million daily from SAMED (Palestinian Martyrs’ Sons Enterprises) and has at least L5 billion in numbered bank accounts in Zurich, Geneva, and New York as well as other sums in Europe, Asia, and North Africa...there are hidden sources of income as well—illegal fundraising endeavors such as...drug trafficking...Drug trafficking was instituted by the PLO under Yasser Arafat in 1983, and Sallah Dabbagh, then-PLO treasury chief, stated: ‘...the entire future of the PLO operation for liberation may hinge on our exporting more drugs throughout the world.’”³² The PA had an income of approximately \$2.5 billion dollars in 2005 (alone!), not counting a number of the sources mentioned above. Since the “international aid boycott of the Hamas-led government, some \$420 million in foreign aid reached the Palestinians between April and September, more than in all of 2005.”³³

The question everyone should be asking is: “Where did all that money given to the Palestinian Authority go?” Clearly it is not being used to help the suffering people living in Gaza or the “West Bank.” Arafat until his death steadfastly refused any financial accountability, stating: “*I completely refuse any controls by anybody on Palestinian Autonomy, except the Palestinians themselves. We didn’t finish military occupation to get economic occupation.*”(!)³⁴ Ten million dollars/month has regularly been set aside just to pay for terrorist activities. Yasser Arafat’s personal wealth was estimated to be over a billion dollars. A *Kuwaiti* (i.e. Arab, Muslim) newspaper documented just one instance when Arafat deposited 5 million dollars into a personal bank account. So...who *really* cares about the suffering people in Gaza? A couple of years ago the Jews closed one access road into Gaza for security reasons, opening an alternative one in south Gaza. The Palestinian Authority refused to use it!³⁵

Without question it’s incredibly difficult for the average Palestinian to cross over his border into Israel to work anymore. But the question we should ask once again is, “*Why?*” The reason for the tedious, incredibly tight border crossing security process is the hundreds of terrorist bombs that have gone off in buses, pizza parlors, restaurants, markets, family gatherings, religious gatherings, etc., in Israel. In one instance Palestinians sent a woman to a checkpoint who was allegedly pregnant, to cross the border. Actually her pregnant condition were the explosives strapped to her. Another time an ambulance arrived at checkpoint allegedly carrying a sick, dying little boy that needed emergency attention at an Israeli hospital. It was instead found to be loaded with explosives! *How evil is that?* “Leave it to the talent for genocidal innovation of Hamas...to have added a new macabre twist...a woman named Ream Selah el-Rayashi blew herself up at the Erez checkpoint, the main passage between Gaza and Israel. The woman, mother of two children, had committed the grave offense of falling in love with a man other than her husband. When the affair was discovered, el-Rayashi was given the choice between a dishonorable death by stoning at the hands of her family or an ‘honorable’ state of martyrdom by becoming a suicide bomber. She chose self-inflicted death and the murder and maiming of many innocent Jews, before dishonor. It is not surprising that no similar demands were made on el-Rayashi’s lover.”³⁶

²⁹ Fox News.com “Israeli Troops kill 6 Militants in Gaza Raid; Cabinet Votes Against Expanded Gaza Offensive”, 01 November, 2006, p. 2, quoting an International Monetary Fund report.

³⁰ Price, op cit., p. 68.

³¹ Ibid.

³² Ibid, pp. 68-69.

³³ Fox News, op cit., p. 2.

³⁴ Ibid, p. 70.

³⁵ IMG, “Israel in the News”, May/June, 2006, p. 40.

³⁶ FLAME (Facts and Logic About the Middle East), “Twisted Words and Phrases-P”, www.factsandlogic.org

What about that despicable wall being built by the Jews in the West Bank, to separate the Jewish and Arab (“Palestinian”) areas? It’s been vilified in the media, *but the undeniable fact is it works!* “There has been an 84 percent decrease in the number of Israelis killed in terror attacks since the completion of the first portion of the security fence in August of (2004)...since the completion of the 134 km. long portion of the fence...terrorist organizations operating in Samaria carried out six suicide bomb attacks in Israel, killing 30 Israelis, compared with 73 such attacks and 293 deaths since the outbreak of violence in September 2000. A total of 1,107 Israelis and foreigners (were) killed in terror attacks in the past four years (2001-2004).”³⁷ In all the talk about innocent people killed in the month long Lebanon offensive aimed at routing out Hezbollah terrorists, “the media do not show the hundreds of Israeli soldiers and civilians who have been grievously wounded and in some cases killed by rocks and gasoline bombs. They do not show the Arabs setting countless arson fires, in which over 25,000 acres of forest...have been destroyed. They do not show the attacks on Jewish farms, the wanton destruction of industrial and public service facilities, the fire bombing of hundreds of buses, and the ruthless killing of livestock.”³⁸ Prior to Ariel Sharon giving all of Gaza back to the Palestinians, Gush Katif, a small Jewish locality there had endured 5,865 mortar shells, as of July, 2005.³⁹ That is nothing though compared to the overall statistics from 1993-2003: “Over 1,000 Israelis murdered in terror attacks. In the three year period since the Camp David talks (between Arafat, Clinton & Barak) there were 892 killed, 19,392 terror attacks including over 150 suicide bombers.”⁴⁰

***Myth:* Lands gained by Israel during past wars must be returned to the previous occupants. *Reality:* Israel returned over 90% of the land they conquered during the wars of 1948, 1956, 1967 & 1973. In addition...** Ehud Barak, at the famous Camp David Summit with Yasser Arafat & Bill Clinton, offered to give Arafat & the Palestinian Authority control of *all* of Gaza, 97% of the so-called “*West Bank*” (actually Judea & Samaria) and 75% of “*East Jerusalem*.” Arafat refused it outright, without even making a counter offer! Israel once offered the Golan Heights to Syria’s King Assad, only to have him refuse the offer because they wouldn’t include shoreline on the Sea of Galilee!⁴¹ The brutal truth is these people do not want more land. *They want it all!*

By the way, what other nation has ever been required to return lands gained in defensive wars? France didn’t return *Alsace-Lorraine* to Germany after France was attacked by Germany in WWI (an area over 12,000 square miles nearly 3,000 square miles larger than all of present day Israel). And when the Germans regained control of that area again during their WWII aggression, the allies promptly “drove the Germans out of Alsace-Lorraine in 1944-1945, and France again took control of the entire region.”⁴²(!) The Czech Republic didn’t return the *Sudetenland* to Germany after they regained it at the end of WWII. Neither did *Poland* return land captured by them from Germany during WWII. Furthermore, “The *Russians* laugh at the suggestion that they should return to Japan the islands they snatched from them in the last weeks of World War II.”⁴³ In fact, who has ever heard of the losers in wars demanding their land back after they have lost it in wars *they themselves initiated*? I doubt if you can name even one. “It is only Israel that is expected to bring such ‘sacrifices for peace...’”⁴⁴

Myth:* “Even if the Palestinians aren’t a distinct people group, since they yearn for a homeland it should be given to them, or failing that, they should be allowed to return to Israel en masse!” *Reality: First of all, “It is ...not unusual that one community should be the majority within a nation and seek to maintain that status. In fact, this is true in nearly every country in the world. Moreover, societies usually reflect the cultural identity of the majority. *India and Pakistan* were established at the same time as Israel through a violent partition, but no one believes these nations are illegitimate because one is predominantly Hindu and the other has a Muslim majority, or that these nations shouldn’t be influenced by those communities (e.g. that cows in India should not be treated as sacred).”⁴⁵

It should also be pointed out that a number of genuine, distinct nationalities also yearn for a homeland-but their pleas and requests are completely ignored. Take for instance the *Basques* “the vast majority of whom live in the northern region of Spain. They are a unique people, with a language and culture that has no relationship to anything anywhere in the world. They have been fighting to become liberated. But Spain, most vociferous in its promotion of a ‘Palestinian homeland’ –refuses that. An independent Basque home would not endanger Spain in any way. But does the

³⁷ “*Israel in the News*”, IMG, Volume 63, Number 1, January/February 2005, p. 40.

³⁸ FLAME (Facts and Logic About the Middle East), “*Israel and the Media*”.

³⁹ IMG, “*Israel in the News*”, September/October, 2005, p. 40.

⁴⁰ IDF spokesperson cited in the film “*Relentless: The Struggle for Peace in the Middle East*”, Honest Reporting, a division of Balfour Books, 10 November, 2003

⁴¹ FLAME (Facts and Logic About the Middle East), from a paid article printed in *WORLD* magazine, 05 August, 2000.

⁴² “*Alsace-Lorraine*”, *World Book Encyclopedia*, vol. 1, p. 371, 1986 edition.

⁴³ FLAME (Facts & Logic About the Middle East), “*More About Minister Sharansky’s Letter*”, in *WORLD* magazine, 05 August, 2000.

⁴⁴ *Ibid.*

⁴⁵ “*Myths & Facts Online—A Guide to the Arab-Israeli Conflict*”, Mitchell G. Bard, quoted in IMG, January/February, 2005, p. 35.

world, does the UN support the Basque quest for independence? Of course not!”⁴⁶ It is especially worth noting some major similarities between the Basque situation, and the Palestinian one. The Basques have a terrorist organization (the ETA) who have demanded “that the Basque Country be allowed to secede from Spain and form an independent state...they also began to practice terrorism...A new national constitution in 1978 included provisions for regional autonomy, allowing the Basque Country to achieve home rule and recognition of their language. However, Basque separatists continued to resent any ties to Spain, resulting in violence on all sides...

“In 1997 the ETA kidnapped...a young town councilor who was a member of Spain’s ruling political party. The ETA demanded that all Basque prisoners in Spanish prisons be transferred to the Basque Country. When the government did not meet the demand, an ETA gunman killed (the town councilor)...In October a Spanish policeman was killed as he foiled an ETA attempt to plant grenades at the new Guggenheim Museum...23 leaders of ...the political party affiliated with the ETA were sentenced to seven years in prison for collaborating with the terrorists...The sentences prompted more ETA assassinations...Although many leaders in the Spanish government were skeptical of the ETA’s motives, most Spaniards encouraged talks for peace...(the Prime Minister) authorized the transfer of 21 ETA prisoners from prisons in the Balearic and Canary Islands, as well as in Spanish enclaves in North Africa, to the Spanish mainland. The transfers were a conciliatory move, but the ETA continued to demand the transfer of more than 500 additional prisoners closer to the Basque Country. Tensions flared again in early 1999, when Spanish and French authorities arrested around 20 suspected ETA members and raided Herri Batasuna headquarters in San Sebastian.”⁴⁷ Does all of that not sound amazingly similar to Palestinian practices that occur in the Middle East regularly? But no one is protesting the “*oppression*” of the Basque people, or the “*occupation*” of their land. Why?

“Or take the *Kurds*. They are a distinct group. They live in a land that is part of Iraq, Syria, and Armenia. They have been fighting for independence for centuries, but it has not been granted. An independent Kurdistan would not endanger the countries that surround it. But does the world, does the UN support the Kurds in their quest for independence? Absolutely not!”⁴⁸

“And then there are the *Tibetans*. They are a distinct people, unique in language and ethnicity. They have been annexed by China, which has flooded the country with its “*settlers*” who are fully in the process of making Tibet into an integral part of China. Clearly, an independent Tibet would not be any existential threat to China. But does the world, does the UN, aid the Tibetans in their quest for independence? Of course not!”⁴⁹ A study of Tibet and its history again evinces many similarities to the Middle-East situation.⁵⁰ But there are no UN resolutions demanding that China give the Tibetans back their “occupied territory.”

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⁴⁶ FLAME, “A Homeland for the Palestinians? Why they? How about all those others?” www.factsandlogic.org

⁴⁷ “The Basques”, Robert W. Kern, Encarta Encyclopedia, 1993-2003, Microsoft Corporation.

⁴⁸ FLAME, “A Homeland for the Palestinians?” www.factsandlogic.org

⁴⁹ Ibid.

⁵⁰ “Tibetan Buddhism is the religion of the overwhelming majority of the population. Buddhism was introduced into Tibet from India, originally in the 7th century...Historically, religion permeated every aspect of Tibetan life. The only educational system was religious, all cultural and intellectual activities were centered around religious beliefs, and the heads of government were Buddhist monks. However, from 1966-1972, during the Cultural Revolution, religious practice in Tibet was completely curtailed. Bands of Red Guards, youths loyal to Chinese leader Mao Zedong, destroyed temples and other religious structures in Tibet, and persecuted monks and nuns. ...Today Buddhism is practiced widely in Tibet. Many monasteries and other religious buildings have been rebuilt, and monks and nuns are once again openly practicing their religion...However the Chinese government still enforces various restrictions, which many Tibetans deeply resent. These include a limitation on the number of clergy and the number of religious buildings. Moreover, police agents are assigned to the monasteries to prevent political activities. At times the government also outlaws the public display of the Dalai Lama’s picture...Since assuming control in the 1950s, the Chinese Communist administration has improved Tibet’s transportation infrastructure. Furthermore, Tibet’s economy has grown and diversified...In spite of these material changes, however, Tibet remains one of the poorest regions in China, particularly in rural areas. In the mid-1990s the average annual per capita income for city dwellers was about (USD)\$120, while rural people earned about half that amount...Tibet is officially an autonomous region of China, which means that an ethnic Tibetan heads the regional government. In reality, however, major decisions are made by the central government in Beijing...In October 1950, little more than a year after the Communist Party had gained control of mainland China, Communist troops invaded Qamdo (Chamdo) on Tibet’s eastern border. To rally the Tibetans against the advancing Chinese force, the regent, governor ruling for the 15-year-old 14th Dalai Lama, invested the Dalai Lama with full authority. However, in May 1951 the Tibetan government capitulated...Tens of thousands of Tibetans (refugees!) fled after the Chinese invasion. Most settled in India. Others took refuge in the Himalayan kingdoms of Nepal and Bhutan. In 1965 Tibet was formally established as an autonomous region of the People’s Republic of China, and the Communist government announced that the region would undergo steady socialist reorganization...violent demonstrations protesting Chinese rule occurred in October 1987. In 1988 negotiations between the Chinese government and representatives of the Dalai Lama, which had taken place periodically over the previous decade, broke off. The Dalai Lama refused to publicly renounce Tibetan independence, and China refused to compromise on the issue of greater autonomy for Tibet” (Microsoft Encarta, Tibet, 2003 edition). The similarities, once again, are striking.

Many more myths could be debunked. Here are a few others that have appeared in various St. Vincent media:

Myth: *The Bible is an anti-Muslim book written by a bunch of male chauvinists.* **Reality: God inspired approximately 40 authors over a period of 1500 years to pen His infallible Word. And it doesn't portray the Jews as the "good guys" and the Muslims as the bad guys. ***The Muslim religion didn't even exist when it was written!*** That would come along 600 years later. In point of fact it records Israel's sins, failures, backslidings, and unfaithfulness to their God-and the fearless, powerful rebukes He gave them through prophet after prophet! However it does unquestionably teach that the land of Israel, which has been continuously occupied by them for at least 3,500 years, was given to them by God through the Abrahamic promise, and is unconditional and irrevocable (see above).**

Myth: *Thousands of innocent civilians were killed in Lebanon.* **Reality: The *total* number of deaths including soldiers & terrorists as well as civilians on *both* sides during the conflict, was a little over one thousand. Certainly even one civilian death is one too many. But honest writers will not wildly and baselessly inflating numbers. And the sad reality is, there has probably never been a war where innocent civilians were not killed, even when every effort has been made to avoid it. By the way, the number of Jews and Arabs killed in Israel during the month-long conflict, while not nearly as high as the Lebanese side, does not count the many Israeli citizens who have been killed or wounded in the six years since Israel vacated southern Lebanon and Hezbollah moved back in. In just the first four years after Israel pulled out of Lebanon "the following attacks on Israel took place from Lebanon: 34 attacks with mortar shells and anti-tank missiles into northern Israel, 7 shooting attacks with light arms fire, 8 roadside bombs planted, 127 (incidents of) anti-aircraft missiles, 5 Katyusha rocket attacks, 10 infiltrations into northern Israel, 11 soldiers killed in northern Israel, 3 IDF troops kidnapped and murdered, 50 soldiers wounded, and 14 civilians killed."⁵¹ And where were the howls of protest a few years ago when Hezbollah took over southern Lebanon and killed not hundreds, but 20,000 Lebanese people? And let's not forget the terrorist activities that go on outside of Israel against Jews. For example, "Arab-Muslim terrorists car bombed and totally destroyed the Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires, the Israeli Embassy in the same city, and bombed and destroyed the Israeli Embassy in London. Hundreds of people were killed."⁵² The most recent conflict was clearly not about just two soldiers.**

Myth: *Israel deliberately targeted civilians.* **Reality: *That is patently false.* Everyone knows that terrorists deliberately shield themselves with women and children, a fact that has been documented again and again. The Qur'an even teaches Muslims to give "asylum and aid" to those who "fight for the faith in the cause of God."⁵³ And now mass groups of "human shields" has just become the latest Palestinian tactic to protect militant terrorists who constantly fire rockets into Israel, killing innocent civilians.⁵⁴ The well-known Israeli policy has been to try to only target known, avowed terrorists. In fact on the contrary, the deliberate targeting of innocent civilians is instead *the* calling card and defining characteristic of Palestinian, as well as other, Muslim terrorists. Thousands of innocent men, women and children in Israel and around the world could testify to that fact-except that they are now dead, having been killed by such evil, cowardly terrorist attacks.**

Myth: *Israel is a Nazi-like regime.* **Reality: *To compare Israel to the Nazi regime is not just to defame all Jews, it also demonstrates a complete ignorance of history & an inability to think rationally.* In truth it is Yasser Arafat and the various Arab nations & organizations, who continue to practice Nazi-like tactics and who have had strong ties with Hitler and the Nazis since the 1930s. Carasso has pointed out that, "*The Arabs learned their disinformation tactic from the Nazis: If you repeat the lie long enough and loud enough, people will actually believe you.*"⁵⁵ Fact: Arab-Islamists worked together with Hitler and the Nazis throughout World War II. "In the 1930s the mufti of Jerusalem, Amin el-Husseini, rigorously courted the Nazis...he repeatedly asked the Nazis for financial backing, which began arriving in 1937...His men saluted one another with Nazi salutes, and members of his youth movement sported Hitler Youth uniforms."⁵⁶ But that was a long time ago, so who cares, right? Actually nothing has changed. Current "Palestinian Authority (PA) chieftain Mahmoud Abbas (whose predecessor, Yasser Arafat, was Husseini's disciple), devoted his doctoral dissertation to a denial of the Holocaust and a justification of Nazism."⁵⁷**

⁵¹ IMG, "Sharon wrong", Israel in the News, May/June, 2005, p. 40.

⁵² FLAME (Facts and Logic About the Middle East), "Terror in Israel: Can the Peace Process be Saved?" www.factsandlogic.com

⁵³ *The Holy Quran*, Surah 8:74.

⁵⁴ "Israel Calls Off Airstrikes as Hundreds of Palestinians Form Human Shields", FoxNews.com, Sunday, 19 November, 2006, www.foxnews.com

⁵⁵ Price, pp. 62 & 71.

⁵⁶ "The Beginning of the Reckoning", Caroline Glick, The Jerusalem Post, July, 2005, reprinted in IMG magazine, March/April, 2006, pp. 15-16.

⁵⁷ Ibid, p. 16.

Myth: What happened in Lebanon was a new “holocaust.” Reality: To describe what happened in southern Lebanon as a new “holocaust” is so outrageous, as to border on insanity (i.e. the comparison of the death of 6 million Jews with a total of about one thousand Lebanese & Israeli citizens). By the way, why don’t such writers label the continued deliberate murder of hundreds of thousands of black African Christians in southern Sudan by Muslims as a “holocaust.”? The atrocities there include children as young as two years of age shot at point blank range!⁵⁸ Why are our advocates of Afro-centrism not standing up for the brutalized brethren being exterminated there? And what of the 500,000 (!!!) Africans killed by their fellow Africans in Rawanda in just a 100 day period of time in 1994! I’d be surprised if many readers are even aware of that holocaust.⁵⁹ In today’s upside-down Alice in Wonderland world, the deaths of 54 Palestinians (half of whom were confirmed terrorists, and who were killed by a bomb in retaliation for 50 rockets/day for weeks raining down upon Israeli towns), receives more coverage⁶⁰ than half a million Africans dying ruthlessly.

Myth: Islamic suicide bombers blow themselves up due to their extreme frustration due to the hopeless, squalid conditions that they live in. Reality: The vast majority of suicide bombers are well educated, middle-class individuals, motivated not by frustration, but by a religious ideology that among other things, guarantees a paradise where 70 virgins await one who blows himself up. Listen to a Palestinian Mufti on Saudi Arabian television: “*What is needed now is clinging to Allah, and for the masses of (suicide) martyrs to get ready to enter Paradise. Paradise is open now. Anyone who wants to be admitted to Paradise, instead of standing in its entrance need only martyr himself! In Paradise 70 black-eyed women will receive him...*”⁶¹ “Study after study shows that the primary motivation of suicide bombers is neither desperation nor depression nor hopelessness. Indeed most suicide bombers are middle-class, educated and emotionally stable. Noted psychologist Dr. Irwin Mansdorf has observed, ‘While (suicide bombers) may feel oppressed, the stimulus for the act is nationalistic and political, not psychopathological and clinical. In the case of Islamic terror, (there is) the additional variable of becoming a *shahid* (martyr) with all its attendant religious rewards.’”⁶²

Myth: What just happened in Lebanon was genocide. Reality: To call the attempt to root out extremely well-armed, highly organized terrorists who have been killing and deliberately targeting innocent civilians in Israel for years as “genocide” is ludicrous propaganda. Genocide is Communist Mao-Zedong killing 50-100 million of his own Chinese people in the 1950’s. Genocide is Josef Stalin deliberately starving and killing 25-50 million of his own Ukrainian people who wouldn’t bow the knee to Communism in the 1920’s & 1930’s. Go back and read your dictionary. It defines genocide thusly: “*The systematic, planned, extermination of an entire national, racial, political, or ethnic group.*” Mr. Ahmadinjad, the current president of Iran is guilty of blatant genocidal statements, having recently, repeatedly, and publicly having called for the total extermination of Israel. Not surprisingly, in this Alice in Wonderland upside-down world, he was rewarded by the United Nations who honored him by asking him to come to New York and address them! Yet when the Pope recently quoted an emperor from the Middle Ages who had stated that Mohammed was evil and violent-a fact that is historically irrefutable and undeniable-he was vilified and Muslims around the world went into their patented riot mode! The hypocrisy in all this has become almost surreal.

Genocide in Lebanon? No nation was eliminated in the brief conflict on the border of Lebanon. In fact Lebanon will be more likely to go forward with at least some of the Hezbollah terrorists fleeing from southern Lebanon instead of terrorizing the southern Lebanese residents. And obviously no racial or ethnic group was eliminated. No political group was either. Hezbollah is *not* really a political organization. Like Fatah, Hamas, Al Qaida & the rest of their ilk, they are simply Islamic terrorists groups. They are bent first on the extermination of Israel, and then the forced acceptance of Islam around the world. A lot of people are in “denial” about that fact. The sooner we admit it, the better off we’ll be.

⁵⁸ “U.N. says Sudan Committing Acts of ‘Inexplicable Terror’ Against Civilians in Darfur”, 18 November, 2006, www.foxnews.com

⁵⁹ “Rawandan Priest gets life for 1,500 dead”, Yahoo News (Associated Press), March 13, 2008. “A U.N. tribunal...is trying the alleged masterminds of the 100-day Rwandan genocide in which more than 500,000 minority Tutsis and moderate Hutus were killed by Hutu extremists.” (http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20080313/ap_on_re_af/rwanda/genocide)

⁶⁰ “Abbas accuses Israel of ethnic cleansing” (http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20080314/ap_on_re_af/islamic_summit) March 13, 2008.

⁶¹ Dr. Colonel Nader Al-Tamimi, Mufti, Palestinian Liberation Army, Iqraa TV, Saudi Arabia, videotape statement taken directly off the film “*Relentless: The Struggle for Peace in the Middle East*”, www.balfourbooks.net

⁶² FLAME (Facts & Logic About the Middle East), “Suicide Bombers in Israel-What do They Really Want?”, www.factsandlogic.org