I Accuse

Contemporary Antisemitism
and the Church of England

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"I've been doing Thought for the Day [BBC Radio 4] for thirty years but I never thought that in 2018 I would still have to speak about antisemitism. I was part of that generation, born after the Holocaust, who believed the nations of the world when they said: Never again.

"But this week, there was an unprecedented debate about antisemitism in Parliament. Several MPs spoke emotionally about the abuse they’d received because they were Jews, or more scarily, because they’d fought antisemitism. According to the Community Security Trust, antisemitic incidents in Britain have risen to their highest level since record keeping began in 1984, at an average of four a day. This is not the Britain I know and love.

"In Paris, a month ago, just before Passover, an 85-year-old Holocaust survivor was murdered because she was a Jew, the most harrowing in a whole series of such attacks in Europe in recent years. There is today almost no European country where Jews feel safe, and this within living memory of the Holocaust in which one and a half million children were murdered simply because their grandparents were Jews.

"It’s happened because of the rise of political extremism on the right and left, and because of populist politics that plays on people’s fears, seeking scapegoats to blame for social ills. For a thousand years Jews have been targeted as scapegoats, because they were a minority and because they were different. But difference is what makes us human. And a society that has no room for difference has no room for humanity.

"The appearance of antisemitism is always an early warning sign of a dangerous dysfunction within a culture, because the hate that begins with Jews never ends with Jews.

"At the end of his life, Moses told the Israelites: don’t hate an Egyptian because you were strangers in his land. It’s an odd sentence. The Egyptians had oppressed and enslaved the Israelites. So why did Moses say, don’t hate.

"Because if the people continued to hate, Moses would have taken the Israelites out of Egypt, but failed to take Egypt out of the Israelites. They would still be slaves, not physically but mentally. Moses knew that to be free you have to let go of hate. Wherever there is hate, freedom dies. Which is why we, especially leaders, have to take a stand against the corrosive power of hate.

"All it takes for evil to flourish is for good people to do nothing. Today I see too many good people doing nothing and I am ashamed."

_Rabbi Lord Sacks, April 20 2018, speaking on BBC radio following a debate on antisemitism in the House of Lords_
The Tongue

This essay builds on my earlier ones on antisemitism in English society, including in contemporary Anglican and Roman Catholic churches.

This time I am on home turf, as I approach the Church of England, including the Church of England in Liverpool, where I have worshipped often and, over recent years, got to know some of the Anglican clergy in public and private discussions and deep exchanges of thoughts. I have not met the incumbent Bishop of Liverpool, Paul Bayes, in person, but in inhabiting the same social-media networks, I have exchanged messages with him in recent years.

This essay is a much-need analysis of the bigger picture. To understand antisemitism in the Church of England and the wider Anglican Communion we need to see how it feeds, and is fed by, antisemitism wherever it prevails, be it science, popular-science narrative, theology, politics, Islam, Roman Catholicism, Lutheranism, mainstream media, social media, popular culture, atheistic-secularism, conspiracy theory, self-hating Jews... or various combinations of all these. We Christians need to look honestly and contritely at why, for almost the entire 2000-year history of the Church, we have been institutionally antisemitic, despite attempts from 20th-century leaders such as the Archbishop of Canterbury William Temple, Pope John XXIII, and Pope John Paul II to break the Church away from the curse of antisemitism.

Historically in England, the Church and the monarch generated the conspiracy theories, such as Jews' poisoning the wells, and desecrating the host – the Church's bread believed to be the actual body of Christ – which caused the great plagues and other epidemics and general misfortunes. Antisemitism is, as I have argued elsewhere, not primarily about racism. There are many races and skin colours of Jews. Racial antisemitism is but one form. Antisemitism is a form of chronic idolatry, superstition, and false religion. Even in its secular, Socialist and Fascist manifestations, it is a quasi-religious belief system with its scapegoats, sacrifices, hopes and utopian goals.

For a time, antisemitism in England was worse than in mainland Europe (where it was nevertheless perpetually bad). The myth of the "Wandering Jew", the diabolical and malevolent Christ hater, originated in England. In 1218, the Archbishop of Canterbury Stephen Langton persuaded Henry III to proclaim the Edict of the Badge, a yellow badge of shame to identify the Jew. In 1289, King Edward I issued the Edict of Expulsion, having been convinced of the "blood libel" conspiracy, another Church-of-England export – originating in Norwich – which claimed that the Jews crucified or otherwise tortured Christian children before then consuming their blood in religious ritual. The permanent royal edict of expulsion of Jews was not overturned until the monarchy was overturned by Oliver Cromwell, and Jews returned to England in the 1650s on Cromwell's invitation, largely because he had been persuaded that the dispersal of the Jews into all nations was a prerequisite to the Millennial Reign of Christ that was to follow the apocalyptic civil war he was destined to win.

Medieval antisemitism became a very lucrative business for the Church of England. The Church made martyrs of children who went missing or who were found dead, believing they had been preyed upon by Jews, who used the blood of Christian children as the key ingredient of their unleavened bread at Passover. The best-known of these child-martyr saints was "Little Saint Hugh of Lincoln", whose shrine for centuries attracted a flow of pilgrims, and a large revenue stream, to Lincoln Cathedral. And it was of course a constant reminder of the Christian's duty, according to the Church, to despise and fear the Jew. (If the reader is unfamiliar with this episode involving
Crown and Church, the present *Wikipedia* page on "Little Saint Hugh of Lincoln" is a well-written summary.)

The blood libel is, to this day, asserted in its original form throughout the Arab world. For instance the following quotation is from a speech by an influential Muslim leader in Israel, Ra’ad Salah, preacher, three times city mayor, and head of the Islamic Movement in Israel’s Northern Branch. Salah teaches that “Jerusalem will soon become the capital of the global caliphate” (we will need to return to this mainstream Islamic belief in a global caliphate). It is particularly worth mentioning Salah here, because it highlights some of the links between contemporary British Socialism and the Islamic caliphaters. Salah is a personal friend of Jeremy Corbyn MP who, despite Salah’s long history of outrageous antisemitism and conspiracy theories, is described by Corbyn as an “honoured citizen”, “not antisemitic but anti-Israel”. Corbyn has tried to invite Salah to the House of Commons, because “his voice must be heard”, and Corbyn said on film in 2012 (now published on *YouTube*), “I look forward to giving you tea on the terrace [of the Houses of Parliament] because you deserve it”.

”We have never allowed ourselves to knead the bread that breaks the fast in the holy month of Ramadan with children’s blood... Whoever wants a more thorough explanation, let him ask what used to happen to some children in Europe, whose blood was mixed in with the dough of the [Jewish] holy bread. Great God, is this a religion? Is this what God would want? God will deal with you yet for what you are doing.”

*Ra’ad Salah, Muslim preacher, political leader, and anti-Zionist ally of Jeremy Corbyn MP,* speech in Jerusalem, 2007

Ra’ad Salah is too well-educated to not know that the blood libel is a medieval hoax invented by the Church of England, but he was speaking to an Arab crowd in the east of Jerusalem that will have been indoctrinated with antisemitism since primary school age. And the blood libel is by no means restricted to the Holy Land. Arab media watchers such as MEMRI tell us that it is universal throughout the Arab world, including the wealthiest and most highly educated nations, such as Saudi Arabia and Qatar. Here is another example, a scholarly contributor writing for the Saudi daily newspaper *Al-Riyadh*:

“During this holiday [Purim], the Jew must prepare very special pastries, the filling of which is not only costly and rare — it cannot be found at all on the local and international markets... For this holiday, the Jewish people must obtain human blood so that their clerics can prepare the holiday pastries... Before I go into the details, I would like to clarify that the Jews’ spilling human blood to prepare pastry for their holidays is a well-established fact, historically and legally, all throughout history. This was one of the main reasons for the persecution and exile that were their lot in Europe and Asia at various times... during the holiday, the Jews wear carnival-style masks and costumes and overindulge in drinking alcohol, prostitution, and adultery...”

*Dr. Umayma Ahmad Al-Jalahma of King Faysal University, writing for the Saudi government daily Al-Riyadh, March 10, 2002, source MEMRI*

And so we see here that words, libellous words, from the Church, including the medieval Church of England, *continue* to inflame the world. And the Arab world is as good as quoting the Church of England on authority. It is high time we, the Church of England, took responsibility for our words and actions. We cannot on the one hand claim episcopalian continuity through all the bishops, and on the other claim that we are not responsible for the sins of our fathers that are still doing immense harm. For a church that claims episcopalian continuity back to the Jewish Apostles of Jesus, we must take responsibility for the fact that of all the churches of Europe, the medieval Church (and Crown) of England was amongst the most antisemitic.

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Not only are we failing to take responsibility, we are actually making things much worse, largely through the Anglican clergy in the Holy Land. These Christian Arabs do not (I imagine) preach the Norwich blood libel, nevertheless they preach conspiracy and various forms of Jew hate and Israel hate and modern forms of blood libel. Some of this Anglican antisemitism is published on the "Palestine" section of Church of England website (which we will look at in the Appendix) which even points to "resources" for (revolutionary-Marxist) "Liberation Theology".

Some of the most antisemitic, disingenuous and dangerous Christian preachers I have come across are Arab Anglicans. They don’t look dangerous, they look cuddly and harmless, and are given a warm and mawkish reception when they come to England as guest speakers in our churches and cathedrals (especially on the Liberal wing). Anglican priest Rev. Dr. Naim Ateek, born into British Mandatory Palestine, preaches “Palestinian Liberation Theology” against the “Israeli occupation”, finding much support in English churches. He says he condemns terrorism, but wrote in 2003 on the subject of Arab suicide bombers: "If Israel labels them as terrorists, they are, after all, the product of [Israel's] own making".

At the time of writing, Middle-East media watcher Dexter Van Zile has interviewed Reverend Dr Petra Heldt, of Hebrew University in Jerusalem, on Arab-Christian antisemitism. Dr Heldt is a Protestant preacher, Christian historian and Dead-Sea-Scrolls expert. She was severely injured in her face and leg by an Islamist suicide bombing in the Machane Yehuda Market in Jerusalem in 1997, perpetrated by two science students from Birzeit University in Ramallah, and which injured 178 people (including teenage tourists) and killed 16.

We read in the interview with Dr Heldt of the “growing hostility toward Israel in the ecumenical community, much of it promoted by Rev. Dr. Naim Ateek, an Anglican priest in Jerusalem... For many years, Ateek had been at the forefront to delegitimize the Jewish state in liberal Protestant churches in Europe and North America”. Ateek’s preaching would "invoke anti-Judaic passages from the Gospels to demonize Israel during the Second Intifada, declaring, for example, that the Israeli ‘crucifixion machine’ operated daily in the disputed territories”. Heldt remarks that “institutions that were previously committed to promoting Christian-Jewish understanding have transformed into organizations that promote anti-Zionist propaganda". (Out of the Snare, Dexter Van Zile, interview with Rev Dr Petra Heldt, April 9 2019, available on the Internet at the time of writing)

In England, and the Church of England, the original blood libel is no longer preached, but we find other blood libels in its place. England today continues to feed the world sinister theories of Jewish conspiracy, which no matter how implausible, find a market even amongst the highly educated. The best known of English conspiracists is David Icke. Icke started out as a BBC presenter, became a joint-leader of the Green Party, and then, after an astrological consultation with a “spiritualist” and "psychic" called Betty Shine, declared himself “the Son of God”. Through his divine insight, and a convenient ignorance of the laws of physics, Icke claims that the Moon is a hollow space station that was, at some time in pre-history, parked where it is by the "Reptilians" who are here to prey on us and control the human mind. On Earth, they are subterranean but emerge to take on the human form, particularly Zionist Jews and the British Royal Family, in order to take possession of the human race. Icke cites on authority "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion", the century-old Russian-Christian fraudulent minutes of a meeting in which Jews plan to take over the human race from Israel. Icke fills the lecture theatres in his tours of Britain, Canada, Australia, Netherlands, Iceland... with his messianic "Worldwide Wake Up Tour". His audiences seem to have abandoned all religious and scientific understanding and are seeking a new belief system based on his teaching that there is a way to escape into a higher reality – "the Truth will set you free" – rather than live in the present one created by Lizards and Jews:

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David Icke, 5th February 2019, defending the British Labour Party, much of which, since Corbyn became leader, has become convinced that its Jewish MPs are being controlled by Israel, and are fabricating antisemitism to bring Corbyn down. One would think that with messianic Englishmen such as Corbyn and Icke wandering the planet, the world would be Anglophobic, not antisemitic. Icke, we know through observing social media, has a significant following in “Momentum”, the Corbyn-inspired cohort within the British Labour Party. When the Labour Party, in its antisemitism training, warned its members about Icke, some Icke-supporting Momentum members complained on social media, with comments such as “this is not what I signed up for”.

We must not think that the problems are limited to the Labour Party. The Green Party has scarcely moved from its anti-Zionism, and libels against Israel, since David Icke quit the Green Party leadership. And in the House of Lords, the antisemitic Liberal Democrats politician Baroness Tonge called for an “independent inquiry” into her blood-libel claim – that she learned from Palestinian media – that the soldiers of the Israeli Defence Force who were deployed to Haiti in 2010 to help with the earthquake relief were there to “harvest the organs” of the victims. The Haiti libel was published in the English-language online newspaper Palestine Telegraph, of which Tonge was a patron, but it seems that it was first reported on the Lebanese Hezbollah TV channel Al-Manar. And if you can’t trust Hezbollah TV, what media can you trust?

In September 2018, Tonge even blamed the massacre of Jews in Pittsburgh on “Israel’s treatment of Palestinians” (whereas the gunman himself had made clear on social media that he had targeted the synagogue because it supports humanitarian aid and assistance to refugees throughout the world, including the USA).
Although Tonge resigned from the party in late 2016, having been taken to task by the Liberal Democrats whip, the Lords Spiritual do not contest their Noble Friend, nay, her Babylonian paps give suck to every bishop who chooses to undermine Israel in the House of Lords.

I know, through my social networks, that Tonge is in demand as a speaker by pro-Palestinian/anti-Israelist activists within the Church of England. Martin Clay, in Tunbridge Wells for instance, published a fawning letter on the World Wide Web (and so he can hardly mind my mentioning it here) to Tonge for her “Gaza” talk for the Fabian Society on 15th March 2019. Clay, representing the Church of England and “Modern Church” and his deanery synod, is also involved with a group supported by the Church of England called the Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI). EAPPI exists ostensibly to engender peace between Israel and Palestine, but it is a magnet for Anglican anti-Zionists/antisemites, including Reverend Stephen Sizer, whose bishop chastised him for using his social media to spread the conspiracy theory that the Jews and Israel were responsible for 9/11 (a theory he shares with Ra’ad Salah, discussed earlier). Sizer, incidentally, is another personal friend of Jeremy Corbyn, whose antisemitism Corbyn tried to defend by writing to Sizer’s diocesan bishop to assure the bishop that Sizer is not an antisemite.

We will discuss the Anglican Church in Israel, in the Appendix.

In August 2018, Baroness Tonge published on the World Wide Web (Facebook) the following:

“We would all like a safe haven [Israel] to run to when the going gets tough, but we stay on and ask why it is getting tough. Why have the Jewish people been persecuted over and over again throughout history. Why? I never get an answer. If we discussed this we would be accused of anti-Semitism, so better not, and so it goes on!”

This is nothing other than a contemporary version of the Inquisition’s promise to Jews that if only they would give up Judaism, and worship the Pope (“Papa”) and other idols, Christendom would have no further need to persecute them. Tonge need not worry about being “accused of antisemitism”. Things have gone beyond accusation to condemnation. The statement above from Tonge (former patron of Christian Aid) is in itself evidence enough of her deep antisemitism, which is in fact her unreconstructed Christian antisemitism. Tonge, a former MP of a mainstream political party who earned a place in the House of Lords, is not stupid. The question she asks is disingenuous. She is gaslighting. She knows why “throughout history”, particularly the last 2000 years of history, Jews have been “persecuted over and over again”, and why she is herself continuing the persecution, up to the limits of remaining within the law (her political status in the 21st century obviously does not grant powers of expulsion, forced conversion, confiscation of property, torture, ghettoisisation, burning of all copies of the Talmud, pogroms, genocide…).

Perhaps it was because Britain and the Allies defeated the Nazis and the Axis that we have never properly acknowledged Anglican antisemitism. I don’t think that members of the Bundestag or the German Christian Democrats today would be allowed to say what the life peers and bishops are allowed to say in the House of Lords. The Lutheran Church1, at least, formally rejected Martin Luther’s antisemitic teachings in 1994, with an official apology, and admitted the Lutheran Church’s part in the Jew hate that led to the Holocaust. (Sadly, however the Lutheran Church, today, has regressed to where it was.)

1 The global Lutheran Church, under new leadership, has regressed to antisemitism, and from the USA to the Middle East, uses its influence in the World Council of Churches and other anti-Israel Protestant groups with resolutions to, de facto, bring about the end of Israel’s “occupation” of Israel, i.e. the destruction of State of Israel. For an in-depth article on Lutheran antisemitism/anti-Zionism, here is an article by Reverend Dr Petra Heldt, whom I mentioned earlier in the essay: https://www.gatestoneinstitute.org/8754/lutheran-antisemitism
We, the Church of England, and England at large, have let ourselves off the hook completely (just as the German Protestant Dr Petra Heldt tells us that Communist East Germany let itself off the hook) because we defeated the nations responsible for the Holocaust, and we were not a Nazi-occupied nation complicit with the Holocaust. But in fact in the late 19th century and the first half of the 20th century, antisemitism in England was, intellectually, not so different to that which consumed France and Germany (although of course there was some significant British philo-semitism, and support for Zionism from some influencers in the British Establishment, not least former Prime Minister Arthur Balfour). I should say that, despite strident use of the law against antisemitism in Germany today, we have no reason to think that German antisemitism is less chronic than English antisemitism: the German far right is once again in the ascendancy, and Islamic antisemitism is now an increasing concern in Germany. At the time of writing the German government has advised Jews to not wear a kippah in public because it fears that people who openly identify as Jewish are likely to become victims of antisemitic attacks. We are, in many ways, back in the 1930s, and I for one am not going to idly spectate or pass by on the other side with almost all of the clergy of the Church of England. I accuse.

In the Church of England in the first half of the 20th century, T.S. Eliot was the poster boy of Anglican antisemitism, along with the very head (or “supreme governor”) of the Church of England, King Edward VIII. The king was forced to abdicate not because he loved Adolph Hitler (to whom he continued to ingratiate himself with impunity after his abdication, famously taking tea with Hitler in late 1937), but because he loved an American divorcee.

We should remind ourselves that Nazi antisemitism was Christian antisemitism. The people of Nazi Germany were, in the main, Christians. Although Hitler was a Roman Catholic (and not excommunicated) he found it easy to recruit the German Protestants to the cause, partly thanks to the antisemitic tract “On the Jews and Their Lies”, by the German founder of the Reformation. Martin Luther’s tract was the blueprint for the Holocaust, calling for the destruction and burning of all Jewry. An open copy of Luther’s book was displayed in a glass case at the Nuremberg rallies (1933 to 1938) for the people to view as they filed past to worship their Führer: the master man (Übermensch) of the master race of the master nation: the Germanic High Priest: the glorious pinnacle and fulfilment of Germany’s long and imperial Christian history.

But there were some bright lights in the Anglican darkness, notably the deeply-ecumenical Wartime Archbishop of Canterbury, William Temple. In response to Germany’s antisemitism, Archbishop Temple helped to found the Council of Christians and Jews; he also successfully advocated in the House of Lords for a post-War welfare state, a national health service, and paid leave for workers, all things that, after the War, the British Labour Party would successfully introduce. William Temple, a former Bishop of Manchester, would, I am sure, be appalled at the antisemitism in the British Labour Party today, and the antisemitism in the Church of England today. Also, I am sure he would be appalled at the intellectual condition of the Church today. (I have read much of William Temple’s philosophical theology, including his long philosophical essay Mens Creatrix, and I simply do not see anything from our senior clergy today that has such illuminating depth and breadth.)

We, the Church of England, have a special responsibility to use language well, carefully and truthfully, especially because English is now the world’s first truly universal language, and the international language of science (and the meta-language for computer science such as the “world wide web”, and artificial intelligence). And as noted, we the Church of England have a special responsibility (and opportunity) to address global antisemitism. If we do not, we deserve, to our eternal shame, to be branded as the imperial church that, on behalf of the King of the Jews, went out into the world to make antisemites of all nations.

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We, the Church of England, have given the world many good things, not least civilisation and Christianity (in one of its best forms, in my view), the English language, the King James Bible (which itself largely shaped Modern English and literature), and arguably the world’s most beautiful sacred choral music. Even football and cricket, now the world’s two most popular sports, once limited to posh boys at English public schools, were made popular to the working class (into which I was born and bred in the coal-mining regions of West Yorkshire) by the English clergy who had attended the top schools and realised sport’s potential for character building at home and throughout the Empire. The sporting clubs for working men started out as church clubs, usually cricket-and-football clubs, to create a full year of sporting activity. The reigning English football club is Manchester City (which at the time of writing has achieved the “treble” of domestic trophies), in my adopted city of Manchester. Although the club now has much global support and Arab money, it started out as a humble cricket-and-football club called “Saint Mark’s”, run by the vicar and church wardens of Saint Mark’s Church in Gorton, Manchester. Similarly, Everton, in Liverpool, was a church football-and-cricket club (which spawned a second club: Liverpool FC). And Tottenham Hotspur FC, with, today, its famously large Jewish following, was founded as a cricket-and-football club by a group of schoolboys and their Bible class teacher at All Hallows Church in Tottenham. Of course, these team sports not only developed individual character, but a team spirit and a sense of “fair play”, that have helped to shape the best of the characteristics of our nation and of the uncivilised nations to which we exported our sports (more on this in Chapter 25).

For quite some time now I have felt the need, or perhaps it is a calling, to dedicate much of my spare time to battle against the contemporary resurgence of antisemitism in the Church of England and England in general. Frankly, I would rather be on the golf course, or playing cricket, but I cannot get the problem of antisemitism out of my mind: it misses the whole point of Christianity. It’s too late to “nip things in the bud”. We will see that the problems run very deep. The Church of England should be part of the solution, not, as it currently is, a significant contributor to the problem. Christians often like to say that the role of the Church involves being “counter-cultural” because Jesus was counter-cultural, taking on the corruptions of his time, including the corruptions that had entered Judaism and the Jerusalem Temple under the Herods and a corrupt High Priest. Now that antisemitism has entered mainstream English culture for the first time in my lifetime (I was born in 1961) it is time for the Church of England to be counter-cultural and to lead the battle against antisemitism, even if that means taking on corrupt clergy and senior clergy. There can be little doubt there are corruptions in the senior clergy, as we witness ever increasing revelations of the sexual abuse of children and young adults, and a history of covering up the abuse. Perhaps the clergy has lost the confidence to speak with moral authority, realising that it has lost the credibility to do so, in which case the laity must stand up. It is time for us to become true Protestants: we are all, who accept the calling, priests of Creation.

I wrote this essay throughout April and May of 2019, a week of which I spent in Israel. In places the essay is “journalistic”, relating to the times, and what appears in the mainstream media and social media. I know that the essay is not perfectly crafted, and it could be better stitched together, but it’s not easy to craft a meaningful and broad-reaching polemic of 55,000 words in one’s spare time in just a few weeks.

Throughout the essay, I have used the phrase “at the time of writing”. Consider this to mean the period of April to May 2019.
2. Enough is Enough

On a wet Sunday afternoon in September 2018 I joined Jewish friends at Cathedral Gardens, Manchester, to attend the rally against antisemitism. The cathedral clergy were conspicuous by their absence (keeping the Christian Sabbath perhaps), but I imagine that the spirit of Bishop William Temple was with us. Manchester has the second largest Jewish community in the UK after London. Before the restoration of Israel, Manchester was the centre of the gravity of the World Zionist Movement, through Chaim Weizmann, who lived in Manchester for 30 years as a senior lecturer in chemistry at the University of Manchester before becoming the first President of the State of Israel.

The rally “Enough is Enough” – or Dayenu – was a follow-up to the London rally earlier in the year. Political rallying like this is unprecedented in the lifetime of most English Jews, and has not happened since the rise of the British Union of Fascists in the 1930s. Over the centuries, the English Jewish communities (amounting to a mere 0.5% of the national population) have learned that strategies for dealing with latent English antisemitism include not drawing attention to the Jewish community or even to antisemitism. Political rallies by English Jews have their risks for English Jews. Indeed journalists, politicians and intellectuals (including Jew-hating Jews) with an instinctive need to blame the Jews find clever ways, or gaslighting ways, of blaming the Jews for antisemitism. In other words increasing awareness of antisemitism leads to more antisemitism, but there comes a point at which enough is enough, and one hopes, despite the experience of history, that the good people will not “do nothing”. One hopes, perhaps vainly, that the Church of England will not “do nothing”.

The cult of Jeremy Corbyn, which the Church of England seems unable, or unwilling, to challenge, has presented serious problems. Corbyn’s career-long obsessive anti-Israelism has to be justified by his followers, who, though like Corbyn are generally atheist, have suddenly decided they are pundits on Judaism, Islam and Christianity and the meaning of Israel and Jerusalem and Zion, declaring solidarity with their Islamic comrades, particularly apocalyptic caliphaters.

At the Manchester rally, speakers included Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mervis and supportive MPs from the Labour and Conservative parties. We heard that, for the first time in 400 years of continuous Jewish community in England, English Jews now feel deeply troubled and insecure about the future of the English communities. For the first time in the lifetime of Rabbi Mervis (and former Chief Rabbi, Jonathan Sacks) Jews are asking whether it is wise to stay in England, or make arrangements to leave, just as France is now witnessing a Jewish exodus, due to antisemitism in France (Islamic, Socialist/Gilets Jaunes, as well as the chronic antisemitism of the French National Front).

And so what, you might ask, is the Church of England doing about the worsening situation in England? Making things worse, is the answer. As I will reveal in this essay, parts of the Church of England seems hell-bent on regressing to the antisemitism of the 13th century, and, with a predominantly left-wing clergy (according to the analysis of the Establishment’s own sociologist of religion Professor Linda Woodhead MBE), is giving its nodding approval to the antisemitism of the Socialist “Momentum” and the Corbyn cult. In my experience, the less the faith that the clergy have in God Almighty the more faith they have in Socialism or Progressivism, and will encourage or at least tolerate the antisemitism and anti-Zionism at the philosophical roots of Socialism.
The vast majority of English antisemites do not wear or daub swastikas, rather they wrap themselves in the four-coloured imperial flag of Islamic Pan-Arabisation and call themselves “liberals” or “progressives” or “Socialists”, and self-identify as “Pro-Palestine”, or “Palestine Solidarity” or “BDS” or “EAPPI”.

The Church-of-England antisemite is not mean-looking and into goose-stepping; he is mawkish and mincing and into virtue signalling, including tweeting “Happy Hanukkah” and acknowledging Holocaust Memorial Day.

3. Signs, and Sciences, of the Times

I work in science, but you won’t find a better or more studiously-committed theologian in the Church of England. You will find a lot of theological specialists in this and that, some of which has its uses, but as far as I’m concerned, theological specialisation is an oxymoron. Theology, the “queen of the sciences”, needs wresting from the professional theologians in the academic departments of theology. God, Theos, Logos, cannot be contained in any department.

And having worked with many scientists in wide-ranging disciplines over the years (physics, chemistry, computer sciences, and the life sciences), I seem to have a broader knowledge of science than most scientists. Science today is very highly specialised, and whilst these specialisations are indispensable, my day job, as a “scientific technical writer”, is to talk to scientists and engineers to provide scientific corporations, and customers of the corporations, with simplified explanations without which the scientific understanding would be useless outside of itself for itself. You might say that I am a general practitioner of science. I have included an “About me” Chapter in this essay, explaining where I picked up my experiences and knowledge in the sciences and the humanities.

The role of science in antisemitism should not be underestimated. Our big ideas on Creation, or the cosmos, affect our ideas on everything. German scientists before the War justified antisemitism on, amongst other things, grounds of race (the French theory of “Aryanism”) and psychological inferiority. Germany saw itself, with reasonable justification, as the most advanced and most scientific nation in the world, and so Social Darwinism combined with Christian Millennialism, Christian antisemitism, Socialism, Romanticism, and of course a Zeitgeist of extreme pride in everything German, causing Germany to be convinced that the Messiah, the Führer, had arrived. Once the nation had acted its painful part in the final great military drama, Germany would be the midwife for the thousand-year Third Holy Empire (or Reich), bringing peace on Earth. But first, according to the science of eugenics, the nation needed to improve the German human condition and free it from moral depravity (especially of the Jews), physical disability, and homosexuality, and a host of other undesirable things. Furthermore, “the master race” needed to ensure that Germany remained pure from mixing with the other races.

Inconveniently for the Germans, the world’s science was becoming dominated by Jewish scientists, and so in the 1930s Nazi academia started to debunk jüdische Physik (including the work of Albert Einstein) and replace it with Deutsche Physik. Similarly, in psychiatry, Nazi head of psychiatry Matthias Göring (cousin of Hermann) set out to prove the inferiority of the psyche of all Jewish people. But again, inconveniently, in the new sciences of psychiatry and psychology all the pioneers were Jews, apart from C.G. Jung, who was employed in Nazi academia until 1939, reporting to Matthias Göring, and tasked with undermining Jewish psychiatry. The student unions in Germany and Austria ceremoniously burned Jewish books. Joseph Goebbels told Berlin’s students that they were to progress from “the era of extreme Jewish intellectualism” to “men of character... to have the courage to face the pitiless glare, to overcome the fear of death, and to regain respect for death”. This antisemitic and anti-intellectual pro-death/martyrdom cult was
exported from Berlin to the Arab world, where, in places, it remains mainstream and is everywhere latent. Unlike European Christian leaders, Arab Muslim leaders have not yet condemned Hitler.

Apart from the scientific ideology, it was, of course, German scientists, engineers and chemical engineers who invented the means that, it was hoped, would enable the genocide of all Europe’s Jewry. And German scientists implemented a huge programme of extremely cruel scientific experiments on human beings, including children. None of this occurred because Germany was poor at theology, science and philosophy. Germany was, and had long been, the world-beating nation in all these intellectual domains.

Few antisemites today use recourse to scientific theories or experiments, and no-one can credibly claim that Jewish physics is inferior to German physics, or English physics, but this does not mean that scientists are necessarily absolved in the present resurgence of English antisemitism. In English science, eugenics is becoming intellectually respectable again, through the new philosophical/scientific field called “transhumanism”. Transhumanist Professor Nick Bostrom, founding director of the “Future of Humanity Institute” at Oxford University, wants to rehabilitate discussions in eugenics, such as through embryo selection and genetic engineering. (There is not space to discuss Transhumanism here, but it is of course yet another alternative “goal” for the world that will, like Marxism, find itself in intellectual conflict with the goals divinely revelation for the world: the call to Zion: the world centred on Israel: the synchronisation of Heaven and Earth.)

The resurgence of antisemitism, history teaches us, does not begin with the mob. It begins with the intellectuals, clergy, scientists, journalists, politicians, trades unions, student unions and conspiracy theorists long before it infects the mainstream and the mob.

When Oxford University decided it needed to popularise science, it appointed Richard Dawkins as its first “Professor for the Public Understanding of Science”. Dawkins seemed to think that his role required him to debunk religion in order to improve the status of science. And, it has to be said, he has achieved these aims not only in England but around the world. He has been cited, in several places, at several times, as the world’s most influential thinker. Dawkins used his Oxford role to promote, and popularise, his half-baked atheist philosophy (and his half-baked science come to that, including theories of “selfish” genes, and of “memes”, a theory that is unscientific according to the accepted methodologies of science). His attacks on “God” have made him a rich and popular celebrity, and a kind of high priest of science, whose followers are convinced that he has won his argument for the incompatibility of modern knowledge and faith in God Almighty.

Dawkins is particularly interested in debunking religious faith in God of Israel, which of course means debunking the many scientists, including leaders in their field (Jews and Christians), who have religious faith. In Dawkins’ own field for instance, the young pioneering biophysicist Jeremy England, at MIT, is an Orthodox Jew. And Francis Collins, former head of the Human Genome project, is devout Christian. In a televised debate between Rabbi Lord Sacks and Richard Dawkins in 2012, the Rabbi described Dawkins’ description of “Old Testament God” as “profoundly antisemitic”. Dawkins was taken aback. Dawkins is not antisemitic (or at least I see no evidence that he is), and he seemed to be annoyed that Rabbi Sacks – then Chief Rabbi no less, and one of the most admired philosophical theologians in England – had dismissed Dawkins’ best-selling pride and joy as antisemitic. Rabbi Sacks pointed out that Dawkins (who chose to be “confirmed” into the Church of England in his youth) is not just an atheist, but a Christian atheist:

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“Richard... you are a Christian atheist, and you read the Bible in a Christian way. And Christianity has an adversarial way of reading what it calls the Old Testament. It has to, because it says, ‘we’ve gone one better; we’ve got a New Testament’. You come prejudiced against what you call the ‘Old Testament’, and that is why I did not read the opening to chapter 2 in your book as a joke, I read it as a profoundly antisemitic passage”.

Rabbi Lord Sacks, speaking to Richard Dawkins in 2012

Does Dawkins’ work contribute to the antisemitism in England, and the wider world, today? It certainly doesn’t help. In my observing Dawkins’ social media followers, his anti-theism encourages hard-line atheists to condemn Israel as a "religious anachronism".

Dawkins himself has often said on Twitter: "religion poisons everything". But this is just as absurd as saying, “science poisons everything”. Religion can be, and often is, poisonous of course, but it was the science corporations who produced, and still produce, the single-use plastics that are poisoning the world’s oceans. (It would not have taken a genius to work out how much of this plastic would inevitably end up as litter in the rivers and seas.) And it is science that has decided it is a good idea to inject the Botulinum toxin (tradename Botox) into the human face as a cosmetic.

4. Blame the Jews for Everything, including Antisemitism

The picture above is of men, indoctrinated by a generation of Hamas government (whose antisemitism is extreme and ideological) accepting the call of Hamas/Muslim Brotherhood and Palestinian Islamic Jihad for the “Great March of Return”. 750,000 Arab refugees of the 1948 war – many of whom were told by invading Arab armies to move out of the way, until the anticipated Arab victory – compared to 850,000 Jewish refugees ethnically cleansed from the Arab world. Arab ‘refugees’ are now into their fourth generation, and number 5 or 6 million!

There are about 65 million refugees in the world today, and of these the ‘Palestinians’, according to the UN (whose antisemitism we will analyse in Chapter 23), are uniquely allowed to pass their refugee status onto their descendants for all eternity. The UN has refugee program for the world, UNHCR, and a unique one, UNWRA, a ‘refugee’ breeding program for descendants of ‘Palestinians’ who, if allowed into the State of Israel (from where they and their parents and grandparents were born in Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and the Gaza Strip), would mean that Muslim Arabs outnumber Israeli Jews, making a Jewish-state democracy impossible. There is, in any case, no Arab state, anywhere, with a democracy, and there is no Arab state that does not persecute non-Muslims (and the ‘wrong kind’ of Muslims). One only has to look at Saudi Arabia, the geographically holiest nation of Islam, and one of the richest nations in the world. There were Jews living continuously throughout Arabia since Biblical times, but they were all expelled in the 20th century, and Jewish worship is, today, forbidden in Saudi Arabia.

Baroness Tonge and others regularly compare Israel to Nazi Germany. This is a scandalous moral inversion, which is obvious by the fact that Hamas and Palestinian Authority activists use the swastika and openly admire Hitler.
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(and “Hitler2” clothing is popular brand in Gaza). The Muslim Brotherhood (and groups such as Free Arab Legion) allied with the Nazis and formed SS Divisions during the War – stretching from Yugoslavia and Albania to Iraq – but, unlike Germany, have not yet abandoned Hitler’s antisemitic ideology, which had been thoroughly propagandised, and still is to this day, with Arabic translations of Mein Kampf and Protocols of the Elders of Zion.

Historians with access to recently-released German state archives tell us that, following the Allied invasion in 1944, SS generals, intelligence officers, Nazi propagandists, and Holocaust administrators fled to join the Arab League in Egypt and Syria to get a second chance at the Final Solution. Today in the Gaza strip, the two main political authorities, Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad, remain committed to genocide of the Jews. Israel must, and does, take these genocidal threats absolutely seriously. Rather the read The Guardian – the favourite read of the C of E clergy, or at least all the clergy I know personally – one simply has to read the Hamas Covenant (both the original and the revised versions) to understand the causes of continuing bloodshed and tragedy.

Antisemitism is a curse, an idolatry, a false religion, that, if not checked destroys everything it infects. It is now destroying, to its eternal shame, Islam, just as it destroyed, to its eternal shame, much of Christian Europe, which, as the memory of the Holocaust recedes, is at grave risk of returning to where it was a century ago.

25th April 2019: Blame the Jews. The old tropes are suddenly back in media, this time not just in the extreme right-wing media, but the mainstream progressive-left. The Lustige Blätter cartoon was published in Germany in 1940, depicting Winston Churchill being pulled by a Jew, with the strapline: “England is in good hands”. This New York Times International graphic was published on 25th April 2019, showing a blind Jewish President Trump, being pulled by President Netanyahu with Magen David.

Whilst antisemitism today is more complex than it ever was, it remains consistent to what it always has been. For instance, the Nazis portrayed Jews as rats in the gutter, and at other times dogs, octopuses and spiders; the New York Times now portrays Jews as dogs, and the whole of the Arab world now portrays Jews as pigs and apes (drawing from the Quran in fact).

At the time of writing (12th May 2019), the “as-a-Jew” Glyn Secker, Secretary of the so-called “Jewish Voice for Labour” (JVL), is on the streets of London at a “Palestinian Solidarity” rally inciting the crowds to ask, “what are the Jews doing in the gutter?” He also issues a “warning to the Jewish leadership... for your campaign of allegations of antisemitism against Corbyn”, and for supporting Israel rather than supporting the ‘Palestinian’ Arabs who call for the destruction of Israel.

JVL is a totally unrepresentative voice for British Jews, or the Labour Party tradition for that matter, that was formed by Marxist and Trotskyist “as-a-Jew” atheistic ‘Jews’ as a phalanx to mock God of Israel and defend, in vain hope, Jeremy Corbyn’s antisemitism. Even Jon Lansman, an atheist self-identifying Jew and Chair of Labour’s “Momentum”, admitted to the mainstream Jewish community in 2018 that, “the most influential antisemitism-deniers, unfortunately, are Jewish anti-Zionists”. Lansman admits that JVL “is an organisation which is not just tiny but has no real connection with the Jewish community at all... It doesn’t represent the Jewish community in a way that the Jewish Labour Movement clearly does”.

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“As-a-Jew” Jackie Walker, on Momentum’s steering committee and a member of JVL, has had her “as-a-Jew” credentials challenged by Jewish community leaders, to which she responded that she would have been a Jew according to the Nazis, to which the Jewish community pointed out that its criteria for belonging are not, and never have been, the Nazis’ Nuremberg Laws.

Looking further afield, to the Middle East, below are a few examples of contemporary Islamic theology, reducing Jews to sinister sub-human species. The texts, speeches and broadcasts can be easily found on Internet, and verified by Arabic speakers:

"Jews pass on evil in their genes. Humanity will never be able to live with them... count them and kill them one by one...These are the Jews who haven’t changed throughout history... These are the Jews who expose their fangs whenever they get the chance. They are causing devastating corruption throughout the land... We must mention... the truth about these Jews, which Allah wrote in his book [the Quran] Among the Jews' characteristics is that they have offended Allah... They murdered the prophets... Another characteristic is that they are cursed, and they have been denied Allah's mercy... And among their vile characteristics is that they have breached contracts, conventions, and agreements. 'So for their breaking of the covenant We cursed them' [Quran]. 'And made of them apes and pigs and slaves of Taghut' [Quran]. These are the Jews... Always fighting, always corrupting, always scheming, and always plotting against humanity – not just against the Muslims, but rather against all humanity... Our prophet [Muhammad] informed us [that] at the end of time the Muslims will fight the Jews until the Jews hide behind a stone or a tree... The tyranny of the Jews did not just reach humans, but also the inanimate objects and all creatures: 'Until the Jews hide behind a stone or a tree, and the stone or a tree will say: 'Muslim, servant of Allah, there is a Jew behind me, come and kill him' ... Allah, strike your enemies, the enemies of the religion, count them and kill them one by one, and do not leave even one.'"

Palestinian Authority TV preacher Sheikh Osama Al-Tibi, Official Palestinian Authority TV, Dec. 14, 2018

"And here we have our Palestinian nation, engaged in Ribat, (religious conflict/war defending Islamic land), the strong Jihad fighter, adhering to its religion and faith, challenging the tyranny and oppression of the Zionists, those descendants of monkeys and pigs who thought they could deny us our strength. They forgot that Allah will rise up with us and that their policy is fraud and deceit."

Al-Jadida, Sheikh Taleb Al-Silwadi, In his weekly column in “Sermon,” the religious supplement to the official Palestinian Authority daily Al-Hayat

"Our war with the descendants of the apes and pigs is a war of religion and faith. Long Live Fatah!...

"47 years ago the revolution started. Which revolution? The modern revolution of the Palestinian peoples history. In fact, Palestine in its entirety is a revolution, since [Caliph] Umar came [to conquer Jerusalem, 637 CE], and continuing today, and until the End of Days. The reliable Hadith in the two reliable collections, Bukhari and Muslim, says:

"The Hour [of Resurrection] will not come until you fight the Jews. The Jew will hide behind stones or trees. Then the stones or trees will call: 'Oh Muslim, servant of Allah, there is a Jew behind me, come and kill him.' Except the Gharqad tree [which will keep silent]."

Therefore it is no wonder that you see Gharqad [trees] surrounding the [Israeli] settlements and colonies." PA Mufti Muhammed Hussein, Official Palestinian Authority TV, Jan. 9, 2012

[The only truth in this Islamic-Fascist sermon is that Israel has indeed planted about 250 million trees since the 1990s, greening parts of the region that had not seen a blade of grass in 2000 years. Israel is the only nation in the world that began the millennium with a net increase in the number of trees. Sadly, many have been deliberately destroyed by forest fires ignited by the thousands of swastika-marked incendiary kites and balloons launched from behind the Gaza Barrier.]
5. The Church of England’s ‘Liberals’

I know quite a few characters in an organisation called “Modern Church”, being a former member, if only for a year to try it out. It is a large group of scholars and clergy (some of whom, it turns out, are atheists) which, together with a more modern group called “Sea of Faith”, represents the Liberals and Modernists of the Church of England. There are similar movements throughout Western Europe, very strongly in Holland, but which are more likely to self-identify as “Christian Atheist” or “Christian Humanist” or “non-Theist” than “Liberal”.

An observant Jewish friend recently asked me, in all sincerity, how it is possible that atheists in the Church of England pass themselves off as holy men? The answer is that these men and women for whom nothing is holy want (according to the C of E’s “Sea of Faith” network) to “explore and affirm religious faith as a human creation”. I explained to my friend that it is wrong to assume that a C of E clergyman is holy on account of the fact that he is addressed as “reverend” or “right reverend”, and wears a frock and a clerical collar. He might have chosen to receive a C of E stipend because he wants to educate the people that God Almighty, creator of all that is seen and unseen, is in fact a human creation, an idea: a god made in man’s image. Most atheistic clergy keep fairly quiet about their atheism, but C of E vicar Reverend David Paterson went on Channel 4 to tell us that in his 40 years as a vicar he has never believed in the existence of God or in eternal life. When asked how he got the job in the first place, Paterson responded something like (from memory): “no-one in the Church bothered to ask if I believe in God; it didn’t seem important”.

Naturally, for liberally-intellectual clergy for whom “holiness” is merely a matter of human opinion, God of Israel is an intellectual absurdity. If man creates and chooses everything, how can “God”, being a “human creation”, have chosen anything? Modern Church is set on “Liberal social goals”, but, of course, these cannot be mapped to the goals (yet to be fully unveiled) promised by God of Israel because, it turns out, there is no God of Israel to keep or break any promises and in whom to have faith. The result is an unlikely solidarity between Christian liberalism and mainstream anti-Zionist Islam (a relationship that we will explore later in this essay) even though the Muslim nations are ideologically illiberal and believe that liberalism and feminism and homosexuality are the last throes of Iblis who has come to lead the world astray as a final test before the Apocalypse.

The terrible irony of all this is that the liberalism and apostasy of the West affirms to the Muslim world that the time has come for the final violent battle for Islam which, we are assured, Islam will win for the good of all. The Jews will be pushed into the sea and then Islam will bring peace to the whole world as we all submit to being Muslims and accept that Jerusalem is the centre of the global caliphate. These are not only the beliefs of Hamas and Palestinian Authority, but are mainstream in the 57 nations of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, all of which (as a UN bloc vote) support the ambitions of the Fascist Arabic and Iran-sponsored regimes surrounding Israel.

I recently asked Reverend Dr Lorraine Cavanagh – former General Secretary of Modern Church and one of the BBC’s go-to experts on Liberal Christianity – why she was retweeting a large American “Palestinian rights” group, protesting Airbnb’s reversal of its decision to boycott Jewish homes (and only Jewish, not Muslim or Christian homes) in Judea and Samaria. She said she could not answer on social media, and so I offered to let her explain through our private communication, which she hasn’t done. I have also asked Lorraine to explain why she seems to be supporting Arab irredentism in Israel but none of the other scores of irredentist movements in the world (including in the Arab world). I’ve known Lorraine and other scholars of Modern Church for several years on social media. I’m far from convinced that anyone in Modern Church, including its incumbent president Professor Linda Woodhead, knows enough about history, geography, Judaism, Islam, and Islamism to offer a meaningfully-considered view on contemporary Arab irredentism in the Middle
East, but I stand to be corrected. No-one, in the ‘liberal’ Modern Church, I know of, has raised concerns about the illiberalist and genocidal ideology that has been pervading Islam since the turn of the millennium (see next chapter). And I know of no scholar in Modern Church who understands the military defence required to protect Israel from the Islamists. Alas, Modern Church is far from the only British club of elitist liberals tweeting “Free Palestine” or “return to pre-1967 borders” with no intention of suffering the first-hand consequences of such ideological fiats.

Casual antisemitism/anti-Zionism is in fact the default position for the clergy, almost all of whom (not just the liberals) are caught up, unthinkingly, in the Church’s 1900-year-old tradition of Jew baiting, and whose scripture (particularly John, Matthew and Paul), liturgy and lectionary reinforce contempt for the Jews and Israel. To not be a causal antisemite in the Church of England takes sustained conscious effort and courage because antisemitism is incorporated into the deadweight of the Church’s conventional wisdom, ancient and modern. It is much easier for the clergyman or clergywoman to do what all his or her colleagues do: preach the antisemitism that the Church has always preached and then seek out or carelessly retweet anti-Israelism, even taking churchy holidays/‘pilgrimages’ to Israel to “monitor” the Jews. It doesn’t matter if you are retweeting fake news, or Pallywood, or rumours from dubious sources (such as Anglican minister Rev. Dr. Naim Ateek or Press TV, or Saudi Arabia News), so long as it justifies belief that the Jews are no longer Israel, either because Christians are the new Chosen People, or, for the God-is-dead liberals, that democracy trumps everything, and the name “Israel” is relativised as a human creation.

The World Council of Churches (WCC) and the EAPPI takes English Christians on “fact-finding” Jew baiting trips as “human rights monitors” with Arab hosts, hoping to find Jews behaving badly, even doing “checkpoint watches” at places such as Bethlehem, and Hebron, all but one street of which is out-of-bounds to, or at least unsafe for, Jews, despite Hebron’s having been continuously sacred to Jews a thousand years before Christianity, let alone Islam, was dreamed up. EAPPI seems to think that Islamic Arabisation of these places, to make them free of Israel, would be better for Christians. In Britain, the EAPPI is run the by anti-Israelist Quakers, whose pacifist ideology in the face of Islamic Fascism appeals to the liberal egocentrism of the West. Through Western journalism and the amateur journalism of the EAPPI and WCC tourists/pilgrims, Arab Fascism is not being called out as Arab Fascism because the West does not want to see it, preferring to sate the huge market for scapegoating the Jew (cf. Ce grand cadavre à la renverse, Bernard-Henri Lévy, 2007).

I wish the liberal clergy/laity would forget their obsession with Foucauldian emasculation, and then gird up the loins and organise holidays as “human rights monitors” just across the border from the Land of Israel, to, say, Aleppo or Idlib, or to the teenage-martyr training camps run by the Hamas government in Gaza and Hezbollah in south Lebanon. Or why not organise Christian “human rights monitoring” holidays to Saudi Arabia, Iran, Qatar, Yemen... Russia, China...?

The journalist Melanie Phillips, writing on May 24 2019, tells us that last month Saudi Arabia beheaded 37 people, on grounds of religious belief it seems, crucifying one of the dead for public display. Why not fly the EAPPI pilgrims from Tel Aviv to Riyadh or Doha and go and watch canings, beheadings, and crucifixions? Or if you are a journalist or a C of E pilgrim who fears being chopped up by the Saudis, why not go further afield, to support the world’s 100 million-plus children in debt bondage or slavery. Why not monitor the abuses of street children in Brazil and the other Christian nations of South America? Why not the Italian Mafia? Why not the tribes of the Niger Delta being poisoned by the oil corporations, etc, etc. If our clergy were to get out more they would, one hopes, man up and wise up, and understand why the Israelis need fences, patrols, armed checkpoints, the Golan Heights, and conscription of its brave young men and women into military service. Pacifism is not, and never has been, an option in the face of Fascism.

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6. The Church of England’s duty to the Jews

The Church of England is institutionally antisemitic, and it must wake up to the fact. I maintain that the Church of England (and the wider Church) is so culpable of antisemitism that it should never again criticise the Jews or Israel. All Anglican clergy should be forbidden to criticise the Jews or Israel. For English clergy to support Arab irredentism in the State of Israel should be seen as absurd as it would be if Israeli Rabbis were to dedicate their life to campaigning for Argentinian irredentism, against the British, for the “Islas Malvinas”, or to organise “checkpoint watches” to monitor the British Army in Belize or Cyprus or Northern Ireland.

There is now more than enough Jew hate and Israel hate in the secular mainstream without the Church of England’s thinking it must keep up appearances and be faithful to its long tradition of antisemitism. The Church’s continuous (episcopalian) record on antisemitism means that it has no moral authority or intellectual credibility to criticise the Jews or Israel. Besides which, the Church of England, even discounting all the paedophile bishops and priests, has enough planks in its own eye to have a go at.

If the Church wants to say anything at all about the Jews and Israel, it should be in support and encouragement of the Jews and Israel, and contrition for all we have done to the Jews in the name of the Jewish Messiah. And apart from criticising itself, the Church should be engaging in strident criticism of contemporary Islam, and every Muslim nation, all of which have suffered a rapid moral degradation and have become increasingly tyrannical since the turn of the millennium, to the detriment of everyone, including Muslims. Islamist Fascism today is as much threat to freedom in the world, including the freedom of Muslims, as was Fascism/Christian Fascism in the 20th century. (Although Hitler was not explicitly Roman Catholic, the other Fascist leaders were, especially General Franco.)

It turns out, after all, that the Jews are not poisoning the wells, but that Israel is the world leader in water technology (treatment, energy-efficient desalination, and ultra-efficient drip irrigation). Israel is leading the global battle to reverse man-made desertification (a fulfilment, perhaps, of the prophecies that Israel would do this). And it turns out that Jews are not making Christians ill and stealing Christian children for their blood, but are leading the fight against malaria and heart disease and have developed the medicines without which many young people in Britain would die young, including from blood problems. Could the genius of Israel fix Bangladesh’s endemic malaria problem? No, because the Bangladeshi Government does not allow Israelis into Bangladesh.

Anyone can find fault with the Jews, just as anyone can find fault with the Anglicans and the Catholics. Anyone can find religious bigotry and racism and corruption in Israel, just as anyone can find religious bigotry and racism and corruption in England and Italy (especially Italy, where religious and political corruption work hand-in-glove through the Mafia and the Vatican Bank). Every nation has its moral corruptions, but Israel ranks amongst the most moral and the most valuable. Israel is a good nation, despite the fact that she is necessarily a warring nation, perpetually in violent conflict with its surrounding sea of Mujahideen, a Levantine Leviathan.

There are nations much, much worse than Israel, including all the 57 officially Muslim nations, all of which are now afflicted by severe antisemitism and are becoming increasingly anti-everything apart from strict forms of Islam. Life throughout Muslim world has become impossible for observant Jews and has become increasingly precarious for observant Christians and moderate and intellectual Muslims, such as, notably, the Sufis. The Sufis were once the pride of Islam, with Sunni and Shia both disputing, until quite recently, this or that Sufi saint as their own. But in the past decade, Muslim Sufis have suffered mass murder everywhere from Pakistan to Iran to Libya,
and their mosques and shrines are being destroyed throughout the Muslim world. As Rabbi Lord Sacks reminds us, the hate that begins with Jews never ends with Jews.

The Anglican pacifist who complains about Israel’s Air Force destroying Hamas’ and Palestinian Islamic Jihad’s terrorist cells, weapons plants, and Iranian missile-launch sites in Gaza and Syria must first explain why the Church of England, with all its military padres, sanctioned and blessed the massive bombing of Arab cities by the RAF in the War on Terror. And if the Church of England is really interested in human freedom, and Arabs, it should start with the nations that really are denying human freedom, which includes all the Arab nations, which have expelled or killed all their Jews, and are now subjecting Christians, Sufis, Yazidis, atheists and free-thinking Muslims to the same fate. The only nation in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) where Arabs (Muslims and Christians) are free, according to any sensible means of indexing freedom, is the State of Israel.

The Church of England must become as contrite about its antisemitism as it is now about its part in the Christian Slave Trade. And we must also challenge the Muslim world about its Slave Trade. The Arab/Muslim Slave Trade was as extensive and severe as the Christians’ Slave Trade, and, more importantly, in some parts of the world Islamic slave trading has existed continuously to this day. In the wider world today (including the poorer Christian nations), about 10 million children are in slavery, and over 100 million are in debt bondage, including notoriously in the cocoa-growing regions of West Africa, where exploited children are providing cheap chocolate for the Western Christian consumer, and his Easter eggs.

Until we emerge from antisemitism, and are contrite about antisemitism, we cannot credibly criticise Islam, and above all, today, we need to steadfastly criticise Islam. What we used to think of as the “religious extremes” of Islam has now become the mainstream in the Muslim nations.

The Christians of MENA are now suffering precisely what almost 1 million Jews of MENA suffered since the 1930s. At the time of writing (3rd May 2019), the Bishop of Truro has published an “interim” report on Christian persecution. He tells us that the persecution of millions of Christians in MENA has reached such a “vast scale” that it is coming “close to meeting the international definition of genocide”. The Bishop fails to mention that the Jews have already suffered the same fate, and, the bishop, disingenuously, blames the loss of Christians in Palestine on the “the Arab-Israeli conflict”, whereas it’s got nothing to do with the Israelis. When Israel governed the Gaza Strip, Jews, Christians and peace-loving Muslims were safe, and the region prospered.

The Bishop of Truro’s report is “interim” because, despite his team having had 5 months since the British Government had commissioned the report and set the deadline, the authors had not hitherto realised the vastness of the scale of persecution. Well of course they didn’t, because the Church of England, like the media, is obsessed with Israel, and ignores what is happening in the remaining 99.9% of the MENA landmass. They had not realised the vast scale because, as the report points out, “it rarely gets much attention in the Western media. Even many churchmen in the West turn a blind eye.... The global war on Christians remains the greatest story never told of the early 21st century”. But why is this story never told? Rabbi Sacks recently told the House of Lords: “The persecution of Christians throughout much of the Middle East, sub-Saharan Africa and Asia, [and] elsewhere is one of the crimes against humanity of our time and I’m appalled at the lack of protest it has evoked”.

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7. Wrong End of the Telescope

A *Friend of Israel* media watcher informs me that in just the week 13th-20th (the week of *Eurovision* in Tel Aviv) *The Guardian* published 20 different articles featuring Israel, 18 of which attacked Israel in some form or other. Most of the “opinion” that passes for Middle East journalism in the West is hostile to Israel, and critical of her “human rights”, and the fact that holidaying Western Christian pilgrims have to put up with the inconvenience of passing through Israeli checkpoints and searches. But we cannot simply blame *The Guardian* and other media channels for this. They would not publish relentless Jew baiting and Israel baiting if there were no market and appetite for it in their target audience.

The West has been looking through the wrong end of the telescope, and has failed to see, or it doesn’t want to see, that the Arab world has become genocidal in its intent, no longer only to Jews, but Christians and others as well. And the theologies and philosophies of the Arab world today are not so different to those in Continental Europe under Nazism, Fascism and Clerical Fascism. Truro’s report talks about a Christian exodus from MENA representing a massive setback for “plurality” in the region, but the report fails to mention that this massive setback began when the Jews were ethnically-cleansed from the Arab world in the 20th century, some of whom had been there as a continuous community for almost 3000 years, when “Iraq” was Babylon (*cf. Uprooted, How 3000 years of Jewish civilisation in the Arab world vanished overnight*, Lyn Julius, 2018). However, Truro’s report tells us, vitally:

“The rise of hate speech against Christians in state media and by religious leaders... has compromised the safety of Christians and created social intolerance”.

It is important to acknowledge this. And the fact that it is *state media*: mainstream media, sanctioned by Islamic governments. The problems *always* begin with words, the tongue. Language is everything. It determines what we think and do, and it determines what we persuade others to think and do.

It seems that the Church’s default antisemitism has blinded it to the contemporary Islamic Jew hate that has morphed into Christian hate. But I’m optimistic. The Germans, although not yet cured of their chronic antisemitism, have, in the main, recovered from their gullibility to hate speech and indoctrination, and so there is no reason to think that the Arab world will not recover from hate speech and indoctrination. No person of good will wants another massive war. The challenge is to help the Arab world, and Iran, wake up from Fascism without the need for war. The global Anglican Church, particularly in the Arab world, is uniquely placed to help the Arab world to renounce Fascism. And this can only begin when we call out the Fascism for what it is, rather than indulge it. Whereas Germany has, through its own laws, officially detached itself from the philosophy of Hitler, the Arab world remains committed to *Mein Kampf* and (as we see in the Hamas Covenant) *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*. We must dedicate our efforts to explaining to the Arabs that Hitler was not, and is not, the saviour of the Arabs.

8. St Bride’s Church, Liverpool

Apart from the Church of England’s default (or casual) antisemitism, there are far more explicit and determined forms of antisemitism in the Church of England that we need to discuss, some of which have hooked up to Socialism:
Liverpool - Labour Party Conference in September 2018. A sea of Palestinian flags. The people were chanting the slogans of the Fascist Mujahideen for “Free Palestine”. From “the River to the Sea”. Palestinians will be free for what? The only possible forms of Palestinian leadership are Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, Palestine Authority, Fatah and Hezbollah, all of which want the freedom to decapitate, amputate and lash the Infidel, and executes the gays, and fulfill their promise to kill all the Jews. These things are necessary, apparently, to bring peace to the Middle East, following which we will be gifted with Islamisation of the world.

Little wonder that Jewish Labour MPs needed police protection to attend their own party conference, or avoided the conference altogether. Throughout the Middle East, Arabs kill Arabs, having already killed, or expelled, all their Jews, and are now working on the Christians. Over the Israeli border, Syria’s Arab war has killed more Arabs (including thousands of Palestinians) than all the Arab-Israeli wars combined.

It is truly bizarre that the most liberal and Queer-theory people in the Church are the ones most likely to be gunning for the most ideologically-illiberal and irredentist movement on Earth, which habitually executes homosexuals.

Meanwhile, in Palestine, Hamas chief Ismail Haniyeh (former Palestinian Authority leader) is persuading a huge flag-waving and chanting crowd that: Hamas is the path; “Hamas is the canon and the people the ammunition”; the brigades “must strike, strike Tel Aviv”; and “resistance and martyrdom” are the way to “liberate Palestine and restore Jerusalem and Al’Asqa”. And then what? One thing is for certain, the clergymen of the Church of England won’t be leading their congregations on pilgrimages to the Holy Land.

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9. The World Wide Web

It has now become easy to see who is antisemitic, certainly at least the antisemites who use the Internet, or allow their words to be recorded and published on the Internet. At the time of writing, we see and hear football fans in a bar in Northern Ireland, saying that “Jews are the scourge of the world”, that Hitler did not kill enough of them, and then showing off “Palestine solidarity” wristbands and flags, keen to be filmed speaking to an undercover Jewish writer and filmmaker (Tuvia Tenenbom).

Tenenbom travelled the whole of the island of Ireland and says the proportion of antisemites in some communities seemed to be as high as 80%. Ireland's Senate has recently voted to boycott Israel.

But we don’t even need to go undercover, as Jewish celebrities (particularly female celebrities) such as Rachel Riley and Tracy Ann Oberman have highlighted. The antisemites come rushing in on social media, all too eager to bully, even though they have been warned that they are likely to be picked off by Riley’s and Oberman’s libel lawyer.

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The conversation with Tuvia Tenenbom begins with his asking these men about Brexit and the hard border. They are not particularly interested. He then says:

“You have a lot of Palestinian flags here. Why’s that?”

“Because”, the two men reply, “we hate the fucking Jews. They murder children. The Israelis are scum… The only thing Hitler did wrong is that he didn’t kill enough fucking Jews [raucous laughter]. The Jews are the scourge of the Earth.”

Ardent antisemites, by their very nature, want to communicate to the world, because they want the rest of the world to join them in blaming the Jews, and the world’s only Jewish nation state, for the world’s problems. This is why Jeremy Corbyn’s antisemitism is now so easy to see. Even a cursory search of the World Wide Web shows him travelling around the world (particularly MENA) since the advent of the Internet to court antisemites and express his solidarity with the anti-Israelism ideology. Therefore, when my friends engaged in the fight against antisemitism express concern about the Internet’s ability to spread antisemitism, I share the concern, but I am inclined to a more

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2 Ireland’s boycotting the light unto the nations will harm Ireland but it will not harm Israel, a nation that needs no intellectual property from the Irish. At the time of writing, the World Economic Forum has listed Israel as the second-most innovative nation in the world, behind only the USA. Per capita, Israel is by far the most innovative nation in the world, leading the way in medicine, science, IT, and ecology, despite being under constant attacks through violence, propaganda and academic boycotting (including by English universities).

If, as now seems likely, Israel discovers a cure for Alzheimer’s, will the Government of Ireland boycott it? It is in fact impossible for any nation to boycott Israel unless that nation returns to the Dark Ages of subsistence farming and droving cattle through swamps. Every time the Irish pick up their mobile phone, or use a personal computer, or send an email, or board an aircraft (and benefit from airport security), or visit a pharmacist, or benefit from cyber security, they are immersed in the intellect and the economy of Israel. Man cannot live by potatoes alone.
optimistic view that, ultimately, the Internet will help us. True and good words will survive all this. Bad words, and stupid words, and bad journalism won’t survive all the scrutiny and unveiling. **No-one, ultimately, wants to look stupid and dishonest.** The days are long gone since we could say, “today’s news is tomorrow’s chip paper”. Everything published on the World Wide Web remains, somewhere, set in silicon, even if the author tries to delete it.

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Labour MP Grahame Morris, a stupid and dishonest and antisemitic “Labour Friend of Palestine”, came up with this Easter blood libel, tweeted on 17th April 2019. Apart from the obvious untruths (“best financed”, “best equipped army in the world”), the tweet refers to a picture that, on analysis, turned out to be Guatemalan troops beating up children. The good thing is that the tweet proved to be a beacon over another antisemite in public office. Researchers have now started to look under the rocks to reveal the antisemites with whom Morris keeps company, and further compelling evidence of his own antisemitism, such as a social media comment, from three years ago, where Morris remarks about an Israeli flag in his English village:

“Nazis in my village, do you see the flag they fly.”

10. Pallywood

We are learning how better to detect, and deal with, fake news, including a veritable industry – "Pallywood" – of staged murders and beatings of Palestinians. Historically, mainstream media channels (such as the BBC and France 2) have accepted, on face value, Pallywood material and fake news from freelance journalists working in Palestine, despite knowing that any journalist in Palestine who directly criticises the Palestinian Authority, Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, or Fatah without balancing it by criticising Israel, will be murdered.

This is not “balanced reporting”, it is rather reporting to make an asymmetrical situation appear to be symmetrical. On one side is a godforsaken and self-avowed “Mujahideen” determined to destroy Israel, and whose official media outlets (such as Palestinian Authority TV and Gaza TV) inculcate the people, including small children, persuading them that their greatest ambition should be to kill Jews and to become martyrs in the process of obliterating Israel. On the other side is **Israel, a miracle**, the most innovative nation in the world per capita, which has a free press, democracy, freedom of religion, homosexuals’ rights, freedom to criticise the government, freedom of assembly... but if a journalist were to fail to make the asymmetry appear symmetrical, that journalist, or his colleagues working for the same organisation could no longer survive in the areas under Palestinian control.

The Western media outlets that have journalists on the ground in the Middle East are precluded from balanced reporting precisely because they are obliged to make the situation appear to be balanced: a struggle between two sides of equal virtue, which is not the true picture. One side has no virtue, because its government is an Islamicist Arab tyranny, and an extremely violent one at
that, totally immersed in a cult of death, suicide, and shame-honour that is ideologically and morally equivalent to that of Germany and Japan in the 1930s and 1940s. But news about the virtues and the miracle of Israel is forbidden, rather the journalists need to seek out Jews behaving badly, or reports and rumours of Jews behaving badly. We must keep up the perennial scapegoating and baiting of the Jew, for which secular or Western journalists are likely to have an instinct, and will easily find an audience back home because of the latent antisemitism in the West, Christian and secular.

The Arab and Persian media outlets broadcast to their own people (in their own language) extreme antisemitism and Fascism, literally from Hitler’s texts and the Protocols of the Elders of Zion, and what they see as the dire need for Jihadism and martyrdom to obliterate Israel. But these same outlets broadcast in (mainly) English and French languages to the West about their long-suffering oppression under the Jews, who as “illegal occupiers” of their land are denying them “human rights” and “dignity”. We are to believe that Hamas, Palestinian Authority, Palestinian Islamic Jihad and Hezbollah, and the many other anti-Zionist factions in the region, want nothing more than peace, freedom, democracy and “justice”.

The West is duped, despite the fact that nowhere in Arab world and Iran is there human rights, dignity, peace or democracy (as the authors of the Bishop of Truro’s report on Arab persecution of Christians recently unveiled).

We will return to this duping of the West. The Church of England must wake up to it. Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt (an Anglican) tells us that “millions of Christians” in the region have been “uprooted from their homes... killed, kidnapped, imprisoned and discriminated against”. Hunt says, “What we have forgotten in this atmosphere of political correctness is actually the Christians that are being persecuted are some of the poorest people on the planet. In the Middle East the population of Christians used to be about 20%; now it’s 5%.”

As noted, the curse began with antisemitism – “the world’s longest hate” – as it so often does, as almost overnight, a million Jews were ethnically-cleansed from the Arab world, the majority of whom spent many years in refugee tents and huts in Israel. (Just over a half of the Jewish population of Israel today are Jewish refugees, or descendants of refugees, from the Arab world.)

11. The World Wide Web will prove to be world-wide judgement

The World Wide Web will prove to be a kind of "judgement day" for antisemites, who will be seen by future generations for what they are: on the wrong side of God’s History: the wrong side of Zion. The challenge, now, is to get more people to care about antisemitism/anti-Zionism, and to understand how it ultimately harms everyone and everything, including the antisemites themselves.

I hope that this essay encourages the Church of England to care, and to act against, the antisemitism without and within. Antisemitism has destroyed every nation, society, church, political party...that has allowed it. This almost seems to be a law of Nature, or, perhaps it is indeed, as I suspect, Super-nature: God of Israel.

"Now the LORD said unto Abram: ‘Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father’s house, unto the land that I will show thee. And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and be thou a blessing. And I will bless them that bless thee, and him that curseth thee will I curse; and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed.”  Genesis 12
An antisemitic/anti-Zionist church is an evil church that has missed the whole point of God’s revelation to man, and Jesus’ call to Zion. Recently I have thought often about leaving the Church of England completely, just as lifelong and committed politicians and members of the Labour Party (particularly in Liverpool) have left the organisation, citing its institutional antisemitism under Corbyn.

In our age of intense and rapid communication, there is no excuse for not seeing how antisemitism works, and how religious and irreligious types have bonded in the cult of antisemitism. An obvious example is the alliance between British hard-left atheists and Middle-Eastern Jihadist Muslims. Socialists led by Jeremy Corbyn have realised that not enough people in the West self-identify as “the Proletariat”, but find in the Arab world and Iran and the wider Ummah a substitute Proletariat: Islamists: a potential huge force now gaining power in the 57 nations of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation. And all the Muslim nations, whether or not their Islamist factions are internally dominant, are united – as is obvious from the UN bloc voting – in their desire to obliterate Israel, applying at once hard and violent force to Israel, but soft diplomacy and propaganda to the liberal West.

As the Prime Minister of Malaysia, Mahathir bin Mohamad, said in his address to the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation in Kuala Lumpur in 2003: “Jews still rule the world by proxy... but 1.3 billion Muslims cannot be defeated by a few million Jews. There must be a way. And we can only find a way if we stop to think, to assess our weaknesses and our strength, to plan, to strategise and then to counterattack...The Europeans killed six million Jews out of 12 million”.

The Arab world and the wider Islamic world is a huge body of anti-Zionists which can, credibly, begin the necessary violent revolution which, according to Marxist theory, is necessary to overthrow the old order, not least God of Israel. Corbyn has gone into alliance with the Muslim Arabs just as Hitler went into alliance with the Muslim Arabs, to get at the Jews in the Middle East.

12. Where are the English Churches?

There is scarcely a church in the Church of England, or the Methodists or the Quakers, I know of that has not got some connection with “Palestinian solidarity”, anti-Israelism, and campaigns to boycott Israel, often using the justification that this is the policy of the World Council of Churches, and the Quakers, the Quakers’ chairing, in Britain, the “Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI)”, whose antisemitism is undisguised.

German lawmakers have recently declared the “Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions” movement against Israel as antisemitic (although this declaration is not yet legally binding, I hope the German state church will follow suit). The Bundestag wants to avoid returning to the days of the Nazis (and before that the ghettos) when the people were instructed: “Don't buy from Jews”. In view of the fact that the Irish Government supports BDS (just as it supported Adolph Hitler during the War), I suggest that the EU will need a hard border on the island of Ireland to shut out, from the EU, this accursed bastion of Roman Catholic antisemitism. I for one am now boycotting Ireland.

The "Palestine-Solidarity" English churches and clergy seem to show little interest in the hundreds of other irredentist, separatist and autonomist movements of the world, even those involving genocide, such as Papua, Sri Lanka and the genocidal Arabisation of Sudan.

Recently British Quakers petulantly announced that they are “the first church in the UK” to divest from Israel (despite not investing there in the first place); this coincides with reports in the media that the Quakers are considering dropping “God” from their “guidance to meetings” as they commit...
more fully to a cult of non-theism and the spirit of progressivism. I explain later why I think Progressives, especially Christian Progressives, are generally anti-Israel, and why progressivism is itself philosophically specious and hubristic, apart from, more seriously, being a big "NO" to God.

"Palestine" and "Transgenderism" have become the mascots of the liberal and progressive Christian. Palestine means "down with Israel; man can choose the destiny of the nations". And Transgenderism means that a man can choose to be a woman, with help from a lot of chemicals, Foucauldian psychobabble and linguistics, and the knife of surgeons who have been lured away from the Hippocratic Oath.

Israel, the only free nation in the Middle East, and the only Jewish nation in the world, is the only nation in the world that is subject to relentless boycotting campaigns in English churches. The reason cannot be concern for Muslims, because the churches are not boycotting China (which presently has 1 to 2 million Muslim Uighurs incarcerated in camps that seem to be similar to the Stalinist gulags). The reason cannot be concern for Palestinians, because Syria and Jordan and Lebanon oppress Palestinians, condemned as "refugees" and interned and otherwise discriminated against even though they are Arabs, born into these Arab nations, as were their parents, grandparents and great grandparents. These Arabs are wilfully ignored by the Church. And the reason cannot be to allow the people of Gaza free access to cross borders, because the churches don’t boycott Egypt for locking out the Palestinians for the same reason Israel does: to lock out the terrorist factions associated with the Muslim Brotherhood and Palestinian Islamic Jihad.

The churches, like the United Nations, are obsessed with the supposed bad behaviour of Israeli Jews, whereas Israel’s restraint against the Fascist Mujahideen is something that Great Britain has never shown, and never would, and never should.

13. Feu!

De même, la langue est un petit membre, et elle se vante de grandes choses. Voici, comme un petit feu peut embraser une grande forêt! Jacques 3:5

At the time of writing, Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris has burned down. Pity. On my visits to the cathedral over the years, I have never failed to be moved in contemplation of the magnificent rose windows. The geometry of some of France’s great rose windows is based (as I have written elsewhere) on the square root of 2, which (as I have written elsewhere) we find running through the geometry of the whole of Creation: both electromagnetism and the waves of gravitation that, we discovered a couple of years ago, are analogous to electromagnetic waves, including the microwaves that are the background voice of everything in the cosmos (I have outlined my work on this in Chapter 33).

My mother’s maiden name is Bonaparte (more on this in Chapter 25), which has aroused my interest in the cathedral in which Napoléon was anointed Europe’s last great emperor by the Pope. I have to admit that although I am certainly not a Papist, I am quite a fan of Napoleon. English historians have, of course, demonised the great enemy of the British Empire, but Andrew Roberts has redressed the balance in his book Napoleon the Great. Apart from anything else, Napoleon emancipated the Jews throughout Europe, but the Church returned them to the ghettos after the Germans defeated the French at Waterloo. Throughout the 19th century, the French Church became more antisemitic than ever (it was the French Church’s antisemitism that ultimately led to separation of Church and State).
As I look at the great dramatic sweep of history, I often think of the Church, the great engine of civilisation, as analogous to fire. Fire is at once essential and potentially destructive. I think also of the teaching of Jesus’ brother James (or Jacques, in my second tongue, or langue), who warned metaphorically that our words, our tongue, if used carelessly can spark the conflagration of a whole forest. James was echoing the prophets who made similar warnings about the use of language.

The world’s religions (and their internal factions) that pertain to Abraham as founding father, are all wordy religions. The very Creation is the words of God. “And God said... and it was”. “In the Beginning was the Word”. Words are everything, and words will heal everything. The last great battle is the battle of words: the battle for Truth.

I have long been convinced that when, and only when, we use words properly, the Peace will come. In the Christian Apocalypse, God announces Himself as the first and last letters of the alphabet (or aleph, bet...), the Eternal Word. Using words properly begins, as it did for Jesus, with hallowing the Name held in the Holy Language (the Lashon Hakodesh, or “the Holy Tongue”) at the centre of all language (more on this in Chapter 33).

The nations come into their revelatory destiny at Jerusalem, Mount Zion. It is from Zion, according to Isaiah, that the Word of God engenders peace in the world, and we need war no more: swords into plowshares. Similarly, Jesus, echoing the Psalmist, telescopes everything, in the final analysis, on to Jerusalem, “the city of the great King”, in his vows following his Sermon on the Mount and what we now know as “the Lord’s Prayer”.

And it was from Mount Zion, almost 2000 years ago, that the Church was formed as 17 world languages miraculously descended on the very first “church”, at the “Upper Room”, and were heard and comprehended by the cosmopolitan crowd visiting Jerusalem (according to Luke’s Acts) for the joyous Jewish festival of Shavuot (or Week of Weeks, or Pentecost).

The Holy Tongue became many tongues as knowledge of, and faith in, God of Israel, were dispersed into all nations, just as the Jews themselves were dispersed into all nations, as a blessing to all nations, always ready for the prophetic to return to Zion for “the age to come”, the “Messianic age”, when at last all nations are established on the Holy Name.

### 14. The Call to Zion is Universal

Judaism is Zionism, or rather the call to Zion. It is the international calling that has continuously sustained Judaism for longer than any other national or international idea has sustained anything. The Hebrew Bible (or Tanakh) is ordered to end not as the Christian “Old Testament” version of the Jewish Bible with the minor prophet Malachi, but with 2 Chronicles 36, the call to Zion.

The Jews are to restore Israel, be the light to all nations and a blessing to all nations, at which point the world sees the messianic age of peace. How? Only God knows. Trust God, Almighty.

One minority theological view is that that the prophetic return to Zion happened as the Persian King Cyrus liberated the Jews of Babylon, who returned to the Holy Land to rebuild the Jerusalem Temple. Cyrus, after all, is a messiah, or God’s anointed (Isaiah 45:1), and the only non-Jewish messiah in the Bible. The obvious problem with the view that the messianic age has already arrived is that it implies a failure of all other prophecies and promises of the messianic age: peace on Earth, the healing of the nations, and universal knowledge that God is King. There are some Jews who think that King Cyrus was the ultimate messiah, just as there are some Christians who
think that the messianic age came 2000 years ago, when according to this theology (sometimes called “preterism”) the Church superseded Israel, and the reason the world is not yet healed is because the ‘other’ Christians are not yet doing “Church” properly. (Such sectarian self-righteousness exists in all religions of course, including Judaism in ultra-orthodox fringe groups.)

Today, most observant Jews, Christians and Muslims accept that the messianic age has not yet arrived, neither through the messiah King Cyrus nor the messiah Jesus of Nazareth. The messianic age has not yet been unveiled (or at least not fully unveiled). Most observant Christians and Muslims believe that Jesus needs to make a second appearance. Personally, I do not: mankind is the living body of God, being pulled wholly into God, inevitably and inexorably, through the centre: Zion. It is through Zion, and only through Zion, that Heaven and Earth will be synchronised.

The very idea that there is progress to the history of civilisation was, until the advent of Christianity, uniquely Israeli/Jewish. All other nations and cultures believed in cycles: that there would be good times and bad times, as the gods favoured or disfavoured the people. The idea that all peoples and nations would be blessed at some kind of goal to the history of the world was absurd to every peoples apart from the people to whom it had been revealed: the People Israel.

Although the idea of “progress” and historical goals caught on with the advent of Christianity, and is now accepted even by atheist and non-theistic “progressives”, the general belief in our times is that Zion is not progress, but rather Zion is the old order to be challenged by more “progressive” ones. Of course, “progressive” ideas come and go from the mainstream, such as Communism, Fascism, Nazism, Socialism, Modernism, Post-Modernism, Humanism, Progressivism… often taking three or four generations to run out of steam, but the stiff-necked ancient belief in progress to Zion won’t go away. Zion, and the observant Jews holding up the ensign, are always a threat, and an embarrassment, to the “progressive” ideas of the age.

“The Zionists” are seen as the lynchpin of the old order. And, of course, Israel/Zion is the lynchpin of the old order: God’s order: God’s oldest yet extant eternal testaments with man. Christianity, since the 2nd century, is the “New”, Islam is even newer, and Socialism is newer still, but all are constitutionally committed to a vision that is humiliated by the Jews’ stubborn commitment to an older vision, the vision that has survived every empire and peoples and global political movement, including the imperial Church, that has tried to extinguish it: God’s plans to seal the destiny of all nations not through an empire or caliphate or a supposed Roman/human bridge (Pontiff), but through Israel, where God will dress Zion, the Bride, in His glory for all the world to see.

Through Zion, from Zion, the world will see the justice of God. Men who think of themselves as lords and judges and the arbiters of historical justice, don’t like to be told there is only one Judge and Lord of History, who is to pilot the destiny of all nations through the Jews.

When Jeremy Corbyn says, as he frequently does, that he “wants justice for the Palestinian people”, what might that justice be? Who will advocate for the Jews and Israel? No human agency: “no international community” will advocate for Israel. No international community ever has nor ever will, until the end of Time. The United Nations, with its bloc vote of over 50 Islamic nations and over 100 Christian nations (pursuing the petrodollar from the richest of the Islamic nations), and the powerful atheistic Communist nations whose very founding philosophy is antisemitic, will not advocate for Israel and the Jews, obviously. But ultimately none of this matters, because God of Israel advocates for Israel and the Jews, whose nation, and whose very name of the Nation, will be great, and a blessing to all nations, as promised to Abraham.
15. The Overwhelming Power and Influence of the Jews

My reasons for writing this essay and exposé are constructive and dutiful, not destructive or spiteful, not merely to condemn all of Christianity and all of Islam, but rather to point out the need for Christianity and Islam to help cure each other of the curse of antisemitism/anti-Zionism, because it is clearly evident that, for the past hundred years, since the Protocols of the Elders of Zion and the Balfour Declaration, Christianity and Islam have been passing the antisemitic virus back and forth to each other.

I love the Church, and I love the spiritual and intellectual depths of Islam and Sufi Islam come to that, as I explain in the “About Me” Chapter. Western civilisation is overwhelmingly indebted to the Church, and Islam. And the Church is overwhelmingly indebted to the Jews, for everything the Jews have done, and continue to do for the world today. Anyone attracted to the human intellect – surely the greatest gift of God to our great ape species – cannot fail to be attracted to the Jews (if perhaps not the ultra-religious ones), who today amount to about a mere 1 in 500 of the world population, half of whom live in the sole Jewish nation. Civilisation is shaped by ideas and by revealed religion. We don’t need conspiracy theorists to point out the overwhelming influence of the Jews. “Israel” is the oldest and most consistent and most influential idea in the history of mankind. And this is because it is not man’s idea; it is God’s idea. It is the only big progressive idea for the world that is not subjective.

No people has had, and has, as much influence and power in the world as the Jews, not least because observant Jews created what we now call Christianity. Similarly, the Arab world rooted its Arabic monotheism, Islam, in Abraham, the first Jew (according to some definitions of “Jew”), and the history of the Jews and Israel. No other people is even nearly as gifted by God, and no other people has given as much to the world, and yet, no other people is as hated, including by much of half of the world population – the Christians and Muslims – who think they are worshipping God of Israel in a superior, more “progressive”, way of this or that Christian or Islamic denomination.

Israel, for all its faults, is the gift that keeps on giving, just as God promised Abraham. Today, this tiny nation is the best candidate for a cure for some types of cancer, and of Alzheimer’s, the biggest and cruellest killer in Britain today. If you are benefitting from any life-saving and life-prolonging drug, chances are it came from the genius of Israel, or certainly the Jews, who have won an incredible 30% of Nobel Prizes in Medicine. Would we have already found the cure for Alzheimer’s had the Nazis not murdered half the world’s Jews within living memory? Who knows?

“If statistics are right, the Jews constitute but one quarter of one percent of the human race. It suggests a nebulous puff of star dust lost in the blaze of the Milky Way. Properly, the Jew ought hardly to be heard of, but he is heard of, has always been heard of. He is as prominent on the planet as any other people, and his importance is extravagantly out of proportion to the smallness of his bulk.

“His contributions to the world’s list of great names in literature, science, art, music, finance, medicine and abstruse learning are also very out of proportion to the weakness of his numbers. He has made a marvelous fight in this world in all ages; and has done it with his hands tied behind him. He could be vain of himself and be excused for it. The Egyptians, the Babylonians and the Persians rose, filled the planet with sound and splendor, then faded to dream-stuff and passed away; the Greeks and Romans followed and made a vast noise, and they were gone; other people have sprung up and held their torch high for a time but it burned out, and they sit in twilight now, and have vanished.

The Jew saw the them all, survived them all, and is now what he always was, exhibiting no decadence, no infirmities of age, no weakening of his parts, no slowing of his energies, no dulling of his alert but aggressive mind. All things are mortal but the Jews; all other forces pass, but he remains. What is the secret of his immortality?”

Mark Twain, “Concerning the Jews” Harpers Magazine, March 1898
For almost the whole of the history of Christianity and Islam, the Jews have been reduced, at best, to second-class citizens, denied land, denied arms, denied access to the universities, denied access to the professions, access to politics, and even access to golf clubs. Denied freedom of movement and invariably ghettoised, Jews had few opportunities to thrive or reveal their talents. They were allowed to lend money to Christians of course, and so were needed because the Church forbade Christians’ lending money for interest. Jews became good at the only intellectual endeavour they were allowed to become good at: moneylending. Christian leaders of Europe depended on Jews to finance wars and empire building. But if funds dried up, kings, princes and archdukes invariably reneged on loan repayments, and expelled or killed the Jews, confiscating their money, gold and other assets. Eventually, Jewish genius, notably the Rothschild family, came up with a solution to prevent their being ripped off by the Holy Roman Empire: a new kind of international bank with financial instruments such as stocks and bonds that were impervious to raids and pogroms by Christian kings, tsars and mobs.

Today, we all, in the West (if we are fully functioning) enjoy this international banking system, notwithstanding the corruptions and greed revealed since the financial crisis of 2008. We are all moneymakers now, if we have a bank account with a positive balance: we lend to the banks and the banks pay us interest. Yes, our banking executives think far too highly of themselves, and choose to pay themselves absurdly high salaries, and yet our day-to-day lives would be quite tedious if not impossible if we had no modern banks. The USSR tried an alternative form of banking, the “Gosbank”, which resulted in more inequality and corruption than anything we have seen in the West, as has “Sharia” banking in the Arab world. This has become obvious to the West as Russian and Arab billionaires have suddenly arrived in the West to enjoy the high life, bringing money out of the nations that their racketeering has reduced to generalised squalor and fear.

16. Jesus the Judas (or Yehuda, or Jew)

You would be surprised at the number of Christians and nominal Christians I have met who don’t know that Jesus and all the Apostles including Saint Paul were Jews, nay strictly observant Jews who kept kosher during Jesus’ lifetime. (Strictly speaking, Paul, though a Pharisee, was a Benjaminite, not of Jesus’ Tribe of Judas, but this is far too nuanced for my Anglican interlocutor.) In the Middle East, Anglican clergy even teach that the first Christians were not Jews, but Arabs! It is surprising how many Christians do not know that their Bible tells them that Mary and Joseph had Jesus circumcised into the Abrahamic covenant at 8 days old, and took him to the Temple, “as was custom” at his coming of age in his 13th year (an obligatory custom now: the Bar Mitzvah) and that Jesus was more conservatively Jewish than even his parents. Jesus was not the prototype Christian liberal. He was the prototype Christian hell-fire preacher (according to the authors of the Gospels). Jesus was no liberal. Even when he broke the rules, such as telling you to hate your mother and your father (according to Luke), rather than honour your mother and your father, this is hardly liberal, and more evangelical cultish. Or did Jesus not say this at all? It contradicts the Gospels telling us that Jesus said not one iota of the Torah could be altered. Was it in fact Luke who thought that it is not possible to love God unless one hates one’s parents, and put these words of parental hate into the mouth of Jesus? It seems to me unlikely that Jesus hated his parents.

And Jesus’ mother was not the prototype Roman Catholic mother of gaudy alabaster or plastic statues and ornaments. Mary was a faithfully Jewish mother to the core, who eschewed graven images and had the Shema Yisra’el written on her door: “Hear, O Israel...”
If the mother of Jesus of Nazareth were functioning as a celebrity in 21st-century England rather than in 1st-century Israel she would, without doubt, be more Maureen Lipman than Delia Smith.

17. The Church is good and the Church is evil

The Church is good and indispensable, and the Church is evil, and I want to side with the good and shed light on the evil, specifically the evil that continues to result from many centuries of anti-Jewish prejudice and hate. As noted, it is perhaps because the Church of England was not, like the European churches, implicated in the Holocaust, that we have been the slowest to change.

Things have scarcely improved, despite the official policy of dropping, in the 1960s and 1970s, the teaching of Christian supersessionism, the dropping of prayers for conversion of Jews (that “God may take the veil from their hearts”), and the dropping from Church liturgy “the perfidious Jew”, the Jews’ “hardness of heart”, the Jews’ “contempt of thy Word”, etc. On the one hand, today, our senior clergy are acting the part: attending civic functions hosted by Jewish leaders, promoting "Jewish-Christian dialogue", tweeting greetings to the nation’s Jews on Jewish festivals, but on the other hand tolerate or foster antisemitism in the churches. And things are getting worse in the Church, as they are in society at large, partly, it seems, because the Holocaust, the climax of 1900 years of the Church’s anti-Judaism, is receding from living memory. Sometimes, the so-called experts on Jewish-Christian dialogue can be the most antisemitic of all, and one wonders what their motives were for their chosen field of ‘expertise’. We will come to Anglican examples in the Appendix to this essay, but here is something I was recently shocked to read on a recent visit to Jerusalem, having visited the café terrace of the Roman-Catholic run Austrian Pilgrim’s Hospice. In its bi-annual brochure (2019) is an article titled, “A year in Jerusalem” by a Prof. Dr. Ulrich Winkler, RC theologian who claims to be expert in Jewish-Christian dialogue. Winkler explains how, since the Second Vatican Council, the Church has changed its teaching on Christian supersessionism, and the Church has changed its teaching that all Jews are collectively responsible, in every generation, for “killing Christ”. Winkler tells us he in an expert in all this, and in the fight against antisemitism, and then, he finishes off his article thus:

“Life in this country under the current political conditions is difficult. It is not easy to recite the psalms every day, replete with their passages about annihilation of the enemy, when with heavy heart you know that the Israeli government uses the same texts to legitimise the Occupation [sic], and to deny the human rights to millions of Palestinians”. “A year in Jerusalem” by a Prof. Dr. Ulrich Winkler, putative expert on Jewish-Christian dialogue

Surely, Austrian Christians today, above all Roman Catholics, have a duty to be extra diligent to avoid antisemitism/anti-Zionism. Apart from the fact that Hitler was an Austrian Roman Catholic, Austria was even more sadistically antisemitic during the War than Germany (cf. A History of the Jews, Paul Johnson), and Austria has a severe antisemitism problem to this day. I have written to Prof Winkler. Before I accuse this RC churchman of being a liar, I want him to show me evidence that the coalition Government of Israel, during his year in Jerusalem, used “passages about annihilation of the enemy” in the psalms to go about the business of government, including national security to contain Hamas, Palestinian Authority, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, Hezbollah, ISIL and the Iranian forces and many thousands of Iranian missiles deployed in Syria and South Lebanon. As for denial of Palestinian "human rights", the Israeli government does not deny human rights to Arab Muslims in Israel, apart from the rights to introduce popular Arab culture, such as public beheadings, crucifixions and lashing. Israel in fact even allows Islamic religious courts to operate as far as possible. Hamas and Palestinian Authority deny what we in the West call "universal human rights" to the people under their authority. And so does Lebanon, which will not give full citizenship and rights (or passports) to "Palestinians" born in Lebanon, and yet whose
parents, grandparents and great grandparents were born in Lebanon. Syria's abuse of Palestinians, murdered, raped and imprisoned, is also ignored by the Church, as is the fact that both Egypt and Jordan have closed their borders to Palestinians.

18. Jerusalem

For all the sudden interest in Jerusalem/Zion, throughout much of the history of Christendom and Islam, apart from during the Crusades, Christians and Muslims had scant interest in Jerusalem, or the Land of Israel. After the destruction of Jerusalem, and Emperor Hadrian's attempt to obliterate Israel and Judah from history, renaming the region "Palestine", i.e. the land of the Palestinians (or Philistines), the Church centred on Rome and Byzantium. Jerusalem had been largely forgotten until the rabidly antisemitic and putative-Christian Emperor Saint Constantine (influenced by his mother, Saint Helena) decided on a site in Jerusalem to build the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

For most of the history of Jerusalem since the Romans destroyed the Second Temple and sacked the city, Jerusalem has been the neglected, undesirable and disease-ridden far-flung outpost of this or that Christian or Muslim empire, including, most recently, the British Empire. In WWI, the British expeditionary force led by General Allenby, which took Jerusalem in 1917, reported 28,000 cases of malaria in Palestine among British soldiers, with Allenby's chief medical officer reporting that Palestine "is one the most malaria-affected countries in the world". Typhus, smallpox, cholera, dysentery and tuberculosis were also widespread, making Jerusalem one of the most dangerous cities on Earth.

'Malaria stands out as by far the most important disease in Palestine. For centuries it has decimated the population and it is an effective bar to the development and settlement of large tracts of fertile lands... There are few regions actually free from it.'

*Mandatory Palestine, First Annual Report of the British Department of Health, 1921*

Israel was eventually cured of malaria in the 1960s, largely thanks to the pioneering ideas on ecology of microbiologist Israel Kligler (d. 1944, who with Albert Einstein, Chaim Weizmann and others was one of the founding intellectuals of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem).

Islamic claims of divine right to possess Jerusalem seem to me to be somewhat dubious. Jerusalem is not mentioned in the Quran, the book of the "People of the Book". The only allusion is the Prophet's "night flight" to the "farthest mosque" on a supernatural creature (or horse-like "Buraq"). This farthest mosque was posthumously interpreted as Jerusalem, where there was a small mosque built on Temple Mount known as Al-Aqsa mosque. This causes us a few problems. Whilst we can (or at least I can) believe in miracle and the supernatural, there is no evidence, that can be universally accepted, that the Prophet visited Jerusalem to ascend to the seven heavens (just as there is no evidence that Saint Paul was taken up to what he called the Third Heaven). Similarly, there is no evidence, that can be universally accepted, for many of Christianity's supernatural claims regarding Jerusalem. And, obviously, there is no evidence, that is universally acceptable, that Jesus, in Jerusalem, was the long-awaited Messiah, come to bring world peace. The Muslim's claims are a matter of Islamic belief, just as the Christian's claims (that I accept) that Jesus was resurrected from Jerusalem is a matter of Christian belief (and a belief, of course, that Muslims share with Christians).

The Jews' indigenous claims and connections to Jerusalem/Zion on the other hand, unlike the Christian and Muslim claims, are universally without doubt to every honest observer. There has been a continuous presence of Jews and Judaism on the whole Land of Israel for over 3000 years, whereas the Philistines (or Palestinians), the Cannanites, the Moabites... and all the empires,
Roman, Greek, Christian (Crusaders’ empires) and Muslim (from the Umayyad Caliphate and the Abbasid Caliphate to the Ottoman Empire) all met their abrupt end. The Arabs of the region did not refer to themselves as “Palestinians” until the corrupt Egyptian billionaire Yasser Arafat popularised it with his “Palestine Liberation Organisation” conquest. “Palestinian” is really the term that the West, since the Roman Empire, has used for Jews, whereas the other people of the region self-identified as Arabs. In Mandatory Palestine, the British referred to Jews as Palestinians (as did the Jews themselves), and Arabs as Arabs (as did the Arabs themselves). With the formation of Israel in 1948, Palestinian Jews came to be known, naturally, as Israeli Jews.

19. Imagine a museum of indigenous Palestine

There has never been a nation, or any form of autonomous state, called “Palestine”. Even from 1948 to 1967 Judea and Samaria were not Palestine but Jordan, and the Gaza Strip was not Palestine but Egypt. When the Trans-Jordanians took the area west of River Jordan they called it their “West Bank”, not Palestine. And when they took Jerusalem, and destroyed all its synagogues, they did it for Allah, and the glory of Islamic Arabisation of Greater Syria, not for the pre-historic, pre-Islamic Philistines/Palestinians.

If you were to create a museum of indigenous Palestinian culture there would be nothing in the museum apart from, Iranian rockets, improvised missiles, machine guns (and flags with machine guns and swords), Molotov cocktails, incendiary kites, swastikas (including swastikas on the incendiary kites), suicide vests, balaclavas/scarves, photographs of Arabs with balaclavas, the Hamas Covenant, the Palestinian National Covenant, Palestinian Islamic Jihad memorabilia, Yasser Arafat’s pharaonic bank statements, and Arabic translations of Mein Kampf and Protocols of the Elders of Zion.

Some Arabs of the region, including, as we will see in the Appendix, Anglican Arab clergy, base “Palestine” irredentist claims on pre-history: the Philistines. How absurd is that! How can any irredentist movement credibly appeal to pre-history (by definition the time before the written word), let alone Christians and let alone “People of the Book”? Even in the UK, the Welsh irredentists, as absurd as they are, at least appeal to history and their indigenous spoken and written language.

In any case, all we know about the Philistines, apart from the derogatory accounts in the Bible, is they were most probably “Sea Peoples” from Greece and Turkey. History and archaeology tells us nothing more than their main source of protein was pig (the DNA of whose bones has been traced back to Greece and Turkey), and they ate dogs too. You are what you eat. The Philistine language and social structure is lost to history. All we have is some broken pottery and a lot of pig bones.

20. The Holy Land

I think that it really is miraculous that, today, Israel defends herself against a virulently antisemitic Arab world (and Turkey and Iran), supported by all the Muslim nations.

The Arab world is, today, suffering a dark age. It is not because Arabs, as a race, are innately stupid or wicked: the Arab world was for several centuries the intellectual light to the world, that gave Christendom its Scholastic Renaissance, and its science and its mathematics based on Hindu-Arabic numerals (and the new number of 0). The root cause of the dark age in the Arab world today is
precisely that of the dark age in mainland Europe in the mid-20th century: state-sanctioned antisemitism: state-sanctioned anti-Zionism: a state-sanctioned big "NO" to God of Israel.

Whereas today Germany has, through its own laws, officially detached itself from the philosophy of Hitler, the Arab world, much of which was thoroughly allied to Hitler, remains committed to Mein Kampf and Protocols of the Elders of Zion (which Hitler referenced in Mein Kampf).

No-one can credibly deny that, in our times, the Israelis (majority Jew, plus Muslims, Christians of many denominations, Druze, Baha’i, agnostics, atheists...) have, in remarkably little time, made a better job of creating a free, dynamic, diverse, and morally-functioning nation than any Muslim nation (and especially any Arab nation) in the world today. And we have no good reason to believe that 'the' Church could do a better job of running the Holy Land. We have no good reason for thinking that Christians deserve to govern Israel and the Jews, when we look at what we have done to the Jews for almost 2000 years (or at least since the time when the Christian minority became the Christian majority, and the Jews became the minority). We Christians need to start being critically honest about our history, and we need to look at the schismatic tensions that have always existed between Christian denominations, which, in some cases, are getting worse. Only last year, a new major schism was created as the Russian Orthodox and Greek Orthodox split off from each other (and this exacerbates the tensions in Ukraine, which has created its own Orthodox Church in order to split off from the Russian Church). The Anglican Communion is now, suddenly, schismatic: Lambeth and GAFCON (we will return to this in Chapter 34).

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We Christians are bound to accept that we cannot be trusted with the keys of the Holy Land. Indeed, an argument between Christian denominations over who should hold the keys of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem (and the other holy sites) was wholly the cause of the Crimean War (1853-1856). The keys of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre are, in fact, kept in the safe hands of two Muslim families, and have been since the 12th century when Saladin made the decision to keep them, in order to prevent Christians literally fighting over them. However, when the Muslims unlock the doors and let the Christians within, this does not prevent the monks and priests of one denomination regularly fighting monks and priests of another denomination, causing injury and frequent hospitalisation and even murder as, when a dispute flares up, men of the cloth bash each other with crosses and candlesticks and any other religious artefacts that can be utilised as weapons. (The worst year was perhaps 1846, when the Catholic and Orthodox Good Friday fell on the same day, and violence broke out as each sect raced to the altar: by time the Ottoman authorities waded in to break up the dispute, there were already 40 dead.) Almost 2000 years ago the Romans would round up the Christians and Jews of Jerusalem to be put to death in the circus for the delight of the crowds; today the Christians of Jerusalem have cut out the middleman and provide entertainment directly to the world on YouTube, where one can watch Christian monks hacking pieces out of other Christian monks at Christianity's holiest shrine on planet Earth.

21. More Tea, Vicar?

Although I have composed this essay in quite a hurry, the germ of it goes back two years, and a meeting with a friend in Liverpool, called Reverend Jonathan Clatworthy.

Jonathan is a former public schoolboy from down south, well educated in the Classics, philosophy and theology, and for several years he was the voice, or General Secretary, of "Modern Church", which, as noted, represents the Liberal wing of the Church of England. Jonathan is intelligent, and he shares my anxiety about the destruction, degradation and pollution of Nature that we are witnessing in our times. It was our interest in philosophy and ecology that caused us to hook up.
Although Liverpool is a good half-hour train ride from me, I like the city and I’ve visited, and worshipped in, the magnificent Anglican cathedral many times, including for several Advent carol services, which always have an extraordinarily high standard of beauty, musicality and darkness-to-light drama. At the end of 2016 I started attending a church just uphill from the cathedral: St Bride’s, mainly because it was advertising monthly services on Sunday evenings that were followed by theological and philosophical debates. The vicar was Reverend Jonathan Clatworthy, with whom I was well acquainted through social media.

On the first evening I attended – arriving far too early – as I approached the church I could hear someone struggling, with one finger on the piano, to play a melody for a hymn. It was Jonathan, who it turns out had recently started piano lessons, and was hoping to stand in for the regular pianist who had recently moved from the area. Immediately following our salutations on meeting in person for the first time, Jonathan asked: “You don’t happen to play the piano, do you?” Luckily, I do, and found myself sight reading the four hymns he had chosen for the service that evening, and I became the regular pianist for subsequent monthly events on Sunday evenings.

It turns out that Jonathan and I agreed on almost nothing theologically, but, that was OK, because I see no point in debating with someone who always agrees with me! Jonathan is far too “liberal” for me, and is of the Marcus Borg/John Dominic Crossan “Modernist” and obsessively historical-critical school of theology, which as far as I’m concerned is atheism, or at best Deism, and is reductionist, reducing religious faith in the power and the glory of God Almighty to metaphors about the human condition in a world left to its own devices by a now-powerless deity.

St Bride’s got a young new vicar, and Jonathan’s Sunday evening discussions stopped along with some of his other clerical responsibilities, but he said that he would like to keep in touch. Several months later I happened to be in Liverpool with a Jewish lady friend on a Sunday evening, and I arranged to meet Jonathan in the “Leaf” tea shop on Bold Street to catch up and chat about his upcoming semi-retirement. I introduced the lady as Jewish. He asked her if she is “liberal”, and she said, “no, orthodox”. Jonathan then seemed to get animated and excited (very out of character for Jonathan), and said, much to my shock and dismay: “ah, ooh, ah... does that mean that your father could have sold you into slavery?” It seemed as though he had been waiting his whole sixty-odd years of life in order to ask a servant Jewess this question. I would have been no less shocked had this Anglican scholar asked, “did your [late] father have horns?”

I quickly forced a change of subject, but that didn’t stop Jonathan asking: “What do Jews think of Brexit?” Perhaps resigned to the fact that Jonathan seemed incapable of understanding “Jews” beyond a certain stereotype, or what Jonathan thinks he knows about Judaism from his Anglican ‘scholarship’, my friend offered a meaningless answer that seem to satisfy him and shut him up. In any case neither my friend nor her extended family are involved in trade, but rather are high achievers in academia, medical practice, quantum physics, law, and classical music. And the women of her extended family – none of whom have been sold into slavery – are all as highly

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3 *Exodus*, in the Hebrew, tells us that when Moses came down from the mountain his face shone with beams of the glory of God, but when the fourth-century saint Jerome translated the Bible into Latin, he mistranslated the Hebrew as Moses came down with *horns on his head*. Hence, in Church art, Moses is frequently depicted with horns, not least in Michelangelo’s marble Moses. This mistranslation contributed to ideas that Jews are something other than human. In the Passion plays, first performed in Bavaria in 1634, as a thank you to God for curing the region of the bubonic plague (blamed on the Jews), Jews were acted as collectively-accursed “Christ killers” with horn-shaped hats. Historically, Passion Week, and especially Good Friday, have been the most times dangerous for the Jews of Western Europe, as the Church allowed, or even encouraged, the antisemitic mob to do their thing. And Passion plays have continuously attracted antisemites, notably Henry Ford, Adolph Hitler and, in our times, the antisemitic Roman Catholic actor and film producer Mel Gibson.

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qualified in their professions as the men. Jonathan’s outrageous question was, I imagine, a result of his total ignorance of Judaism, the latent antisemitism of all Anglican churchmen, and perhaps some nervousness resulting from meeting a confident Jewess in real life. **But it was inexcusable.**

Would Jonathan have asked an orthodox man, such as Rabbi Lord Sacks, if he had sold his daughter into slavery? Jonathan happens to be half Greek. Imagine he had said to my Jewish friend, “I am Greek Orthodox”, and she had replied, “ah, ooh, ah, does that mean you will gouge out an eye – as Christian scripture tells you that Jesus commanded – if you find a woman other than your wife to be attractive?” Or, “ah, ooh, ah, does that mean that if you are a slave you will serve your master with loving humility as if the master is representing God, even if your master is cruel, as Peter and Paul commanded slaves to do?” Or, “ah, ooh, ah, does that mean you must hate your mother and your father and your children, as Jesus commanded, according to the Gospel of Luke?”

What makes Jonathan’s question on Jewish slavery even more outrageous is that he is a vicar in Liverpool, a city whose huge wealth, including Church wealth, came from the Christian Slave Trade, a trade which did not end until the 19th century, and in which the clergy were often shareholders and slave owners. Bold Street, like many of Liverpool’s streets (including Penny Lane, made famous by the Beatles) is named after a slave merchant. This episode in Bold Street made me realise that even the more highly-educated clergy have an extreme level of ignorance about Jews and Judaism, and that this fuels their latent antisemitism. It was shortly after this that I decided to part company with Jonathan, especially having read his theology and attitudes on Israel and Israelis. He is a good and compassionate man, but, like almost all clergy, Anglican, Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox, is caught up in the Church’s institutional antisemitism: a kind of blindness, a kind of veiling of the heart, that perhaps ultimately only God can remove.

I have also for the time being decided to keep a healthy distance from Church of England – and certainly Modern Church – until or unless the Church realises it must begin to rid itself of the stench of antisemitism.

Jonathan, a member of the Green Party (as I have been in the past), shares the Green Party’s anti-Zionism. Like many of us, he is anxious and depressed about mankind’s destruction, degradation and pollution of the planet. But in fact the answer to all these problems, the answer to all mankind’s greatest problems, is Zion. I cannot expect the Green Party to understand this, but people who profess God of Israel should understand that all the big questions have the same answer. “Seek the Kingdom first”, Jesus commanded, in his call to Zion, and all the rest will fall into place. Is this merely magical thinking? No, it is Faith and Duty. When God, and the hallowed Name of God, is right in our mind, thoughts and words, all things will be right in the world. Language is everything. The prophets, including Jesus (such as in his vows following the Sermon on the Mount), telescoped everything onto Zion: the micro-cosmos of the whole (or Holy).

Anti-Zionism, be it religious or secular, is really the rejection of God Omnipotent. Green anti-Zionism is the failure to realise that man’s destructiveness results from man’s spiritual malaise. It is no good trying to fix the environment without fixing man, and his greed, selfishness, envy, depressions, addictions and antisemitism/anti-Zionism (his “NO” to God).

“Environmentalism” can only address the symptoms (which of course do need to be addressed) but not the human-centred causes of global pollution, which, incidentally, the prophets foresaw as inevitable until, at last, man is made whole and becomes **fully** human in the wisdom and knowledge of God. Environmentalist/Green politics claims to be “holistic” but it isn’t, it is un-holi-stic: it fails to acknowledge, or centre on, that which is uniquely Holy. Environmentalist/Green politics is not
based on the wholeness of knowledge, but partial knowledge, or “sin” to use the old-fashioned word.

19th April 2019: Good Friday, (which this year coincided with Jewish Passover, or Pesach, the feast of the unleavened bread) in the Polish town of Pruchnik, from where, within living memory, 1000 Jews were sent to the Polish death camps. Until WWII, Poland had more Jews (over 3 million) than any nation, most of whom were murdered by the Nazis and collaborators in Poland, including sometimes by Polish Catholics, such as a pogrom in the town of Jedwabne in 1941.

Millions of non-Jewish Poles also perished in the War of course. But the whole curse began with antisemitism. Historian Paul Johnson (in A History of the Jews) suggests that Hitler started the War by invading Poland because in peacetime it would have been impossible to convince German civilians, and collaborators throughout Europe and the Arab world, to murder the Jews.

The images above are from a video that the Polish mob posted on to YouTube. An effigy labelled “Judas 2019”, dressed as a contemporary ultra-orthodox Jew, with black brimmed hat, beard and sidelocks, is hung, and then beaten by adults. The adults then send in the children to beat him further. The jeering crowd then stands back as Judas is burned. This is exactly the kind of thing that Hitler encouraged in the 1930s, when, in 1934, he participated in the 300th anniversary of the Oberammergau Passion Play, stressing its importance to German culture.

For much of the history of the Church, including in England, clergy would encourage the mob to beat up and murder real Jews, not just effigies. Of course, the images above are of Roman Catholics on the streets of Poland (of whom, I can’t imagine, Pope John Paul II would approve), but Anglicans on the streets of Liverpool, and elsewhere, in our times, are no less antisemitic.

The scene above is scandalous by any measure, including the use and abuse of children. Furthermore, Jesus himself was a “Judas” (Judas being the Greek for Judah or Yehudah).

Judas Iscariot in the Gospels is no more a Jew (Judah) than Jesus, whom Joseph and Mary had circumcised at 8-days old, who wore his tzitzit throughout his mission, who was addressed as “Rabbi”, who was ultra-conservative (particularly on divorce, adultery, and swearing vows), who would have had the Shema written on his doorpost, who said the most important commandment is the Shema (reinforced in his prayer which begins with hallowing the Name), who said that not one dot or iota of the Torah can be changed, and who is reported to have said, “salvation is of the Jews”. If the Christians in the images above think that they are killing a Jew, they are killing Jesus, and the Mother of Grace, and all the Apostles, and Jesus’ siblings.
April 17th 2019: Organisations such as MEMRI (Middle East Research Institute) translate for us much of the unedifying Jihadist and apocalyptic material that has become the daily diet of education for the Arab world and Iran.

But even in the West, Muslim children are being brainwashed with antisemitism and anti-Zionism and the ultimate glory to be gained in terrorist martyrdom. Pictured left, in the USA on April 17th 2019, young Muslim boys and girls are chanting a typical Arabic honour-shame script. The film of children at an event organised by the Muslim American Society was leaked to the press, according to an article in the Philadelphia Inquirer.

Key to understanding antisemitism is the need to understand the depth and prevalence of Arabic and Islamic honour-shame culture. It became extreme after 1948, when, having rejected the UN’s two-state partition, the Arab world (which by this time had become convinced, through alliance with the Nazis, of Hitler’s Final Solution) decided to kill all the Jews of Israel. The ultimate humiliation came when an inexperienced Jewish army, raised from mere a one million Jews, largely remnants of the Holocaust, defeated no less than seven Arab armies, representing hundreds of millions of Muslims. Today, the presence of an autonomous Jewish state on “Arab land” is considered a blasphemy to Islam and the greatest possible humiliation for Jihadist Arabs. This is especially because the Jews, for 1300 continuous years of Islam were subjected to the sharia status of dhimmi, which forbids the Jew from protecting himself (a dhimmi is a “protected person”, who must pay protection money and accept many other forms and signs of inferior social status to the Muslim).

Today the situation in Israel in necessarily reversed. The Muslim and Christian Israeli Arabs are now the dhimmis (protected persons), whose nation is protected by the brave young Jewish (and Druze) men and women who accept their conscription to a term of duty with the Israeli Defence Force. But there is a big difference: the Israeli Muslim Arab, Christian Arab, and Bedouin, can volunteer to protect Israel alongside the Jews, and some do. Another big and magnanimous difference is that the Israeli Muslim Arab can, and does, openly worship and show signs of his or her faith. The Israeli Arab is not subject to compulsory laws that ensure inferior status, in fact Arabs can, and do, excel at levels of society, from politics, to law to the Israeli national football team. The Israeli Arab Muslims I have encountered, in pluralist and dynamic towns such as Jaffa, enjoy the life of the town as much as the Jews and Christians of all denominations. But step beyond the borders of Israel, and things are different: there are no longer any Jews because there are many Arab Muslims who want to murder all Jews. And now the Jews have gone, they are turning on the Christians, the extent of which, according to the Bishop of Truro’s report, is beginning to amount to genocide.

Today the Church of England’s so-called experts (whom we will meet in the Appendix) on the Middle East, diligently avoid any reference to the Arabic and Islamic honour-shame psychology. It is apparently not politically correct to do so. And this is one of the reasons (we will look at others) we are duped by Arab intellectuals (Muslim and Christian and Anglican Christian) who come to the West to tell us that all they want is “human rights” and “democracy” being denied to them by the Jew, and his “apartheid”.

The Church of England’s formal communication on Palestine tells us that the men, suicidal or otherwise, who set out to murder Jews are not really martyrs, but are suffering a “deep despair of the young”. In other words, blame the Jews.

At the time of writing (Easter 2019), Muslim suicide martyrs have blown up churches and hotels in Sri Lanka, killing over 250 people, and injuring hundreds more. They were affluent and highly educated (including, it seems, at Kingston University in the UK); two of them were brothers who were sons of the one of the richest businessmen in Sri Lanka. Similarly, the suicide bombing of Jerusalem’s Machane Yehuda Market in 1997, killing 16 and maiming many, was carried out by two science students from Bir Zeit University in Ramallah. Deep despair of the young? Islamic suicide bombing is not a tactic of deep desperation, it is, in the Arab world (and the Umrah) of our times, an ideology, and the ultimate act of religious commitment and saintliness. This is why Hamas pays the families of martyrs, or prisoners who

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have murdered Jews, billions of dollars, the “pay for slay” stipend. The martyrs’ families, and prisoners who have murdered Jews, earn more than university-educated professionals.

But to understand the Church’s disingenuousness and lack of critical faculty, we need to remember that, like the Arab world, the Church also has its spirit, psychology and honour invested in antisemitism. Historically, we, the Church, have been much more vicious to the Jews than the Islamic Arab world (to where, for several centuries, the Jews of Christendom fled for protection).

To not trust the Jew, to blame the Jew, is still the default position in the Church, including in the Church of England. “Jesus and the Apostles locked the doors because they feared the Jews”, the author of the Gospel of John writes anachronistically in the second century. Allow the “Jews to survive but not thrive” ordered the Doctors of the Church. Today, the thriving Jew is as much a threat and a humiliation to Christian maximalism as it is the Islamic maximalism. And if today a mere 12 million Jews can and do lead most of the world’s intellectual and artistic endeavour, and bring forth more genius than several thousand million Christians and Muslims combined, and if, as Christianity teaches, all good gifts are from God, “the Father of lights”, something has to be done to stop the Church from looking second best and unenlightened. Something has to be done to stop the “Old” appearing to be better than the “New”, even if that means justifying the violent and obsessive irredentism of the Arab world and Iran.

The Church, and the West in general, is too eager to dismiss Jewish news that is true as “fake”, and Arab news that is fake and staged as “true”. The Christian instinct, the Christian default, is to distrust and despise the Jew. As we begin to look at the Anglican Church in the Holy Land, we will see there has long been a marriage of convenience between antisemites in both camps, Christian and Islamic.

Let us look a little further at what the American children are being taught in Philadelphia. Have in mind the Al-Aqsa mosque and Temple Mount is already under (Jordanian) Arab control, which forbids Jews to pray and show signs of worship. In the interests of pragmatism and peace, the Israeli Government magnanimously agrees that the nation’s Jews conform to dhimmitude on Temple Mount. But perhaps this was a mistake, a kind of proleptic dhimmitude: the more you appease the terrorists the more you justify and encourage the terrorism, and so the more you fear it, and find new ways to appease it… It’s a vicious cycle. In my view, the Jews had no moral or spiritual obligation to appease the Muslim Arabs, especially because between 1948 and 1967 Muslim Arabs of Jordan destroyed all 58 synagogues that were in the Old City of Jerusalem, and expelled all Jews. Furthermore, Jordan, or Transjordan, did not want to create a new nation called “Palestine”, it wanted to extend its borders to create a “Greater Syria”, incorporating Israel.

“Those who accept humiliation, what is the point of their existence? Those who reject oppression are the ones who assert their existence. And they eliminate injustice from the land of the Arabs. Rebels! Rebels! Rebels! Glorious steeds call us and lead us onto paths leading to the Al-Aqsa mosque. The blood of the martyrs protect us. Paradise needs real men. The land of the Prophet Muhammad’s night journey is calling us. Our Palestine must return to us. Oh Saladin, your men are amongst us, shame will be washed away. You need the Quran and force, oh free people… God willing, day will follow night. Take us oh ships until we liberate our lands, until we reach our shores and crush the treacherous ones. Blow, oh winds of paradise, flow oh river of martyrs. My Islam is rising; who is going to heed its call? Rise oh righteous ones. Our martyrs sacrificed their lives without hesitation. They attained paradise and the scent of musk emanate from their bodies… Will Jerusalem be their capital city, or will it be a hotbed for cowards? We will defend the land of divine guidance with our bodies. We will chop off their heads. We will sacrifice ourselves for Al-Aqsa. We will liberate the sorrowful and exalted Al-Aqsa mosque. We will lead the army of Allah fulfilling his promise. And we will subject them to eternal torture.”

American Muslim children, following the script of their educators at an Ummah “Islamic Science” workshop in Philadelphia, 17th April 2019. The encouraging thing about this video is that some of the children, particularly the girls, look
distinctly uncomfortable and disapproving as they are forced to chant the sanctification of death through martyrdom and murder.

Jerusalem belongs to the Jews, not to the Christians or the Muslims, or the Mormons or the Ahamedens... or the EU or the United Nations.

Sheik Hamza Mansour, pictured left, a wolf in a Western lounge suit, is a thoroughly evil man whom we cannot excuse for lack of intelligence, education, privilege, and the opportunity to live a good life. But he is nevertheless popular throughout the Arab world. He is a kind of televangelist (on a par with the worst of American Christian televangelists). He preaches that “Jews see no importance in the human race” despite the fact that the Jews were for a thousand years, until the advent of the Christianity, the only people of the world who (despite all faults and internal conflicts) blessed and prayed for the whole human race and all nations, and have never stopped to this day.

Hamza Mansour also teaches that “the Jews make matza [unleavened bread] out of innocent children’s blood”. This is the infamous “Blood Libel” that came out of the medieval Church of England in Norwich, and now preached on authority to all Arabs, including, as mentioned, by the Israeli Arab preacher and Corbynista Ra’ad Salah.

What would Jesus do? What would Jesus say to Sheik Hamza Mansour? What would the Prophet Muhammad, who taught veneration of Jesus, say to Sheik Hamza Mansour? One of the Prophet’s great achievements was to banish all the cults of infanticide from Arab lands, and quickly establish the Golden Age of Islam, the Islam that saved the West from its Dark Age and from the Mongols, but now the Arab regimes have returned to pre-Islamic child sacrifice, and their leaders are no more holy than Genghis Khan.

22. Antisemitism is Chronic and Serious

Antisemitism is an extremely serious problem, and a chronic problem in the Church of England; and before we can cure English society we must cure the Church of England, which, we have seen, is the root and cause of antisemitism in England, and an important source of global antisemitism. We the Church of England, above all institutions, have a duty to root out antisemitism, especially now that the English language is the world’s first truly universal language, and for the majority of English speakers it is not the maternal language, but a second or third language.

Just as the original English antisemitic canards and tropes have sometimes mutated, the purpose of antisemitism has mutated too: the world’s antisemites not only desire direct harm on the Jews in the midst of this or that nation, but desire harm on Israel, the sole and tiny Jewish nation in the midst of all nations. Antisemitism didn’t get worse after 1948, it just changed its focus from the Jewish religion and race to the Jewish nation. Of course, anti-Zionists in the Church of England and the global Anglican Communion do not want to accept this, because the Church likes to think it has emerged from its two millennia of antisemitism. If I had a pound for every antisemitic clergyman and layman who has tried to persuade me that “anti-Zionism is not antisemitism” I would be a rich man. (I have collected some of this from my social media, should anyone like verification.)

This includes senior Anglican clergy in Jerusalem, whose cause is advocated by Church of England, including members of the College of Bishops, and including in the House of ‘Lords’, where recently,
I noticed, the Bishop of Southwark, a frequent tourist to the Holy Land, teamed up in a debate in March 2019 with the notorious antisemite Baroness Tonge. At the time of writing, I read in the Jewish Chronicle of 18th April, Baroness Tonge, former Liberal Democrat, shared on her Facebook page a cartoon depicting Israel as the Nazis. Apparently the cartoon had won second place in a “Holocaust Cartoon Competition” organised in the Islamic Republic of Iran. In our age of intense communications – none of which has surprised God Almighty, who created the potential in silicon that we have learned to microscopically fabricate – this is how antisemitism works. Hatred of the Jews is the world’s chronic and latent and oldest-continuous hate, and it was inevitable that it would deeply infect the World Wide Web. It is, after all, the only form of hate that the “international community” can agree upon. What else, for instance, can Baroness Tonge, a “Liberal”, possibly have in common with the ideologically-illiberal Islamic Republic of Iran?

Today, the safest harbours for English antisemites in the Church seem to be the World Council of Churches, the EAPPI, the Labour Party, the House of Lords, the General Synod, Modern Church, and the United Nations. The United Nations’ relentless vilifications of Israel are quoted on authority by Anglican clergy ranging from Archbishop Lord Rowan Williams down. And they have much material to draw from: the UN wastes 40% of its time attempting to undermine Israel, a tiny nation, the sole Jewish nation, with a landmass not much larger than my native county of Yorkshire, and over half of which is the inhospitable Negev desert.

23. All Nations United against Israel

As I wrote in a previous essay, one only has to look at the UN condemnatory country-specific resolutions of the UN General Assembly (UNGA) and the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC), exclusively pointed at Israel. For example in 2015, the UNGA adopted 20 resolutions against Israel, and a total of only 3 resolutions for the rest of the world (one each for Syria, North Korea and Iran). In the same year, the Saudi Arabia ambassador was chosen to chair the UNHRC.

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**Why do these nations so furiously rage together, against Israel?** Why do the people imagine a vain thing? Why do the leaders of the world – kings, presidents and CofE archbishops – rise up and take counsel together, against the LORD and against His anointed?

Former General Secretary of the UN, Kofi Annan, famously said, against Israel, “Can the whole world be wrong?” Well, yes. And this is the whole point. Israel can be right, and the whole world wrong. Israel can be the light unto the nations, and ultimately she will be: God does not break His promises. And the United Nations, even if it gets the approval of Useful Idiots such as Archbishop Rowan Williams, cannot defy God of Israel, the Lord of History.

As Abraham introduced the world to the one true God, the whole world was inevitably wrong in its worship of pantheons of nature gods and universal human sacrifice (especially infanticide). For a time the “united nations” was the vast Egyptian empire, out of which God called “Israel” His firstborn “Son” (Exodus 4:22, cf. Hosea 11:1). For a time the “united nations” was the Greek Empire,
which insisted that Israel was wrong. For a time the “united nations” was the Roman Empire, which insisted that Israel was wrong. The Jews were the only people in the united nations of the Roman Empire to resist the edict of Emperor Caligula (d. AD 41) to have him worshipped as a god, and to have his statue erected in every temple in his Empire... fast forward to the 20th century, the whole world was wrong as the Church sided with the Fascists and the Nazis and the Arab world (colonised by the Christian West), to rid the world of Jews. Christian Germany, the cradle of the Holy Roman Empire and the Protestant Reformation was, and had long been, the world-beating nation in theology, science, philosophy and music, but it was wrong. And then of course half the surface of the world was consumed by Communism. Yes, the whole world can be wrong, and Israel, though, as yet, far from perfect, much less wrong. Once we stop trying to kill Israel, and help her marry up to God, then all nations will be blessed.

24. Antisemitism/Anti-Zionism is an extremely complex problem

Antisemitism is not only an extremely serious and chronic problem, but an extremely complicated one. Historically, the main engine of antisemitism has been the Church, and it is still is. To understand this, requires a deep understanding from within the Church, which I have (and later in the essay we will go, just a little, into the scripture, liturgy, lectionary and general lazy and habitual thinking of the Church of England). It also requires a deep understanding of the big scientific ideas, which I have, that now frame – whether people realise it or not – Western ideas on everything.

And Western ideas are no longer just restricted to the West, and to the Church, but have been widely exported, including to the East, including to the recovering Communist nations (Communism was in any case a Western ideology that was dreamed up in Western Europe, drawing on the Jewish/Christian belief in a goal to History).

It is in fact the big scientific ideas – particularly gravity – that have led to my involvement in antisemitism and my commitment to Zion. I have worked in many fields of science, from avionics to computer sciences to the life sciences, but originally with a background in electromagnetism and waves. I presently work as a writer on cross-disciplinary projects. I hazard to say that if one has an intimate knowledge of electromagnetism one can readily gain some understanding of all the sciences, because, apart from gravity, there is nothing in the cosmos, or in our brains, that is not electromagnetism. Einstein’s interests began with electromagnetism. Francis Crick, who with James Watson discovered the structure of DNA, was not trained in the life sciences, but radar technology. The evidence for Big Bang was discovered (accidentally) by radio engineers. It is often the case, isn’t it, that new ideas in a discipline come from outside that discipline. My knowledge of electromagnetism began in the Royal Air Force, which, incidentally, gives me a decent understanding of ultra-modern warfare, and what is defensible in the State of Israel. It is easy for people in the West to offer “two-state solutions” and to suggest giving the Golan Heights to Syria, and ceding the topographical barriers between Israel and the Levant, when they know nothing about the limitations of electronic counter measures, and at the same time ignore the military ambitions of Syria, Iran, and the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL). If, God forbid, Israel were to cease to have the world’s best scientists and engineers, and to excel in the science and engineering of electromagnetism, Israel would cease to exist. Pray, her warfare is accomplished.

Privately, I have been working on the problem of “gravity” for over 25 years. Gradually, over the years, I have come to realise that one cannot understand Gravity without understanding Zion, and that one cannot understand Zion (nor the deep causes of anti-Zionism) without understanding Gravity. Furthermore, just as any science of Gravity is necessarily the study of Time (Gravity...
masters Time), any meaningful understanding of Zion must be an understanding of History and Time.

In Time, "Israel" is a very recent revelation of course: it was revealed by God of Israel merely 3000 years ago, which is only the last 1% of the span of Human Being. The goal of Israel is Apocalypse: the end of Time. What is Time? No scientist can answer that. And few experts on antisemitism, and few Christian or Jewish theologians, want to discuss Apocalypse. I find that even uttering the word "apocalypse" in intellectual circles, even theological circles, is like dropping a silent-but-deadly fart: people move out of the way never to return, not wanting to risk their scholarly reputation by being associated with the flatulent protagonist. But the end, the goal, the Peace/Shalom, the ultimate Sabbath of History to which every Sabbath alludes, is the Apocalypse.

And by Apocalypse I do not mean war and conflagration. Surely we have had enough world war and conflagration? Apocalypse means “unveiling”: drawing back the curtain, just as the Jerusalem Temple high priest would draw back the curtain, at the holiest moment of the holiest day of the year, and enter the Holy of Holies to be fully in the presence of God. The whole point of historical Israel (since God, through Moses, called Israel His “Son” in Egypt) is the unveiling of the end: the Messianic Age, or Age to Come. Every Shabbat, every Rosh Hashanah, looks forward to the Time at which the world is redeemed and Holy, and very good. The lack of interest in Apocalypse is really the lack of faith and hope, or optimism. Worse, Islam now monopolises with a mainstream narrative of apocalyptic violence, which goes unchallenged.

The main goal of modern Jihadism - a cataclysmic apocalyptic movement - is Islam's dominance over the world. It makes millennial claims, promising that once Islam rules everywhere, there will be world peace. We must help to persuade Islam out of this delusion, preferably without dropping bombs. Historian of apocalyptic movements Dr Richard Landes (whose work we will come to) tells us that:

"Jihad, as the millennial war, operates in modern times on two major levels. The first is that of outright violence. Its aggression emerges in most places where Muslim majorities share a border with another culture. The second level expresses itself in demopathy*, or the invocation of civil society's values to undermine that system from within.

"Since its inception, The Protocols of the Elders of Zion, an apocalyptic forgery about the final stages of a Jewish conspiracy to rule the world, has been the Judeophobe's favored text. After World War II, among its most enthusiastic ‘believers' have been Arab intellectuals and political elites.

“There is a significant overlap between the religious Hamas and the “secular” PLO in their use of apocalyptic rhetoric. Its characteristics include global conspiracy theory, total war, virulent anti-Semitism, contempt for human life, and child sacrifice”.

Richard Landes, from an interview with Manfred Gerstenfeld: Jihad, Apocalypse, and Anti-Semitism


Of all the very many reasons for anti-Zionism, surely an important reason in secular and progressive circles (including the fringe Jewish ones) is the will to forget God. It is the will that the world forgets God in order to accept humanist or scientific or political solutions.

You see, “Zion” or “Israel” is a like a huge sign saying “God Rules” in the centre of the Mappa Mundi where the continents of Europe, Africa and Asia all meet (which for most people in history was all the continents until Europeans discovered new-found lands). In fact the name "Israel",
given to Jacob when he realised that he should submit to, rather than fight, God, means, more or less, “God Rules”.

Antisemitism, then, requires cross-disciplinary study to analyse meaningfully, and this requires studies of Time and Apocalypse. We must cogently challenge the apocalyptic death-cult discourse of contemporary Islam, and the apocalyptic death-cult discourse of the American Bible Belt. If Jewish and Christian intellectuals refrain from discussions on the meaning of Apocalypse, then Islamic ideas of Apocalypse risk becoming self-fulfilling prophecy.

The Holy, the Whole, is by definition every thing (both in the world and concealed from the world), but the human instinct is to replace the Holy with something less. That which is less than the whole, that tries to pass itself off as the whole, can be, for example, the Mathematical Platonism of contemporary cosmology. Or it can be invoking the “scientific method” to dismiss every philosophical claim that cannot be subjected to “evidence-based data”. In much contemporary Christianity, the whole, or Holy, who forbids representation, is often represented by statues of a man being executed, or gaudy statues of a virgin, or relics and mummified bodies that are the objects of cults.

Commanding the world to worship nothing that we can see or measure or name or carve into images because He is all being (“I AM”) was never going to be an easy sell, and it has been one of the reasons for antisemitism since before Christ and after Christ. The Jews themselves found it difficult, which is why prophets arose to turn things back the right way. Every other nation worshipped elephants or cats or bulls, and worshipped statues, and so why, the people protested to Aaron, can’t we have a golden bull, or at least a little calf? That lesson was learned, but still, it was never easy, because the fact that the Jews did refuse to worship Caesar or Jesus (or statues of Caesar or Jesus or virgins) or the Pope or Hitler or Stalin... or to pay sacrifice to the god/s of the city and the gods of the crops and the planets naturally meant that the Jews were the scapegoats when famines and other disasters hit. We see a similar kind of thing in England today. What Corbyn’s Labour Party call the “good Jews” are the Jews who have rejected Zion: the minority of Jews who have forgotten God’s Jerusalem-centred plans and promises, and have turned instead to the Socialist utopian plan: the plan not of Jewish monotheism, but the plan of what the Soviets called “scientific atheism”. And in atheistic Western science today, we are suffering a similar delusional faith in science.

Similarly, things were not easy 2000 years ago for the Apostles as they set out, initially at least, to Judaize the world (not until the late first century had “the Church” definitively separated off from its Judaic faith). The Apostles, the Jewish followers of Jesus, went out into the world – all nations and cities of the world – to tell the world that are no gods of nations, no gods of cities, no gods of planets, and no gods of crops, rather the Creator of everything (heavens and Earth), the one voice behind everything, is, on Earth, God of Israel, and God had centred His presence (Shekinah) not in every city, but in Jerusalem, in Zion, the sole axis mundi, the point at which all things will sync up.

The Apostles had the nigh on impossible job of explaining that there is no god of Alexandria, no god of Athens, or Rome, or London, or York, or New York... God is God, centred on Jerusalem (“build me a House”). The map of the world has one centre, reaching out to all, like spokes from the hub.

It is not an oversimplification for me to say that antisemitism/anti-Zionism is the rejection of the Centre, because the centre is not simple, it is infinitely complex: it is everything, seen and unseen: it is the microcosmos. It has all the answers we need to heal the planet, heal the nations, and to heal ourselves. It has all the answers to making things whole, holy, “very good”. It is the kingdom...
within us all. It is why Saint Paul said “the body is the Temple”, being the Jerusalem Temple, in which Paul worshipped, and where God dwells and in whom we are called to dwell, eternally.

I maintain, then, that antisemitism/anti-Zionism cannot be meaningfully understood without relating it to all meaningful disciplines in the humanities and the sciences. Antisemitism is but one side of the Rubik’s Cube, with which the scholars who specialise in studies of antisemitism seem to be easily contented – especially atheist/agnostic scholars who diligently avoid religion, theology and discussions on the goal, the Apocalypse in Zion. Antisemitism cannot be mended without mending everything else. All things must be fixed to establish mankind’s true relationship to God Almighty, and to knowing, and hearing, Zion. All this has led to my writing hundreds of thousands of words, crossing all meaningful academic disciplines, which I cannot satisfactorily summarise in this essay. I have learned in any case that Apocalypse turns off almost everyone, and that science turns off putative experts in the theology of God of Israel, and so I think the best way of simplifying the extremely complex work I am doing, and why I have come to set myself up as accuser of the Church of England, is a short biographical chapter before we continue further.

25. About me, the Spirit of Cricket, and how I have come to set myself up as an expert on Zion and Gravity

I am a technical writer, a scientific technical writer, and as good as anonymous: we technical writers do not autograph anything. A pilot reading his or her pilot’s manual, or a scientist operating his mass spectrometer, would, I imagine, be put off by my signature or the name of any technical author/s: it would make the thing look less objective. The technical writer’s role is to transmit information as objectively and as anonymously as possible in order to keep the modern world running.

Most of us are in our middle age, and we have a very varied background in industry that gives us the confidence to work across disciplines, interrogating experts in this or that field, often to make things comprehensible to experts in another field.

Today is 10th April 2019. At the time of writing I am on holiday in Jerusalem with my other half, Alison. I am intellectually off piste, setting myself up as an expert on antisemitism, the most intractable problem in the humanities, and as an expert on gravity, the most intractable problem in the sciences.

Coincidentally, Israel tomorrow will be absorbed with the Moon, as Israel’s spacecraft Beresheet negotiates the gravity of the Moon according to Isaac Newton’s inverse-square law of gravity (a result of Newton’s intuitive insight that the Moon falls perpetually around the Earth by the same ‘force’ that causes an apple to fall from a tree).

After an afternoon observing and photographing birds in a delightfully tatty patch of conserved nature that runs up against the fences of the Knesset, Alison and I enjoyed sampling a range of beers and apple ciders at the micro-brewery in the Machane Yehuda market with Dr Richard Landes, an observant Jew, and a friend, to whose work we will return.

I photographed this white-throated kingfisher (Halcyon smyrnensis) in Jerusalem on April 10 2019. It is preparing to digest a freshwater crab. I have been a keen ornithologist since childhood. I am deeply saddened that many of the British birds that I enjoyed identifying and observing in my youth are now rare if not endangered.

Having said that, Britain seems to be doing better at conservation than the rest of Europe. But we could all learn much from the Israeli conservationists and ecologists.
Richard and I have been discussing, amongst other things, beer, languages, apocalypses, William Blake (we are after all in Jerusalem) and my upcoming I Accuse essay, in which I have decided to take on the Church of England’s institutional antisemitism. Richard is emeritus professor of medieval history at Boston University, specialising in apocalypticist and millennialist movements. He now lives in Jerusalem, and he chairs the international group “Scholars for Peace in the Middle East”. Like all the best historians (and technical writers come to that), Richard is multilingual. He has researched material that is broadcast and published in the West and the Middle East, and has exposed much fabrication of Israeli war crimes created by a determined and highly-resourced propaganda industry, distributed by freelance journalists to the Western media. Richard has coined the word “Pallywood”, to help us understand this media industry, which is as culturally important to the people of Gaza as Hollywood is to the Western masses.

Richard’s understanding of the history of apocalyptic movements enables him to see, in our times, how dangerous apocalyptic beliefs can be, and that the Islamic Fascism of our times is as much a threat to the West as the Christian Fascism/Nazi Millenarianism that led us into WWII.

Dr Landes met with Rabbi Lord Sacks in 1999, in the hope of persuading the Chief Rabbi that the relative philosemitism that the Jews had been enjoying for a generation was about to come to an abrupt end. Sacks later admitted, in an article for the Jewish Chronicle in 2008, that he hadn’t taken Richard’s prophecies seriously:

“I concluded that Landes had got it wrong. Then came September 29, 2000, the collapse of the Middle East peace process and the birth of a new intifada. Within weeks it became clear that Israel was being blamed. Not the seven years of Oslo, nor the courage of Yitzhak Rabin, nor the unprecedentedly generous offer of Ehud Barak to the Palestinians at Taba counted in its favour. Israel’s efforts to make peace were as if they had never been.

“Then, at the end of August 2001, came the notorious United Nations Conference against Racism at Durban, which turned out to be the launchpad for a new and vicious assault on Israel. Barely a week later came 9/11, the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Centre and the Pentagon. Within days, conspiracy theories appeared, blaming Israel. Either the attack had been carried out by Mossad, or it was in response to American support of Israel. Combined, these phenomena bespoke a new and ominous mood. That was when I began to suspect that Landes had got it right.”

How to heal ourselves – and then the world,
Rabbi Lord Sacks, 3rd October 2008

Richard tells me that he is going to try to get me involved in a workshop for international scholars at Oxford University, whose purpose is to develop a whole new field of study: interdisciplinary studies of contemporary antisemitism. Perhaps this essay will serve as a CV, especially because my academic CV is a blank page!

I maintain that it is not possible for anyone (including the Jews) to truly understand what Israel, antisemitism and the Jews are about without connecting our studies to the study of cosmology, just as the Book of Genesis opens with cosmology and then telescopes into the situation of man, the condition of man, and even the empirical history and geography of man (the very last word of Genesis or Bereshit is בֵּית יָם or Egypt).

Much of the best of our knowledge of cosmology has in any case come out of Jewish and/or Hebraic minds, from Moses to Sir Isaac Newton to Albert Einstein to Rainer Weiss, who won 50% of the 2017 Nobel Prize in Physics for revealing the evidence for gravitation waves: eternal waves that silently rumble across the whole cosmos and were predicted by Einstein a century ago.
We will find the End, or the unveiling (apocalypse) of the end, in the Beginning. This idea is certainly familiar to Christians. And we have now found the Beginning: the gravitation waves and electromagnetic waves – the voice of God – that are the echoes of the singular “Big Bang”. Gravity is the Word.

I was explaining to Richard why I insist that the greatest problems of science and religion and philosophy and politics and ecology... everything are one and the same problem. And none can be properly understood if it is not understood in light of all the others. There is a very obvious reason for this: there is only One “Big Bang”. There is only One True God, whom we know as “God of Israel”, who was Housed, or microcosm-ed, here in Jerusalem. There is only one Knowledge (תִּשְׂכָּח); there is only one Wisdom (חכמה); there is only one Understanding (בינה). I have written a book on this, titled, *Gravity is the Word – The Apocalypse of God in Zion and Everything* that I will publish when the time is right. (I have received an offer of publication from an academic publisher in the USA, but the manuscript needs improvement, and there are other things I must write first.)

**Gravity is the Word.** Non-scientists, including Dr Landes, baulk at the word “gravity”, but in fact this is the word we now use to ‘explain’ why there is not nothing in the cosmos, including the arrow of Time in the cosmos. Without gravity there would be no thing; it forms every thing. Acting as it does, across great distances, nay the whole universe, it forms what would otherwise be “smooth” and lifeless homogeneity into the “lumpy” universe of galaxies, black holes, stars and planets, and the motion, cycles and entrainment of these entities. In other words, Gravity creates.

Or in other words, “gravity”, which is a complete mystery to science (we only know what it does, not what it is) is the word that we moderns use where we should be using “God”, or HaShem, or Lord, or Adonai, or King of the Universe. We moderns have not explained the Creation, we have merely exchanged the greatest mystery of religion – God Almighty, God of Israel – with the greatest mystery of science: “gravity”.

The famous but vastly overrated gravitational physicist and arch-atheist Stephen Hawking thought that because there is gravity, there is no God:

> Because there is a law [sic] such as gravity, the universe can and will create itself from nothing...
> Spontaneous creation [sic] is the reason [sic] there is something rather than nothing, why the universe exists, why we exist... It is not necessary to invoke God to light the blue touch paper and set the universe going.

*The Grand Design*, Stephen Hawking, 2010

The greatest thinker in history on gravity, and the very man who revealed to the world that gravity is a universal phenomenon, acting across the whole cosmos, is Sir Isaac Newton (of, and very much a product of, the Church of England). I have been explaining to Professor Richard Landes that Newton was obsessed with both the Jerusalem Temple and the Apocalypse. Newton spent much, much more time on his Hebraic and Apocalyptic studies and writings than he did on science. And most of that work is now here, in Jerusalem.

Photograph of the notes of Sir Isaac Newton, the man who gave the world its first empirical concept of a single universalising force in all the matter of the cosmos. Newton has struck through the Latin and replaced it with Hebrew: the second (and hushed) verse of *Shema Yisra’el*:

> “Blessed is the Name of His glorious Kingdom for all eternity”.

It is fitting that Newton’s theological work, penned in Cambridge and hidden for almost 300 years, is now in Jerusalem, at the National Library of Israel.
The geometry of the foundation of the Jerusalem Temple resulted from the *Wisdom* (חכמה), *Knowledge* (знание) and *Understanding* (знанії) of God inspired in Man, or gifted to Man (particularly Bezalel, who interpreted Moses’ vision of the Ark and the Tabernacle, whose geometries were replicated, in the Promised Land, in the Jerusalem Temple).

Newton got his universal “laws” (including the inverse-square law) from his years of research of the Temple geometry, in pursuit of what he called “the sacred cubit of the Jews”, because he knew that the Temple was the revealed microcosmos, containing not only the laws and history of the cosmos, but the history of the Jews and their eventual restoration of Israel: cf. “The Mystery of this Restitution of all Things”: *Isaac Newton on the Return of the Jews*, a paper by Dr. Stephen Snobelen, freely available on the Internet at the time of writing. I have exchanged emails with Stephen, a science historian, at his university in Nova Scotia, and I will send him this essay for perusal. (Stephen also heads up the Oxford University-based “Newton Project”, which analyses Newton’s many millions of words of theology and Hebraic studies, much of which only came to light in the 1990s, appropriately in Jerusalem, from a hidden collection that had been acquired by the Jewish polymath and businessman Abraham Yahuda in the 1930s.)

Isaac Newton is the first English Zionist known to history, if not the first Christian Zionist. “Zionist” is an anachronism when applied to Newton of course, as is “scientist”, but Newton seems to be the only influential Zion Restorationist of his time who saw the necessity of the Jews’ return to Israel not as Christian converts but as Jews who would build up Israel as the Light Unto the Nations, after their “captivity of almost 2000 years”. That the Jews had survived their dispersion at all, despite a history of continuous persecution, forced conversion, and frequent deadly attacks, Newton considered to be miraculous and “the work of providence”. It would have been no surprise to Newton that the Jews have turned out to be the best thinkers and scientists in the world. Having said that, Newton would not, I imagine, have approved of the atheistic Jewish Berliner Albert Einstein, who challenged Newton’s proof of God (for Newton, Gravity was the universal Word of God) and Absolute Time.

Alas, the world will come to see that Einstein was wrong on God and Time, where Newton was right on God and Time (this is something I cannot possibly expand on in this essay). But at least Einstein (who had had his property and bank account confiscated by the Nazis whilst he was visiting the USA in 1933, never to return to Berlin) was a Zionist, albeit a reluctant one, and he was a friend of fellow scientist Chaim Weizmann, de facto leader of the world Zionist Organisation. On the death of President Weizmann, Einstein was offered the second presidency of Israel.

Newton, we now know, was wrong on many things that were considered indisputable until the 20th century, but I will prove that he was right (and Einstein wrong) to assert that Gravity is the omnipresence in Creation of God Almighty (uncreated and transcendent). And I will prove that Newton was right to accept, as axiomatic, that Time in the cosmos is Absolute, and that Einstein was wrong to declare it Relative. Einstein pointed out that, due to the speed of light, Time becomes relative in our imagination if we imagine sentient beings cataloguing stars, comets and nebulae from a planet in another region of the Milky Way or galaxy. But this doesn’t mean that the stars are not singing together, just as the conductor of a large orchestra will manage problems created by the speed and bouncing of sound. Above all, Einstein, who was a Mathematical Platonist, was wrong to teach the world to replace faith in God of Israel with the cult of mathematics.

**Common to everything is Time.** Time is, with Gravity, the greatest mystery of cosmology. And Time is the greatest mystery of Judaism (and its derivatives such as Christianity, Islam, Protestantism, Mormonism, Ahmadism, Bahai... etc) and Judaism was and is the only *truly* monotheistic world religion that works with, and only with, the One True God, through Time, to the end of History: the Apocalypse (or “unveiling”) at Zion/Jerusalem. God the Creator, God of Israel on Earth, is a philosemitic/Zionist, obviously. And although antisemitism/anti-Zionism are very complex and multifaceted subjects, they all amount to man’s saying, “NO” to God of Israel, either by...
telling God that He does not exist, or by telling God He got things wrong in choosing the Jews to pilot all nations to their destiny. Every alternative idea of history to its fulfilment in Zion that man dreams up is, obviously, anti-Zionist, and is bound to find itself in conflict with Zion, Israel, and the Jews. In other words, Jew hate is but one form of antisemitism. There are always deeper political, philosophical, theological or scientific motives.

I am a Yorkshireman: some would say a “typical bloody Yorkshireman”. I spent most of my working-class childhood in the pit village of Lofthouse, which made the headlines in 1973 due to a fatal mining disaster. We are known for our directness and tenacity and lack of false modesty. Any emperor with new clothes seeking a “safe space” would be advised not to come to Yorkshire.

In cricket we invented a fast-bowling technique called “the Yorker” which encourages all but the most skilful batsman to forgo his wicket rather than risk broken toes. Barnes Wallis, who invented the “Dambuster” bouncing bombs – to help to awaken the German nation from its antisemitic curse – said he emulated the Yorker.

My father is a Yorkshireman (nominally C of E, but, like most English Anglicans, effectively atheist) and my mother, Philomena Bonaparte, is Roman Catholic whose faith in God is resolute, and who, though small in stature, is more tenacious and redoubtable than any Yorkshireman I have met. We have tried, without success, to trace the origin of the Bonapartes in our family. Whatever, Mum “wears the trousers”: a retired NHS nurse, she keeps fit at the gym, and she helps out at the local church with its food bank. She was born in 1936 in Singapore, where my father was to meet her in his National Service with the RAF in the late 50s. Our ancestors on my mother’s side are Indian, from Pondicherry, French India. Her father (a military officer) was shot by the Japanese, following the cowardly capitulation of British officers, in what Churchill called “the worst disaster and largest capitulation in British history”. She is the eldest sibling of a large family, and following the murder of her father was raised in a Roman Catholic convent (to which my grandfather had left a legacy) where, she tells me, the nuns were sometimes cruel and sadistic. But the Japs were more than cruel and sadistic enough. My mother remembers, as a young girl, seeing human bodies sliced lengthways in half and exposed to the elements, as a constant reminder of how great and powerful the imperial Shintoist Japanese had become, and how futile to resist “the divine wind” of genocidal men caught up in the honour-shame that had consumed a whole nation, the same spirit that, in our times, seems to have encroached on the supra-nation of Islam, or Ummah.

Alas, who in Britain, today, is interested in the Japanese depravity of 70 years ago, when you can complain about the Jews’ defeating seven Arab armies who thought they could resolve the Jewish Question where the Nazis had failed? There is no call for reparations and justice for up to 10 million civilians (Chinese, Korean, Indonesian, Malayan, Singaporean, Indochinese, Filipino…) killed by the chillingly sadistic men (some still living) of imperial Japan between 1937 and 1945, and who imprisoned hundreds of thousands of girls from every colony as sex slaves or “comfort women”.

Who on the British progressive left would want to criticise the genocidal Japs, when they can despise the Jews for defending themselves against the genocidal Arabs?
I was born in Bradford, Yorkshire, in 1961. Although I was a committed and deep-thinking atheist from the age of 10 until 30 (so committed that I studied the French language in order to study the source texts of the French Existentialists), I had a kind of Damascene conversion whilst immersed in nature, experiencing the joy of autumn colours. My committed atheism gave way to equally-committed theism, which gradually led me in to the Church of England, largely because it was convenient and, at the time, was situated by the village cricket club and the pub, both of which I patronised. I have always liked cricket (and beer come to that), and was quite good in my youth: I was a seam bowler and got through the school trials to make it into Leeds District Colts. My first cousin, who had far more talent than I had, became a professional all-rounder for Worcestershire. I played cricket into my 40s, but today I am a cricket spectator: my nephew (sister’s son), former captain and opening bat of England U19s, is a young first-team professional for Middlesex CCC whom I follow around the county grounds of England, including his home ground of Lord’s, the international “Home of Cricket”. At the time of writing (Middlesex v Kent at Canterbury) he has just broken the record highest score for any Middlesex cricketer in the one-day format, taking the record off former Middlesex and England opening batsman Andrew Strauss. It is interesting, isn’t it, that the incumbent President of Pakistan, Imran Khan, was educated at Worcester Grammar School and Oxford University, and is a former cricketer for Worcestershire who became the most successful ever captain of Pakistan. He is (or at least certainly was) a regular visitor to England, taking his two sons to watch cricket at Lord’s. Perhaps one day I will meet him there. He was chancellor of the University of Bradford (my native city) from 2005 to 2014. Let us hope that Imran can do what he got into politics to do: cure Pakistan, and perhaps the wider Muslim world, of dire corruptions and religious intolerance. I recommend Imran Khan’s autobiographical book *Pakistan: A Personal History*. Imran, or “Immy” as he is known in cricket circles, writes about the good and the bad sides of Islam, and how he came to take his own faith in God more seriously after 9/11. He wanted a deeper understanding of what was happening in the world, and why everyone seemed to be slagging off the religion in which he was, nominally at least, an adherent.

There is much loving-kindness in Islam, no better depicted than Imran’s own efforts to create, from nothing, Pakistan’s first cancer hospital, against all the odds, and much scepticism from Western medical professions and cancer scientists. Imran succeeded, despite the fact that the hospital suffered an Islamist terrorist attack on its very opening day. The hospital (there are now two in fact) provides care at a charge for those who can afford it, and no charge for those who cannot afford it. Imran knows there are severe problems in contemporary Islam, and though he is critical of the West, he sees, in the best of England, precisely what he thinks Islam points to: a compassionate society that provides good health care, fair policing/justice, good education, free speech and inquiry, pluralistic tolerance and respect for, and love of, the environment: the Creation. **What tyrannical nation, after all, bothers with beauty, conservation, and national parks?** Imran loves nature. Let us hope that he can persuade his country to see the beauty that he sees. And let us hope he can encourage Pakistan to move from being an accursed antisemitic nation that refuses to recognise that the State of Israel exists to a blessed nation that does.

And let us hope that we can steer Imran Khan himself away from his instinctive Islamic anti-Zionism. Let us hope that Imran can turn his anti-Christian nation from one which persecutes, incarcerates and executes Christians (and the ‘wrong’ kind of Muslims), to a properly and morally-functioning nation: a nation that has the Spirit of Cricket. (The Spirit of Cricket, and the responsibility of the team captains to ensure it is maintained, is enshrined into the preamble to the 42 laws of cricket: https://www.lords.org/mcc/laws/preamble-to-the-laws-spirit-of-cricket) It will not be easy: a generation of Pakistanis has been brainwashed by Islamists, or in the madrasas by fanatical clerics, who are very involved in politics and will resist any form of secular constitution (the world had a recent insight to this in the media surrounding the Christian Asia
Bibi, who was sentenced to death for "blasphemy"). Pakistan is in fact presently forbidden from hosting international cricket, largely due to a terrorist attack in 2009 on the Sri Lankan team, whose bus was fired upon by gunmen (resulting in the injury of six cricketers, and the deaths of civilians and Pakistani policemen). Naturally, the very same unifying spirit of cricket that helps engender the peaceful unity of the whole human race actually offends sectarian and militant organisations offended by any notion of mankind’s coming into unity. It seems that for many of the Pakistani clerics, the cricket bat is haram, but AK47s are not. Throwing cricket balls at the stumps is haram, but throwing stones to execute Christians is not. Pray, Imran Khan can turn things around, and arrest Pakistan’s descent into total Fascism.

Never underestimate the power of cricket and the “spirit of cricket”. It is the second-most popular sport in the world, played by people of all races, religions and classes, and is especially popular in nations such as (predominantly Buddhist) Sri Lanka, (predominantly Hindu) India and several Muslim nations, including, now, Afghanistan. Cricket has a complex set of codes, rules and etiquette accepted and honoured by all who love the game. Perhaps, more than any other sport, cricket changes the character of the mind and soul in the way that religion at its best changes the character of the mind and soul, especially where introduced to chaotic and war-torn regions where young people have never had the chance to live within the kind of codes and rules necessary to form and bind good society. Cricket (and perhaps some other highly codified sports) can do for the modern world much of what organised religion is supposed to do in improving the human character and condition. I am not being at all facetious in saying this.

Cricket is played by people of all races, age, gender, physical ability (including the blind), learning ability, religion, nationality and class. Cricket has the power to heal, as post-genocide Rwanda, a newcomer to cricket, is learning. Cricket was unknown in Rwanda until, following the genocide in 1994, it was introduced by some of the young refugees who had experienced the game in the refugee camps of neighbouring African nations. Often the Rwandan players are children of parents who were killed, or of parents who were doing the killing. The community wounds run deep. Through the charitable support of the MCC, Rwanda now has an international stadium, and the nation can follow the game and aspire to play at all levels of the men’s and women’s game. Pope Francis, on recently forming the first Vatican City national cricket team as a result of being impressed by the deeply ecumenical and international nature of sport, spoke of “Cricket as part of God’s purpose”. I agree. Furthermore, though I cannot speak for God, I prefer cricket to Roman Catholicism.

Since the turn of the millennium, Afghanistan has become a rising power in cricket, qualifying for the 2015 and the 2019 World Cup. These are remarkable feats considering that many of the Afghanistan team learned their cricket in refugee camps outside this long-suffering nation, which has been unstable since the 1920s, when Britain, realising that these great warrior people were too tough to be confronted on the ground, invented the unchivalrous strategy of using the Royal Air Force to bomb civilian populations in the Afghan capital of Kabul and then out to the whole of the Indian “North West Frontier” and other areas it administered as “British India”, and Yemen and Egypt and the Horn of Africa and Iraq. (Yes, I am ex-RAF, and, on the whole, proud of the service and its history, but not all of it.)
Following my conversion experience from atheism, at age 30, I was not particularly intellectually convinced by the Church of England. Besides which, I had been studying French Existentialism, which had got me into the habit of questioning everything. To be an adherent in the C of E is not easy for highly-intelligent people: one is expected to suffer clerical fools gladly, which in my case is not possible. And it took me many years to fully realise that the C of E is institutionally antisemitic. But the C of E was and is culturally and aesthetically familiar and comfortable, and quite attractive in its traditional forms of worship and music. I had in any case been baptised into the C of E as a baby, and during military service I was nominally “C of E”, as we all were by default on our ID card, unless we wore a turban or protested otherwise. C of E Church parades in the RAF were sometimes obligatory, especially on Remembrance Sunday, when we had to put on a marching parade in support of the church in the local town.

Throughout the 1990s, I used to attend, joyfully, my village church (in the village of Grindleton, on the beautiful Western edge of the Bradford diocese) for worship not only every Sunday, but, when possible, on the saint’s days that are recognised in the Anglican liturgical cycle. My marriage – through which we have a wonderful daughter, who now works in project management in the charity sector – came to an end (for which I take the blame), and a new employment opportunity arose in south Cheshire. I attended St Mary’s Church in Sandbach quite regularly for a year or two, but Liverpool, a short train journey away, had its attractions, not least its Anglican cathedral, and so I became a regular visitor to the city.

I’m now a scientist (professionally a “scientific technical writer”) in Manchester, using my experience in various fields of avionics, radar, the computer sciences and the life sciences. In the RAF I worked particularly on stealth radar and electronic countermeasures, which, as I wrote in a previous essay, has given me an appreciation of the precariousness of Israel, which has tens of thousands of rockets pointing at it, mainly supplied by Iran to South Lebanon and Syria. As I wrote on 14th February: “Israel must not abandon the Golan Heights, which offers scarcely enough protection from the various factions of murderous mujahideen and caliphaters now wreaking the destruction of neighbouring Syria. Israel is extremely difficult to defend as it is, and even though the Israeli Air Force is perhaps the world’s best, it could not possibly defend pre-1967 borders [which come within 7 miles of the suburbs of Tel Aviv]; it needs a few extra precious miles and seconds to detect anything coming from the north and the east, and to counter any electronic counter measures”. I am therefore pleased to hear, at the time of writing, that the USA has accepted Israeli sovereignty of the Golan Heights.

I consider myself a lay theologian, and got into the field because I realised I could do a better job than the professionals. I have studied a broader scope of theology (and foreign languages) than any Anglican theologian I have met, and I have engaged with many theologians I have come to know in person and online.

I’m an avid reader and autodidact, and have engaged in several Internet forums in theology and philosophy. Perhaps my profession as a technical writer, in which I cannot take information I am given for granted (writing false information can be a matter of life and death, particularly in my years of writing in military and civil aerospace), has given me a healthy scepticism of experts in all fields: political, theological and scientific. Nevertheless, my faith in God, whose power is without limits (including miracles such as resurrection, including the Resurrection of Jesus), is not sceptical. I accept that God is Lord of History. I was quite shocked when I entered the Church of England to discover that many of our adherents, clergy and laity, have no faith in God, Creator of the universe, but rather believe that “God” is merely a word: a kind of human projection that represents human ideals. And it turns out that this kind of “progressive” Anglican thinker is often the most antisemitic of all, who believes that Jesus debunked the “God of the Old Testament” in
favour of a kind of revolutionary spiritual humanism, and that all the miracles attributed to Jesus, or the central miracles to which Jesus was subject, and all the miracles in the Jewish Bible, are not super-natural events at all, but “metaphors”. Well-known Anglican teachers of this kind of disingenuous “liberal” nonsense (completely at odds with the creeds and oaths they swear to uphold) include the late Marcus Borg and Bishop Spong in the USA and, in the UK, Professor Don Cuppit at Cambridge University and some high-profile Anglican intellectuals of “Modern Church”.

All of us who write theology (including atheists) write from some theological presuppositions. Although I am a scientist, my faith in God is not challenged by my professional immersion in the “scientific method” – i.e. repeated observation and statistical data. God – or that which nothing greater can be meant – the Creator of everything including our capacity to observe and know and measure, cannot be subject to repeatable evidence and statistics (any such thing would be a lesser god, an idol).

Science today is so specialised that few scientists know much beyond their specialisation, hence the need for us technical communicators to help scientists communicate across disciplines. This was especially the case in my recent experience, from 2012 to 2015, employed in the life sciences as a “scientific technical writer” (for a Boston-headquartered Anglo-American science corporation called “Waters”, with its UK base in Wilmslow, Cheshire). My technical career up to 2012 had been in electronics, avionics and the computer sciences, therefore I was surprised when my agent phoned, wanting to put me forward for a writing contract in a life sciences company. I pointed out that I had no experience or formal education in the life sciences; nevertheless I got through the interviews and was offered the contract, following which I did a private crash course in mass spectrometry and systems biology (or at least the parts of this huge field of science that were most relevant). And I soon came to see the relevance of my background in the computer sciences (between my writing career, I spent about 15 years as an IBM-certified developer). Biology, or “systems biology”, has in our times become a computer science in its own right, called “bioinformatics”.

With the advent of social media, an American manager of an international forum called “Theology for Today”, with tens of thousands of members, approached me to help manage the forum along with a handful of other moderators. Similarly, I became a moderator, through nomination and democratic election, for a forum called “Anglican Communion” on LinkedIn with over 8000 members. The other moderators are clergy and theologians, but I resigned the role after several years on account of blatant antisemitism in the forum, including amongst the clerical moderators themselves. Contributors to the forum were Anglican clergy, scholars and laity from around the world, but mainly the UK and the USA. The discussions were not always edifying, apart from the fact that it is always useful to learn what people think, and why, and how they came to their convictions.

I have dialogued with a lot of theologians online and face to face (Christian, Jewish and Muslim). Being born and bred in West Yorkshire (Bradford and Leeds) where Church, Synagogue and Mosque all make up the religious landscape, for a time I took an immense interest in Islam, and came to love its intellectual and spiritual depths. Indeed, what we call “intellect” is the mind of God in some longstanding traditions of Islam. And it is this pursuit of the universal mind that resulted in the madrasa, which was wholly the basis for the first Western universities and Western science. In the mid-90s, during a very difficult patch on my spiritual and intellectual journey, I became a close friend of the late Professor Syed Hasan Askari, a Twelver Shi’ite, pictured right and who, though he chose not to self-identify as a Sufi, revered their wisdom.
and approach. He made me pray more often. We would often pray together at his home in Bradford (where he had chosen to retire): the Lord’s Prayer in English and then the Fatiha in Arabic, and then the Lord’s Prayer in English, and then the Fatiha in Arabic... for up to half an hour. I suppose it was a kind of “spiritual exercise”. Hasan, who died in 2008, loved the Lord’s Prayer, and all the parables in the Gospel of Matthew in fact. He encouraged his fellow Muslims to revere the Lord’s Prayer. Although Muslims do not attribute gender (such as “Father”) to God, Hasan believed that this prayer, taught by the young Jewish man Jesus of Nazareth, is universally valuable and unique. Hasan was described by the late Bishop Kenneth Cragg, Anglican bishop of Egypt, as one of the eight important Muslim voices on inter-faith dialogue in the 20th century (cf. The Pen and The Faith - Eight modern Muslim writers and the Qur’an, Kenneth Cragg).

But I later came to realise that Islam is, like Christianity, institutionally antisemitic (by any sensible definition of the word), and few Muslims want to accept this, just as few Christians want to accept this. But the world must learn to accept this. I believe that the correct understanding of Zion, including by the world’s Jews (many of whom, in the USA for instance, where almost half the world’s Jews live, have no interest in, or have a poor understanding of, Israel) is the key to everything: “the Key of David” (of both Jewish and Christian apocalyptic scripture).

Zion is key to the process of winning peace, including between Christianity and Islam. In fact, as I have written elsewhere, Zion is the key to our wholeness (holiness) of knowledge of everything, including the mystery of gravity: the reason that there is not nothing in the universe.

Few scholars of antisemitism in our times see science and cosmology as relevant. But our ideas on ultimate things always, and everywhere, affect our ideas on all things, including politics. Philosophy is the engine, and politics merely the afterburner. And science can be used to corrupt everything. Think of the Marxist-Leninist “scientific atheism” applied in the Socialist Bloc.

Once billions of Christians forgo their Christian supersessionist pride and billions of Muslims forgo their Islamic supersessionist pride, and atheistic scientists forgo their supersessionist vision of “science”, and progressive liberals come to see their humanist utopia is a dangerous delusion, then we have moved out of the way of God, as He pilots the world to its destiny as He always promised He would: through the People Israel. Only then, I believe, will all nations (including the State of Israel), from Chile to China, begin to lose their corruptions, their violence and their materialistic ambitions that are now consuming Earth to destruction, and polluting land, air and sea. These are not novel and spurious ideas. They began with Abraham, were revealed by the prophets, and led to creation of Christianity and Islam, Abrahamic faiths that boast adherents amounting to half the population of the world. The problem is that the Church started to teach that it is new Israel, the new Chosen People, then the Greek Church competed with the Latin Church for supersession status (and generally still does), then Islam claimed to supersede both Judaism and Christianity, and then the Sunnis claimed to supersede the Shi’ites (and still do), then the Protestants came to think they superseded everything (and still do), only to split into tens of thousands of competing denominations. In England, the Church in England became the Church of England, as King Henry VIII accepted the Roman Catholics’ episcopalian continuity to the Apostles, but now Henry was true “Defender of the Faith” (a title that, ironically, had been granted to him by the Pope for Henry’s written attack on the theology of Martin Luther). Henry VIII became the “supreme head of the Church”, replacing the Pope, and acquiring all the English cathedrals and church property. With the advent of the British Empire, the Church of England became the “Anglican Church”, and was exported globally, including to the Holy Land.
Zionism –
Drawing all centres to One Centre and One God without Image

Thus saith the Lord GOD: This is Jerusalem! I have set her in the midst of the nations, and countries are round about her. Ezekiel 5:5

“But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God’s throne: Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King.”
Jesus’ vows following his Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5)

“Nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There!’ for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.”
Jesus according to Luke: 17:21

The Church is destined to be Zionist: centred on Zion. There is only one centre. There is only one Chosen People, whose purpose in God’s plan is to build up and illuminate the centre.

In this Chapter of the essay we will look at how, perhaps inevitably, the Church turned away from the Centre, as it assimilated many centres, many cities, with cherished idols and graven images.

There is scarcely a Jewish prophet (including Jesus) who did not warn that, until God makes His omnipotence known to the world, we would end up worshipping things less than God. The prophet Isaiah, Jesus’ favourite prophet by far if we are to believe the Gospels, warned that we would, literally, pollute and desertify the planet, until, at last God recovers and saves all things, and all souls worth saving, and centres all things from Mount Zion.

“And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD’S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.” Isaiah 2

If you’ll excuse the bald anachronism: God Almighty is an eternal “Zionist”. Jesus certainly thought so. Frequently referring to himself with the Hebrew title “Son of Man”, Jesus claimed (according the Gospels) to be the fulfilment of Isaiah’s messianic prophecies, and warned in his Sermon on the Mount not to swear by Jerusalem: “the city of the great King”. Jesus was surely echoing Psalm 48, or Ezekiel 5:5, especially because Ezekiel, like Jesus, was focussed on the Jerusalem Temple and the end of days, and Ezekiel is referred to as “Son of Man” almost a hundred times in his eponymous scroll.

Antisemitism/anti-Zionism is, and always has been, the world’s inevitable “NO” to God: inevitable because we are a semi-conscious species of ancient great ape with partial knowledge, called to self-consciously change our great-ape nature and become fully human and fully conscious “image of God” possessing a wholeness of knowledge. The journey is hard, and there are many, many paths of less resistance (with wide gates for the herd, as in the metaphor taught by Jesus).

Where Jesus frequently says “repent” in English-language Gospels, he is echoing what the Jewish prophets had said before him: shuv, which means to return, to turn back, to God. In our original Greek Gospels the word is metanoia, which has generally been poorly translated into our English Bibles as “repent”, but, like shuv, actually means “change your mind”, or “change direction”. The
Greek word comes from Aristotelian ethics of drama, in which the protagonist would change his mind, and thereafter live a virtuous life. The Jewish world in which Jesus lived had of course been Hellenised, and the studious Jesus was surely familiar with Greek drama and rhetoric, including the Greek word for actor: hypokrites.

Antisemitism/anti-Zionism is, and always has been, the world's inevitable “NO” to the Centre, in favour of another centre, or another city, religious or irreligious, be it, in Christendom, the Holy Roman Empire, Rome, the Socialists' Moscow, the Nazis’ Berlin... or be it, in the Islamic world, the various Caliphaters' ideas of world domination, such as the Muslim Brotherhood and all the other competing ideas for a single world-dominating Islamic nation or Ummah.

Humanism, and the commitment to “democracy” that has no goal but itself, is also a rejection of the centre, a rejection of God, and God's will for, and power over, the destiny of man, in this life and eternal life.

Democracy (as an ideological goal for itself) could prove to be the hardest nut to crack because it has become a kind of faith in subjectivism for the West, which is generally accepted by the Western Church. But democracy, like the Church and Islam, is a general rejection God's plan to pilot the world through Israel and the People Israel. Democracy (as an ideological goal for itself) puts man, not God, at the centre of everything, because “holiness” becomes a matter of “liberated” personal opinion: take it or leave it, and human nature is to leave it, for apparently easier paths. The people are not going to vote to accept there is, on Earth, a holy geography, a centring of all nations. Where centring is done through a democratic forum, such as the United Nations, the Jewish nation of Israel has one vote, compared to the hundreds of votes of Christian and Muslim nations, and secular nations. No organisation is more obsessively anti-Zionist than the United Nations. As we have discussed, the very name “Israel” means that “God rules”. “Israel” is a big banner, a big ensign, in the centre of the world, telling the world that God, not the UN, is the Lord of History.

Antisemitism/anti-Zionism is a blasphemous rejection of invisible God. It is also a rejection of that which is truly Holy in the Church, including the Holy Language, the hallowed Name, and the ten letters of the Decalogue (which are of course Hebrew letters) and the Shema Yisra'el, which, according to the Gospel of Mark is the most important commandment, but the very commandment the Church ignores (I'll say more on this in Chapter 33).

Alas, none of this has surprised God, and perhaps there was an inevitability to it all, an inevitability to Christians' dilution and pollution of the Holy, including the Holy Tongue and the Name. Although Christianity started the process of monotheising the world, it did so not in Hebrew but in Greek. And it was surely providential that the world had a common language in order to spread the Word. There can be little doubt that had Alexander the Great not imposed the Greek language and culture on the then-known world, the Apostles including Paul could not have begun the process of Judaizing, or monotheising, the world.

The Romans were not as culturally ideological as the Greeks, and accepted Greek as the lingua franca, and accepted the Greek deities. But the Roman Empire too, despite all its sadistic evils, and its cruel persecution of the Jews and the early Church, provided the necessary routes of communication for the evangelisers to spread west. The Roman Empire was the shell into which the Church could grow, and make known God of Israel.

Without a common language, Zionism – the project of centring of the world, not just the Jews, on Zion, where the “church” was formed at the first festival of Shavuot after Jesus' death and Resurrection – would have been still born.
Paul and the Apostles were all Jews of course, and they continued to worship in the Jerusalem Temple, where God has centred His presence on Earth. But visible signs of God’s presence (such as tongues of flame) had long ceased. In any case, ever since the Babylonians had sacked the First Temple, Zion was denuded of the holy items, not least the Ark of Covenant. But the Temple, despite its losses – including its spiritual power to anoint – and its corruptions under the Herodian dynasty, was still the House of God for all nations, as Jesus himself called it.

According to the Book of Acts, a miracle happened at Shavuot (or Pentecost): on Mount Zion, to get the Church on its way. God’s spirit descended, in many world languages, with visible signs of God’s presence, as they had been known to the Jews of the First Temple: sounds of rushing wind and tongues of fire. According to Christian theology (including of Paul), mankind, in mind, body and spirit, was to become the very Temple, or its “living stones” according to Peter. Nevertheless, the geography, Zion, Jerusalem, remains central. Just as Zion is where the Church (or churches) began, it is where the Church will end, and be tested and judged. It is where all things will come, or arrive (Parousia) at the end of the Aion. Jerusalem is the site of the Day of Judgement (for all three Abrahamic faiths). Traditionally, both Christianity and Islam believe that Jesus is the Messiah for the world, and will descend on Jerusalem (according to Christians), presumably in some humanoid form, and lead a great “last battle” to ensure the victory of “the Church” and the reign of the Messiah: the millennium of Peace. Muslims believe that Jesus, in his Second Coming, will land somewhere in Syria, to lead a great “last battle” to ensure the victory of “Islam” (even though Islam today, especially in the Arab world, is locked into its own internecine and sectarian conflicts, not least in Syria).

The Church started not with the Holy Tongue, but necessarily with the common tongue. Today it would have been English. 2000 years ago it was Greek, which was by now the lingua franca even for the cosmopolitan Jews. The Hebrew Bible had been translated into Greek (called the Septuagint, because it was the work of 70 Jewish scholars), and this became the Bible of the Church which, of course, started to write texts in Greek, in the form of epistles and the “gospel” genre, and a catechism for the Gentiles called the Didache. Several centuries later, some of these epistles and gospels were collected together and “canonised”, and added to a book form of the scrolls of the Jewish Bible, which was re-ordered to suit the Christian narrative. The rest of the many gospels and letters, and the Didache, were rejected and either destroyed or hidden (perhaps by monks who

4 My own theology on matters eschatological cannot be covered in this essay. I have written a book, and have received an offer of publication, but have decided to work the book further. Suffice to say here that I think the “Second Coming”, or Parousia in the original Greek (better translated as “arrival”) is mankind’s arriving to the fullness of knowledge of God: it is our becoming whole (holy): “a royal priesthood”, because we are all potentially “image of God”. We will become fully human, just as Jesus was fully human. This is surely why we Christians call ourselves “the Body of Christ” on Earth.

The fullness of Truth will be revealed, is being revealed, science being an important part of the process. The literal meaning of the Greek “apocalypse” is simply unveiling: unveiling of the whole truth. We will understand things holistically. Nations will be healed. The pollutions of all things, including the planet, will be healed. And I think we ourselves will do it: the “divine economy”, rather than, at present, global faith in “the economy” (or what Jesus called “Mammon”). Importantly, we will know (gnosis) God, rather than believe, as surely as “the waters cover the sea”. And this in itself will surely change everything, including ourselves, in wonderful ways that, as yet, surpass our understanding. I often use the analogy of a large symphony orchestra, tuning in and warming up before the performance: through the cacophony we hear little snippets of what is about to come after the conductor appears. The very last psalm, Psalm 150, an eschatological psalm, uses a similar analogy. The psalm describes the time at which Earth is to be filled with music, in which even the creatures join in the song. It is really the musical direction for the Temple orchestra, which builds up into a choral climax for the world, or as we read in the very last lines of our very last Psalm: “Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Hallelujah.” Ps 150:6
refused the order to destroy them) only for some of them to be unearthed in the 19th and 20th centuries.

As we have noted, the monotheising, or Judaising, of the Greco-Roman world had to convince the Greeks and Romans who had many gods and cults, and the Barbarians more still, including human sacrifice. Some Jews themselves had become concerned about the encroachment of Greek cults and beliefs on their monotheism dedicated to the One True God, hence the revolt of the Maccabees.

Looking back, it was never going to possible for the Pagans to suddenly drop everything they cherished, and switch to the alien religion of the Jews, especially because in Judaism nothing is more Holy than the Hebrew language, centred on the unutterable Name.

And so the new religion, Christianity, for the Gentiles/Pagans, deprived of the Holy Language centred on the Holy Name, understandably needed to put ‘holy’ things in place. The Church leaders made no secret of their need to do this, hence the expression, “When in Rome, do as the Romans do”, attributed to Bishop Ambrose, Doctor of the Church. The people needed to somehow map their polytheistic cults to the One True God, to make monotheism a bit less monotheistic and a bit more familiar. Indeed, just imagine even today, when the world is much less superstitious, that the Pope were to order that all Roman Catholic churches remove their statues, grave images, mummies, relics, and plastic dolls: there would be mass confusion, upset and perhaps riots even by the clergy, and this is for a Church that has been preaching “monotheism” for thousands of years.

Christianity was the inevitable result of mapping of true monotheism to Pagan polytheism, including its cultish devotion to virgins and their relics and statues. For instance, in the city of Alexandria, the patron god was Aion, the God of Time and the Zodiac.

Aion had been born to Kore the Virgin, and this birth was celebrated annually on January 6th. As the bishop Epiphanius wrote: “On this day and at this hour the Virgin gave birth to Aion”. 6th January, the birth of Aion/Time, became for the Church, Epiphany, which for the first centuries of the Church, before it celebrated the nativity of Jesus, was the major annual festival. “Christmas day”, on 25th December as the days noticeably lengthened after the winter solstice, came much later, to bring Christianity into line with the Sun worship of Emperor Constantine. Similarly, the Church detached itself from the Sabbath, the last day of the week, and we became the Sun-day people, but keeping Jewish festivals such as Pesach (Passover), Pascha, and Pentecost, or “the week of weeks”, 50 days later.

In the city of Athens, the patron goddess, the Lady of Athens, was Athena (see left). Fast forward to Roman Catholicism today, and we have much the same thing: “Our Lady” of this or that city, sometimes located in a cathedral, such as Notre Dame of Paris.

I went on a trip to Lucca in Italy a few years ago (on a sketching trip with some French artist friends), in the last week of April, which happens to be a special week for Lucca: 27th April is the birthday of its patron saint: a medieval girl called Zita. The faithful were queuing up to venerate a
mummified body of Zita. And in Lucca Cathedral, there was a long queue of people waiting their turn to bow and pray to a venerated wooden relic, a wooden carving of a man being crucified known as the Holy Face of Lucca. This is monotheism, Jim, but not as we know it, and not as Jesus, the Apostles and other Jews knew it. Roman Catholicism is really a cross between the monotheism of Jesus and the polytheism of the Pagans, with a lot emphasis on Jesus’ hell-fire preaching (which, incidentally, was especially targeted at those who would harm and corrupt children).

And things are not so different in the Church of England. A few months ago I was in the congregation of a packed Ely Cathedral for the Christmas Eve carol service. The mixed Anglican choir and organist were wonderful, doing full justice to a great selection of classical music, but I felt uncomfortable as the bishop walked up the nave to approach a crib scene, where he then asked God to “bless and hallow” a few plastic dolls.

Our bishops claim (“episcopalian”) continuity back to the Apostles and their power to anoint. But I cannot imagine Saint Peter and the Apostles walking up to the front of their synagogues saying, “Hallowed be this plastic doll of the baby Jesus in a trough”. All this is in fact Pagan legacy rather than Jewish legacy. It is a legacy of the Pagan world in which every town and city apart from Jerusalem had its cults and its gods and its statues. Every society venerated statues of gods and men, and even the cross had been a cultish symbol, including in Egypt, long before Church started to use it several generations after Jesus (in the 2nd century at the earliest).

These were all things that the Pagans brought into the Church. I have suggested that assimilation of Paganism was necessary to make the Church accepted as it spread. But I suggest that now is the time to grow up, and, rather than face such things as the Face of Lucca, face Zion, and the invisible Face of God. It is surely time to realise that the observant Jews have got things right, in pointing not to mummified saints or the Sun, but pointing to Jerusalem, and hallowing the Name.

Only when Christians understand what Jews have will they begin to understand what Christians have. After 2000 years of Jew hate, it is time to love the Jews as God’s Chosen People. As Rabbi Lord Jesus said, according to the Gospel of John: “salvation is of the Jews”. And “salvation” is not, as the Latin half of the Church came to emphasise, primarily about engendering the fear of Hell, but about making Earth, and man on Earth, whole, as is in Heaven, in which man can walk as the gardener with God, naming the birds and the trees and the animals.

This is what the LORD Almighty says: “In those days ten people from all languages and nations will take firm hold of one Jew by the hem of his robe and say, ‘Let us go with you, because we have heard that God is with you’.” Zechariah

It is time to take on scientific atheism too, and this is what I do in my book Gravity is the Word. Just as, in pre-Christian and early Christian times, the people raged against the “jealous” God of Israel who would usurp all other gods, including gods of cities a long way from Israel, today English pop scientists such Richard Dawkins and Stephen Hawking rage against “God of the Old Testament” and tell us that “religion poisons everything” and claim that Creation needed no Creator “because there is the law of gravity”. These public utterances are hardly edifying, but they affect attitudes to Israel and Jews, obviously, and are just as damaging as the idolatry in the Roman Catholic Church and the Church of England.
27. Language is Everything, and it is centred on Jerusalem

Today, with our evolving knowledge and power and our ability to measure and ‘see’ what we now think is the whole cosmos, it is not easy to speak about God whom we cannot see. Most non-scientist monotheists feel intimidated by determined scientific atheism and are unable to provide a cogent response. None of this has surprised God. What we now call “science” has not surprised God. Human knowledge, wisdom and intellect have not surprised the Knowledge, Wisdom and Intellect in which we are imaged.

The language we use about space, time, cosmos, universal gravitation, life, the life sciences... and the very language we use about language affect what we say and think about “Israel” and “God of Israel”, and the Holy Language, whose most Holy Name was uttered only in Holy of Holies of the most Holy Temple of the most Holy City of the most Holy Nation by the most Holy priest of the most Holy tribe (Levi) at the most holy moment of the most holy day (of atonement)... as all vows are renewed.

If the Church in the West worships plastic dolls and mumified medieval girls, and the secularised post-Modern West starts to agree that nothing is holy, or that the very notion of holiness is a fraud – a banner around which the powerful always have and still do create power structures – then attitudes to Israel and the Jews are affected, obviously. Also, unless the Church ceases to sanctify and worship plastic dolls and mummies then we rightly to deserve to lose the battle with science for intellectual authority.

The Church, now, must return to its Jewish source, as the Pharisee Saint Paul always said it would. Christians must not think too highly of themselves (Christian maximalism or supersessionism in other words), because our root is the Chosen People, with whom God’s covenants are eternal – and Christians have no right to declare them broken. It is time for our bishops to stop mincing around in frocks obsessing about Gay Pride and Transgenderism and Foucauldian philosophy. It is time for them to man up: to gird up the loins, or at least put on their big-boy pants, and face Jerusalem.

Atheism can also be a form of supersessionism, just as damaging as the Christians’ saying: yes, the Jews were once chosen by God to pilot the history of the world, but now they are un-chosen and we [enter your Christian denomination here] are the chosen. Atheism can be just as antisemitic as the the Muslims’ saying that Jews and Christians are now un-chosen and we [enter your Islamic sect here] are the chosen. Socialists and other kinds of “progressive” humanist also have their supersessionist ideas about Israel and the Jews. Sure, contemporary revivalist Socialists tell us, the Jews (or “Jewish people”) have equal rights to their religious culture, but the goal of history is not universal knowledge of God of Israel and the will of God of Israel and the justice of God of Israel. The goal has nothing to do with Israel. The goal of history, the justice of history (to which Karl Marx ascribed some kind of metaphysics derived from GWF Hegel’s Christian apocalyptic metaphysics), is punishment of the Capitalists and rule of the transnational commonwealth by the Proletariat, headed up by a man – “first among equals” – and his committee. And so long as the “Jewish people” accept this, we, the Socialists, will accept the Jewish people. So long as the Jews give up on Zion (give up on the beating heart of Judaism in other words), we, the Socialists, will accept these Jews as “good Jews”.

Antisemitism/anti-Zionism, then, is not simply another “form of racism”. Anyone who says that, “I oppose antisemitism and all forms of racism” is either clueless about antisemitism or is being disingenuous. The antisemites I know in the Church of England are not racists. In fact activism against the State of Israel is often seen as anti-racism and even pro Jewish, because as Karl Marx
famously said (in his antisemitic tract *On the Jewish Question*) "the emancipation of the Jews is the emancipation of mankind from Judaism".

Christian antisemites, including in the Church of England, invariably tell us (and perhaps think) they are not antisemites but anti-Zionists. But to promote, and desire, the extinction of Israel, the world's only Jewish state, on a mere 0.01% of the world's landmass where half the world's Jews now live, is antisemitism. In any case, the political case for Zionism was won, in Britain, over a century ago. Since then, over a hundred new nations have been formed, due to the collapse of empires and the rise and fall of Communism. Today there are many hundreds of independence movements in the world, with activist separatist, autonomist, secessionist, and irredentist groups (including in the United Kingdom). One only has to work through the alphabet of nations and peoples, from Afghanistan and the Pashtun, to Zimbabwe and the Matabele to see separatism and irredentism, all with a history of violence. But supporting Palestinian-terrorist irredentism – anti-Zionism in other words – is popular because it is the acceptable face of antisemitism in our times, just as every other age has had its acceptable face of antisemitism, and reasons for oppression, scapegoating, ghettoisation, forced-conversion, and killing, of Jews.

28. Arab Islamic Supersessionism

We have already discussed some Arab and Islamic antisemitism. We will need to look a bit further and deeper before returning to the Church of England, to see how the Church, when not explicitly antisemitic, is nevertheless duped by, and complicit with, Arab antisemitism. We need to see how Islamists target the West's soft underbelly: its liberalism and its propensity for antisemitism/anti-Zionism.

Islamic antisemitism is somewhat easier to understand than Christian antisemitism, because in the Muslim world antisemites/anti-Zionists are more honest and open about their antisemitism, especially when communicating to each other (some of them are PR savvy when communicating with the West), just as Germans were open about their antisemitism after the German journalist Wilhelm Marr in 1880 formed the "League of Antisemites", or *Antisemiten-Liga*.

The elder statesman of the Islamic nations, the antisemite Mahathir bin Mohamad, the Prime Minister of Malaysia, who recently came to Oxford University on invitation of the Oxford Union, tells us "I am glad to be labelled antisemitic". If only Jeremy Corbyn were so straightforward and honest, life would be so much easier. Similarly, Muslims organisations and nations surrounding Israel *honestly admit* in their constitutions that their goals are to destroy Israel and murder all Jews. This includes the Muslim Brotherhood, Hamas, Muslim American Society, Palestinian Authority, Hezbollah, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), and many smaller factions. Fatah tells the world it wants a two-state solution, but tells its own people exactly what Hamas tells its own people. In fact every Arab (and Persian) nation is explicitly constitutionally antisemitic.

Outside of the State of Israel – the only nation in the Middle East and North Africa where Arab Muslims live peacefully with Jews, Christians, agnostics and atheists – it is easy for Arab leaders to convince whole nations to demonise the Jew, and this is what they do. Since the Arab nations expelled or killed all their Jews in the 20th century, most Arabs have never met a Jew, making it easier for the Arab regimes to indoctrinate young people into believing that the Jews have an unchangeable and inherently evil nature. Drawing from the Quran, (*Suras 2:65, 5:60, and 7:166*), the Arab educators convince their children that Allah made Jews into apes and pigs, and the
descendants of these apes and pigs are, by their very presence, now defiling Jerusalem and humiliating the whole of Islam (refer the quotes in Chapter 4).

Propagandist demonisation of an entire people that the audience has never met is a long-practiced preliminary strategy for total war and genocide, which goes back thousands of years. Even in the early 20th century, in Germany, the most advanced nation in the world, the German leadership demonised the Belgians, invariably through popular culture and comedy. Officers and men who had perhaps never left their town or village had been fed on a diet of cheap and sensationalist novels and myths about the semi-human and barbaric Belgian. The result was the "Rape of Belgium", the most sadistic and devastating war crime against civilians in the European theatre of WWI (surpassed only in its enormity in the Near East by the Turkish/Ottoman genocides of Armenians, Assyrians and Pontic Greeks).

Just as the Rape of Belgium was infamously supported by the Manifesto of 93 Intellectuals, we would be wrong to think of the Arab leadership today as more stupid than the German leadership and German theologians. Evil and deranged yes, but not stupid. The Germans became even worse in the Second World War of course. And yet perhaps the modern history of Germany offers a glimpse of hope. The Germans re-educated themselves, and most Germans emerged from the antisemitic curse to become a generally good and thriving nation. And so perhaps the Arab world, and the wider Muslim world, will find the intellectual capacity to re-educate itself, and stop brainwashing and destroying the innocence and happiness of their children. Arab antisemitism today is, after all, largely an aftershock of Nazi antisemitism. As we have noted, from 1940, it was literally transmitted from Berlin, on new-technology short-wave radio, to the whole Arab world, often with the Hadithic incitement to murder all Jews hiding behind trees. Hitler’s philosophy (minus the bits where Hitler wrote that Arabs are “half apes”) was used to reinforce the Hadith and was propagated by the wartime de facto leader of the Arab world, Amin al-Husseini, Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, whom the Nazis hosted in Germany.

Today, whereas most of Continental Europe has dropped its conviction of the Final Solution: a Judenrein millennium third Holy Empire (or Reich), the Arab world remains under Hitler's curse. The Arab world (to where some of the top Nazis fled and joined the Arab uprising as Germany started to lose the War in Europe) never gave up on Hitler, and the Nazi’s (modified) Arabic translation of Mein Kampf is now more popular than ever. Until, or unless, the nations of the Muslim world ban Mein Kampf, and the Muslim clerics educate the many millions of Muslims who now own a copy of Mein Kampf that it is pure evil and a blasphemy against Allah, then we must never appease any Muslim nation or take any Muslim nation seriously when it says it wants to negotiate peace with Israel. Never!

“Our fundamental condition for cooperating with Germany was a free hand to eradicate every last Jew from Palestine and the Arab world. I asked Hitler for an explicit undertaking to allow us to solve the Jewish problem in a manner befitting our national and racial aspirations and according to the scientific methods innovated by Germany in the handling of its Jews. The answer I got was: ‘The Jews are yours’.”

From the Memoirs of Amin al-Husseini, Grand Mufti of Jerusalem and de facto leader of the Arabs

Of course, even if the Arab world does begin the moral and spiritual task of re-educating itself, and turning back to God, it is going to take time. In the meantime, our duty, in the West, is to support and protect Israel from the Arabs, the Persians, the Turks and the greater Muslim world. And in order to encourage the nations of MENA to re-educate themselves, we must stop our liberal indulgence of these nations. We must criticise harshly, and point out evil where it exists. The
Bishop of Truro’s report on MENA mentioned earlier, talks of “genocide” levels of persecutions of Christians by the Muslim nations. Think about this: genocide levels of persecution.

Fearing Islam, if you are a Christian in Saudi Arabia or Pakistan, is not “Islamophobia”. And calling out Saudi, Pakistan, Qatar, Egypt, Turkey, Syria, Palestinian Authority, Lebanon... the contemporary Muslim world in other words, is not Islamophobia, it is anti-Fascism. A phobia is an irrational fear. Today, fear of Islam is rational, because something has gone very wrong with the spirit of Islam, just as it went very wrong with the spirit of Christendom in the 20th century. I am not exaggerating. Exaggeration is impossible when we know that the level of persecution in the nations of MENA is near enough genocide.

29. “Liberal Cognitive Egocentrism”

As I have said, the Arab regimes are not stupid. What the Arab and Persian broadcasters transmit internally is not what they transmit to us gullible liberals the West. Furthermore, the Arab world neglects to tell us that it hates liberalism, which it sees as the satanic last throes before the world arrives at its eschatological destiny and submits to Islam. This is surely why, in the wider Ummah, the Sultan of Brunei (at the time of writing) suddenly wants to start stoning male homosexuals to death, and to cane female homosexuals followed by 10 years incarceration, and to amputate thieves. Oil-rich Brunei has enjoyed the highlife; it seems that the Sultan is thinking that, come Judgement Day, he wants to be the head of an Islamic nation, not a liberal one, to get his rewards in paradise. Dickhead.

Arab propaganda is designed to play on Western liberalism, including the liberal phobia of being labelled “Islamophobic”. It appeals to, and plays on, our beliefs in Western liberal values, such as democracy, homosexuals’ rights, women’s rights, freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, freedom of religion, freedom of press... and all the very things that the regimes do not want and continue to oppress. Somehow, we are expected to believe, the State of Israel is blocking all the Arab liberal aspirations east of the Green Line and west of the River Jordan and the Golan Heights, and west of Syria. And yet nearly 4000 Palestinian Arabs have been killed (and many women imprisoned and raped) in Syria’s extant internecine war, which is more Palestinians than were killed in the Israeli response to the Second Intifada of 2000 to 2005 if we discount the hundreds of Palestinians killed by Palestinians in that conflict. But “Palestinian solidarity” groups in the West, be they in the Church of England or the British Labour Party, show no interest in Palestinians killed by Syria and Jordan, because “Palestinian solidarity” is really about hatred of Jews rather than love of Palestinians, or Arabs, or Muslims, or Islam.

The best analysis of liberal West’s inability to properly criticise contemporary Islam, and the Arab-Israeli conflict, and contemporary Islamic hatred of Jews and Israel, is the recent work of Dr Richard Landes, whom I introduced in the “About Me” Chapter. A multilingualist, he has researched material broadcast in the West and the Middle East, and has exposed much fabrication of murders and crimes through a determined and highly-resourced propaganda industry that Richard has termed “Pallywood”. Working with psychologists, sociologists and other scholars in his cross-disciplinary analysis, Richard has come to see that we in the West, including our churches, are suffering from what he calls “Liberal Cognitive Egocentrism”. We so value (rightly) the freedoms we enjoy in multi-cultural nations such as the UK that, through egocentric projection, we come to think that all people surely want multicultural liberalism/pluralism, whereas in fact this is precisely what large parts of the world, including the Arab world, are determined to avoid at all costs. Of course, many Arabs themselves do want these things, hence the Arab Spring, but the
Arab Spring was soon high-jacked by the Muslim Brotherhood/Islamists and resulted, like revolutions always do, with regimes that are even worse than the ones they replaced.

We in the West seem to think that, yes, there are tyrannical leaders, and religious extremists, but surely all people are like us, and value what we value. Surely, peoples are not collectively evil. Surely, peoples are never collectively evil? Surely the mainstream is always pluralist? Surely, religious extremism never becomes the religious mainstream. To suggest otherwise is “Islamophobia” or “racism” or “xenophobia” and forgets that we are all human. But this is the problem. We are all human. Human being is the only creature capable of evil. The human is the only creature that can become sadistic and evil, individually and collectively.

Even a cursory study of history shows us that whole nations (including Christian nations such as Germany and Spain and Russia and the nations of South America) can quickly become tyrannies, in which the majority take the “extreme” and evil position, and only a few people, standing for good and truth, oppose it, at great risk to their life. Consider Communism for instance. It consumed half the world within living memory. It took on a kind of spirit, just as Nazism took on a kind of spirit, a spirit other than God, which curses its people for 3 or 4 generations before the people come to see what it was that consumed them. Once these tyrannies form, the people who want liberal reform are a free-thinking minority, who are unlikely to survive very long, and are likely to be reported by their neighbours, or even members of their family, to authorities.

The West’s indulging the Arab claims to want Western liberalism, whereas they really want Islamic supersession, is merely perpetuating the curse, for all of us, but it especially harms the Arabs, and the wider Muslim world, even if they have been indoctrinated into thinking it doesn’t.

Whereas Western Christianity has accepted it can, and should, be tempered by Western secular, liberal and democratic values (for instance we accept that the Church of England should be accountable to social workers and the Police concerned with sexual abuse of children), we are simply wrong to assume that therefore Middle-Eastern Islam can be tempered by the same secular, liberal and democratic values. We are simply wrong to assume that all parts of the world have fallen out with prehistoric and medieval religious ideas such as stoning to death of adulterers and homosexuals, amputation of a hand of thieves, child sacrifice, and public entertainment through corporal and capital punishment. Saudi Arabia regularly carries out crucifixions of decapitated bodies, for public display, typically leaving the corpse hanging for precisely 3 days. But the Saudis tell us that they will become more liberal, and so we stupid liberal Christians in England believe them. Why? Because we want to be believe them, and because most of us in the liberal West cannot imagine enjoying looking at a crucified body on public display, we cannot imagine there are whole nations of people who do enjoy these things, as part of their upbringing and culture.

The best philosophical argument for democracy is that it allows the people to peacefully remove leaders with evil intent, and so, obviously, leaders with evil intent are going to do everything they can to prevent democracy, even if they were elected themselves, such as Hamas, which since it took power 13 years ago has shown no intention of allowing another election in Gaza.

Furthermore, when relationships do start to thaw between Israel and some of the Arab nations, the other Arab nations, and Iran, and, and pan-Arab movements, and all the Arab factions that cannot tolerate cultural and religious diversity, throw their spanner into the works. The pan-Arab movements include the Muslim Brotherhood, and ISIL, and other Jihadist groups (not least Palestinian Islamic Jihad) are all fiercely and ideologically opposed to secular and liberal solutions. Indeed, the reason for the Second Intifada and the rise of Hamas and PIJ was that Fatah had started (ostensibly) to negotiate with Israel. And the Iranian regime, being Shi’ite and always concerned
about a pan-Arab Sunni hegemony, stokes up trouble everywhere in the Arab world, and all the
time it is pushing its constitutional aim of “death to Israel” (which according to a Persian Jewish
family I know who fled to England after the Islamic revolution is a daily chant indoctrinated into
Iranian schoolchildren). The other thing we ignore is the overwhelming influence of Islamic
apocalyptic beliefs and desires in our times.

For most of 1300 continuous years, especially after its eventual total victory against the Crusades,
Islam has enjoyed what it sees at its divinely sanctioned domination of the Arab lands (to,
ultimately, become Islamisation of the world). It is precisely because “liberal values” have entered
the region – including Jewish and Christian ladies who walk around the Holy Land not fully
covered, and drink wine, and dance and sing, and often look beautiful – that the Arab world
believes it is being called by God to effect the apocalyptic last days. Islam must win the battle,
including the battle against liberalism, and the battle against feminism, homosexuality, and the
battle against freedom to disagree with the Muslim clerics, and, frankly, the battle against joy and
love and happiness and merriness. Indeed, Jews roaming free (not subject to Sharia Dhimmi for the
first time since the advent Islam), and Muslim women rebelling against the authority of their
husband and the clerics, is seen by the Arab/Iranian regimes as part of the prophesied chaos that
must be overcome. Every Arab nation, and Iran and Turkey, has become, quite suddenly, more
religiously conservative and oppressive, against women, Christians and Jews. Things are getting
more conservative throughout the wider Muslim world too.

I love the spiritual and intellectual depths of Islam, as explained in Chapter 25. But the Muslim
countries are now, especially since the turn of the millennium, collectively, experiencing a kind of
dark age, not unlike the Dark Age of Christendom, in which the bishops of the Church insisted on
doing the thinking for everyone, in a vain attempt to impose a uniformity of belief. A Sufi friend
told me recently that the reason that Sufis are being persecuted in the Muslim world is precisely
because the Sufis are thinkers. We have seen that the Church of England doesn’t help matters. In
its endeavour to be modern, liberal and inclusive, it indulges and excuses even the worst excesses
of contemporary Islam, and invariably takes the path of least resistance, which is to join the
Muslims in blaming the Jews and the State of Israel for the moral failings of the Middle East and
North Africa.

When Western liberals indulge the problems in contemporary Islam, rather than stoutly criticise,
we are not helping the world’s Muslims. We are not helping the vast majority of the world’s
Muslims who, now, in every Arab and Muslim nation, are suffering tyrannies caused by
increasingly conservative, regressive and paranoid regimes that are brainwashing whole nations,
much as in the same way that, two generations ago, the regimes of Germany, Spain, Japan, Russia,
China... brainwashed whole nations.

The Western liberal simply cannot believe that there are people in world, many people in the
world, whole nations of people in the world, who do not cherish their children, in this life, as we
think human beings should. The Western liberal simply cannot imagine that many people think
that martyrdom, including the sacrifice of their children as martyrs, brings the greatest eternal
rewards especially if it involves killing Jews, the “pigs and apes” defiling Jerusalem.

And, as I have said often, the Western liberal is, by default, innately antisemitic and inclined to
trust everyone but the Jew. And Western liberal journalism must take much of the blame for
indulging Islam to the point at which we now have genocides of Christians.

Our journalists are obsessed with Jews, and not really interested in Islam, or Christianity, or truth
that doesn’t follow the conventional narratives, for that matter. Richard Landes calls this “lethal
journalism”. Richard was one of the key analysts who shed light on the modern blood libel of freelance journalists, particularly French freelance journalists working in Palestine for France 2, and particularly the staged, or semi-staged, al-Durrah Affair, in which a boy appears to be deliberately killed by Israeli snipers in the arms of his father. After years of analysis, and what has become another Dreyfus Affair in France, no-one is truly certain where bullets have come from in cross fire between Palestinians and Israelis. But Richard, who has analysed many hours of uncut footage, has proved that journalists of France 2 have knowingly provided many libellous staged incidences of maiming and murder, and sold these to news agencies seeking an anti-Israel narrative, including the BBC.

We need to understand this veritable industry of effective antisemitic propaganda that is transmitted from the Arab world, Turkey and Iran, to an unsuspecting liberal and secularised Western ear. In the UK, we hear what the Arabs want us to hear, because we are all too ready to relearn the antisemitic tropes that were never exorcized from the Christian West, and that in fact the Church of England at all levels, from lay reader to bishop, continues to peddle.

30. Dhimmitude

I have tried in this essay, though it is necessarily polemical, to be careful with words. I have endeavoured to tell the truth, and to not exaggerate or create false narratives from disparate facts to suit the inevitable biases that I have. Everyone today seems to want to create “narratives”, especially Christians and Muslims who protest about being under Jewish “occupation” in Israel, forgetting of course the Abrahamic narrative that God wants the People Israel in Israel.

After 1700 years of Christian persecution and diminution of the Jew, and 1300 years of Islamic persecution and diminution of the Jew, the Christians and Muslims of the Middle East seem to be psychologically incapable of witnessing, at last, the Chosen People thrive, and emerge from the enforced diminished status they had in the diaspora. Things were a lot better when the Jew was locked into the Church’s ghetto, banned from universities, banned from owning land, banned from the professions, banned from joining British golf and country clubs... or when the Jew had to wear a yellow badge and prove his diminished status to the Muslim by bowing and scraping, and accepting, without protest, the occasional beating. Things were better when the Jew had to accept sharia prohibitions such as not riding a horse, not carrying any signs of Jewish religious worship, and not praying in public. The Prophet Muhammad himself set the example by presiding over the decapitation of about 700 Jewish men in Medina (the Jewish Banu Qurayza community) and putting their wives and children into slavery.

In the liberal and secular West today, it is not appreciated how fundamental that it still is in Islam for the Muslim to have the upper hand over the Jew. In the West, emancipation of the Jews came not from the Church, but gradually from secularism. Indeed, in France, the trigger for the formal full separation of Church from State in favour of secularism (or laïcité) was due to the antisemitism of the Roman Catholic Church in France, which came to a head with the Dreyfus Affair. In the Arab world, of the Middle East and North Africa, attempts at secularisation have proved unsuccessful. The nations that have tried to incorporate secular ideas have met resistance from within and without, nation and pan-national, from the Muslim Brotherhood to the whole Ummah Fascist shit show that, we saw in Chapter 21, is as noxious in Philadelphia as it is in Pakistan.

Most importantly, as noted earlier, for 1300 years of dhimmi status of the Jew under sharia, the Jew was not allowed to own arms, rather he had to pay a protection tax. “Dhimmi” means “protected person”, and, admittedly, throughout the history of Islam, the Jew was certainly better protected...
than he was in Christendom. Since the advent of Islam, the Jews were generally a lot safer and, at times, even allowed to thrive, under Islamic rule. Until relatively recently, things have always been considerably more precarious under Christian rule, hence the medieval Jews of Spain welcomed their Muslim liberators. For a long period in the first millennium, 90% of Jews lived in the Islamic world, finding it impossible to live in Christendom. We only need to remind ourselves (and we often must) that even within living memory, Christians, Catholics and Protestants, tried to exterminate all Jews, working out from Germany, the very heart of the Protestant Reformation, often justifying their actions according to the antisemitism in the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, including the Augustinian monk Martin Luther.

However, today, the Arab world has become impossible for Jews, largely because the Nazi ideology was exported from Christendom to Islam. Jew hate, and a determination to kill all Jews, is, and always has been, central to Muslim Brotherhood ideology. Hamas, the de facto government of Gaza, is the Palestinian wing of the Muslim Brotherhood. Since Hamas came to power 15 years ago it has educated a generation of Palestinian children that martyrdom, in the pursuit of killing Jews, is the highest accolade a Palestinian can have before man and God. In the past four years, Hamas and the Palestinian Authority has paid out about 4 billion shekels, or £1 billion, in its “pay for slay” policy to terrorists who have murdered Jews or to families of killed or suicidal terrorists.

The Church of England tells us that Palestinian martyrdom is the result of “the deep despair of the young”. This is disingenuous. The martyrs are not hopeless and desperate; on the contrary, they die hope-fully, in the certainly that they will be eternally rewarded in Paradise, whilst their victims go immediately to hell, and that the family that the Jihadist prisoner or murderer-martyr leaves behind (particularly if he is a member of Hamas) will be rewarded with payments for life that outstrip the average salary and unemployment benefits (families of non-Hamas murderers receive a smaller stipend).

It seems that our clergy, including senior clergy, when they visit the Holy Land, don’t like having to pass through gates, barriers and checkpoints as they lead their pilgrim congregations around the place. But there is a reason for armed Israeli men and women of the IDF and the Police around the holy sites. When Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) and the Palestinian Authority tell their people to rise up and murder all Jews, the State of Israel does, and must, take the threat seriously. As the Church of England is now forced to acknowledge, the Christians of the MENA region are beginning to suffer genocide levels of persecution. Palestinians need to be freed of their Mujahadeen, and from the bad education that has been cursing them since the 1930s, before they can have any chance of freedom (not withstanding there isn’t any Arab nation today which enjoys freedom according to various international methods of indexing freedom).

Parts of the world such as Iraq (or Babylon) that had continuous Jewish communities for nearly 3000 years, including 1300 years of Islam, suddenly lost all their Jews between the 1930s and 1970s. In the early 20th century, Baghdad was 40% Jewish, and a thriving pluralist city. Today there are believed to be only 5 Jews living in the whole of Iraq (not enough even to form a minyan). I have to admit, I was not aware of this until the summer of 2018, when my partner and I attended a talk and book launch in Manchester by the journalist and researcher Lyn Julius, and bought her book: Uprooted, How 3000 years of Jewish civilisation in the Arab world vanished overnight.

Until 1948, Algeria had 140,000 Jews (with a continuous history going back to the 1st century BCE), and today Algeria has 0 Jews.

Libya had 38,000 Jews, with a continuous history to the 3rd century BCE, today Libya has 0 Jews.

Morocco had 265,000 Jews, going back to the 1st century BCE, today it has 2000.
This pattern repeats itself throughout the Middle East and North Africa. After 1948, about 850,000 Jews became refugees, their wealth and assets stripped from them just as the medieval European monarchs expelled or murdered Jews and acquired their money. The ethnic cleansing is now almost complete.

The following paragraphs are extracted from an article by Richard Landes published in the American-Jewish journal Tablet in 2014:

“So, the prospect of an independent state of should-be dhimmis struck Arab leaders as more than humiliating. It endangered all Islam. Thus Rahman Azzam Pasha, the head of the newly formed Arab League, spoke for his “honor group” when he threatened that “if the Zionists dare establish a state, the massacres we would unleash would dwarf anything which Genghis Khan and Hitler perpetrated.” As the Armenians had discovered a generation earlier, the mere suspicion of rebellion could engender massacres.

“The loss in 1948, therefore, constituted the most catastrophic possible outcome for this honor-group: Seven Arab armies, representing the honor of hundreds of millions of Arabs (and Muslims), were defeated by less than a million Jews, the surviving remnant of the most devastating and efficient genocide in history. To fall to people so low on the scale that it is dishonorable even to fight them—nothing could be more devastating. And this humiliating event occurred on center stage of the new postwar global community, before whom the Arab league representatives had openly bragged about their upcoming slaughters. In the history of a global public, never has any single and so huge a group suffered so much dishonor and shame in the eyes of so great an audience...

“Worse: The threat to Arab honor did not come from a worthy foe, like the Western Christians, but by from Jews, traditionally the most passive, abject, cowardly of the populations over which Muslims ruled...

“Current peace plans assume that both sides will make the necessary concessions for peace, that compromise can lead to an acceptable win-win for both sides. As one baffled BBC announcer exclaimed, “Good grief, this is so simple it could be resolved with an email”; or as Jeremy Ben-Ami puts it, “It would take sixty seconds to lay out the basic solution.” But it’s only simple if you assume that Arabs no longer feel it’s a hard zero-sum game, that any win for Israel is an unacceptable loss of honor for them, that their “honor group” no longer considers negotiation a sign of weakness, compromise, shameful, and any peace with Israel, any Israeli “win” no matter how small an insult to Islam...

“Hamas’ Khaled Mash’al… spoke thus at the height of the intifada:

"Tomorrow, our nation [Islam not Palestine] will sit on the throne of the world. ... Tomorrow we will lead the world, Allah willing. Apologize today [you infidels], before remorse will do you no good. Our nation is moving forwards, and it is in your interest to respect a victorious nation. ... Before Israel dies, it must be humiliated and degraded. Allah willing, before they die, they will experience humiliation and degradation every day."

“Tomorrow”, if we are to believe the Hamas/Muslim Brotherhood government in Gaza, the Church of England will not be leading pilgrimages to the Holy Land.

But why does the Church see refuse to see all this, despite the genocide of Christians in MENA? Why does it want to see the problems as economic and democratic? Why does the Church of England want to blame the Jews of Israel for the “despair” of the Arab Muslims when every Arab nation, with Iran, is set on turning itself into the Seventh Circle of Hell, Allah willing?
31. Wholeness of Knowledge

We are promised that the age to come will be of universal knowledge (knowledge, not belief) that God is King Omnipotent, as we centre our language, thoughts, songs and prayers on the Name: the most holy of holy words. All our diverse intellectual languages will be seen to point to the centre: the Name, or the Logos. We will no longer be able to explain away “god” by putting some other explanation, or theory, in place.

It is only at Kingdom come that the world is healed of its great pollutions (metaphorically and literally). For instance, there can be no scientific solutions to our ecological crises, just as there can be no scientific solutions to avoiding nuclear war. Until we are spiritually in the right place, we are merely addressing the symptoms rather than the cause. Until we remove the pollutions and violence from our tongues, we will not remove the pollutions from the environment, or the risk of annihilation through violence. As Isaiah (Ch. 24) pointed out, the pollution of language manifests itself, literally, in the pollution of land, air and sea. In other words, our language on ultimate things pervades our everyday language on all things, including politics and our destructive and selfish “consumer” habits. Only when we have extinguished the errors in language can we hope to prevent the world burning up through climate change or nuclear war. Our language must be centred on the Name, and on Zion, and this process must begin by correcting the antisemitic, anti-Zionist, and supersessionist narratives on the tongues of billions of Christians, Muslims, Socialists, racists and, indeed, scientists and post-modernist philosophers.

In the end, at the fulfilment of history, we all use language correctly, or perish by our own words, including the words we publish on the “world wide web”. No longer will we mess about with “post-truth” or “deconstruction” of language from the Word (or what the Hellenised Jews came to call Logos). The world will become truly Logocentric, not just in theology, but in philosophy, science... everything. No longer will our cosmologists and scientists appeal to neo-pagan ideas such as Mathematical Platonism to explain away God and God’s language of Creation in which we are invited, nay compelled, to participate. Mathematical explanations for everything (including of course by great Jewish scientists such as Einstein) is simply the idolatry of mathematics. Replacing the Name with the word “gravity” is idolatry of the word “gravity”. We cannot make things holy until we start to think and speak and teach holistically. And we will.

Until we get God right in our minds and language, then we cannot get anything right. “Have no other gods...” Everything we put in the place of God, be it a scientific theory or a political ideology, curses us for three of four generations (which is about the length of time it took for the Communists to realise Communism was never going to work, and Fascists that Fascism was never going to work).

Stephen Hawking, and everyone who thinks like him, cannot possibly understand Israel. As noted in a previous essay, it is significant that Hawking made a point of joining the academic boycott of Israel (one the most potent forms of antisemitism in our times) despite Israel’s prominent role in
science and technology today. Paradoxically, Hawking's voice was generated by an Israeli microprocessor without which he would have been locked-in. As far as I know, he didn't change the microchip when he was made aware that it was from Israel's Silicon Valley. For some reason, Hawking seemed to lack the insight to know that Israel is the only nation in the Middle East where he could have publicly expressed his many mocking thoughts on "God" and religion and religious people without having his head blown off or cut off.

32. Christian Supersession

The Church is the best of things and the worst of things. It is a wonder of history that as Thomas d'Aquin, in the first universities of Paris – contemporaneous with France's great cathedral-building movement – was building the Scholastic Renaissance on the philosophical theology of Rabbi Moses Maimonides and the great Arab thinkers, his siblings joined the Crusade, and his brother Dominicans invented a theology of inquisitional torture, and set about persecuting Jews and Muslims. (I have read a lot of Thomas Aquinas, and dialogued with Thomist scholars, who inform me that their cherished saint cannot be exonerated from the theology of torture, and even seemed to see value in it for the Church.)

With no Church, there would be no modern science (even though the medieval roots of Western science and mathematics were inherited from Muslim Arabs and Persians). No Church means no Monteverdi, Mozart, Mendelssohn, Mahler... and the whole Western Christian-Jewish classical-music genre without which my life would be unimaginable. Even Western Pop music is based on the harmonies and musical theories of Western European monks. We should not understate the power and significance of music (which, like language, can be put to bad use and propaganda), and song, the most potent form of words.

Good music (of the muse) is of course a form of prayer, a form of communion with God. Just as the greatest of our historic synagogues, churches, cathedrals and mosques share a holy geometry (which, as I have explained elsewhere, happens to be musical geometry) with the Jerusalem Temple, our orchestras, and the evolution of musical instruments, can trace their histories back to the Middle East, and indeed to the great Temple orchestra in Jerusalem. The last Psalm, Psalm 150, describes the time at which Earth is to be filled with music, in which even the creatures join in the song. Psalm 150 is really the musical direction for the Temple orchestra, which builds up into an eschatological choral climax for the world, or as we read in the very last lines of our very last Psalm:

"Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Hallelujah." Psalm 150:6

People often ask me how I can be so optimistic about the capacity of mankind to repair our broken and polluted world. I think that the best answer is "music", the most potent example of which is Mozart's temple-based opera Die Zauberflöte, which is in itself a philosophical theology about the healing power of music. Many of us are playing the right notes, but in the wrong order, but the conductor is coming in.

The Church is the best of things. The Church of England (largely through Archbishop William Temple in the House of Lords), inspired a new kind of society, with a national health service and a welfare state/safety net. The Church of England inspired man to fight, and defeat, the thoroughly evil nations of Germany and Japan in WWII. I hope that, today, Christianity can save China from the curse of Communism (today there are more observant Christians in China than in Europe). History
has seen things a lot worse than Church, and history has seen a lot worse than Islam. Christianity and Islam are to the two great evangelical and civilising heterodox versions of Judaism.

Today there are over 50 nations that are formally Muslim, and over a 100, including England, that are formally Christian (having some form of “throne and altar”). They have spread the message of Israel, but through supersessionist pride, each sect claims that it is the new Israel.

There is only one Israel, one Jewish nation, which now sits where it started with Abraham: Eretz Yisrael. But as noted, the world cannot stand this. And because the world cannot stand this, anti-Zionism has become the new antisemitism. People who often seem to know nothing about politics, the Middle East, Islam, sharia, Arab shame-honour and martyrdom, Judaism, theology, history, geography, ... nevertheless want to offer their “legitimate criticism of the State of Israel”. Socialism, as we have seen, is one of the reasons for this, because it sees the Islamists as a kind of substitute revolutionary proletariat, who will overthrow Israel, which, apparently, controls the Capitalist world and pulls the strings in the corridors of power of the USA (and we are expected to believe that Socialism through Islamism would be a better power than the USA).

The Jews must “survive but not thrive”, Saint Augustine of Hippo reputedly famously said, but now, at last, the Jews are thriving, and Israel is thriving, and the world cannot stand it. The Jews, and the Jewish State, are thriving without the permission of the Christians and Muslims, and the world cannot stand it. The United Nations cannot stand it. I don’t think that Pope Francis can stand it (he certainly doesn’t understand it). The World Council of Churches certainly cannot stand it. The Anglican Church, especially in the Middle East, cannot stand it. The Roman Catholic Church, especially in the Middle East, cannot stand it. The Arab world cannot stand it, and the wider Muslim world cannot stand it. The Chinese and the Japs cannot stand it.

Paradoxically, Israel is literally healing the world of its worst diseases, giving the world ecological solutions for eradicating malaria, energy-efficient water desalination, the most efficient-ever methods of irrigation, the most efficient targeting of fertilisers and pest control, organic farming methods. Despite being prohibited from owning land for thousands of years, the Israelis are now teaching the world to farm and to green deserts. And the world cannot stand it.

The Jews, 0.2% of the world population, have won an incredible 30% of Nobel prizes in medicine, and the world cannot stand it. Israel is by far the most innovative nation in the world, per capita, and the most successful of all new nations, despite being under constant military attack on all borders from brain-dead Arabs, and constant intellectual and propaganda attack from everywhere in the world. Israel is now the most likely candidate nation to develop cures for child cancer, pancreatic cancer, heart disease, and Alzheimer’s. At the time of writing, medical researchers in Tel Aviv have “3D printed” the world’s first vascularized, engineered heart, from the body tissue of the patient, raising hopes for heart medicine everywhere.

Israel is far from perfect. All nations are yet far from perfect. But Israel is healing the world, literally, actually. How dare it? How can a people condemned by the Church of having “hardened hearts” and “veiled hearts” know so much about human hearts that they can engineer the replacement to a faulty one?

How dare the Jews manage to thrive without Christian and Islamic permission? How dare God of Israel gift Israel and dress His bride in Glory, without the permission of Christians and Muslims? How dare God of Israel gift the Jews, as He promised He would? How dare God keep His promises to His Chosen People? How dare He? Surely God gave up on the Jews long ago? Surely God is a Christian maximalist? Surely God is Muslim maximalist? Surely God is a Protestant Maximalist? Surely God is a Mormon Maximalist? Surely God is a Church-of-Scientology
Maximalist? Surely “God of Israel” is old hat. Surely Israel, the Promised Land, is not really Israel anymore. Surely, as some popular contemporary Western narratives insist (such as those of David Icke), the Jews are not really divinely gifted by God, but they have received their powers from alien Lizards, or they have gained their powers by consuming the blood of Christian children. Surely, their “medicine” is not really prolonging and easing our life, but has been created by the Lizards to poison the human race.

Yes, God is God of Israel, but surely “Israel” is now a metaphor for “Church”. Or surely Israel will be dissolved and Jerusalem will become the capital of the global caliphate, as promised by Ra’ah Salah and the Corbynistas.

I’m convinced that the key to world peace begins with Christianity’s accepting, and Islam’s finally accepting, “Israel”, which in any case will happen whether the world likes it or not, because it is the will of God on Earth. Thy Kingdom come; thy will be done. When Jews, Christians and Muslims accept this, and 2.5 billion Christians and 1.5 billion Muslims give up their maximalist pretentions and accept that the Holy Land, Eretz Yisrael, is the tiny patch of the world’s land (0.01% of the world’s landmass) that should be governed by the Jews, then we will be well on the way to arriving.

33. A brief history of Christian antisemitism:
How we, the Church, became institutionally antisemitic from the off, and why we now need a theological reboot

Christian theology needs a general ‘reboot’ in the light of the Jews’ restitution of Israel, and also in light of contemporary knowledge of the cosmos and the sciences. There is not space in this essay to do a theological reboot! But we can at least look at how we came to be antisemitic, and I can offer the bare bones of what I’m working on elsewhere.

For a period of several generations, beginning after the death of Jesus about 1950 years ago, and the disappointment that the messianic age had not arrived (which even Jesus had said would arrive in the lifetime, or generation, of his followers), the relationship between the Jews and what came to be called the “Church” and its “Christians” was the opposite way round to what it is now. The Jews were big in number and held power, whereas the Christians were small in number and constantly under anti-Christian threat, mainly from the Romans. (“Christian”, or Messiah-ian, by the way, was initially a derogatory term meaning those who followed messiah, or “christ” in Greek.)

Apart from the Roman threat to Christians, there were also some fanatical and violent fringe Jews, most famously Saul of Tarsus, who took it upon himself to round up Christians to have them put to death. But Saul converted to Christianity, rebranded himself “Paul”, and became the first well-known Jew-hating Jew, and writer of Christian propaganda and antisemitism. As a self-described “all things to all men”, Paul wrote and said whatever he thought would help sell the Church, and, to his credit, it worked.

Ultimately, it took several Jewish-Roman wars, and several Roman legions, before what was a Jewish civilisation became a scattered and persecuted people. Many of us today, including many if not most observant Jews, believe that this scattering of the Jews into, ultimately, all nations, is the fulfilment of divine prophecies, prophecies that also suggest that the Jews would remain few in number, and would ultimately return to the Land of Israel.
2000 years ago, there were several million Jews (though many were slain after the Bar Kokhba war), and today, despite the world's exponential population growth, there are still only several million Jews, about half of whom now live in the tiny nation of Israel.

As we know, the Church of England teaches that the Hebrew Bible is the "Old" Testament. From the lectern it is proclaimed as "the Word of God", but the reading can be selected only from the lectionary list according to the week in the liturgical cycle. The very idea of a lectionary is borrowed from Judaism. The synagogues read portions of the Torah that, over the Jewish year, amounts to every word in the Torah, in the original Hebrew of course, as received: הָלְכֵה.

The Christian lectionary is read out in Church (on Sundays and weekdays, on a three-year and two-year cycle), but, unlike the Torah portions, the lectionary is but a very a small and highly-selective fraction of the Torah and the Old Testament (and in fact covers only about 70% of the New Testament) that is most favourable to the Church.

The fact that we have even have a lectionary of the Old Testament, rather than just the New Testament, is really the result of historical compromise between competing early ideas of what the Church should be. The first generation of the Church had only the Hebrew Bible, or Tanakh, (and its Greek translation, the Septuagint), and the vast Oral Torah. In the early centuries of the Church, it started to write new texts, in the genre of many gospels (of which only four were later canonised), epistles, and the Didache (a first-century catechism, that, for some reason, was not canonised, perhaps because it is too Jewish). Some influential movements in the Church (such as Marcionism) used only new texts (favouring the Gospel of Luke), and dispensed with the Hebrew Bible altogether, but eventually the bishops decided that the Old Testament and the New Testament be stitched into the same cover. However, the bishops ignored the Oral Torah, which by this time had come to be written as the vast "Talmud" (two versions: Babylonian and Jerusalem), because, its authors realised, otherwise the Oral Torah would be lost forever after the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple and the dispersion of the Jews.

Between the 3rd and 7th centuries, the Church gradually came to agree on the canonisation of 27 Greek-language Christian books and letters as the "New Testament", to be tagged on to the Tanakh, or Old Testament. In the 5th century, Saint Jerome, in the Western (Roman) half of the Church translated the whole of this new Bible into Latin (the Vulgate). There were inevitably some lost-in-translation problems. Whereas the Book of Exodus, in the Hebrew, tells us that when Moses came down from the mountain his face shone with beams of the glory of God, Jerome tells us that Moses came down with horns on his head. (Hence, in Church art, Moses is frequently depicted with horns, not least in Michelangelo’s marble Moses. It seems very likely that this mistranslation contributed to ideas that Jews are something other than human.)

The proportion of text of the books of the Torah read out in Church ranges from 0% (for 1 Chronicles) to less than 30%. Even Genesis in the lectionary is a mere 28% of the Book of Genesis. There is a very good reason for this: the Church (Catholic, Anglican and Protestant) teaches only the bits of the Jewish Bible to which Jesus (the New Testament) can be mapped as the fulfilment of everything in the "Old" Testament. Where the canonised Jewish texts do not quite provide a full satisfactory narrative, the Church brings snippets of deuterocanonical Jewish texts, such as the Book of Baruch.

Personally, I do think that the Tanakh foretells the Judaisation of the world (that came to be called the "Christian faith"). I do think it prophesies the Messiah we see in Jesus. But it does much more, and it does not point to Christian supersessionism (or Islamic supersessionism come to that). Jesus said “go out and make disciples of all nations”. The problem, then, for the first disciples, is
that they were all Jews. Did Jesus mean to go and make all peoples of all nations into Jews? This of course led to the greatest arguments recorded in the New Testament. Peter and James thought bringing people into the one true God meant observance of Jewish laws, including the great Abrahamic covenant: male circumcision. Paul disagreed, and eventually won the argument, helped by a vision that Peter had, of non-kosher meats, whilst staying in smelly digs in Joppa (Jaffa) with an unclean character called Simon the Tanner. Perhaps Peter was very hungry (hence the hallucination), and found himself eating the pork from the skins that Simon was tanning. As I wrote in Chapter 26, the evangelisation of God of Israel to the world inevitably meant some compromises, and assimilation of habits familiar to pagans, such as the sanctification of statues and eating pigs.

Christian critics of Islam are likely to assert that the Quran is a cut-and-paste abridgement of Hebrew and Christian scripture, but the Church’s lectionary is also a cut-and-paste abridgement of Hebrew and Christian scripture, and, it seems, hardly anyone in the C of E has deeply studied anything beyond the lectionary. The lectionary is the Church’s overarching narrative, and, frankly, I think it is time to analyse it closely, and wean ourselves off it, if the Church is to have any chance of curing itself of the curse of antisemitism, and of righting historical and contemporary wrongs.

To date, I have come across only one Church of England clergyman who says he has read the whole of the Hebrew Bible (although he has no knowledge of Hebrew and has only read it in one of the English language versions), and I have asked many clergy, especially during my time as one of a handful of moderators for an online forum called “Anglican Communion”, which had over 8000 members, a good proportion of whom were clergy. When I ask the clergy, “have you read the whole Bible?”, the typical response I receive is, “no, at seminary we focus on the lectionary”.

But in any case, the Hebrew Bible, or Tanakh, is but a small fraction of sacred Hebrew texts, and formal texts (commentaries) about the texts. And I do not think that there is much point in studying the Hebrew Bible to any great depth if one has no knowledge and understanding of Hebrew, the Holy Language in which God revealed things aurally to Moses and the People Israel at Mount Sinai, and at the centre of which is the unutterable Holy Name.

For instance, let us take just the very first word of the Bible תּיִּ שֵאָשְׁו, or Beresheet. It can mean “In the beginning”, but the word, and even the letters, and even the shape of the letters, mean much more. The very first letter, ב, or, Bet, is the number 2, and immediately we know we are being introduced to the binary nature of all things, not least that which is revealed and that which is concealed (concretely represented by the letter Bet, reading from right to left). Just as importantly, Bet means “house”, and house means not just house, but cosmos and micro-cosmos, which ultimately would become the Jerusalem Temple, that Jesus called Our Father’s “House” (with many “mansions” or domains). And so in just this one first letter, ב, we have everything in Heaven and Earth: cosmos and microcosmos, centred on God’s House, the Jerusalem Temple.

The call to Zion begins in the very first letter of the Bible: The Jerusalem Temple, the microcosm, is in fact the Temple for the (concealed) Name, established for all nations and peoples, or what Isaiah (echoed by Jesus) calls: “the house of prayer for all nations”. In 1 Kings, the Lord says to David that his successor will “build a house for my Name”.

"Moreover concerning the stranger that is not of Thy people Israel, when he shall come out of a far country for Thy name's sake— for they shall hear of Thy great name, and of Thy mighty hand, and of Thine outstretched arm—when he shall come and pray toward this house; hear Thou in heaven Thy dwelling-place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to Thee for; that all the peoples of the earth may know Thy name, to fear Thee, as doth Thy people Israel, and that they may know that Thy name is called upon this house which I have built." 1 Kings 44
According to Rabbinic interpretation, the world was created through God’s utterance, beginning with Bet. It is interesting that 21st-century science shares this view of a cosmos with a bipolar geometry: from the quantum level to the gravitational waves that rumble across the whole cosmos, everything we know is the wave, bipolar in other words, with a top and a bottom, or a positive and a negative. What makes this more interesting still is that even we mere human mortals have managed to modulate waves with information (such as radio, television, mobile phone and other forms of data and information) that we transmit and receive across many billions of miles of the solar system (from our spacecraft orbiting planets), and theoretically can reach the extremes of the cosmos (just as we can listen to background radiation from Big Bang).

Today, all enlightened people in all nations – all people who look up and contemplate the glory of heavens – know that “gravity” is the word we use to describe that which nothing greater can be meant. “Gravity” is the word we use to ‘explain’ that which universalises the universe, and results in galaxies, stars, planets and moons. In other words, the gravity that makes the apple fall from the tree is not a local force, in fact it is not even a force, but a singular universal geometry, whose waves (we have known since 2016) are geometrically similar to light (or electromagnetism) and sound, not least speech, and not least song.

All theology worth its salt is about the relationship of cosmos (the heavens and God concealed from the heavens) to microcosmos, and the fact that we, human being on Earth, are, potentially microcosmos of all that is seen and all that is unseen (concealed, and beyond science). We are all potentially whole, or “image of God”.

By analogy: if God is, let us say, “radio universal”, we are each antennas, able to tune in to God, and God’s knowledge, wisdom and understanding.

The antenna analogy is good. I know from my experience with the RAF’s radar technology that antennas use the “differential geometry” through which we, mankind, have, very recently, come to understand the nature of gravity. (I explain what I mean by this, in as simple a language as possible, in the manuscript for my upcoming book, Gravity is the Word.)

Be like-minded to Jesus, Paul tells the Philippians, and nothing less. Be the Temple – its living stones – commands Peter, and nothing less. In the Christian Bible, the first words of Jesus, age 12, are in the Jerusalem Temple, which he called Our “Father’s House”, as he did when we read about him again, twenty years later, on his mission. Jesus enters the Jerusalem Temple to fulfil his mission in the last week of his life (according to the Synoptic Gospels), and the Temple veil is rent in two at the moment of his death. From this symbolic moment of a partial unveiling, the Light of Israel is to be broadcast to all nations, until all is revealed at the final unveiling (or “Apocalypse”). The Christian Apocalyptic literature, or the Book of Revelation, is, of course, wholly centred in the Jerusalem Temple.

The very opening of the prayer that Jesus taught is “Hallowed be thy Name”. There are many names of God in the Jewish tradition, but the most hallowed name is the Name that cannot be uttered, must be feared, and was housed in the Holy of Holies of the Jerusalem Temple. We are to hallow the Name housed in the Temple. But with the advent of Israel for the Gentiles, we, mankind, became the Temple. The Name is housed in each of us, just as Christians are named in the Name of God at baptism.

Few Christians know what is meant by “House”, and fewer still what is meant by “Name”. Although Jesus the Christ had faith in the Name, and nothing less, Christians are taught to settle for some thing less. In the faith of God of Israel, less is more. And the Name of God is not “Jesus” (or “Joshua” to use the alternative English transliteration) no more than it is “Tom”, “Dick” or “Harry”.

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Jesus never said, “hallowed be *my* name”. Like Solomon and the Prophets, Jesus addressed God through His Name (“Thy Name”), and prayed, in the Garden of Gethsemane, that we are kept in Thy Name, that we may be One with God as Jesus was One with God.

The idea that the Name (comprised of yod, he, vav, he) is Housed is lost on Christians because the Church has never taught it. We seem to have lost our core, because it seems (as I said in Chapter 26) the Church needed to house not the Name but it needed to house statues of men and virgins and things, because this is what the Pagan temples already had, and it would have been no more possible to take statues of virgins out of Pagan Athens 2000 years ago as it would be possible to take them out of Papist Rome today.

I think that things start to make sense when we accept that everything seen and unseen is the language of God. And I don’t just mean metaphorically. What we think we have demystified with the word “gravity” is the language of God, because it is the language of Creation, it is why there is not nothing in the Cosmos.

“And God said... and it was”. Things will make sense when we swap the word “gravity” as the explanation for Creation with that most holy of holy words, “the Name”, the mysterious Being of all being concealed from Creation. Only then will we get our intellectual languages right, in intellectual humility, with love and fear of the Name of God as our very centre. Only then are we “living stones” of the Temple into which God promised to build us. We are all, potentially, the Jerusalem Temple, centred on the historical and geographical Jerusalem in the Land of Israel, restored by the Jews.

**The Name is the Truth.** If we hold anything else at the centre of our intellect, including “the law of gravity”, the Temple falls, and everything else will fall (pun intended), and can be saved by nothing, not environmentalism, socialism, secularism, scientism, liberalism, religious sectarianism (be it Jewish, Christian, Islamic, Buddhist, Hindu...). There is no alternative. I agree with Margaret Thatcher when she said, "you cannot build Jerusalem in Brussels".

In other words, everything is language, the language of God, that we moderns have got into the bad habit of dismissing with the word “gravity”. No-one loves and fears the word “gravity”, and no-one should, but everyone should love and fear the Name, *the Word*, because it is the centre of everything, including ourselves. The Name is the source of “Big Bang”. Whether we are Jew or Gentile, our very life is held in the Name, the Life, our Eternal House. Take the Name in vain, and the House falls down, as do the churches within it.

Saving the planet cannot be achieved with plans to the save the planet. Fixing the economy, to make it just, cannot be achieved with plans to fix the economy. We cannot repair anything until we have repaired language. And to do this we must let the King of the Heavens and the Earth reign in us and through us. “Seek the Kingdom first”, said Jesus.

I am rambling, I know. But **all this: cosmos, house, name, language, microcosmos we find in the very first word, nay the very first letter of the very first word, of the Bible.** The whole story, the synchronisation of everything in Heaven and Earth is implied in the first letter of the Bible.

Hebrew is a kind of calculus of the hieroglyphic languages that preceded it and the alphabetic languages that followed it. Just as Moses “was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians” according to the Book of Acts, there is naturally a close relationship between Egyptian hieroglyphs and Hebrew letters. The above hieroglyph, “Pr”, means “house”, and is related to the Hebrew Bet.
The second Hebrew word of the Bible is no less interesting. We translate it into English as “created”, but it does not mean create in the normal English sense. For instance, in the Bible, “create” is only ever applied to God, never to man, meaning that we humans cannot create anything. Similarly, in today’s science we accept that matter/energy can be neither created nor destroyed.

As we expand a little further, we see that the very first sentence of the Bible, with 28 letters divided into 7 words, sets the scene for our religious world of 7s and 4s. And the very middle word of the first sentence, Aleph Tav, the first and last letters of the alpha-bet, tells us that the all-centring Almighty One is the all-encompassing Word... All this is of course lost in the English language, and even in the Greek Septuagint used by the early Church (even though the Septuagint was expertly translated by seventy Hellenised Jewish scholars in the second and third centuries before Christ).

**Shema Yisra’el**

The other wilfully big omission from the Christian faith, it seems to me, is the Shema Yisra’el. According to the Gospel of Mark, Jesus said the most important commandment and prayer is the Shema Yisra’el: “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is One”, which was of course issued by Moses and remains, to this day, written into the “heart” (and on every doorpost) of every observant Jew, as it undoubtedly was for Jesus of Nazareth. I think the loss of the Shema is related to our failure to hallow the Name.

In the Church’s liturgy we have skipped to the secondary part of the commandant: to love God and to love neighbour. In Church we say that there are no greater commandments than love of God and love of neighbour. But this is not what Jesus said. Jesus said, as all Jews did, and still do, the greatest commandment is Shema Yisra’el.

Today the Rabbis tells us that although “Shema” is translated into English as the imperative verb “Hear” or “Listen”, it cannot in fact be satisfactorily translated. Shema variously means – apart from “hear” – do, accept, internalise, respond, remember... and, as always, hallow the Name of God. We are to fix the silent Name of God, and the utter Oneness of God, at the centre of all our wordy thoughts, reflections and discourse on being, life, society, Earth and cosmos, and, of course, on God. Indeed, the word Shema is related to HaShem: “the Name” [of God], and to Sh’mi: “my name”. In the prayer, the divine and ineffable name of God is not pronounced; it is replaced with “Lord” (Adonai).

Shema is very much a call to use the mind – the intellect – in seeking and loving God, emphasised, indeed, in the second sentence of the Shema: the command to love God with all the mind (according to the Greeks) or “the heart” in the original Hebrew language and the Masoretic Text (which means not only emotion, but intellect).

And so we can see that our use of Scripture, lectionary and liturgy have all contributed to our forgetting that God is God of Israel, to our forgetting to hallow the Name of God, to our creating graven images (including of Moses with horns), and to institutional antisemitism.

There are very few Anglican clergyman today who know Hebrew, who have even attempted to study it, or to discover why it is the Holy Language (and a kind of calculus of the world’s Babel of languages, set in stone at the geographical crossroads of Europe, Arabia, Africa and Asia).

Anglicans like to think they know Jesus, a Jew, and therefore they think they know what Jews are, or should be. But one only has to look at all the religious imagery of Jesus, especially in the Western churches, to see that Jesus, and even God, is generally conceived as an idolatrous projection of the adherent’s perfect man, complete with white skin, well-shampooed-and-conditioned long blondish hair (with a centre parting for some reason), angelic blue eyes, and a neatly trimmed beard. And, of course, this most perfectly good-looking Jewish man is also the most
virtuous man, for all time, by definition. The result of all this is that the Christian adherent is likely to projects his or her own ideas of virtue on to “Jesus”, if not God, reducing faith in God Almighty to some kind of human-celebrity cult.

Because this celebrity Jesus was perfect not only in his Caucasian good looks, but perfect in virtue, the Church came to insist that he was celibate. The idea that Jesus was celibate is never suggested in Christian scripture, and first entered Christian teaching through Pope Gregory (540 AD – 640 AD). “Gregory the Great” is also famous for preaching that Mary Magdalene was a prostitute, and, on visiting a Roman slave market and being attracted to pretty English boys with blond hair and blue eyes, exclaimed non Angli, sed angeli, and dispatched the future “Saint Augustine of Canterbury” to evangelise England for the Church.

34. No Sex Please, We’re the Church of England

For the Roman Catholic Church, celibacy is a sign of virtue, therefore, according to the Church, Rabbi Jesus (somewhat incongruously) was celibate and celibacy is the human ideal. Perhaps this is why nations of the Roman Catholic world seem to have more problems than other Western nations. If the brightest young men cannot pass on their genes (including to the next generation of potential priests and students of divinity) you end up with nations run by the Mafia, or South American drug barons, and a Church that now seems to have now lost all intellectual and moral credibility, caught up as it is in rampant and unforgiveable abuse of children in its care.

It seems to me extremely unlikely that Jesus believed that a life of celibacy is the human ideal: this is totally at odds with Jewish teaching, which is generally life-affirming and world-affirming and not monastic/escapist. Harvard Divinity School professor Karen King, who has spent much of her career analysing the empirical history of Jesus tells us that there is no evidence that Jesus was not married (and, as yet, no reliable historical evidence that he was).

The idea that sex is bad and celibacy is virtuous seemed to enter the nascent Christian faith (and the authors of Christian scripture, and perhaps Jewish sects such as the Essenes), through Platonic philosophy and world-denying Greek philosophies, such as Cynicism (the Cynics were the dominant school of philosophy at the time of Jesus). For the Greeks, and Hellenised thinkers, the world had been created by a lesser god, an evil demiurge, or what the cosmological dualist Saint Paul called “the god of this world”. This Pauline fear of the material of the world resulted in the Church’s disastrous attitude to, and obsession with, sex. This is especially the case post-Augustine of Hippo, when the theology of “Original Sin” of sex, or “Concupiscence”, came to dominate, nay become the very core, of the theology of the Latin half of the Church. All this was inherited by the churches of the Reformation, including the Church of England, although the male monarchs, the heads of the Church of England since Henry VIII, have never failed to keep the British end up.

The Anglican Communion today is just as prurient as the Catholic Church, especially on matters of same-sex relationship. As if to compensate for historical aversion to sex, parts of the C of E have become obsessed with developing a theology of sexual liberation to account for every sexual predilection imaginable. For instance, it seems to me that the Bishop of Liverpool is preoccupied with sexuality. His priority (since I have known him on social media) is to welcome the “LGBTQ2+/-” community, and a desire to bring it fully into Church life and theology and sacraments such as marriage. But where will this lead? What if three people approach the C of E hoping to be married as a triple? And what if a transsexual decides to marry itself?

On the question of same-sex relationship: my view, for what it’s worth, is that we should not tinker with the traditional Christian ideal that marriage is between man and woman whose primary aim is to raise a family, and live together in sickness and in health, until death as do part. The fact that...
many of us fail to live up to this ideal does not mean we should modify the ideal. I have personally failed to live up to the ideal, and accept the blame for being a divorcee. I want the Church of England to welcome me, and it does (or at least it did before I wrote this essay!), and I expect the Church of England to welcome people in same-sex relationships, and, in my experience, we do.

Almost everyone I know, within and without the Church of England, including me, is, or has been, what Saint Paul would call a “fornicator”, which, for Paul is on the same register as “homosexual”. But if Paul, a self-confessed murderer, were here today, no-one would take seriously his opinions on sex. Bishop Paul Bayes no doubts thinks that Jesus would have joined his community on “Liverpool Pride” floats. But in the very neighbouring diocese of Chester, Bishop Peter Forster thinks that homosexuality is wrong, that only sex in a monogamous heterosexual marriage is permissible, that men should not wear women’s clothing or crush their testicles, and that homosexuals should live a celibate life. I see the differences between the neighbouring bishops Peter and Paul (Chester versus Liverpool) as a microcosm for the global Anglican Communion, because pro-same sex theology versus anti-same sex theology has resulted, in our times, in the first great Anglican schism: an “alternative Lambeth Conference”, Christian fundamentalist, which calls itself “Global Anglican Future Conference”, or GAFCON, and, arrogantly, centres itself not on Lambeth, London, but in Jerusalem. (GAFCON, incidentally, patronised by the notorious Church of England antisemite Reverend Stephen Sizer, is profoundly antisemitic.)

Having said all this, the Church of England has, finally, managed to rid itself of 1500 years of persecution of homosexuals, and so perhaps I can be optimistic that the Church of England will now rid itself of 1500 years of antisemitism and help rid England of antisemitism. The Church is the first and the last bastion of English antisemitism. There are things that the Church reads, writes and says about the Jews that, today, would not be legally allowed in other parts of society. The Church gets away with it because it appeals to its Scripture, liturgy and theology, which means that it is high time we questioned the supposed holiness of all this stuff. Antisemitism is not holy, it is profoundly unholy, and an eternal stain on the Church. We cannot change Christian Scripture, but perhaps we can learn from the Jews, and qualify all our ancient Scripture with commentaries, and a softening of teachings that came from the ancient Church, which was, after all, born in the Iron Age.

Whereas today Christianity is huge and has many nations, and the Jews are tiny in number, the anti-Jewish passages in Scripture were written at a time when the Christian community was small, persecuted and understandably paranoid, not concerned about avoiding bigotry against what was a large and powerful Jewish part of the Roman Empire. In any case, the first Christians were, like John the Baptist and Jesus, expecting the Kingdom to come within a generation, and could hardly have worried about starting the 2000-year tradition of institutional antisemitism.
Appendix

This appendix addresses the Church of England's official communique on Israel and Palestine, published on the C of E's main website: www.churchofengland.org

The main resource is an A4-sized PDF of 44 pages dated to the General Synod of July 2012. It is titled:

Israel/Palestine – An Unholy War
A Report by the Church of England’s Board for Social Responsibility

I have picked out a few things in the report that are of concern. I suggest that the interested reader go to the report and read the whole thing, to verify that what I have picked out is representative of the context and spirit of the report.

The report opens with a Preface in the form of a letter from the Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem, the Right Reverend Riah Abu El-Assal. The bishops sends us (my highlighting):

“Greetings from the Church in Palestine [sic] and all the Christians in the country who trace their history to the many who have passed through this land since the earliest periods of prehistory [sic], and to the first roots of Christianity in Palestine [sic]. As the conflict between Israel and Palestine persists, we call upon all our brothers and sisters in England, and other parts of the world to continue listening to the needs and aspirations of our people who have been looking for Peace with Justice for so long”. [The “roots of Christianity” were in Israel and Judah, which was not called Palestine until the Pagan Roman Emperor, Hadrian, defeated the Jews in the war of 135 AD, and wiped the names of the Jewish kingdom off the map. There are a few Bible references to the land of the Philistines, or Palestinians, but the root of Christianity is not the Philistines, obviously.]

The bishop then complain about Israel’s military response to the “Palestinian uprising” (or Intifada).

Israel could no more have responded to the violent uprising without powerful military force than in any other region where the Arabs are in internecine conflict and revolt. Arab uprisings are extremely violent, determined and suicidal, not so different to Hirohito’s Japan, fuelled by a shame-honour martyrdom culture which is so alien to Western values we are afraid to even acknowledge that it exists. This is exacerbated today by Islamist apocalypticism: the theological belief that we are in the last days, necessitating the call for overwhelming violence to win the world for God, with Jerusalem at the centre of the “global caliphate”. We only need look over the Israeli border, to Syria and the Levant, not least ISIL, which at its peak almost achieved its caliphatist goals.

As I said in Chapter 29 of this essay, regarding Syria’s extant Arab war: more Palestinians have been killed in this civil war than in the Israeli response to the Second Intifada of 2000 to 2005 if we discount the hundreds of Palestinians killed by Palestinians in the intifada.

The bishop then goes on to say:

“The Palestinians are no strangers to the land today, and as mentioned above, they trace their history to the many who have passed through this land since the earliest periods of prehistory [sic], thereby showing that there was no ground whatsoever for the Zionist picture of “a land without a people to a people without a land”. These people are today denied access to places of worship, work, learning, and education, as well as medical institutions”. [This last sentence is patently untrue. Furthermore, the Jews are denied the right to worship at the most holiest place on Earth for Judaism: Temple Mount: Zion.]
Oh dear. This is the second time that our Right Reverend idiot has mentioned "prehistory" in just the first four paragraphs of his letter. Not only that, he wants to connect his people back to "early period" prehistory, whatever that is. Bear in mind that all this semi-literate stuff is how the Church of England chooses to introduce on the World Wide Web its teaching on the Arab-Israeli conflict. I refer the reader to Chapter 11: “Imagine a museum of indigenous Palestine”. Apart from, absurdly, appealing to the prehistoric man (such as the Philistines) to argue his case for Arab irredentism, the paragraph above implies that the bishop believes that there should have been no restoration of Israel for the Jews in the first place. But that argument was won in British Parliament over a century ago, as were all the other hundreds of cases of partitioning and ceding territory – including throughout the Arab world – in the declining British Empire, the French empire and the lesser empires, and the crushing of the Japanese empire. Many borders were later dissolved by the Socialist/Communist world order of course, and have been gradually restored since the fall of the Berlin Wall. In fact, the argument for a homeland for the Jews was won politically long before most of the other disputes and partitions, including those on religious lines in the British Empire, not least the Partition of India and the Partition of Ireland.

The bishop then tells us that in response to Israel’s force against the Palestinian uprising:

“The result of all this is anger, frustration and a desire for revenge. The Israelis may think, and may claim that they are rooting out terrorism, but in fact they are creating it… The bottom cause of all this, is not terrorism, as some would think, rather, it is the unjust and illegal occupation of Palestinian land. Terrorism is a symptom of the real root cause: the occupation [sic], which in the view of many is state terrorism.”

Read this paragraph carefully, and bear in mind that this is the official communique of the Church of England, and that the language used here is similar to that used by the Lords Spiritual of the Church of England, whose speeches in the Lords are easy to find, and watch, on the Internet.

I accuse.

The Bishop of Jerusalem then says what all anti-Israelists say (including our bishops in the House of Lords): he wants the State of Israel reduced to the pre-1967 borders, which would bring Syria and the Levant (including the Arab Muslims of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant) and the whole of the Arab world and Iran – the whole antisemitic and violent godforsaken lot of it – to within 7 miles of the suburbs of Tel Aviv, and 9 miles from Tel Aviv airport, and the other coastal towns and cities (which, incidentally, were malarial estuaries until founded by the Zionists).

Furthermore, the Arab nations do not accept Israel as a nation. They are constitutionally committed to the "obliteration" of Israel, "obliterate" being the word used in the English translation of the Hamas Covenant, which is written, we are told, for the glory of “Allah” in the "name of the Mujahideen”. We know this from the way the Islamic nations work as a bloc vote against Israel in the United Nations. As I wrote in Chapter 11: the Prime Minister of Malaysia, Mahathir bin Mohamad, the elder statesman of the Islamic nations, said in his address to the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation in Kuala Lumpur in 2003: “Jews still rule the world by proxy... but 1.3 billion Muslims cannot be defeated by a few million Jews. There must be a way. And we can only find a way if we stop to think, to assess our weaknesses and our strength, to plan, to strategise and then to counterattack...The Europeans killed six million Jews out of 12 million”.

In Chapter 25, I spoke of my experience in the Royal Air Force (and later in the aerospace industry) in which I worked on electronic stealth, electronic counter measures, and electronic counter-counter measures. And I can promise the reader that allowing any Muslim-majority nation to return to the pre-1967 borders is out of the question. Anyone who promotes pre-1967 borders, as Barrack Obama did, is promoting the obliteration of Israel.
To repeat what I have said in this essay and elsewhere. In the past few decades, the whole of the Arab world has murdered or expelled its Jews, and, almost overnight, wiped out a continuous Jewish civilisation that is much older than Christianity and Islam. And yet we have Anglican Arab senior clergy in Israel telling us that the Israelis are the cause of Arab violence.

I will repeat here what I wrote in Chapter 6, because it is most pertinent. Read it in the context of what we have seen from the pen of Right Reverend Riah Abu El-Assal.

Until we, the Anglican Church, emerge from antisemitism, and are contrite about antisemitism, we cannot credibly criticise Islam, and above all, today, we need to steadfastly criticise Islam. What we used to think of as the “religious extreme” of Islam has now become the mainstream in the Muslim nations.

The Christians of the Middle East and North Africa (the Arab world in others words) are now suffering precisely what almost 1 million Jews of MENA suffered since the 1930s. The hate that begins with Jews never ends with Jews. At the time of writing (3rd May 2019), the Bishop of Truro has published an “interim” report on Christian persecution. He tells us that the persecution of millions of Christians in MENA has reached such a “vast scale” that it is coming “close to meeting the international definition of genocide”.

The Bishop of Truro's report is “interim" because, despite his team having had 5 months since the British Government had commissioned the report and set the deadline, the authors had not hitherto realised the vastness of the scale of persecution. Well of course they didn’t, because the Church of England, like the media, is obsessed with Israel, and ignores what is happening in the remaining 99.9% of the MENA landmass. They had not realised the vast scale of persecution because, as the report points out, “it rarely gets much attention in the Western media. Even many churchmen in the West turn a blind eye… The global war on Christians remains the greatest story never told of the early 21st century”. But why is this story never told? Rabbi Sacks recently told the House of Lords: “The persecution of Christians throughout much of the Middle East, sub-Saharan Africa and Asia, [and] elsewhere is one of the crimes against humanity of our time and I’m appalled at the lack of protest it has evoked”.

The rest of the 44-page Israel/Palestine report, the report proper, is sheer babble, patronising in tone, yet often ignorant and stupid, with a lot Christian clichés thrown in. It draws often on the theories of the United Nations. But appeals to the United Nations are disingenuous, for the reasons I wrote in my Chapter 23: “All Nations United Against Israel”.

Above all the greatest intellectual and moral error of the Church of England report results, I think, from a determination to seek balance, to see two sides of equal culpability. But this is simply not the case.

Refer to my Chapter 10: ”Pallywood”. The authors of report are inevitably largely informed by Western media on the Middle East, including the BBC (and its sources), and the antisemitic Anglican clergy in the Holy Land. But the “balanced reporting” misleadingly makes an asymmetrical situation appear to be symmetrical. On one side is the “Mujahideen” determined to destroy Israel, and whose official media outlets (such as Palestinian Authority TV and Gaza TV) inculcate the people, including small children, with hate, and into believing that their greatest ambition should be to kill Jews and to become martyrs in the process of obliterating Israel and winning a global caliphate. On the other side is Israel, a miracle, a tiny nation that has no ambitions to raise children into martyrs, or to create an empire or a caliphate. Israel is the most innovative nation in the world per capita, which has a free press, democracy, freedom of religion, homosexuals’ rights, freedom to criticise the government, freedom of assembly... but if a journalist
were to fail to make the asymmetry appear symmetrical, that journalist, or his colleagues working for the same organisation could no longer survive in the areas under Palestinian control.

Surely, one hopes, the Bishop of Truro's report, of May 2019, will help even the Church of England to see that the situation is not symmetrical. On the one side is a nation that is generally good (just as England is generally good), and on the other side is a determined tyrannical movement that is unequivocally evil in spirit. It is generally Fascist, just as mainland Christian Europe was generally Fascist within living memory. Of course, there are bad elements in Israel (the Lehava for instance), just as England has its bad elements, not least antisemitism, and extremists on the political left and right.

My use of the word "Fascism" is not an exaggeration. To remind you, the Bishop of Truro’s report for the British Government on Christian persecution tells us that the persecution of millions of Christians in MENA has reached such a “vast scale” that it is coming “close to meeting the international definition of genocide”. No exaggeration is necessary, just honest reporting.

Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt (an Anglican), who commissioned the report, tells us that “millions of Christians” in the region have been “uprooted from their homes... killed, kidnapped, imprisoned and discriminated against”. Hunt says, “What we have forgotten in this atmosphere of political correctness is actually the Christians that are being persecuted are some of the poorest people on the planet. In the Middle East the population of Christians used to be about 20%; now it’s 5%.” Uprooted. Killed. Kidnapped. Imprisoned. Imprisoned for what? Killed for what? …

Let us look at an example of how the Church of England’s report – Israel/Palestine, An Unholy War – attempts to achieve balance:

“It is difficult in such a report to convey the deep despair that leads young Palestinians to seek ‘martyrdom’, or the anguish felt by Israeli families mourning the loss of loved ones that legitimates military retaliation. What motives three 14-year old Palestinian classmates to mount a suicide attack on a Jewish settlement in Gaza, or a 20-year old Palestinian woman to blow herself up by a bus stop in central Jerusalem? Without an understanding of this despair, merely condemning suicide bomb attacks as immoral glosses over the deep-rooted social, economic and political disenfranchisement experienced by Palestinians. Such attacks are evil and must be condemned unequivocally. However, if peace is to be achieved the cycle of suicide bombings has to be broken. This requires the circumstances that give rise to them to be understood and resolved. Similarly, it is difficult to imagine the grief felt by Israeli families when a Jewish girl’s bar [sic] mitzvah party in Hadera turns into a bloody massacre leaving six dead and thirty wounded or when a night out in Tel Aviv at a discotheque or snooker club ends in horrendous circumstances…”

Note that the word martyrdom has inverted commas, implying that it is not martyrdom, despite the culture of explicitly-religious martyrdom and shame-honour that now pervades the Arab regions surrounding Israel. And since when has Christianity believed that terrorism is the “understandable” response to “social, economic and political disenfranchisement”? Apart from anything else, it is Hamas (which has not had a general election since it came to power 13 years ago) that is doing the disenfranchisement, and squandering the billions of dollars it receives in aid. For instance, it has paid out more than $1 billion in the last four years in “pay for slay” to the families of imprisoned murderers and suicide martyrs (many of whom have walked up to unarmed Jews, including recently, a young Arab called Arafat Irfaiya who murdered a teenage Jewess, stabbing her and then raping her). And rather than building what the people need, Hamas has spent huge amounts building tunnels to break into Israel, and on thousands of rockets and missiles aimed at Israel, many smuggled in from Iran elsewhere, hence the reason for Israeli blockades (for
weapons and potential materials for weapons, but not for humanitarian needs for the Gaza Strip, which Israel facilitates despite the Hamas government).

If we do not call out Fascism for what it is, we are not helping anyone, including the children of Fascist regimes who are being indoctrinated from a very young age. Islamist terrorism in MENA and the wider Ummah has got little if anything to do with economics, or what the Church of England unhelpfully attributes to “deep-rooted social, economic and political disenfranchisement”. The Arab world is the richest region on Earth, with a concentration of some of the world’s richest nations. It could take care of its people and prove to the world that Islam and Arabisation is about love for Arabs, and not about buying up English football clubs, and the largest and most expensive properties in Western cities such as London. The Arab world has squandered $ Trillions of oil and gas revenue on consuming itself. The West is complicit of course. We have been complicit in the disaster we call the Middle East because we too have become morally bankrupted by our attraction to Arab oil money. Black gold is now killing the planet, and literally poisoning land, air and sea (not least through its by-product of plastic). It cannot anoint the age to come.

As noted in Chapter 21, at the time of writing (Easter Sunday 2019), Muslim suicide martyrs have blown up churches and hotels in Sri Lanka, killing over 250 people, and injuring hundreds more. They were affluent and highly educated (including, it seems, at Kingston University in the UK); two of them were brothers who were sons of the one of the richest businessmen in Sri Lanka. It is time for the Anglican Church to stand up to contemporary Islam, rather than indulge and excuse its worst excesses. We must challenge the mainstream goals of Islam. We must do this for the sake of Christians, Muslims, and all peoples, and the Chosen People. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

April 7 2019, East Jerusalem, this is a screenshot from Gaza TV of a Jordanian 5-year old child with a toy machine gun. I watched it. It is chilling. He is pointing to Jerusalem in an interview with his mother, to whom he explains he has decided to become a martyr. The interview ends with chillingly articulate shouting about why ARABS must kill the Jews and take Jerusalem and Al Aqsa. “ARAB… ARAB… ARAB…” he shouts, must rise up to kill or to die.

The child obviously hasn’t read the Church of England’s report explaining the reason for Arab martyrdom is “deep-rooted social, economic and political disenfranchisement”.

This is so sad. What kind of future is in store for this little child? And his victims? I promise the reader that none of this is rare in contemporary Arab culture. It is mainstream not only in Gaza and Ramallah, but everywhere from Saudi Arabia, to Jordan to Qatar to UAE. It is why there are no observant Jews in most of the nations of MENA. And the Islamists have turned on the Christians in the past decade, with a near-genocide level of persecution. Never again?