Why we must fear, and challenge, contemporary Islam

And help Islam to make
Islam beautiful again

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1. The Big Picture

There is a move afoot to come up with an international working definition of "Islamophobia" along the lines of the recently published working definition of antisemitism by the IHRA (or International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance). The IHRA definition has now been accepted by many governmental and non-governmental organisations and academic establishments around the world. Whether or not the IHRA definition of antisemitism helps significantly in the battle against antisemitism remains to be seen. In my experience (and in examples I will show in this essay), it seems to be having no effect whatsoever on the Church of England clergy, let alone the laity, even though the IHRA definition was formally sanctioned by the College of Bishops a year ago.

In the West, there are already "hate crime" laws to protect everyone. We don't need a definition of "Islamophobia" to engender a politically-correct attitude to contemporary Islam, rather there is a dire need to fear, and to challenge, contemporary Islam. We need especially to be concerned by rampant Islamic antisemitism, which is feeding, and is fed by, the resurgent antisemitism in the Christian and secular West.

In my studies and reflections on antisemitism, “the world’s oldest hatred”, I have come to realise that antisemitism goes much deeper even than hatred. Indeed, although perhaps most antisemites are hateful, many antisemites are not, or at least not self-consciously and not in demeanour. The antisemites that I know personally in the Church of England, clergy and laity, do not appear to hate anyone. They tell me that they are not antisemites, and I’m sure they are not lying, rather they don’t realise they are antisemites.

In the UK, few thinkers are as qualified to speak about the British resurgence of antisemitism than Rabbi Lord Sacks, who, speaking in a debate on the subject in the House of Lords a year ago (13th September 2018), told the Peers that, “one of the enduring facts of history is that most antisemites do not think of themselves as antisemites”. And speaking to the EU in 2016, Rabbi Sacks delivered a speech he titled The Mutating Virus of Antisemitism, explaining that the latest and most severe mutation of antisemitism manifests itself in the hatred and vilification of Israel. (I will make more use of the virus metaphor in Section 2 of this essay.)

The world's obsessive vilification and undermining of the world’s only Jewish state is relentless. It was perhaps predictable – the Biblical prophets certainly thought so – that all nations rage furiously against Zion. Throughout history, every nation, particularly every Christian nation, has raged against the Jews in its midst; today every nation rages against the Jewish nation in the midst of all nations. C'est logique.

Christians in general, in accordance with the bulk of 2000 years of Christian teaching and tradition, believe that the Jews cannot possibly be holy, nay are the least holy of people, and therefore should not today be ‘occupying’ the Holy Land and the Holy of Holy Cities. As for Islam, traditionally it recognised Jews (with Christians) as “People of the Book”, who though diminished in status and rights in the Muslim empires, caliphates and nations, were more tolerable than the rest of humanity, and there was less need to convert them. But contemporary Islam no longer teaches this. Largely through the influential 20th-century philosophies of the Muslim Brotherhood in all 57 Muslim nations, the clerics now teach that the Jews are “descended from pigs and apes”, based on newly agreed interpretations of passages in the Quran (backed up by hadiths). I suspect that there are many Muslim teachers who do oppose the “Jews are pigs and apes” theology, but you won’t hear them speaking out, just as Medieval

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Roman Catholic teachers could not have taken on the brutal power of the Pope, his Inquisition and his Dominicans or so-called *Domini canes*: "hounds of the Lord".

In fact the "swine" passages and the "apes" passages in the Quran don’t specify Jews only, but Jews and Christians. And Muslims who deviate are also threatened with such a fate on Judgement Day. The Prophet's "swine" passages in the Quran are not so different to the rhetoric of Jesus according to Christian scripture, such as "pearls before swine", the Prodigal Son, and the exorcism of Legion’s demons into the Gadarene Swine. But according to today’s interpretation, the swine passages in the Quran are all about the Jews in the Holy Land, even though the Quran acknowledges that the Holy Land was given by God to the Jews. And contemporary “pigs and apes” teaching is more than metaphor: the teaching goes that God literally made Jews into pigs and apes, and therefore all Jews today are direct descendants of the same, whose very presence in Jerusalem is defiling Islam’s third holiest city (even though Jerusalem, or any other city in the region, is not mentioned in the Quran).

Contemporary teaching that “Jews are [literally] descendants of pigs and apes” might sound absurd to contemporary Western ears, but bear in mind that, within living memory, Christian Germany, the most scientifically advanced nation in the world, taught that Arabs were “half apes” (based on German Social Darwinism). And through German mainstream media and popular culture, all Jews became “rats” and "vermin" in the minds of the general population.

Ideological antisemitism stupefies every nation that allows it to take hold. Ideological antisemitism leads to a kind of moral blindness, and although Jews are inevitably the first victims of it, they are far from ever the only victims of it. Today, all the Muslim nations are ideologically antisemitic. Most have now expelled or murdered their Jews, especially observant Jews, and all are caught up in internecine belligerence with each other, and often with non-Muslim nations that border Muslim nations. The Muslim nations today show little if any tolerance or compassion for each other, or for Arab-conflict war refugees, or for 1 million Muslim Uyghurs disappearing into the Communist gulags of China. Arabs killing Arabs defines the culture of the 21st-century Arabs. And beyond North Africa and the Arabian Peninsula, the Turks, the Iranians, the Somalis and the Pakistanis are no better. “Lack of employment opportunity” is often offered as a reason for contemporary Islamic revolutions, but belligerent nations always lack employment opportunities, or at least meaningful employment opportunities that sate the good inclinations of the human spirit. And the lesson of history is that revolutions in belligerent nations lead to yet more belligerence and killing post-revolution (I hardly need list the greatest examples). At the time of writing, the people of Lebanon are calling for revolution, complaining about lack of opportunity and a broken economy, but also at the time of writing, Dame Louise Ellman MP, the latest Jewish MP to be hounded out of the British Labour Party, has written a letter (22nd October 2019) to the Foreign Secretary warning about increasing Lebanese belligerence, including the “100,000 to 130,000 missiles, many hidden in houses and in civilian infrastructure in villages in South Lebanon”. Supplied by Iran to Hezbollah (which is a powerful wing of Lebanon’s coalition government), all these missiles are pointing at Israel. Lebanon is stupefied by its antisemitism. Lebanon will continue to fail itself, and continue to be a scourge so long as contemporary Islam is scourged by ideological antisemitism.

A thousand years ago, the Arab world was characterised by intellectual brilliance and an insatiable hunger for Beauty, Wisdom and Knowledge of the Divine Intellect. The Fatimid's "House of Knowledge" in Cairo outshone anything in Europe, and was one of the Arab influences for Europe’s Scholastic Renaissance. But the 21st-century Arab world, no-one can deny, is characterised by belligerence, just as much of 20th-century Europe was characterised by belligerence, as even Roman Catholic Italy under Mussolini explicitly regressed to the Pagan Roman Empire and the cult of Caesar.
Since the War, nations of the world have started to agree on what can be accepted as universal human rights. No Arab nation yet has these human rights, and yet all Muslim nations – and seemingly most Muslims in the West – are peculiarly interested in accusing Israel of infringing the “human rights” of the Arabs of the irredentist regimes that surround Israel, and are explicitly determined to obliterate Israel.

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Christian Aid (a huge UK charity representing almost all the British Protestant churches), and The World Council of Churches (WCC), are obsessive in their support of Mujahedeen irredentism in Israel. Sort through the leaflets, booklets and newsletters in any Reformed church in England today, and I would be surprised if you do not easily find a leaflet or at least a page in a booklet, with the rhetorical title: “Christian Aid in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory”. None of the text and photographs in the anti-Israeli advertising literature of Christian Aid and the WCC are hateful, rather they are loving: loving of the people who voted for a Mujahedeen manifesto to “obliterate Israel” (we will return later to the Hamas Covenant). What you won’t find in our English churches (or at least I haven’t to date) are leaflets describing what the British Government has recently referred to as “the near genocide level of persecution” of Christians by the Mujahedeen regimes throughout the Middle East and North Africa and the wider Muslim world. Such literature would be classified “Islamophobia”. Similarly, you won’t find photographs or details of the millions of Muslim child ‘brides’ or ‘pleasure brides’, or millions of underage and physically underdeveloped Muslim girls whose screams are unheard as they are raped, and often subsequently die in childbirth. You won’t see descriptions of honour killings of girls suspected of losing their virginity, or descriptions of FGM, and you won’t see photographs of post-mortem 3-day crucifixions of decapitated people put on public display in Saudi Arabia, the holiest nation to Islam. Such literature would be classified “Islamophobia”.

Christian antisemitism has made the Church blind to contemporary Islamic antisemitism and contemporary Islamic anti-Christianism and all the other evils now deeply embedded in contemporary Islam. It seems to me that the Church goes out of its way to avoid the obvious, which is that Israel is the only good nation in the Middle East, and all 22 Arab nations are bad, and becoming more and more bad. The “Arab Spring”, it turns out, was the revolution through which the pan-Arab Muslim Brotherhood could motivate jihad against the “secular” and “multicultural” influences from “the West”. But if the Church were to analyse and reveal the situation honestly, it would lose its Israel-baiting raison d’être, which involves showing solidarity with the Muslim nations and regimes that want to get at Israel.

I think it is a fair characterisation of our times to say that the Muslim nations generally don’t care about Muslims killing Muslims and Muslims killing Christians, or Muslim girls dying in agonising childbirth. And the Christian nations generally don’t care about Muslims killing Muslims and Muslims killing Christians, but all the Muslim and the Christian and the secular nations care about the Arabs of the Gaza Strip, Judea, and Samaria, and are minded to support them in solidarity in their declared aim to “obliterate Israel”. In other words, the Christian, Muslim, and secular nations are united by, and all blinded by, their ideological antisemitism.

The Western churches (Roman Catholic and Protestant) and Europeans in general today are easily duped, and seemingly want to be duped, by the propaganda from contemporary Islam, even though contemporary Islam is now as genocidal and hateful in its antisemitic philosophy and teaching as was Christendom in the 1930s (see my previous essay: The Arab-Israeli Conflict Made Simple: the Nazi Elephant in the Room).
Contemporary Islam – despite its explicit adherence to Mein Kampf, and The Protocols of the Elders of Zion, and Sayyid Qutb’s Our Struggle with the Jews – wants to convince the West that the Jews are the new Nazis, and the West seems to want to be convinced this is so. After all, if it can be claimed that world’s only Jewish nation is the new Nazi nation, it diminishes the scandal of antisemitism that has defined the whole history of the Western Church, and it diminishes the Holocaust perpetrated by the Church, by the Christian Nazis and by Europe. Germany, we should remember, was the heart of the Holy Roman Empire, or Reich, and was the cradle of the Protestant Reformation. 95% of Germans were Christians, Protestant and Catholic, when Hitler was voted into power, and venerated him all the way to his apotheosis as “Führer”, as did Roman Catholics in Italy, Austria, Spain and much of France.

Today, Germany, and its “Christian Democratic” Government, does ban the teaching of Hitler and Holocaust Denial, and does all the necessarily diplomatic and philo-semitic virtue signalling, but behind the scenes Germany demonises Israel and supports the nations that teach Hitler’s philosophy and teach Holocaust Denial (and other spurious forms of historical revisionism).

Germany gives much moral and financial support to the Palestinian Mujahedeen (despite the many $billions that are already pumped in by Iran and the Gulf States). Last year at the United Nations General Assembly, Germany's condemnations targeted at specific nations were as follows:

The above is a screenshot of a Tweet at the time of writing, by Hillel Neuer, who is an expert in international law, and is Executive Director of UN Watch. Last year Germany condemned Israel 15 times, and the nations of the rest of the world 5 times. This is not newsworthy, because it is typical of Germany's voting pattern every year.

Why, one asks, are the post-Nazi and post-Stasi German Christians acting in an international forum in precisely the same obsessively anti-Jewish way as pre-Nazi, Nazi and Stasi German Christians? Has the
anti-Israelist German Government of “Christian Democrats” scrubbed out every instance of “Israel” from its Old Testament? Has it decided to give backing to all the nations that support the Mujahedeen’s goal to make ‘Palestine’ judenrein from “the river to the sea”? Surely, Christian Germany of all nations should be leading the world in the battle against antisemitism?

Alas, as the Prophet Jeremiah said: a leopard cannot change its spots. The Master Race from Hell is what it is. Perhaps the Germans, with the Chinese, the Japanese and the Arabs, are the peoples most susceptible to groupthink. How else, after the War, could the National Socialists of West Germany, not least the British-controlled and restored Ruhr Valley, be so easily brought back into Christian civilisation? At the same time, East Germany was easily brainwashed into the Socialist Bloc, and the ideology of the Communist former enemy, convinced that school children be taught Marxist-Leninism, and obligatory Russian, convinced that they needed to wall themselves in against the West Germans, and convinced that they should murder or incarcerate anyone revealed to show disfavour with the Socialist government, or who entered the “death zone” dividing the two German nations. And, of course, the root of all this was Germany’s self-destruction through its Hitler worship. Until as recently as 1990, hundreds of thousands of Germans worked directly for the secret police – the Stasi – or as Stasi informants, including in the churches. Angela Merkel, whose father was a Lutheran clergyman who actually moved his family from West Germany to East Germany in 1954, was very much a cog in the machine of the East-German Marxist tyranny.

Since Israel’s restitution in 1948, Israel has been infinitely more moral, good and worthy, than Merkel’s nation ever was and ever will be. Little wonder Germany now wants to lead Europe and the wider world in scapegoating Israel as “the new Nazis” to justify Germany’s antisemitism/anti-Zionism.

The collectivist propensity that nations such as Germany, Japan and China seem to possess can, of course, lead to big “economic productivity”. The nations in which the people truly value human being are less ‘productive’ than nations whose populace is inclined to mass robotisation (and militarisation), and attracted to robots and to making robots.¹ Ultimately, it matters not how any nation judges Israel, but how God of Israel weighs up the good and evil of every nation. Robots, and soulless self-dehumanised humans who have become robots, don’t matter in the eternal scheme of things. Human Being, ben adam, does matter. And Israel, at her best and messily-human diversity, knows, where she is observant, that she is duty bound to hold up the banner of ben adam (I will say more on this later).

I don’t compare Angela Merkel to Hitler, I compare her to the Pharaoh, who having been persuaded by God Almighty to let the Hebrews go to the Promised Land later changed his mind and pursued the Jews through the Red Sea. Genocidal antisemitism ended badly for the Egyptian Empire, and Germany’s regression to antisemitism/anti-Zionism (and Germany’s explicit and implicit support for the Mujahedeen) will end badly for the Germany-centric EU Empire.

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¹ According to reports (easy to find on the Internet) in the mainstream British media such as the BBC and the daily newspapers, robots to the Japanese are not just electronics, but friends and even lovers. Each to his own. This year, several British newspapers have reported that a rapid decline in the birth-rate in Japan is attributable to sex robots. A large number of Japanese men have chosen to make love to robots instead of learning the skills and challenges and risks of entering into a loving relationship with a human being, hence the Japanese human population is dropping as quickly as the robot populating is growing. Depression and suicide rates in Japan are the highest in the world, even amongst children, but especially amongst men. Japan, I suggest, needs to fall in love with God, and God’s Creation. Japan needs “to get out more”. And, dare I say, Japan needs to start to learn the meaning of Israel. There is a real danger that Japan, with China and Germany – i.e three of the world’s four largest economies – will come to love robot being over human being, that’s if Japan hasn’t already.

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In July this year I published a long essay titled, *I Accuse – Contemporary Antisemitism and the Church of England*. Although I have not yet effectively distributed the essay, it has already been well received by some international scholars of antisemitism. On the other hand, the responses I have received from the Church of England clergy who have tried to defend against my essay have continued to vindicate my accusations. The screenshot below is one example, a response by a Fr. Bernard Joy (Franciscan Anglican). I know Bernard Joy quite well, in fact a few years ago he invited me to join him on long rail journey from the south of England to his beloved Assisi. He is not a hateful man. His parishioners doubtless describe him as a loving man. I don’t doubt that he helps elderly folks to cross the road and that he rescues kittens from trees. But here is a post that Joy put on LinkedIn in July 2019 (in the “Anglican Communion” group of 8000-plus members, for which he is one of a handful of moderators).

At the time of writing, the post is still there:

I have to hand it Fr. Bernard Joy. In just one short message (in direct response to my *I Accuse* essay) he has managed to include everything and more that a committed antisemite of our times must do, and he has defended his human “right” to do so. He has equated the Jews, “a people”, the People Israel, with the Nazis, and then he has revealed himself to a Holocaust denier.

To equate Israel’s conflicts with the Palestinian Mujahedeen with the Holocaust is Holocaust Denial, and Joy is far from the only Parish Priest of the Church of England who does it.

The fact that Joy thinks he is a suitable gatekeeper to “weed out” antisemities from the online Anglican Communion he moderates tells us just how institutionally antisemitic, and stupid, our State Church, the Church of England, actually is. And Fr. Joy’s post comes nearly a year after the Church of England formally accepted the international (IHRA) definition of antisemitism.

As I have argued elsewhere, antisemitism isn’t (in the main) racism. Racism, like antisemitism, obviously can, and has, led to great crimes against humanity, but they are not the same phenomenon. Antisemitism is far more serious. Antisemites do of course sometimes appeal to racist theories (as the Nazis and the Fascists sometimes did for instance), but antisemitism, “the world’s oldest hatred”, is far more complex than racism, and far more complex than hatred in fact.

Dr David Patterson, in his book, *Anti-Semitism and its Metaphysical Origins*, argues, convincingly in my view, that determined antisemitism is the blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, which (along with child abuse) Jesus taught as *unforgiveable* sin. It amounts to man’s choosing, and judging, what was holy, what is holy, and what is to be holy. It amounts to man’s reasoning why God made the ‘wrong’ choices, thereby man subverts God’s choices, or attempts to eliminate God altogether. It amounts to man’s
thinking he can appropriate what is God’s, thereby man chooses, through his devices and desires, what he thinks should be the “Christian” destiny of the nations. But as Patterson also points out: “if the divinely chosen status of the Jews is undone or superseded, then Christianity itself is undone”. In other words (my words), if Christians are antsemites they are also antichrist and anti-Spirit. I know that fellow Christians will find it difficult to agree, because it means that many of the Orthodox and Roman Catholic doctors and saints, and Martin Luther, were antichrist. But here I stand; I can do no other.

The Spirit (Ruach), the Fire of God, the Wind of God, as we hear in the whole tenor of the Torah, works through Time. The Spirit of God works through history ultimately to calm the storms of history, to bring harmony and song out of chaos following the call to (and from) Zion and the return of the Jewish diaspora to Zion. Zion is uniquely where the Spirit of God on Earth, the Shekinah, is forever geographically centred. The Church was formed in Jerusalem at Shavuot (Pentecost), at the defining moment when the Shekinah was manifest, as it had been in the First Temple (which still possessed the Ark of Covenant) in the form of flames and rushing wind.

The miraculous return to Jerusalem of the holy fire and wind was accompanied by many living world languages that suddenly possessed the tongues of men, as the Disciples were made aware they were to spread the message throughout the world not just in the Holy language, but in all the world’s languages, from "Jerusalem, and all Judea and all Samaria and to the ends of the Earth", as we read in Acts.

But all this does not mean that we can forget Jerusalem. Jesus explicitly echoed the call to the Zion (I will return to this), but he hardly needed to reiterate it because, according to the Gospel writers, Jesus, a Rabbi, a Jew of the Tribe of Judah, commanded that not a one jot or tittle of the Torah be altered until all is fulfilled. Similarly, Jesus hardly needed to say that “salvation is of the Jews”, as he did according to the Gospel of John.

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If antsemitism were simply racism, it would not explain the significant number of Jewish antsemites, who, much like Christian and Muslim antsemites, deny the Spirit of God that entered human history through the Jews and the Torah.

The “Sem”, or Shem, in “Semite”, means “Name”, as in HaShem (the Name). Do not take the Shem (שֵׁם) in vain, goes the Decalogue. "Hallowed be thy Shem", Jesus opens the "Lord’s Prayer", the prayer for the world, now translated into every living language of the world.

Shem, meaning Name, was the name given to one of the sons of Noah. And Shem, son of Noah, was one of the ancestors of Joseph and Jesus according to Luke’s genealogy of the Royal family of Jesus. Jesus, and Joseph, and Mary, were, and are, and forever will be, Semites (or Shem-ites, or, dare I say it, Name-ites), who will never forget Jerusalem, or the holiest of holy Names that was housed in the Holy of Holies of the Jerusalem Temple, uttered only for the world by the holiest priest of the holiest tribe of the holiest people at the holiest moment of the holiest day (of Atonement) of the year.

Almost no Christians seem to know any of this (I have never met one who does), and almost no Christian hallows the Name as Jesus did and as Jesus commanded (I have never met a Christian who does), because the Church has never taught it. I suggest that if the Church were to start to hallow the Name, the Shem, as Jesus instructed, the Church would be well on the way to finally ridding itself of antsemitism, or, in other words, anti-Shem. “Hallowed be thy Name”. It’s not as though I am making this stuff up, or drawing on obscure long-forgotten ideas. It is supposed to be the very daily basis of Christianity according to Jesus the Christ himself.
According to the Gospel of my shem-sake (or my Christian-namesake) Mark, Jesus said that the Shema Yisra'el is the most important commandment. The Church, as far as I can see from the historical records, has never taught this either! The emphasis on the One-ness of God does not sit well with the popular Christian belief in three gods.

According to Christian scripture, Jesus, even though he was not of the holiest tribe (he was, like David, of the tribe of Judah, not, like Moses, of the tribe of Levi), nevertheless took on the role of Jerusalem High Priest. Echoing David in Psalm 110, Christian scripture says Jesus took on the King-Priest role in the order of the Melchizedeks (King of Kings, Lord of Lords), who preceded even Abraham.

The Book of Genesis tells us that Abraham himself was blessed by a Melech-Zedek, or King-Priest, or King of Righteousness, the King of Salem (i.e. the King of JeruSalem, Shalom, the King of Zion) who brought out bread and wine to bless Abraham. Jesus, on-going up to Jerusalem in the final week of his life, followed the Atonement Day model. At the holiest moment of the day, the High Priest, the Kohen Gadol, would become One with God who is One, and receive the Name. Through the one High Priest came the annual renewal of the covenant between God, the Jews, mankind and Earth (centred on Israel, “the land”). One only has to read the Yom Kippur liturgy used to this day to understand the role that Jesus was self-consciously acting out in the “new covenant” for the world, but with a key difference: cometh the hour, the High Priest, Jesus, himself became his own scapegoat, and like the Yom Kippur scapegoat, Jesus ended his life on the hills outside Jerusalem, for Israel, and for mankind.

The Holiest Name on which the Holy language is centred, is the holiest Word, and therefore the Word (Logos) on which all words (and all ‘ologies) in all languages are centred if they are not spurious or false. (I go deeper into the philosophy and cosmo-logy of all this in my upcoming book.)

“Holy Father, keep them in thy Name which thou hast given me, that they may be One, even as we are.”

The words of Jesus according to John (John 17:11)

The Name exists, at the centre of Earth (Jerusalem) and at the centre of all languages. The true Semite (or Shem-ite) accepts that we are to hallow no thing less than the Name. To bow to a man, or a statue, to put trust in a political or internationalist ideology, is to take the Name of the Lord in vain. And so in this sense, though I am not a Jew, I am a Semite. And if you accept my definition of Semite/Shemite, it makes more sense of the fact that there are, and always have been, antisemitic Jews, i.e. Jews who take the Name (Shem) of the Lord in vain.

I’m sometimes asked if I have considered becoming a Jew. I have considered it, but there are two reasons why I do not and cannot, even though I am truly monotheistic (i.e. not Trinitarian). The first reason is that I believe that Jesus was/is the Messiah (or “Christ” in the Greek) for the world, which, by definition, makes me a Christ-ian. The second reason is that, as a baby, I was named “Mark Richard” in the Name of God in the Church of England, and I don’t think that HaShem wants me to convert, and take a Hebrew name. I believe that I am more useful to HaShem where I am. I was Christened and named into the Church of England, and in the Church of England I will stay, if only as a thorn in the side, and as a Semite, or ‘Shem-ite’, who insists on hallowing the Name and acknowledging the Shema Yisra’el.

God, and Jesus, and Saint Paul, never wanted to make us all into Jews. Rather God chose the Jews (destined always to remain few in number, according to the Lawmaker) to raise up the world into knowing that we are all chosen by God, and all have responsibilities to one another and to God by virtue of the fact that we are all human being (or ben adam in the Hebrew).
For me, then, the anti-semite, or anti-Shemite, is not primarily a racist, but is anti the whole human race, and the very source of our humanity: HaShem. **Antisemitism is far more dangerous than racism.**

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Of course, not all atheists and agnostics are antisemites. Some of them are philo-semites, who admire the Jews and love Israel, especially if they are attracted to the human intellect, and (classical) music.

And not all Jewish atheists and agnostics are antisemites. Indeed, I have met and dialogued with Jewish experts on antisemitism and Israel who are atheists or at least non-observant. But these experts, such as, in the UK, Dr David Hirsh, and Stephen Pollard (Editor of the Jewish Chronicle), inevitably promote the idea that “antisemitism is racism” or “anti-Jewish” racism, and “anti-Zionism is racism”, and are cornered into applying sociological theories of racism to antisemitism. In a Facebook dialogue, Hirsh proposed that the antidote to antisemitism and anti-Zionism is “to build an anti-totalitarian movement in this country, and further afield”, by which he means “robust democracy” (whatever that is). I challenged him, saying that the antidote to anti-Zionism is Zionism, and that he cannot take out the religious centrality of Israel. Hirsh responded, unhelpfully, that “religious belief and practice is a private matter”. Yes, religious belief is a private matter: if people privately worship elephants or the Caesar or the democratically-elected Führer or democratically-elected Hamas, there is not much I can do about it. But **Israel is not a private matter**, and if a Jew says otherwise he has chosen, as a private matter, to be antisemitic/anti-Shemitic, because, as noted, it is in Jerusalem/Zion where the Holy of Holy Names of HaShem is forever geographically situated. **Holiness is not a private matter.**

If, for a scholar of antisemitism, **nothing is Holy**, antisemitism is reduced from a theological and metaphysical problem to a sociological problem that tries in vain to work within the rules of empirical science and history. Yes, I know, atheistic thinkers, not least Theodore Herzl, helped to get the Zionist cause off the ground, but Herzl was easily persuaded by the “Uganda Plan” (a plan which, Chaim Weizmann tells us in his autobiography, did immense damage that had to be undone). The **Shekinah** has never called, and never will, the Chosen People to be gathered up in Uganda.

If the word “holy” or “kadosh” is not at the centre of your philosophical vocabulary, what else can you do to protect observant Jews and Israel other than battle on the grounds of racism and irredentism? But secular arguments cannot win the battle. Through the lens of secular democracy, “Israel”, and her “Law of Return” for those who are Halachically Jews, can be, and will be, dismissed as a “racist endeavour”, including by some intellectuals who are Halachically Jewish (such as Noam Chomsky and Norman Finkelstein). And if you deny the Holy, how can you take on antisemitic Christians such as the Anglican ‘holy man’ Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who, absurdly, and antisemitically, insists that the State of Israel is “apartheid”.

Democracy, the “Ship of Fools”, has its values, but it has its limits. It cannot navigate towards holiness. Moses prayed, “would that all the people were prophets”, but they are not, obviously (including not in Israel). Through the means of democracy, what is popular trumps what is holy, in fact holiness can be denied altogether, or, more usually, the word “holy” is reduced to what is holy in the mind of the beholder rather than what is determined for us by our Creator. In parts of the West today, even neo-Witchcraft, or “Wicca” (which worships the “the moon goddess” and “the horned god”), is formally recognised as religion. Holiness cannot be relativised, even if democracy says it can.

The intellectual battle for Israel, and the battle against anti-Zionist propaganda, cannot be won if you deny that Time itself is holy, and that history itself is holy, with a holy destiny through which all nations
are blessed through the Holy Land. A big part of the intellectual battle for Israel has to be the intellectual case for God of Israel, to discourage the attraction to lesser ‘ultimate’ things, such as Wicca, Socialism, Pantheism, Atheism, Scientism, Economism, and the many antisemitic forms of Christianity and Islam.

To reiterate, then, the classification of antisemitism as racism is, in my view, a serious error that leads to misunderstanding. Worse, this misunderstanding seems to work in favour of antisemites. For instance, Jeremy Corbyn MP, lifelong antiracism campaigner who had an affair with his black colleague Diane Abbott MP, has very often said, “I am opposed to antisemitism and all forms of racism.” I do believe Corbyn when he says he is not a racist, I even believe him when he says he is not an anti-Jewish racist (he does indeed seem to have genuine friendships with Jewish “comrades”). Nevertheless, he is a dangerous antisemite, who actively supports people who hate Israel, and the danger cannot properly be appreciated if you treat antisemitism as a form of racism, or, as I noted in the beginning of this essay, if you treat antisemitism as hate in the mundane sense of the word hate. I have to admit, I was surprised to learn recently that Stephen Pollard, Editor of the Jewish Chronicle – “the world’s oldest and most influential Jewish newspaper” – is not an observant Jew, and supports “Heck” sausages in my native Yorkshire.

Here he proves at least that he has a “sense of English irony”, and he “liked” my Freddie Starr gibe, which will be meaningless to everyone outside of England (and even within England for folks below middle age). But Pollard’s non-observance perhaps explains why he insists on viewing antisemitism as a form of racism. Antisemitism-as-racism does, disappointingly, seem to be the general editorial slant of the “world’s most influential” Jewish newspaper today.
Corbyn can self-den[y and publically-deny his antisemitism by hiding it behind Christian and Muslim antisemites, but especially behind his useful Jewish antisemitic friends whose antisemitism, like Corbyn’s, is rooted in the veneration of Karl Marx, Leon Trotsky and the rest of the Socialist pantheon (or even rooted in Anarchism, as it is for Jews such as Noam Chomsky, Norman Finkelstein, and David Graeber). The goal of history as envisioned by the Socialists’ goal for the destiny of the nations (nay a borderless Commonwealth as in the great Soviet “Socialist Bloc” experiment) is, obviously, blasphemy against the Holy Spirit: the Spirit of the Lord of History, the Spirit that sanctifies Time and History, as revealed to mankind through the Jews, including Jesus the Christ.

Similarly, Islamic antisemities are generally not racists. The contemporary Islamic preaching that all Jews are “descended from pigs and apes” is of course a racist argument, but this is just one argument in a vast contemporary armoury of propaganda and tropes that amount to something far more serious than racism. After all, Muslims, like Jews, are all races and colours and languages of people. Indeed, Muslim antisemites often argue that they cannot be antisemites because they are of a Semitic race (and of the family of Noah). If we are effectively to challenge contemporary Islamic antisemitism, we will get nowhere with the antisemitism-is-racism argument. The rabidly antisemitic Syrian president Bashar al-Assad tells us that he cannot possibly be antisemitic because he is of a Semitic race. And it doesn’t really help to rename antisemitism to “Jew hatred”, because many Jews are antisemites, and most of whom, understandably, refuse to be labelled as “self-hating”.

Even Hitler made friends and wartime allies with the Semitic race, i.e. Arab-race Muslim antisemites. The warm smiles and handshakes and mutual exchanges of gifts between Hitler and the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem were photographed with Hitler’s obvious approval. Similarly, Hitler, though ideologically committed to ending homosexuality through eugenics, tolerated Nazi homosexuals, even in the highest ranks, such as Ernst Röhm, head of the Nazi Stormtroopers, and senior Stormtrooper Edmund Heines, who were openly homosexual. (Although Röhm and Heines were dispatched in the “Night of the Long Knives”, this was not due to their homosexuality but rather a power struggle between the Stormtroopers and the regular German Army.)

Hitler was obviously a racist (and a homophobe), and he did draw on contemporary racist theories such as French “Aryanism” and German Social Darwinism in his mission to exterminate all Jews. Hitler did often use the phrase “the Jewish race”, which was the sole obstacle, the stumbling block, for the ambitions of the Germanic “Master Race”, or Herrenmenschen.

But Hitler could overcome his contempt for non-‘Aryan’ races, including the Arabs (whom he classified as “half ape”), despite their being similar in ‘race’ to many Middle-Eastern Jews. Hitler could tolerate all the weird sexual predilections coming out of the Weimar Kabarett, but under no circumstances could he allow tolerance of what the Jews represented. They, with their “God of Israel”, were the irredeemable metaphysical enemy of mankind. And Hitler had no difficulty in persuading the churches that this metaphysical “struggle” was nothing less than the Christian dualistic battle against “the Devil”. He explicitly, and easily, commandeered Christian clergy and theology, referencing Germany’s popular (Oberammergau) Passion Play, and antisemitic Christian thinkers from Martin Luther to Henry Ford (an American Anglican), thereby winning the ecumenical support of almost all Germany’s churches.

Antisemitism is far more serious than racism.
Let us wind the clock back to Democritus, an anti-Semitic proponent of scientific materialism four centuries before Christ. Democritus came up with the first historically documented version of anti-Jewish “Blood Libel”, not, surely, because he hated the Jewish “race”. Democritus was an atheistic scientist (if you’ll excuse my anachronism). His core belief in physics as the ontological supreme was not so offended by his polytheistic peers, whose nature gods and agricultural gods and witchcraft merely accounted for the cycles of nature, or merely tried to interrupt the cycles of fortune and misfortune within the physics. But Democritus could not tolerate the Jews’ pointing us towards the meta-physics, or God Almighty, God of Israel, whom the Jews insisted had entered the history of man through Abraham, the first Jew. The Jews spoke of linear time, Holy time, and progress through history (to ultimately an end-state), behind all the cycles, and ruled by Almighty God, who even ruled the physics, able to intervene. Democritus could not tolerate the idea, much less the people who had the stiff-necked chutzpah to claim that this “God Almighty” had chosen them to introduce God Almighty to mankind. Had Democritus been here today, he would have supported the United Nations’ obsessive anti-Israelism, and he would have called for the academic boycott of Israel, just as Stephen Hawking, who also insisted that physics is everything, called for the academic boycott of Israel (despite the fact that it was the genius of Israel and her silicon valley that saved Hawking from locked-in syndrome, particularly when he lost use of his hands, able to communicate only by creating words through a cheek muscle).

Similarly today, although observant Christian and Muslim anti-Semites do generally accept the meta-physics behind the physics, they cannot tolerate the notion that Abraham is the first Jew and that God is to pilot the history of mankind through the seed of Abraham, to the time when all nations are blessed through Israel and the Jews. Islam, for instance, does not accept that Abraham is the first Jew, rather that he was the first Muslim, and that therefore God is piloting mankind through Islam, which is to dissolve the nations into a global caliphate. Christianity, although no longer imperialistic, continues to use its forms of appropriation and historical revisionism (sometimes called “supersessionism” or “replacement theology”) to justify its anti-Semitism and anti-Israelism.

Related to the belief that anti-Semitism is racism is the argument that the Jews are victimised because they are a minority who are distinctly different to the majority. I find as little truth, or use, in this argument as in the argument that anti-Semitism-is-racism. In any case, most Jews, and Jewish communities, are not distinctive from non-Jews (although many Jews, such as the Charedim, are distinctive of course). One can walk past a synagogue here in the UK, with a largely Jewish neighbourhood surrounding it, and not notice the synagogue, or that you are in a largely Jewish neighbourhood. Of course, outside of the State of Israel, the Jews are a minority in every nation, and minorities, such as the Sikhs (who outnumber Jews in the UK), are always vulnerable to prejudice. Recognition of the dignity of law-abiding religious minorities, such as the Sikhs, and concern for their safety, is very important in civilised societies, but anti-Semitism runs much deeper than prejudice against a minority group.

The Jews are indeed a tiny minority in the world (perhaps as little as 0.2% of the global population). As the Lawmaker said, the Jews are necessarily always to remain few in number (Deuteronomy 4:27), right through the storms of history, following which we see the call to Zion and the age to come, and Israel as “the head nation not a tail nation” (Deut 28:13). Today, Israel, despite the United Nations united against Israel, is by far the most innovative nation in the world per capita (especially so if we discount Israel’s
millions of Muslim and Christian Arabs from the head count). There is hardly an intellectual endeavour in which Israel, a tiny resource-poor nation of mainly desert, is not the head nation. You would think that the Christians of the world would see this as a “sign of the times”, but no, the Christians of the world flock to the region to declare their solidarity with “the Palestinians”, the very people who democratically voted in the Mujahedeen (Hamas), whose declared aim is to “obliterate Israel” in the name of “Islam” and in the name of (according to the preamble of the Hamas Covenant) “the Mujahedeen”.

Hatred against any minority can result in the genocidal killing of that minority, but antisemitism, I argue, is even more serious than genocide. It is a disease of heart, mind and soul that goes even deeper than hatred and – if it really is blasphemy against the Holy Spirit – eternally cuts one off from God: eternal suicide. Or perhaps eternal death is not possible. If we are to believe Stephen Hawking, no information ever quite dies, but leaks out for near-eternity, hence a black hole slowly “leaks” out from the blackness, for billions of years, echoes of what it once was. Imagine being eternally locked-in, leaking out semi-conscious echoes. Perish the thought. Perish the thought. Perish the thought. Perish the thought. Perish the thought. Perish the thought. Perish the thought. Perish the thought.

To repeat, then, antisemitism, even determined antisemitism, is not necessarily hatred, or at least not in the everyday sense of the word. Determined antisemitism is the soul’s attempt to extinguish the inner light through which all mankind, all souls on Earth, are connected to God through Zion.

As Dr. David Patterson argues, antisemitism amounts to man’s trying to hide from God. And so perhaps we all, to some degree, at least at sometimes, inevitably slip into antisemitism (or, as I have called it, anti-Shem) whether we are goyim or Jews. But then we return to our senses and face Jerusalem.

I know humanists who love the human race, and the animal kingdom, and share my concerns about environmental degradation and pollution, but on hearing or reading the word “Zion”, they seem to suffer a kind of allergic reaction, a kind of apoplectic shock of the soul (the very eternal soul that the humanist denies exists because he thinks that there is fundamentally only physics: no metaphysics).

I think that one of the reasons that antisemitism, even determined antisemitism, is so difficult to fathom is because it is not necessarily always hateful. It is not only Jews who are victims of antisemitism, the antisemites, whether or not they are theists or atheists, are victims of a disease of the soul, as the soul becomes detached (permanently hidden) from God. Surely this is what Jesus meant when he taught of a thirst even more necessary to quench than the thirst that can be quenched from the water in the well.

As I wrote in I Accuse: "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".

In I Accuse, I wrote that antisemitism/anti-Israelism is the world’s big NO to God. The more I try to fathom antisemitism, and study the work of others who have, the more I come to understand that antisemitism is really the rejection of one’s soul, one’s divine origins, one’s divine responsibilities to oneself, to others, to Earth, and, of course, to the One Creator of all these things.

The Creator of the Cosmos, whom we know on Earth as God of Israel, can scrutinise mind and soul as surely as an Internet search engine can instantly scrutinise every website on the World Wide Web. There is nowhere we can hide, complains the Psalmist (Ps 139). We all have something to hide, but there is nowhere to hide, and nothing that can be hidden from God. The word “Israel”, or “Zion”, reminds the soul that, for its own good, it must not hide from its calling to be centred and holy.
Knowing that our individual I-Thou relationship with God is analogous to our personal computer to the Internet is an exhaustible source of joyful awe and wonder to some of us, and enhances joy in the beauty of Nature. Paradoxically, there is no greater sense of freedom. But the very thought seems to make the spiritually-undisciplined man/woman uncomfortable and exposed. The temptation is to hide behind some thing, some lesser “thou”, be it the Pope, one’s own ego, imams and mullahs, cosmologists who are reassuringly atheistic, or political ideologies for the world that have no love for God and no fear of God. I know many Christians who seem to take cover behind the image, created in their own image, of “Jesus”, rather than dare to accept God, as Jesus did, in God’s awe-ful and tremendous majesty.

The Jewish sages have always taught, and still do, that being cut off from Eternal God is not freedom at all, it is a fate worse than death. Observant Jews, then, especially now they are holding up a banner, and ensign for the world, under the name “Israel” (which means “God Rules”, and no thing less), are a constant and pesky reminder of the teaching that mankind (ben adam) cannot hide from God, not even within a religion in which you leave the clerics to do all the thinking and searching for your mind and soul, and expect clerics to do your spiritual growth. And the banner, the ensign, of “Israel”, is a reminder that mankind is allowed no alternative plan to God’s plan, and God’s promises, for the end-state.

When anti-semitism – anti-Ha-Shem – becomes systematically successful, regardless of whether its source is Christian, Fascist, Socialist, Humanist, Islamic, Jewish, or cross infections of these, all things turn to chaos and are consumed in a spiritual darkness. History teaches that this is especially the case when those motivated by antisemitic philosophies appropriate for themselves the end-state of history, be it a Reich, a Communist Commonwealth, “Liberal social goals”, Sabbateanism, the Apocalypse, or what the Muslims call the Day of Resurrection.

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There is today a violent philosophical-political theology consuming Islam that, on honest analysis, is a mutation of the philosophical-political theology that consumed Europe in the 1940s. Islam is now suffering the very same delusion ideology of genocidal antisemitism that, within living memory, inspired Christian Germany and Austria to become, with Russia, the most systematically-evil nations in the history of Christendom. We Christians must help Islam to reform its contemporary philosophies to bring Islam back from the brink, for the sake of all nations including the Muslim nations. Western Christianity, which unleashed the great evil in the first place, has the supreme responsibility to right things, but, as I noted, we Christians, including if not especially German “Christian Democrats”, are generally making things worse.

Today’s Islamic antisemitism is very much based on the 20th-century antisemitic texts written by the Christians of Europe and Russia, and has the same "judenrein" paradisiacial goals. The European and Russian texts have been translated into Arabic, Turkish, Urdu, Malay, etc, and, as if they weren’t already bad enough, they have been mapped to Islamic apocalypticism. (I explained how European genocidal antisemitism was explicitly transferred from the crumbling Reich to the Middle East in my previous essay: The Arab-Israeli Conflict Made Simple: the Nazi Elephant in the Room.)

All the big ideological philosophies, theistic and atheistic, that have waxed and waned across the planet in the past century have promised major disruption, major violence, major sacrifice, leading to victory over the enemy and his philosophical/utopian goals. Following this necessary chaos, the desired and permanent peaceful end state is achieved when everyone at last is persuaded to fall in line with the original philosophical writing that inspired the movement. Contemporary pan-Islamism, now waxing where the other movements are waning, is no exception.
Those of us who have faith in God Almighty must have the intellectual courage to tell the influencers in contemporary Islam that we don’t like it, and that we fear it, especially having scrutinised the 20th-century Christian and Islamic writing that formed it and continues to educate and move it. More of us need to be moved to challenge Islam, not to undermine Islam, but in the hope of encouraging a reformation of Islam from something we all know is bad for the world to something that allays our fears and is tolerable, if not admirable and beautiful. “God is Beautiful, and He loves beauty”, were the words of the Prophet Muhammad according to the famous hadith.

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I know there are atheistic thinkers, such as, famously and influentially, Richard Dawkins, who are very concerned about contemporary Islam, and thereby express hopes that all theists can be persuaded to "move on from God" and become atheists who believe in ‘science’. This is delusional thinking of course. Apologists for scientism should be realistic enough to understand that the vast majority of the world’s 1.8 billion Muslims, and the world’s 2 billion-plus Christians, are not going to convert to atheism. And there is nothing scientific about pursuing a cause when the data overwhelmingly tells the proponents of the cause that they are merely wishful thinkers.

That the world drops God and puts scientism in His place is wishful thinking. And the idea that when people become more intelligent and more highly educated they will become atheists is also anti-empirical: there are people in the world who are far more intelligent than Dawkins (and far more intelligent than Stephen Hawking), some of whom have achieved much more in science (including Nobel Laureates), whose ultimate faith is in nothing less than God Almighty.

The word “a-theism” implies that its adherents take no interest in God (Theos) just as someone who is asexual does not seek sexual relationship, and someone who is amoral does not strive to be moral. And so the “New Atheism” – with bestselling books with titles such as – The God Delusion, and God is not Great: How Religion Poisons Everything – is probably better described as anti-Theism, and anti-Shem. Its philosophical mission is to save people from theism, and to structure the words of our languages and thoughts around some thing, rather than no thing: HaShem, Creator of everything, whose language is the language behind everything (just as our virtual reality is wholly a product of computer languages).

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Not all theism is good, obviously. Much of it is bad, hence the motivation for writing this essay, and my previous essays challenging Christianity and Islam. But I would discourage everyone from becoming an atheist. In 2008, Richard Dawkins and the British Humanists launched their “Atheist Bus Campaign”, advertising on the sides of buses and in tube stations (on both sides of the Atlantic) that there is [probably] no God, and so “Now Stop Worrying And Enjoy life”. But if one looks up the various empirical studies of depression and suicide, atheists are not more likely to stop worrying or to enjoy life, in fact the opposite is implied in the studies. Atheists are likely to have poorer health, including poorer psychological health, and a lower life expectancy. The various academic studies (easy to find on the Internet) are not conclusive – sociological studies never are – but they are far more instructive that the message that Dawkins published on the buses. Dawkins’ message isn't scientific; it is baseless anecdote or opinion. The Humanists’ advertising posters offered no reference to scholarly data to support such a big claim as atheism will make you stop worrying and bring enjoyment to life, because there isn’t any such scholarly data.

No atheistic society is ever beautiful or has ever produced beauty, not even the very advanced and resource-rich atheistic societies, such as the Socialist Bloc, which explicitly built itself on the philosophy
of “scientific atheism”. Yes, the Socialist Bloc somehow produced the world’s best shot putters, and Angela Merkel, but they are far from beautiful. Today, Sweden is widely thought to be the most atheistic nation in the West. Swedes tell us they are happy, but according to the EU's data, Sweden has the highest rate of domestic violence, rape and child abuse in the EU. Sweden is resource rich and sparsely populated, and yet its new experiment of multiculturalism within atheistic secularism seems to be leading to decadence. In any case, Sweden, where it is behaving morally, is drawing from the balance of its great Christian heritage. Sweden is not yet morally bankrupt, but the risk it there. One only has to look at the difference between re-Christianised West Germany and Socialist East Germany as recently as 1989. In East Germany, the State, the judges, would condemn to death those who opposed Socialism. “Thou shalt not kill” was not a limiting moral imperative for GDR judges, police and civil servants convinced by “scientific atheism”.

Sweden’s ultra-liberal and ultra-secularist approach to all religions and cultures has made it intellectually defenceless to the nation’s ultra-illiberal and anti-secular Islamists (such as the Salafists and the Muslim Brotherhood). Salafists, almost by definition, do not dialogue with multiculturalists, and certainly not atheists. And, of course, Swedish godless liberalism and unchecked Swedish Islamic illiberalism has made Sweden especially vulnerable, and conducive, to antisemitism. The city of Malmö is now commonly characterised as “the antisemitic capital of Europe”. In other words, Sweden’s antisemitic virus is cross infecting and hybridising, and things cannot possibly end well for Sweden.

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Personally, I do not think that Westernised atheistic-secular thinkers can help in our challenge against contemporary Islam. I have to admit, as an adherent of the Church of England, I like to dialogue with, and be challenged by, thinking atheists, largely because I was a determined and deep-thinking atheist myself until my early 30s. And because in my professional life I have been immersed in diverse sciences (including computer languages) and engineering disciplines for almost 40 years, I’m attracted to theological debates that account for contemporary scientific knowledge. But as Lord Rabbi Sacks pointed out in a debate with Richard Dawkins, thinking atheists in England – in a nation whose constitution and culture are predominantly Christian – are generally arguing as “Christian atheists”, whether they know it or not. English atheists will typically refer to such things as “the Old Testament”, thereby arguing as Christians because to refer to the Jewish Bible as the “the Old Testament” is Christian theology. (I do know English Jews who accept “Old Testament” in conversation, and, similarly, respond unprotestingly with a forename to the question, “What is your Christian name?”)

Encouraging Islam away from the antisemitic philosophy that has been consuming Islam since the 1920s requires encouragement of, and support for, the Muslim influencers (and the silenced and deeply spiritual Muslims) who are trying to do just this. Encouraging contemporary Islam to change direction requires help from all good and thinking “People of the Book”. And somehow, support needs to be given to the courageous women who are trying to reform Islam from the inside.

The Muslim thinkers, male and female, who are trying to reform Islam are not helped by Christian atheists writing bestsellers with titles shouting such things as “God is a delusion”, “God is not great”, “Religion poisons everything”, books in which we are told such things as that the eternal human soul does not exist, the cosmos created itself, and the desired end-state for society is atheistic humanism, or, worse still, Transhumanism. Dawkins’ friend Stephen Hawking came out as a Transhumanist at a film festival in 2013, saying “I think the brain is like a program in the mind, which is like a computer ... so it’s theoretically possible to copy the brain on to a computer and so provide a form of life after death”.
Transhumanism, which, incidentally, Dawkins has described as “bizarre” but “not necessarily wrong”, proposes such things as the possibility of virtual eternal life within a godlike artificial “superintelligence” of man’s own making. I will address Transhumanism in my next essay, because its philosophies also carry the antisemitic threat, and proposes eugenics through embryo selection (Richard Dawkins himself infamously tweeted that it is immoral not to abort a foetus with Down’s Syndrome).

Transhumanist Professor Nick Bostrom, at Oxford University, thinks we might be living within a computer simulation created by our ancestors. This implies that once we reach what Bostrom calls “technological maturity” we can create our own simulation in which to live eternally within a superintelligence [i.e. god] of our own making (or rather is allowed to make itself through super Artificial Intelligence). Bostrom himself, and at least two of his colleagues at Oxford University, have admitted that they have paid to be cryogenically frozen, hoping to be thawed out at Earth’s end state: “technological maturity”. I guess that for people who are philosophically materialistic, and deny they have a soul, such things as 3D-printing the brain to keep one’s eternal “I-ness” sounds feasible.

Dawkins finds it impossible to believe that the cosmos is the product of the Intelligence of God, and yet he finds it possible to believe that the cosmos (or what we are fooled into believing is the cosmos) is the product of the intelligent design of scientists (i.e. that we are living inside the superintelligence simulation of our ancestors). Dawkins preaches to his followers that they should always go for the simpler explanation, but “ancestor simulation”, apart from being incredible, is not the simpler explanation. And whereas the Transhumanists/New Atheists are afflicted by the problem of “who or what created our scientific ancestors?”, we theist have no such concerns about infinite regression, because no thing created God. God is, by definition, the uncreated Creator of all things. And God is, by definition, to be known on Earth as God of Israel, from where the true end-state is to be unveiled.

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Contemporary Islam is founded on bad philosophical theology that is making the Muslim nations bad. None of the Five Pillars of Islam is genocidal antisemitism. But contemporary Islam, and its large bloc of nations, has made genocidal antisemitism its central pillar. In the geographical centre of Islam (i.e. Arabia, with its cities such as Mecca and Medina) the predominant philosophical theology is Salafism/Wahhabism, whose central pillar is genocidal antisemitism (which has recently been reinforced by genocidal anti-Christianism).

How did this happen? Well, we might think back to the Europe of our grandparents. The geographical centre of Catholic (and later Protestant) Christianity had been, for a thousand years, the Holy Roman Empire, or “the First Reich”, essentially comprising Germany, Austria and Italy. Hitler made his Reichskonkordat with the Pope to give the same theological legitimacy to the “Third Reich” as had been enjoyed by the First Reich. Similarly, the diverse Protestant churches of Germany came together in one ecumenical structure – The Protestant Reich Church – whose central pillar was genocidal antisemitism. Yes, there was some good heroic Christian resistance (Catholic and Protestant), but far too little, considering that over 95% of Germans were Christian when Hitler was voted into power, and the Germans venerated him on his apotheosis to “Führer”.

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The Muslim nations are not going to convert away from Islam. Only a deluded person could think otherwise. The realistic hope is that Muslim thinkers and influencers can make the bad Islamic philosophical theology of our times into good Islamic philosophical theology. It’s a big ask, I know. Asking contemporary Islam to transform itself into something beautiful and good, perhaps into something as good, if not better (certainly for women and girls), than Islam’s golden age is a big ask. Ultimately, only God Almighty, Lord of History, has the answers. But religion, if it really is religion, is a phenomenally big ask that should pervade and modify our big thoughts on everything, and allow God to work through us to change everything for us and for the world.

This essay, then, despite harsh criticism of contemporary Islam, as well as harsh criticism of the Christian and the Socialist antisemitisms it has been cross-infecting with, provides I hope some encouragement to the many good Muslims who are trying to reform Islam, and are trying to destroy what has become the central false pillar of contemporary Islam.

Religion, if it is really is religion, should makes its adherents more holy and, through them, the world more holy, through stewardship of Earth’s harmony and beauty to be en-joyed and shared by all.

The Prophet Muhammad venerated Intellect and our capacity to gain knowledge: “Seek knowledge, even unto China”. This hadith helped inspire the Islamic madrasas that gave the template for, and the great bank of knowledge for, Europe’s first universities. But today Islam refuses to account for contemporary knowledge. Indeed there are sinister pan-global movements whose leaders are encouraging a regression to what some in the West describe as a “medieval” worldview. “Medieval” is a misnomer in fact. Medieval madrasas had wisdom and knowledge and were open to the world’s knowledge. They made Arabic the contemporary language of science, and using “Arabic” numerals and “zero” from India, created the mathematics and logic and algorithms (and much else we prefix with “al”) that largely define the modern world. Muslim scholars were the most brilliant at assimilation and abstraction of the world’s knowledge, even rehabilitating ancient wisdom such as Aristotle and Indian mathematics to create a whole new scientific paradigm. Tourists who today enjoy the attractions of Medieval Spain cannot but fail to be awed by the beauty that resulted from the assimilation of Jewish, Christian and Islamic ideas, art, architecture, science and music. But today the madrasas and the Muslim universities point the intellect inwards not outwards, and teach paranoia and belligerence.

Contemporary Islam is a regression, it seems to me, not to medieval times but to ultra-tribal pre-Islamic times, the times of child sacrifice (now common once again in Arab lands due to such horrors as family-honour killings of daughters/nieces, and child martyrs, and “human shields”). This contemporary Islam, with its genocidal central pillar, is bankrolled by phenomenal oil revenue from Qatar, and an evangelical determination to spread the philosophical-theological and political teachings of Sayyid Qutb (1906-1966, to whom we will return). I would like to be able to say that it lacks intellect, but it doesn’t. Although it has perverted the human intellect and has trampled all over Wisdom, it remains intelligent, and at least as intelligent as the minds that were behind the Nazism and the Communism that overwhelmed Christian Europe and beyond.

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I was born and bred in Bradford (and Leeds), West Yorkshire. I have known more than enough Muslims in my life (in school, sport, philosophical dialogue, and professional life) to know that there is profound godliness, goodness and kindness within Islam. Most of the Muslims of the world are not religious fanatics or violent Jihadists, and never will be, but significant proportions of Muslims are, and they are wreaking havoc in the Middle East, the continent of Africa, and elsewhere, including even parts of

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Europe. And everywhere in the world, including here in the UK, Muslims are targeted by Islamists for radicalisation and are at risk of being sucked in (hence the need in UK schools for an unprecedented level of counterterrorism education and monitoring). All these problems must be tackled practically of course, but we will not see a decrease until we see new Islamic philosophy and writing pointing Islam back in the right direction, and until the Church stops indulging bad Islam and its antisemitism.

Apart from anything else, there is an urgent moral need to address the near-genocide level of persecution by Islam that is now consuming the Middle East and North Africa: persecution that is affecting all groups, mainly Christians and Muslims as well as the region's minority groups. The Jews of the region are now long gone, having fled or been expelled or murdered. The Arab lands such as Iraq (Biblical Babylon) and Saudi Arabia are now Jew free, despite being lands that had hosted Jewish communities continuously for up to 3000 years, including under Islam (augmented in the past thousand years by Jews that the Church expelled from whole nations in Christian Europe).

We in the liberally-minded West must resist contemporary Islam’s intellectual defences such as accusations of “Islamophobia”. We must be especially cautious of such accusations from the Jihadist pan-national Muslim Brotherhood, which has as much influence in the Muslim Council of Britain and the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) as it does with Hamas (or the “Islamic Resistance Movement”) and many of its tributaries that have continued to multiply since the Brotherhood’s modest beginning in 1928.

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I should say, for the purposes of this essay, by “Jihad” I don’t just mean the Jihad of the Sword – the hard and violent Jihad. Soft Jihad is equally pernicious: the strategy of using disarming butter-wouldn’t-melt persuasion that nevertheless comes from the same intellectual sources as the hard Jihad, and is working towards the same desired end-state horizon of war and victory. The purpose of soft Jihad is to weaken our intellectual defences and allay our natural and protective fears against the hard Jihad. Its proponents suffer the same delusion, i.e. that, starting with the “Muslims lands” – from the Iberian Peninsula to Indonesia – it can bring the whole world out of its decadence and into Sharia (this or that vision of it; take your pick), according to the manifest destiny of Islam. And this contemporary Islam, unlike all previous forms of Islam, is, as noted, centred on the pillar of genocidal antisemitism, just as the Protestant Reich Church was.

The hard Jihad, not least the explicit genocidal antisemitism, is invariably ranted in Arabic, Turkish, Urdu, Malay, Persian... etc. The soft Jihad, the propaganda, the contemporary Jihad of the Pen, the implicit genocidal antisemitism veiled behind anti-Israelism, is received in the universal languages of modern diplomacy and liberalism, i.e. particularly the English and French languages. It is transmitted in print and from media channels such as the Qatari government's Al Jazeera and the Iranian government’s Press TV. Furthermore, whether intentionally or unwittingly or both, Western mainstream media such as the BBC and France 2 has become the most effective vehicle of soft Jihad. The best work in the world I have come across on this is Dr. Richard Landes’ extensive analysis of the French media’s reporting of the Al Durah Affair, and the lethal consequences that have resulted from turning this and other hoaxes into contemporary Blood Libel if not, for France, another Dreyfus Affair.

One thing is for certain, the BBC, one of the most trusted media channels in the world, has lethally neglected to report the near genocide that has been ripping through the Muslim nations for over a decade, until finally, on 3 May 2019, it reported on “near genocide levels of persecution” of Christians in the Middle East, North Africa and in Muslim-majority and Communist nations elsewhere, following a Church of England report. The Church of England reveals in its report that is too has been neglectful.

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The Church admits – in explaining why it failed by several months to meet the deadline for the report instructed by the then Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt – it was hitherto unaware of the scale of the problem until it was obliged to see the data on "millions of Christians...uprooted from their homes...killed, kidnapped, imprisoned and discriminated against".

Why was the Church of England unaware? After all, Rabbi Lord Sacks had 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".

Church of England clergy are receivers of the British media of course, and like the media are obsessed with Israel, to the point of ignoring what is happening in the remaining 99.6% of the MENA landmass. The report tells us the persecution "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".

Disappointingly, the report fails to mentions antisemitism, or even Jews, which makes the report largely a waste of effort, because you cannot even nearly begin to understand, and address, the chaos running through the Middle East and North Africa without accounting for Islamic antisemitism, which, as I have noted, is the central pillar of contemporary Islam. This brings us back my opening paragraph: **We cannot equate “Islamophobia” with antisemitism.**

Apart from contemporary Islam’s genocidal antisemitism, it is right and proper for us all to associate contemporary Islam with lashings, decapitations, crucifixions, amputations, execution/imprisonment for ‘blasphemy’ or homosexuality, genocidal violence, FGM, terrorism, enforced veiling of women, human bombs, honour killings (such as of women and girls who have ‘dishonoured’ their family), child sacrifice, forced marriages, paedophile marriages (1.9 million in Pakistan according to UNICEF), Shia paedophile “pleasure marriages”, etc. Hatred of any these things cannot be criticised as “Islamophobia” or anti-Muslim hatred. Hatred of all these things is good. Most of us hate all these things, not because we hate Muslims, but because we have compassion for our fellow human being, including Muslims. We hate these things because we want rights for female adults and children: our sisters in the human race. All the things I have listed in this paragraph contravene every sensible definition of Human Rights. If the Muslim Council of Britain and Baroness Warsi and Medhi Hasan and other representative bodies and individuals want British society to stop our associating any these things with Islam, they must vociferously demonstrate that they reject these things as Islamic and are dedicated to reforming Muslim nations away from these things.

Apart from the need to overwhelm the defences of those who cry "Islamophobia", there are two other very important reasons why international anti-Muslim hatred cannot be dealt with according to the model worked out for antisemitism by the IHRA, and why it should not be seen as a parallel problem, neither at national nor international level.

1. **The first reason is that Islam is not a minority group.** It is the second biggest religion in the world, set to become the largest religion within a generation (according to the Pew Research Center). Islam has the power, if not the will, to look after its own. If say, the regimes of the powerful nations of Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Turkey and Pakistan cared about, say, the Uighur Muslims being persecuted in China’s gulags, they could do something about it. But they don’t. In the United Nations for instance, China gets off with impunity. There are 57 nations of the Organisation of the Islamic Cooperation, which operate as a bloc vote in international forums in the United Nations, and are supported by many other nations (including China) which are in
pursuit of the petrodollar of the Gulf States. Whereas there are about 1700 million Muslims in
the world, there are only about 14 million Jews, half of whom live in the sole Jewish nation,
which is increasingly vilified and undermined and boycotted by antissemites in every nation of
the world: Christian, Islamic, and Socialist. This was the reason for the IHRA definition.

2. The second reason we cannot deal with anti-Muslim hate as a similar problem to antisemitism is
that by far the most severe forms of antisemitism today are Islamic antisemitism, which are
cross-infecting back to Western Christian antisemitism and Socialist antisemitism. Antisemitism
is everywhere latent in Christianity and Islam (and Socialism, which anyway is a product of
Christendom). And when antisemitism resurges, it destroys everything, including its host.

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The global crisis of resurgent antisemitism is the most serious global crisis of our times. This might
seem a strange thing for me to say. After all, only 1 in 500 people in the world are Jews. Jews are a
minority group as numerically inferior as minorities such as Sikhs, Jains, Bahá’ís, Zoroastrians, etc. And
there are groups of people today suffering far more than Jews. And yet I maintain that antisemitism is
the most serious global crisis. You might well ask why: What about climate change? What about
pollution of air, land and sea? What about the risk of nuclear war? Well, I maintain, as a practising
Christian, that the world cannot fix anything until it understands and fixes antisemitism (or anti-
HaShem-ism). It is a deep spiritual sickness that turns people away from wisdom and compassion into
soulless potentially-violent herds, using the gift of human intellect to destroy rather than to build. You
cannot build anything properly if you are suffering from a deep spiritual sickness one of whose
symptoms is the scapegoating of Israel. God Almighty, Lord of History, God of Israel will not allow it. To
curse Jews is to curse Abraham is to curse the world and God’s covenant with Earth.

At the very centre of the Houses of Parliament, inscribed into the mosaic floor of the central lobby are the
Latin words from Psalm 127: “Unless the Lord builds the house its builders labour in vain.” We need
to relearn what the House was, is, and forever will be. And we need to relearn that the House to which
the Psalmist (David) refers was there to House the Name (HaShem) of the Lord, in the City of David.

Christians, Muslim, Socialists and racists have a conspiratorial propensity for attributing all the world’s
crises to the Chosen People (despite the fact, Christians believe, that Jesus and his family were chosen
precisely because they were of the Chosen People and the Tribe of Judah, which was the tribe of King
David, making Jesus’ family the Royal Family). In fact the opposite is true: all the world’s great global
crises result not from the Jews, but from antisemitism (anti-Shem), i.e. active hatred of the people
chosen to show the world that there is only one God, for whom all people are chosen, and all people
have within them the sanctity of God. We should have learned all this from modern history alone,
through the devastating impact on the world of antisemitic false prophets such as Christendom’s
Adolph Hitler and the Hitler-inspired Muslim Brotherhood leader Sayyid Qutb, who, not to be outdone
by Hitler, published in 1950 his own “struggle” (Jihad), or kampf calling for genocidal antisemitism:
“Our Struggle against the Jews”.

Although Hitler’s status has hugely diminished in the West, it has not diminished in the Muslim world.
The Turkish president, Erdogan, giving himself new constitutional power, proudly compared his move
to that of Hitler’s. And the continuing influence of Qutb on contemporary Islam, and therefore on all of
us, cannot be overstated. We are not helping the world’s Muslims, or anyone, by indulging
contemporary Islam and its antisemitic core, just as the churches and Christians of Europe of our grandparents' generation helped no-one by indulging the great antisemitic false prophets of European Christianity.

An antisemitic world is an accursed world, a world in crisis whose sickness precludes the resolution of all its apparently greater crises.

Unless the Lord builds the House its builders labour in vain.

2. The Cross Infection of Contemporary Antisemitisms

For, behold, darkness shall cover the earth, And gross darkness the peoples; (Isaiah 60:2, JPS Tanakh)

For that nation and kingdom that will not serve thee [Israel] shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted. (Isaiah 60:12, JPS Tanakh)

The main theme of this essay is Islamic antisemitism. In my previous essays on antisemitism I have shown how contemporary Christian, Islamic, Islamic Socialist and secular Socialist antisemitism are often closely allied, especially in the Holy Land, and especially through the Anglican Arab clergy in the Holy Land (with the clergyman Rev Dr Naim Ateek at the forefront). In my long essay against my own faith community, the Church of England – I Accuse – Contemporary Antisemitism and the Church of England – I made the case that there is in fact little difference between Arab Christian antisemitism and Arab Muslim antisemitism.

The Church and Islam, for the first time in history, are now darkened by the very same antisemitic mimesis – the very same lethal 'memes' – especially in the Holy Land.

For instance, Islam now commonly teaches that "the Jews are Christ killers". (Dr. Menahen Milson, Emeritus Professor of Arabic Studies in Jerusalem, has analysed the recent mimicking of this popular Christian trope by contemporary Muslim Arabs.) In previous generations, Islam has never taught that "the Jews are Christ killers", indeed, the very idea was (and I believe it still is) a blasphemy because in formal Islamic teaching, and in the Quran, Jesus was not killed at all. Although, according to Islam, Jesus is the Messiah for the world born of the Virgin Mary, Jesus ascended into the heavens without dying first, like Elijah.

It is becoming increasingly difficult, and perhaps increasingly unnecessary, to categorise antisemitism. All the 'antisemitisms' are cross infecting in some unprecedented and surprising ways, largely due no doubt to the intensity of communications (not least social media) and global travel in our times.

As I wrote in I Accuse, the World Council of Churches (WCC) and its "Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Palestine and Israel" (EAPPI) organises Israel-baiting trips from all over the world, hosted by anti-Israelist Muslim and Christian Arabs and Bedouins, and anti-Israelist Jewish activists.

The EAPPI pilgrims, and "Christian Aid in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory", spend time with people governed by Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, and Palestinian Authority. These church groups – united in their anti-Israelism – see it as their divinely appointed task to 'monitor' Israel's human rights (we will return soon to the world's obsessive preoccupation with "human rights" in Israel). The pilgrims' sojourn in the Holy Land includes shift rotas – with names such as "Christ at the
Checkpoints” – to observe and film the Jewish men and women of the IDF at the military checkpoints of places such as Bethlehem, Hebron and East Jerusalem.

I have read some reports and blogs from English church members that I know through my own social networks, detailing their trips with WCC/EAPPI. Indeed, for several years I was elected as one of a handful of moderators for a “closed” LinkedIn group called “Anglican Communion”, with over 8000 members, a good proportion of whom were clergy. If anyone knows what Anglicans generally think of Jews and Israel, I do, which is why I resigned as moderator. I have seen the posts that were published, and that I had to deem unpublishable.

Anglicans who should be in England baking cakes, flower arranging, and knitting hats for their grandchildren, tell us of their prayers in the Gaza Strip with members of Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) and with the Islamic Resistance Movement (“Hamas”). In my I Accuse essay, I specifically named a middle-aged liberal-Christian activist from Tunbridge Wells, who, when he is not campaigning for EAPPI or praying with PIJ on behalf of the Church of England, proudly sets up talks with notorious antisemites such as Baroness Tonge and Naomi Wimborne-Idrissi (an ansemitic Jew) for the local Fabian chapter of which he is the secretary.

Somehow the WCC/EAPPI pilgrims fail to understand, or do not want to understand, the consequences for the world if the prayers of the Islamic Jihad were to be answered. These mild-mannered and often highly-educated English Christians are Useful Idiots that the most illiberal of regimes have learned to court and seduce in the English language. These churchgoers conveniently ignore the Jihadist “near-genocide” of Christians that has been ripping through the Middle East since the turn of the Millennium. These churchgoers praying with Islamic Jihad cannot see they are making love to a praying mantis.

Somehow, the word “ecumenical” for the World Council of Churches has come to mean: Christians and Muslims and anti-Israelist Jews united against Israel. But uniting on antisemitism is the opposite of God’s plan for the world. And as we know, it is far from an original idea, and one that never ends well.

The World Council of Churches, formed after World War II in the year that the State of Israel was born out of the remnants of the Holocaust, had an unprecedented opportunity to prove to the modern world that the Church has evolved from the antisemitism that had cursed its whole history. But no, the World Council of Churches has instead become the umbrella organisation for the latest mutation of Christian antisemitism: anti-Zionism.

EAPPI pilgrims, on returning home, are inevitably keen to give talks to the churches and the chattering classes about their courageous and selfless three months charitable duty in the Holy Land. Having made a huge commitment of time and money, they are convinced that they have come away with a balanced and meaningful view to help the cause of world peace. And even if they failed to film Jews behaving badly at the checkpoints, their time was not wasted, because according to the EAPPI’s publicity, its permanent presence in Israel is necessary to “modify the behaviour” of the Jews. EAPPI pilgrims return home having made friends with Christians of all denominations and nationalities, and with Muslims (even Jihadists), and with Jews who are either anti-Zionists or are duped liberals (who perhaps read Haaretz newspaper, the Israeli equivalent to The Guardian in Britain and The New York Times). How much more “ecumenical” can you be! You have made friends with Christians, Muslims and Jews of the world, and even the Mujahedeen, and therefore you have earned the bragging rights to be a peacemaker.

But you are not a peacemaker; you are a soft Jihadist, and ultimately just as lethal as the hard Jihadists. In the meantime, in Israel, the hard Jihadists, Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, Palestinian Authority,
Hezbollah... keep up the violent and indiscriminate attacks on Israel, such as rockets (tens of thousands in the past decade), incendiary devices that have destroyed whole forests and regions of agriculture, suicide martyrs (including children), mass violent protests, and murders of unarmed civilians. All this is not because, at this stage, Hamas and Palestinian Authority think they have any chance of overwhelming Israel (although that is the ultimate plan, with help from Lebanon and Syria), but because the violence, including retaliatory violence by the IDF on, for example, rocket launchers cynically placed amongst civilian housing and human shields, keeps the world’s attention focussed. This incessant violence cannot but fail to encourage the World Council of Churches to recruit more ‘peace-making’ volunteers for EAPPI.

As long as the international media’s cameras are focussed on the conflicts on Israel’s borders, Christians, whether they are well-meaning or antisemitic or both, will visit the place as ‘peacemakers’ on the invitation of cuddly Palestinian hosts. The Islamists’ soft Jihad is very clever, and very multilingual, and “localised” according to the audience. To convince a kindly-looking grandparent from Tunbridge Wells, or a gap-year student from Norway, that they are “peacemakers” when they are really soft Jihadists takes immense intellectual effort and strategy.

Indiscriminate Arab violence and vandalism in all 22 Arab nations, and not just the borders of Israel, is seen by many Western Christians as acceptable and normal Arab behaviour. Why? To have lower intellectual and moral expectations of Arabs than of, say, Europeans, is surely racism, especially because the world knows that Arab-language Muslim thinkers were for a long period of history the greatest thinkers, innovators and doers on Earth.

So long as the Israel Defence Forces retaliate to the source of violence, and of course they must, the conflict appears to be balanced and negotiable. The Western liberal ego – which simply cannot mentally process such things as honour killings of daughters and child martyrdom and human shields – thinks to itself, surely everyone is like us, surely everyone wants peace, surely everyone loves their children, and all it takes is for more us to go to Israel-Palestine and persuade the Israelis to concede more to the Arab world to end “the cycle of violence”. But for contemporary Islam, and its global influencers of the Muslim Brotherhood, making peace with Jews is out of the question, and the violence cannot end until the violently-achieved victory that necessarily precedes the “Day of Resurrection”. The idea of “multiculturalism” with Jews, Christians and atheists is not taught as peace; it is taught as a betrayal of Islam, the true and everlasting peace by definition, following the Jihad.

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Islam, as we have noted, is set to become the world’s biggest religion within a generation. Until it undergoes a radical reformation of philosophical theology, and becomes a thing of beauty that is beautiful to God, then we must all fear and challenge Islam.

The Islamists are convinced that if global Islam cannot come about through evangelical persuasion, or Dar al-Islam, it must come about through the Jihadist’s sword. And if Muslims in the Islamic nations openly become non-Muslims they are unlikely to survive long. Although there are different Islamic theologies, a general theory is that every one of us, all 7800 million of us, apart from the 14 million Jews, can be redeemed, so long as we convert to Islam after the will of Allah has finally responded to the prayers for the obliteration of Israel and the Jews. As noted, the Jews, being “the descendants of pigs and apes” according to contemporary mainstream interpretation of the Quran, are beyond redemption and are now defiling everything, not least Jerusalem, the place of the Last Judgement.
How can it be, one might ask, that from a mere 14 million Jewish pigs and apes, the world has been given a thousand times more genius than from all 1,700 million Muslim human beings put together? Surely from this Islamic logic we must deduce that Muslims are lower on the God-given intellectual scale than pigs and apes? The pigs-and-apes theology begs the question, why would Allah allow so much intellectual genius to be poured out on a few million pigs and apes and none of it on a few billion Muslim human beings?

Right through history, Muslim rulers have realised that the Jews are the best physicians. In the 12th century, Sultan Saladin of Egypt famously appointed the polymath Rabbi Moses Maimonides as his personal physician. And even today, when the super-rich of the Arabian Peninsula get seriously ill, they quietly fly to Israel to be treated by Jewish doctors and Israeli medical technology. Plus ça change. Rich Arabs go to the Jews to be healed. And why wouldn’t they? The pigs and apes have won over 30% of Nobel Prizes in medicine.

Of the 900 or so Nobel Laureates, in all disciplines, awarded in in the past century, the Jews have, incredibly, won hundreds of them (almost a third in fact) whereas if we ignore the spurious Nobel prizes for Peace (such as to Yasser Arafat), you can count all the Muslims’ Nobel prizes on one amputated hand. God does not appear to be pouring out the gift of Intellect – surely greatest gift from God to man – onto contemporary Islam, or the contemporary Church come to that, but He does seem to be pouring it out on Israel and the Jews, dressing Zion in His glory, as Moses, the Prophets, the Psalmist, and Jesus, all promised that God would dress Zion in His glory.

The Jews, denied ownership of land throughout the histories of Christianity and Islam, now turn out to be the best ecologists, farmers, irrigators, and land managers in the world. Israel was the first nation to solve endemic malaria; it is the only nation to see a net increase of trees at the turn of millennium, and it is the only nation that has managed to make its deserts shrink and bloom, despite the constant Arab incendiary vandalism of Israel’s forests and agriculture.

And yet we are told by contemporary Islam that so long as the feet (or trotters) of Jews are trampling on the Holy Land, that land cannot be holy (or whole, or healed). Palestine Authority’s President Mahmoud Abbas, and the clerics of his regime, and the Jordanian Waqf, have said such things many times, and have used traditional and modern Blood Libel to reinforce the point (translations into English of these speeches and sermons have been published by the Middle East Media Research Institute). And yet everyone from the incumbent German “Christian Democrat” Chancellor, to Prince William the Naïve (future head of the Church of England), are as happy to have their smiling photographs taking with Abbas as was Hitler with the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem. Abbas’s genocidally antisemitic philosophy is no different to that of the wartime Grand Mufti Amin al-Husseini, broadcast in Arabic to the Middle East from powerful shortwave transmitters in Berlin. Every honest Arab-speaking media analyst can tell you that the philosophy broadcast from the mouth of President Mahmoud Abbas is no less Nazi than that broadcast from Berlin by Amin al-Husseini. Personally, I wouldn’t touch Abbas with a bargepole, let alone shake his hand.

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As I have written in previous essays, the Arab-Israel conflict is not balanced: one side of the conflict is committed to genocidal antisemitism, and this is the primary and sustaining cause of the conflict. The Jews, and everyone of sound mind, cannot, and must not, negotiate with any regime ideologically committed to genocidal antisemitism. This should be obvious, but apparently it isn’t, including to ideologically-liberal Jews who are convinced, as are all ideological liberals, that there are liberal solutions that can be achieved through give and take. Similarly, Conservatives such as President

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Donald Trump seem to think that a peace “deal” can be bought financially. It can’t. Hamas is already bankrolled by the Muslim Brotherhood, including from Qatar, the richest nation in the world. And nothing is more stupidly suicidal – for Jews, Christians, Muslims and everyone who is not a Jihadist – than giving money to Jihadist genocidal regimes in any circumstances. But at least, thank heavens, Trump ripped up the deal of Obama and the EU with Iran. (Whether or not Trump, this very strange and capricious egomaniac of man, changes his mind on Iran is anyone’s guess. We can but trust God’s omnipotent will.)

The Arab world and the wider Muslim world, or at least their regimes, do not want what Western liberals think of as peace, i.e. peace through such things as a secular polis, materialistic individualism, transgender toilets, and boys and girls encouraged to become so self-obsessed and anxious that they are to question whether their sex is their gender. Look at the conflicts within and between all the Arab nations (and Turkey and Iran). They are not fighting for multiculturalism, and they are not fighting for a multicultural Palestine. Whether they are Salafists or Iranian Shi’ites or Islamic Socialists, they are fighting for their vision of the end-state and their stakes in the end-state: their stakes in the divinely-sanctioned caliphate of a Jew-free Paradise to come.

Qatar would not be pumping money into Hamas if Hamas ceased to be a branch of the Muslim Brotherhood and gave up on the Brothers’ aims to obliterate Israel. The Muslim Brotherhood believes that Hamas, precisely because of its geography, has a unique and divinely-sanctioned role, for the sake of the whole of Islam (and therefore for the world), to liberate “Palestine” from the “river to the sea”. “Islam will obliterate Israel” in the name of “the Mujahedeen” we read in the Hamas Covenant, following which the Day of Resurrection will come.

Contemporary Islam and Arabisation do not want, and cannot conceivably tolerate, a multicultural and multi-religious Jerusalem. Jerusalem is to be cleansed and made ‘holy’ in order that, according to Article 34 of the Hamas Covenant, the divine cosmos will be joined to Earth at Islamic Jerusalem; God forbid.

The goal is to make Jerusalem holy and Jew free, just as all Arab cities throughout Arabia are, today, Jew free. Furthermore, in Islamic theology, a city is only a holy city when it is exclusive to Muslims, which is why no-one but Muslims can enter the cities of Mecca or Medina.

The fact that much of the Hamas Charter reads like Mein Kampf (and quotes the Protocols of the Elders of Zion on authority as Mein Kampf did) is no coincidence. As I wrote in my previous essay, the Muslim Brotherhood itself was overwhelmingly influenced by Mein Kampf and Protocols, since its beginnings in 1928 in Cairo, which is when and where Protocols was first translated into Arabic (by an Arab Christian).

Today, Christian liberals are carrying the very same strain of antisemitism that was transmitted from West to Near East in 1928. It is carried back today in EAPPI pilgrims returning to sleepy English town such as Tunbridge Wells, unwitting soft Jihadists, evangelising for a global caliphate whose Muslim Brotherhood/Salafist theology has absolutely nothing to do with Christianity. And this is the thing about contemporary Jihadism: it is hard cop/soft cop. Hamas, PIJ, Hezbollah, Palestinian Authority... are the hard cop, ranting genocide in Arabic, whereas the World Council of Churches, Christian Aid, English liberals, Bernie Sanders, Illan Omar, the British Labour Party... are the softly-spoken and Anglophone soft cop. Hard and soft, they are all working towards the same Jihadist goal. Yes, the goal is world peace, but only after the necessary violence and obliteration of the Jew, just as National Socialism promised world peace after the necessary violence and obliteration of the Jew.
The antisemitic cross infection is not only religious, it is political and “foreign policy”. Until recently, what is now the State of Israel was a forgotten and derelict outpost of this or that empire. The Ottomans, who were there for four centuries until the British took Jerusalem in 1917, were the most neglectful of all, allowing agricultural land to become unusable and malarial and stripped by Bedouins for whom life was short, brutish and malarial. Indeed, since the Crusades, the world generally lost interest in the land and its inhabitants. Even Jerusalem had been long forgotten to the world until a fight broke in the mid-19th century between Jerusalem’s Christian denominations over the keys to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, a fight which developed into a war between empires: the Crimean War. But today, the world is obsessed with Israel. Statistics published recently by the BBC reveal that, in the past two years, there were more UK parliamentary visits (friend and foe) to Israel than to any nation in the world. This is remarkable, especially in view of the fact that most contemporary British politicians seem to be atheists/agnostics, for whom everything is relative and nothing is Holy. The magnetic pull to the Holy Land is today stronger than ever, even for the British political heathen, who on their way to work literally walk across the words of Psalm 127 embedded in the floor of the Westminster Lobby:

“Unless the Lord builds the house its builders labour in vain”.

From a theological point of view, perhaps the world’s religious and secular obsessions with the Land of Israel and Jerusalem is a good thing, regardless of whether it is negative or positive, evil inclination or good inclination. Is it Providential? Prophecies in the Jewish and the Christian Bibles talk of the times when all the leaders of the nations of Earth “go up” to Jerusalem. Jesus talked of the heathen not knowing what they worship, but “we [the Jews] know whom we worship” (John 4:22).

Almost everyone in the world today has heard and seen the words ”Israel” and ”Jerusalem” in his or her native language, largely because the Christians took the Jewish Bible, with the New Testament, into all nations and in all languages. Although Jerusalem is not mentioned in the Quran, in Jewish prophecy, including that of Rabbi Jesus, Jerusalem is the one and only centre of the world, mentioned with Zion, many times in the Bible. Jesus, in his vows following the Sermon on the Mount, called it “the City of the Great King” (echoing Psalms such as Psalm 2 and Psalm 48, and many prophetic passages such as Ezekiel 5:5). Jesus never gave up on Zion, even though the Church quickly did, despite the fact that the Church was founded in Jerusalem, and knows that its destiny is sealed and revealed uniquely in Jerusalem.

The task then is simply to turn all things upside-down: to turn the world’s obsessional hatred for Israel (and God of Israel) to obsessional love for God of Israel and align our free will to God’s will to bless all nations though the centre: through Israel: through Jerusalem.

The task then is to help the Jews, whom God has chosen to build up Israel and Jerusalem, to build up Israel and Jerusalem.

Can the world’s cross-infected of hatred of Israel become the world’s cross-infected love of Israel, uniting the three great monotheistic faiths? I think it can. I live in Hope.

What seems impossible can become possible in the twinkling of an eye. Perhaps this is what Habakkuk was talking about (Hab 1:5, echoed in the Book of Acts). And I think we should make it the goal of inter-religious and inter-national dialogue. And I think the sooner we do, the less the world will suffer as it does from our present perverted goals and lost causes of the human intellect.
The goal must begin with the intellectual battle against antisemitism, or anti-Shem, as I started to develop the term in section 1.3. And this includes the battle against atheism, working with good philo-semitic philosophical theologies. The world must become philo-Shemitic. No child wakes up into the world thinking, “I hate Jews”, or “I hate Zion” or I hate HaShem. He or she is taught it, or culturally absorbs it, be it through the Church, Islam, Socialism, Scientism, Secularism, or the Far Right.

Behind all education and culture are intellectual ideas: philosophies, words, that not only condition the recipients but the minds of the transmitters. Philosophy is the driver of everything, including politics, and including Islamism. Good philo-sophy, by definition, loves Wisdom and centres all words in the Word (or Logos, as the Hellenised Jews came to explain things). Good philosophy, by definition, is Logos-centric, and reveres language, because there is no thing that is not the language of our Creator.

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God call’s the world to Israel. And the world knows He does. The world knows He does because Christians have delivered the Jewish Bible, and the teachings of Rabbi Jesus and his Jewish Disciples, to every part of The Globe, to “make Disciples of all nations”. Even Communist China knows that God calls the world to Israel: there are more practicing Christians in China today than in the whole of Europe, or “Christendom”. Having said that, Christianity in China has not yet recovered from the reputational damage resulting from Taiping Revolution of the mid-19th century: a Christian Apocalyptic movement which resulted in the death of about 30 million people: about a tenth of the Chinese population.

But since the restitution of Israel, the Christian and Islamic parts of the world have become like recalcitrant and rival teenagers who have decided they know what is better for them. I admit, though I accept I have a calling to help defend the Jews and Israel, not all the grownup Jews of Israel, religious and irreligious, behave like grownups!

The world’s call to Zion runs right through the Jewish Bible, which is of course nearly 80% of the Christian Bible. Indeed, the very last sentence of the Jewish Bible (2 Chronicles 34) is the Call to Zion. The Church decided to reorder the “Old Testament”, and put the Book of Micah at the end of it, but even Micah has within it one of the most famous calls to Zion: Micah tells us that is it is from Mount Zion that God’s Word and judgment and chastising of the nations will effect the age to come: peace on Earth, swords beaten into plowshares, re-blooming of the deserts, and (in the parallel text in Isaiah) the end of pollution on Earth that can only come about with the end of pollution in our wisdom, knowledge and intellect. Pollution is inevitable until all the world’s languages are Logos-centric, or, in other words HaShem centric, or, in other words, philo-Shem.

Of course, most Christian teachers deny the call to Zion, and have done almost from the outset. The redundancy of Zion, and the Jews, and the Holy Language, and the transfer to Rome (or Constantinople or Canterbury), used to be called “replacement theology” and “Supersessionism”. The Church only formally dropped these anti-Judaism theologies once the churches acknowledged their part in Nazism and the Holocaust, but the Church has not yet dropped anti-Israelism, or anti-Zionism (about which I have written a lot in my I Accuse essay).

Today, most of the world’s observant Jews live in the State of Israel (or at least I think that this is case, especially if you allow me to discount the ultra-religious Jews of New York who have shut out the world and deny that the State of Israel exists). Therefore the Church no longer needs its replacement/supersessionist ideology: it can, and does, veil its chronic antisemitism behind its anti-Zionism.
Sometimes churchy anti-Zionism is itself veiled: the give-away sign is where the Christians have shown little or no consistent interest in the welfare of the world’s two billion Muslims, or the 22 Arab nations, but have a peculiar and persistent interest and compassion for the Arabs Muslims who democratically voted Hamas and Mahmoud Abbas into power. Sometimes the churchy anti-Zionism is explicit, such as the Anglican theology of Dr Rev Naim Ateek and Dr Rev Stephen Sizer, antisemites par excellence. Ateek and Sizer cannot help themselves supporting anti-Zionists of all types, Islamist, Socialist and whatnot.

We must meet God of Israel in the middle, in Israel. It is not difficult to love Israel if one is attracted to Intellect and loving-kindness. Whilst spurious academics such as Dr Ateek and Dr Sizer support the Arabs, Turks and Iranians who are committed to the genocide of Israel, God continues to pour out His Intellect, and some of the world’s best Earth-healing ideas, on Israel.

The Church’s millennia-old project of antisemitism, then, has gone drastically wrong. Saint Augustine of Hippo, the father of Western theology (Catholic and Reformed) and the author of the dogma of Original Sin said, “allow the Jews to survive but not thrive”. But now the Jews are thriving (as God always promised they would) and now the Church now seems to be panicking about it, having long ago condemned all the world’s Jews as “Old Testament” and surplus to, if not inimical to, God’s requirements.

It doesn’t surprise me, then, that the government of Ireland, the last European bastion of Roman Catholicism outside of Italy, recently voted to boycott Israel. It makes more sense for the world to Boycott Ireland, not only for its antisemitism, and the fact that much of the nation supported Hitler, but because Ireland has been harbouring thousands of paedophile priests, causing ineffaceable reputational damage to the Church and the case for God. Israel is infinitely more moral, and infinitely more gifted, than Ireland. As I wrote as a footnote in my essay I Accuse:

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 the cure for Alzheimer’s and forms of child cancer, will the Government of Ireland boycott the cures? 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.

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God, in His omnipotent Being, has given human being free will. In other words, God’s will on Earth is omnipotent apart from our human free will.

God, in His omnipotence, has pushed us out of God, in order that we can walk with Him, in His “image”. We are conscious of our consciousness, which of course makes us free to become self-consciously detached from the whole. Uniquely, amongst God’s creatures, we are as free to build as we are to destroy. We are as free to do good as we are to do evil. We are as free to love as we are to hate. A blackbird always sings like a blackbird. A lion always growls like a lion. It is impossible for a blackbird
or a lion to be good or to be evil because they have no knowledge of good and evil. As human beings, on the other hand, we choose to growl or to sing, choose to take or to give, choose to oppress or to serve, choose to forgive or to seek revenge, choose to be compassionate or cruel... We are free to remember God, and we are free to forget God. We are free to be attached to God, and free to detach ourselves from God. We are free to remember Jerusalem, and we are free to forget Jerusalem.

Ah but, the Roman Catholics protest, not so fast. What about the Pope in Rome? To which I respond, Jesus never called his followers to Rome, but to the City of the Great King. Jesus never abandoned his Jewish faith, including the persistent call to Zion that has always been central to the Jewish faith.

Ah but, the Protestants say, "Jesus the King" is Christian. To which I respond, no he isn't. Jesus is eternally a Jew. He wasn't "christened". John the Baptist didn't wash away Jesus' Jewishness or cause him to throw away his tzitzit, or to stop studying the Torah. His Jewish parents, of the Tribe of David, named him in his circumcision at age 8-days old in an everlasting covenant. I defy any Christian to declare the covenant, and Jesus' brit milah, broken, or to challenge the faith of Mary and Joseph in making it. Mary and Joseph even took Jesus to the Jerusalem Temple for his coming of age, or bar mitzvah. Jesus maintained, as Jews always have and still do, that the greatest of all commandments is the Shema Yisra'el: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is One".

Ah but, the Muslims say, Abraham was a Muslim. No he wasn't. And the original language of divine revelation is Hebrew, not Arabic. Islam has given the world great things. And if it wasn't for Islam, it is difficult to see how the Jews would have survived the forced-conversion-or-death of the Christian inquisitors saying: "Jew. If you wish to live, admit that your religion is false. And admit there are three gods and the Lord is not One". But it is difficult to see how contemporary Islam has given the world anything we need, rather it is easy to see that contemporary Islam has given us much of what we must do without. No-one can doubt that there was a golden age of Islam when it led the world in learning and the holistic abstraction of all sciences and the arts (and, for a time, harboured 90% of the world’s Jews from the Christians). But there is no such spirit of wisdom and learning and openness today.

Perhaps, alas, the world’s stored up hatred for Israel is the necessary precursor to the world's love of Israel, and God of Israel. Like the energy stored in a capacitor, it just needs to be suddenly released, as God blesses all nations through Israel (according to the eternal Abrahamic covenant into which Jesus was circumcised and raised). Pent-up hatred will become overwhelming Love. I live in Faith and Hope.

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Nothing can exist without its polar opposite, or “potential difference” as we call it in my own professional background of electronics engineering. A thousand volts is not a thousand volts until it is related through the circuits to its potential difference (such as earth, or zero volts), which is why birds sitting on a high-tension line can sing merrily on high. If we were not capable of hate we would not be capable of love. Similarly, our free will to give, and to forgive, means we have free will to not do so, or to do the opposite. If we were not free to drink wine, we would not know the value of sobriety, or of occasionally being mildly drunk come to that. The task is to become wiser to the inclinations that God has given us, including the necessary inclination to hate, without which we would not comprehend love. And we must remember that we are supposed to love God, above all else, to bring mankind into unity, and for each of us to live a good and blessed and eternal life. We must remember not to attach our spiritual and intellectual love to lesser things than God.

As I've said often, the last battle is the battle of words: the submission of all languages, and all their philosophies and big thinking, of all nations into the Holiest Name of the Holy Language, which was

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“housed” in the Holy of Holies of the Holiest Temple of Jerusalem, the Holiest City on Earth: Our “Father’s House” in microcosm “on Earth as in Heaven”.

"Hallowed be thy Name", taught Jesus in the opening of the prayer he gave to the world. As I wrote in I Accuse, the Church has never hallowed the Name, and perhaps that is because it couldn’t. Its teachers were detached from the Holy Language and were obliged to work in Greek, the lingua franca of the times, and without which the Church could not have spread into Roman Empire and the wider world.

God’s ways are above our ways.

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God’s will will happen. God, who has the whole ‘picture’, can work His omnipotent will through all human being, not only of those who choose to serve God, but of those who choose to oppose God. Ultimately, and quickly in our times of intense communications, the cross-infection of love will engulf the cross-infection of hate, not least “the world’s oldest hate”: antisemitism: anti-Shem.

Love (Agape) has to be voluntary of course: God cannot force anyone who now hates to love as God loves, or forgive as God forgives, or give as God gives, or choose as God chooses. Forced love, forced giving, forced choosing... are logical contradictions.

[I use the word “love” in the theological sense. In the lesser senses, love can sometimes be the engine of hate: even Hitler loved his wife, dogs and nation, and was in return loved by his wife, dogs and nation. In our times, Jeremy Corbyn loves the Labour Party, and the Labour Party loves Jeremy Corbyn, but this is not love in the theological sense.]

The highway to Hell is easy; the path to Paradise is hard. Our pressing task is education: education away from the hell-bent stupidity of hate, especially the world’s obsessional hatred of Israel. And ironically, perhaps the contemporary cross infection of antisemitisms has made the job easier for those of us who campaign against antisemitism.

The multi-headed Lernaean Hydra of antisemitism is becoming a big-headed Palestinian Goliath representing every antisemitic tribe. Perhaps this too is Providence. Perhaps the task is becoming less Herculean than it often seems to be. The leaders of those who hate Israel and the Jews (or at least the Jews committed to Israel) have now popped up in a single Philistine head, and an easy target.

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For a perfect example of the Christian-Islamic-Secular antisemitic hybridisation, look up on the World Wide Web the antisemitic Cerberus of Stephen Sizer (Church of England preacher and World Council of Churches anti-Zionist activist), Raed Salah (Islamic preacher, politician and anti-Zionist activist), and Jeremy Corbyn (Leader of the British Labour Party and lifelong anti-Zionist activist).

Look up these three creeps on the World Wide Web, and you will find that, despite their diametrically opposed core philosophies, they support one another, taking on governments and bishops for one another, sharing platforms and photo opportunities in their obsessive hatred of Israel. It’s extraordinary and unprecedented, and it’s an easy target.

As for Corbyn, Karl Marx will be turning in his Hampstead Heath grave to see what has happened to his antisemitic and atheistic philosophy. Marx would be horrified to learn that not only did his philosophy turn out to the greatest and most murderous philosophical curse ever inflicted on humanity, but that, in our mixed-up and cross-infected world, Marxism has now become plugged into fundamentalist Christianity and fundamentalist Islam to become the opium of the left-wing Bourgeoisie.
Antisemitism is such a destructive, chronic and unfathomable mystery that it is sometimes described as a “mutating virus” (cf. “The Mutating Virus: Understanding Antisemitism”, Rabbi Lord Sacks, keynote speech to European Parliament, 27 September 2016).

As I have argued in this essay, antisemitism isn’t even necessarily hate, or at least that it goes deeper than hate. It is a sickness of the soul whose adherents are often anything but hateful. The antisemitic Christians of EAPPI and “Christian Aid in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory” who flock to Palestine to support the world’s most popular cause of “Liberation Theology” don’t seem to me to be hateful. The ones I have met are mawkish and creepy, but not hateful.

The virus analogy is useful, and I think the AIDS virus is the best analogy for our times. And, in all seriousness, I think we should rename Christian Aid as Christian AIDS, and endeavour to stop it spreading.

AIDS doesn’t just attack the body: it is smarter than that: it attacks the white blood cells whose very role is to fight viruses in the body. Today, Christian AIDS is convincing the body that the white blood cells fighting antisemitism and defending Israel are “Islamophobic” in order to allow in the viral apocalyptic Caliphaters to take over the body. (I have to admit, I have stolen this analogy from Dr Richard Landes, who has even better analogies, which he discussed in a “Holy Smoke” podcast with the Associate Editor of The Spectator Damian Thompson in July 2019, easy to find on the Internet at the time of writing.)

It is not as if the apocalyptic Caliphaters disguise their goals, yet Christian AIDS joins them in waving the pan-Arabisation flags, even though the Arabisation four colours, concocted during WWI, are suspiciously the same colours as the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse.

By far the most severe form of antisemitism in our times is Islamic antisemitism. But academics who attack it to protect the academia and the future of philosophy are pushed out and ostracised as “Islamophobes”.

Islamic antisemitism needs to be challenged at the intellectual level, including for the safety of Muslims, lest we all end up in World War III. The Jihadists and end-time Caliphaters, not least the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, and not least Hamas and Hezbollah (the “Mujahedeen”), believe they are being divinely called to bring about the final battle. Their foot soldiers, including children, are to relish the opportunity for “martyrdom” against Israel, and many do (though thankfully Israeli security prevents most of them from getting the chance). The Mujahedeen masters do not put themselves at risk. Why risk trying to get kill the IDF or to get past the IDF to kill unarmed civilians when you can indoctrinate the teenagers to do it for you? The Mujahedeen masters enjoy the highlife in the luxury hotels and exclusive (literally exclusive) restaurants in the Gaza Strip and Ramallah.

Genocides, wars, total wars and world wars don’t begin with the mob, they begin with the intellectuals, the clerics, the educators. But Western scholars are being attacked for attacking the explicitly genocidal antisemitism of influential Muslims, meaning that we are now in a state of self-imposed immune-deficiency as the antisemitic-Caliphaters virus attempts to engulf the nation holding up the banner of God of Israel.

Nothing in the world can be healed without Zion, and the Jewish restitution of Israel. We must find the antidote to the Christian AIDS that is attempting to destroy our defences against contemporary Islam.
In the Western academia an intellectual is free to challenge antisemitism in any organisation apart from the ones that have “Islam” or “Muslim” in the title, such as the Council of American and Islamic Relations, the Muslim Society of America, the Muslim Council of Britain, the Muslim Association (Britain)... but these are the very organisations, all in fraternity with the pan-global Muslim Brotherhood, that are the contemporary carriers of the virus. They are carrying the most severe mutations of the virus back into its original source: the Church, but also into the secular West, and political movements such as “Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions” (BDS) of Israel.

Walk into any city centre of the UK on a weekend and you are likely to see secular liberals demonstrating their “solidarity” with the Arab world and its "Palestine", proudly flying the four-coloured flag of pan-Arab Imperialism, having, I imagine, little idea of what the flag means.

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We need to turn the clock back a little to understand the nature of today’s cross infections and chimeric hybridisations. A notable and severe and extant cross-infection occurred when the Blood Libel was exported from Europe into the Arab world by the French in 1840, to account for a missing French Catholic (Franciscan) friar in Damascus. In this infamous "Damascus Affair", Jews were tortured (some to death) in order to extract confessions that they had killed the friar to ritually consume his blood.

Today, throughout the Arab world, the Blood Libel, i.e. the libel that Jews ritually consume the blood of Christians, which originated in the Church of England in Norwich in 1144, is published and preached as fact by Arab clerics (including Raed Salah), university scholars and journalists, and heard on TV and radio stations, and in Friday prayers (revealed, and translated from the Arabic, by the research institute MEMRI). Even the Blood Libel of the 1840 Damascus Affair, though no longer believed in the West, is still believed in the Arab world, largely because in 1983, Mustafa Tlass, the Defence Minister of the Arab Socialist Ba'ath Party in Syria, revived the libel with his book The Matzah of Zion, in which he goes on to explain that because Jews ritually consume the blood of Arabs, no Arab nation should ever make a peace treaty with Israel.

In 2001, the most popular daily newspaper in Egypt (Al-Ahram) published an article titled “A Jewish Matzah Made from Arab Blood”, in which the people of Egypt learned that, "The bestial drive to knead Passover matzahs with the blood of non-Jews is confirmed in the records of the Palestinian police where there are many recorded cases of the bodies of Arab children who had disappeared being found, torn to pieces without a single drop of blood. The most reasonable explanation is that the blood was taken to be kneaded into the dough of extremist Jews to be used in matzahs to be devoured during Passover".

The Blood Libel was not the only French antisemitic export. A century ago the Third Republic exported its virulent antisemitism, and the Protocols of the Elders of Zion, into its Arab colonies in North Africa and the Middle East. Eventually the administration of the French Empire itself became Nazified in the Arab lands through the Vichy Government.

Libels are bad words, bad ideas – or what the Greek philosophers called “mimesis” – that can be lethal and cause wars, even world wars. If we are to prevent a third world war, and extinguish the flames of the extant wars, we need good ideas, and honesty and truth, and faith in God Almighty, without whom our ideas are inevitably spurious. This is why I refuse to separate out Islamic and Christian antisemitism, whose ideas, whose words, today appear on the same hymn sheet/Friday prayers.

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All contemporary forms of antisemitism, Islamic, Christian and Secular, are united in their obsessive vilification of Zion, the House of HaShem.

In the USA and the UK, the Socialists, the cult of Karl Marx, are today the happy-clappy evangelists of anti-Israelism, obsessed with removing Shem-ites from the Holy Land on the pretext of “human rights” and the pressing need to enforce “international laws” set out by the United Nations.

Happy-Clappy Israel Bashing. At first glance, you might think that these photographs were taken in Palestine, from political rallies for Palestinian Islamic Jihad or Palestinian Authority. Had I attached the soundtrack, you would hear such chants as “From River to the Sea, Palestine will be free”, and “In our millions, we are Palestinians”. But look closely and although you won’t spot a Union Jack you will see signs saying “Labour” and “Making Britain Better”.

Certain species of grasshopper, when they encounter a swarm, transform, as a result of visual stimulus, into locusts, and join the swarm, changing in colour, size and behaviour. The British Labour Party today is irredeemably cursed.

Israel is the only nation in the Middle East that has human rights. None of the other nations come anywhere near even the most basic human rights, neither for males nor females, but especially not for young girls, the most vulnerable of all humans. And yet when the Arab nations, as a bloc, with the wider Muslim-nation bloc, protest about Israel’s human rights, and make “international laws”, the United Nations (including the UK) applaud despite the fact that none of the 22 Arab nations has human rights.

The United Nations body for women’s rights, the Commission on the Status of Women, voted to condemn only one nation at their annual meeting in 2019. Yes, you guessed it: Israel.

The primary cause for all this disgusting and lethal nonsense targeted as Israel is antisemitism, latent antisemitism in all the 200 or so Christian and Muslim nations, and latent antisemitism in all the Socialist and Communist nations (whose latency was inherited from Christian Europe, and its antisemitic Jew Karl Marx, co-author of the Communist Manifesto).

Throughout history, antisemitism has followed the Jews as they became dispersed into all nations. Throughout the history, the presence of Jews as a minority in the midst of the nation was the natural scapegoat, if not the metaphysical enemy in a dualistic cosmological battle. Naturally, as Jews become the State of Israel, the antisemitism tracked them back as they went up to Israel as survivors of the Holocaust or as the refugees expelled from all the Arab nations. And in order to be anti-Israel and not anti any another nation, and keep face, one has to appeal to the highest moral authority of our times: “human rights”. Because the whole world is antisemitic, it is important for the world to convince itself that, of all nations in the world, Israel, the sole Jewish nation, is, of all nations of the world, by far the world’s worst infringer of human rights. Future generations will look back on our generation, and wonder: how in God’s Name did the United Nations, year in year out, unite in deducing that Israel, the sole and tiny nation of the Jews, is the most anti-human nation on Earth?
The United Nations is telling us that Israel must improve; she must catch up to the human rights of the 57 Muslim nations. I must deduce, therefore, that Israel must introduce amputations, capital punishment, lashing, caning, stoning, enforced veiling of women, decapitations, crucifixions, execution/imprisonment for 'blasphemy', execution/imprisonment for homosexuality, genocidal violence, FGM, terrorism, human bombs, honour killings (such as of women and girls who have 'dishonoured' their family), child sacrifice, forced marriages, paedophile marriages (1.9 million in Pakistan according to UNICEF), Shia paedophile “pleasure marriages”... But even if Israel did introduce all these things, the Muslim nations, I imagine, would still protest that Israel has failed to attain the acceptable level of human rights according to contemporary Islam.

If you want to vilify Israel more than you vilify all the other nations put together (which is precisely what the United Nations does) and you don’t want to admit that you are an antisemite, then you have to convince yourselves and others that Israel is by far the worse nation in the world, so bad in fact that it does not deserve to exist, no more than Nazi Germany deserved to exist. You somehow have to convince yourself and others that the “Zionists are the new Nazis”, and when you do, you have then convinced your inner antisemite, and the inner antisemite in others, that you and they are all on the side of good. But the reality is that you are in fact as much on the side of evil, and as detached from HaShem, as were those under the spell of Hitler, i.e. the Germans (including the ecumenical Protestant Reich Church) the Austrians, the Italians, the Vichy French, the Roman Catholic Church, the Muslim Brotherhood, the Syria Social Nationalist Party, the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, etc.

European politicians who are antisemitic are likely to be unelectable today if they were to admit, “I am antisemitic”, but, like Angela Merkel, they can, and do, openly support Muslim nations whose regimes are not just antisemitic, but genocidally antisemitic.

None of the Muslim nations has human rights. Outrageously, Saudi Arabia was chosen as Chair of the UN Human Rights Council for 2016, a year in which the Saudis beheaded more human beings (invariably on grounds of religion) than ISIL.

Across the span history since the formation of the Church, antisemitism (uninterrupted and latent, varying only in degree, like a chronic illness) is the one constant in all the Christian nations and all the Muslim nations. The World Council of Churches and Christian AIDS were formed immediately after the War at the historical peak of Christian antisemitism. And it should not surprise anyone that the formation of the United Nations, which coincided with the restitution of Israel, resulted in an intergovernmental organisation that is addicted to obsessive vilification of the sole Jewish nation. The UN, on its foundation, had pretensions of arbitrating world peace, and, indeed, protecting the Jews, saying “never again” to the Holocaust, but the UN soon lost credibility. It very quickly became the international antisemitic Jew-baiting club that it is to this day.

At the time of writing, Hillel Neuer, Executive Director of UN Watch, has tweeted a list of the UN Human Rights Council condemnations of human rights between 2006 and 2016:

- Israel – 68 UN human rights condemnations
- Iraq – 0 UN human rights condemnations
- Cuba – 0 UN human rights condemnations
- Qatar – 0 UN human rights condemnations
- China – 0 UN human rights condemnations
- Russia – 0 UN human rights condemnations
- Turkey – 0 UN human rights condemnations
- Somalia – 0 UN human rights condemnations

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Pakistan – 0 UN human rights condemnations
Venezuela – 0 UN human rights condemnations
Zimbabwe – 0 UN human rights condemnations ... etc, etc

As noted, UNICEF – the United Nations Children’s Fund – has estimated that 1.9 million Pakistani paedophiles have “child brides” with state-sanctioned authority. And the child-bride paedophilia of India, like some other polytheistic and Pagan nations, is even worse than it is in Pakistan.

Is human rights relative to national culture? If so, stop calling it “human rights”. The nation culture of Israel is infinitely more moral and human than the national culture of Pakistan and Germany and Ireland... and all the other nations that conspire to undermine and scapegoat Israel.

Peace never follows Jew-baiting or any other form of antisemitism. World peace, Shalom, Salem, JeruSalem... cannot come as the nations furiously, and irrationally, unite against Israel. God Almighty, God of Israel, will not allow it.

The Church is not the new Israel and Islam is not the new Israel, and the Communist Commonwealth of the “dialectic” of history is not the new Israel.

Israel is Israel. And the Holy Tongue is the Holy Tongue.

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Israel is Israel is God’s eternal covenant with the Jews. And no man has the right to judge and declare God’s covenants with the Jews broken. Jesus certainly did not. And not even Saint Paul, despite his frequent antisemitic rants, could bring himself to say that God’s eternal covenant with the Jews is broken. The Jewish and Christian Bibles, and even the Quran, tell us of the time of the ingathering of the Jewish diaspora to Israel, the restitution of which is not only to bless the Jews: through Israel all nations are to be blessed.

Things today are upside-down. The nations are united in the belief that Israel – the world’s only Jewish nation, by far the most innovative nation in the world per capita, an indispensable and giving nation – is the most anti-human nation in the world. Israel, we are all expected to believe, is the only nation in the world that is unable to meet the United Nations demands for Human Rights, especially the Muslim-nation bloc’s perverted idea of Human Rights. The great and lethal tragedy of this fetish is that true human rights abuses, in all the many failing nations of the world, are being ignored by the international community, which is of course convenient for the leaders of the failing nations, from Peru to Pakistan, who want to avoid international scrutiny and criticism.

Every honest observer can see that none of the Arab regimes representing the Arab nations wants human rights within their own jurisdiction, and yet they invoke the liberal West to challenge Israel on grounds of human rights. “Human rights” are the very thing that contemporary Islam fears.

Human rights would mean that the humans living under Muslim regimes would have the right, for instance, to become atheists, and to be open about their conversion to atheism. In nations with human rights, humans can write books with titles such as “The God Delusion” or “God is not Great”. Whilst I do

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not like such books, I am glad that I live in a nation in which people have the rights to write them, publish them, read them, and talk about them, and peacefully challenge the authors and readers.

Arab nations don’t hate Israel because they think Israel infringes human rights. On the contrary, they are more likely to hate Israel precisely because it has allowed human rights on what they see as Muslim lands, such as equality for women, openly being an atheist, and openly displaying signs of one religious faith (Jews are, and always have been since the advent of Islam, forbidden from displaying signs of worship in the Arab nations).

The Arab nations want Arab rights, not human rights, including what they see as the right to murder all Jews, and the rights of Arab men to murder their own daughter if she brings dishonour to the family. In fact genocide of the Jews is not just seen as a right, but a religious obligation according to some high-profile Islamic clerics who use the Arab-language TV channels (see my essay The Arab-Israeli Conflict Made Simple).

And it gets worse. Western politicians, academics and journalists who should be interested in human rights but have instead become addicted to Israel bashing, have failed to see the nations of the Middle East and North Africa, nay the continent of Africa, have been killing at will. In the past decade they have been severely persecuting Christians, Sufis, and the 'wrong' kind of Muslims. In two very recent reports by the Church of England’s Bishop of Truro, commissioned by the British Government, we read of persecution of Christians in the Arab nations of such a “vast scale” that it is coming “close to meeting the international definition of genocide”. The bishop tells us that clergy in the West are unaware of this “greatest story never told of the 21st century”. Well of course they are unaware. All the CoE clergymen and clergywomen I know (in person and through social media) read the Guardian, whose Israel bashing is relentless to the point of being an article of faith. Israel-bashing sells newspapers. In fact there are clergy who think the media is not giving enough attention to “the Palestinians”.

The United Nations does not want Human Rights. The United Nations want antisemitic rights, whatever the cost to the world. It is time to turn the world upside down.

As noted, since my I Accuse essay, some clergy have objected to my charge that the C of E is institutionally antisemitic, but in doing so have provided further written evidence of the problem, evidence which blatantly violates the College of Bishops’ guidelines (IHRA) on avoiding antisemitism. Reverend Jonathan Clatworthy for instance, former General Secretary of Modern Church, wrote to me to say: “Put pressure on the Israeli Government to stop [persecuting] Palestinians in the West Bank... If you want to overcome antisemitism that is more to the point than bothering to criticise the Church of England”.

I’ve got news for Clatworthy. I will continue to “bother” the Church of England despite the fact that it is presently embroiled in institutional corruptions exposed by the recent independent inquiry into the sexual abuse of children. In the response from the Church of England priest Fr. Bernard Joy that I mentioned in Part 1 of this essay, Joy tells us that he thinks that Israel is perpetrating “a quiet holocaust that is being ignored the world over”. I showed Joy’s message to my friend the historian and Jerusalemite Dr. Richard Landes. Richard wasn’t surprised. He has seen this kind of thing, and worse, habitually published by the Anglican clergy in Jerusalem. But even Richard was a little surprised that anyone could think that “the Palestinian people” are being “ignored the world over”. Richard send me the following “footprint” graphic of TV coverage of deaths, comparing the Arab-Israel conflict deaths to the 5 million deaths resulting from the conflicts in Congo:

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Earlier this year (before I received Fr. Joy's response), I was at an international conference on antisemitism at Oxford University, where Richard Landes introduced me to Deborah Lipstadt, famous for successfully taking on the historian and Holocaust denier David Irving. Irving had sued Lipstadt (Irving v Penguin Books Ltd) for libelling him in her book, Denying the Holocaust.

I asked Deborah what she thought about an idea that I have for filing a class action against the Church of England for defamation of the Jews, beginning with the extant Blood Libel that the English Church issued in 1144. This libel is now consuming the Arab intellect like a forest fire, and the Anglican clergy in the Holy Land are giving their nodding approval, and are inventing new blood libels. I explained that the goal of such a class action would not be financial compensation, but a necessary mea culpa and a formal commitment to attempt to repair the reputational damage that the Church of England has inflicted, and continues to inflict, on the Jews. Deborah said that she is not a lawyer, and could not advise me, but she did acknowledge that the Church of England’s Blood Libel has caused inestimable harm to the Jews, and she is aware that the English libel is being preached verbatim by Muslim preachers in the Holy Land (including by Raed Salah, who is a close friend of both Jeremy Corbyn and Rev Stephen Sizer).

An influx of students into Western universities from Muslim nations where antisemitism is the norm has exacerbated the problem, and increased the cross infections. On the other hand, students and scholars from Muslim nations who have been indoctrinated with antisemitism and anti-Israelism from primary-school age can help us to understand the problems in those nations, and they can, one hopes, help to explain to their fellow countrymen what has gone wrong. An example is the feminist scholar Ayaan Hirsi Ali, whom I heard speaking at Oxford earlier this year. Ayaan is from Somalia, where Islam,
female genital mutilation, and the teaching of genocidal antisemitism are universal. The Somalians, women and girls in particular, suffer through oppression, but are taught that at the root of all the world's miseries and evils, including wars, are the Jews, “descended from pigs and apes”, which is why the obliteration of Israel is necessary, following which all will be well. Ayaan tells us that, until she came to the West, she was totally unaware of the Holocaust, i.e. that the genocide of world Jewry is not an original Islamic idea, but a Christian one that has already been tried.

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The Muslim British journalist Medhi Hasan wrote an article for New Statesman in 2013 titled: “The sorry truth is that the virus of anti-Semitism has infected the British Muslim community”. Medhi Hasan is himself antisemitic, evidenced by his consistent and vocal and obsessive vilification of Israel. He is in the pay of the Qatar government and pushes the soft-Jihad side of the Muslim Brotherhood agenda. And so if even the antisemite Medhi Hasan admits that British Islam is infected by the virus of antisemitic, we can be certain that British Islam is severely antisemitic:

“There are thousands of Lord Ahmeds [Nazir Ahmed] out there, mild-mannered and well-integrated British Muslims who nevertheless harbour deeply anti-Semitic views. It pains me to have to admit this, but anti-Semitism isn’t just tolerated in some sections of the British Muslim community; it’s routine and commonplace... It’s our dirty little secret. You could call it the banality of Muslim anti-Semitism... I can’t keep count of the Muslims I have come across – from close friends and relatives to perfect strangers – for whom weird and wacky anti-Semitic conspiracy theories are the default explanation for a range of national and international events.” Medhi Hasan New Statesman in 2013

Medhi Hasan goes on to say that it is sheer hypocrisy for the British Muslims to cry out “Islamophobia” without first dealing with (my words) the institutional antisemitism in British Islam. Hasan is a slippery fish: he is an antisemite ostensibly attacking antisemitism presumably to hold his place in the British Establishment and mainstream media. I agree with Hasan’s comments that there are thousands of “Lord Ahmeds”, who “harbour deeply anti-Semitic views”, but more dangerous still are the thousands of Medhi Hasans who are using anti-Zionism to veil their antisemitism.

I recently listened to a talk by British Muslim Haras Rafiq, who is involved with the Government’s anti-radicalisation programs. Rafiq told us that about 15 years ago he did sociological research of a wide demographic of Britain’s Muslims. The research included posing the question, “who do you consider to be the greatest Muslim hero of all time?” “The Prophet” was the most common answer, but what concerned Rafiq is that 5% of British Muslims said, “Osama bin Laden”. Bin Laden had recently masterminded 9/11 as revenge for the USA’s support of Israel. Rafiq realised there was a problem that had to be dealt with urgently. If 1-in-20 British Muslims venerated the founder of Al-Qaeda more than every Muslim that has ever lived, Britain, with a Muslim population of 2 million, was surely in trouble, and we were likely to witness the first ever suicide attacks on British soil.

Rafiq sought, and managed to get, an audience with the Blair Government but was assured that, “this is Britain, not the USA”, and not to worry, there would be no 9/11 in Britain. This, after all, was Britain’s optimistic Belle Époque (without the syphilis, if not without AIDS). Committed multiculturalists had officially branded it “Cool Britannia”. We saw in the fin de siècle, nay the Millennium, with the chart-topping song, "Things Can Only Get Better...". The young would be known as “millennials” and all of us would enjoy a new British era of multiculturalism and the celebration of diversity. Everything was now “cool”, and the political errors of the past would be corrected by politically-correct think tanks that told us they "don't do God".
To the credit of the British Government and Parliament in general, the UK was, at the turn of the Millennium, one of the safest nations on the planet (and there remains nowhere better in the world to live in my view). Surely, it was thought, only the Chinese, the Japanese and the Arabs have ever been ideologically unhinged enough to make themselves into human bombs. It was unimaginable that anyone born and bred in Britain could do it, even if they admitted to admiring Osama bin Laden.

But then “7/7” happened in 2005 in the city of London. Four British Muslims (ordinary born-and-bred British citizens, three of whom were from my home city of Leeds), travelled to London to make themselves into human bombs, indiscriminately murdering scores and maiming and injuring hundreds. The valedictory words of these ordinary Muslims echoed almost exactly Bin Laden’s 9/11 rant against the USA and Israel.

The day after 7/7, Haras Rafiq was called to 10 Downing Street, and helped to develop the extant “Prevent” program.

3. Looking Up

Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King. Psalm 48:2, KJV

“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’. (The words of Jesus, according to Matthew 5: 34-35, KJV)

John, or rather the anonymous 2nd-century author of the Gospel of John, put the words “Salvation is of the Jews” into the mouth of Jesus, despite that fact that “John” was the most antisemitic of all the Gospel authors (John has about 70 antisemitic references to “the Jews”).

I can imagine that Rabbi Jesus did say something like “salvation is of the Jews”, not because he was exclusive, but because he was teaching the very core teaching of the Jewish faith, which is that all nations are to be blessed, and that all people, regardless of race, colour or creed, are potentially human being (or “ben Adam”, son of Adam, in the Hebrew for human being), even if they “know not what they worship”, even if they do not know that their Creator is God of Israel.

Similarly, the Prophet Micah, looking to the messianic age to come, spoke of the time when all peoples and all nations would be free to “walk in the name of their god”, once God has established, for His Chosen People, Jerusalem/Zion in His Holy Name, in the Holy Language: the language that God has sanctified above all other languages.

The Holy of Holiest Names, in the Holy Language, was housed, and only ever uttered, in the Holy of Holies of the Temple of Jerusalem, the Holy City, the city of the great King, i.e. God Almighty, King of the Universe.

[I talked about the meaning of “House”, which means both cosmos and microcosmos, in Jewish scripture, in my I Accuse essay. The very first letter of Genesis, or Bereshit, is ב, meaning “House”, or Cosmos, just at the Temple was the “House” in microcosmos, or as Jesus called it, Our “Father’s House”. I have gone deeper into the meaning of this cosmogony in my upcoming book, “Gravity is the Word”.]
It is from Mount Zion, according to Micah (and Isaiah) that God's Word judges all nations, and all nations learn war no more, beating "their swords into plowshares."

Many Israelis today are, rightly, dismayed at the world's obsession with Israel, because the obsession is generally an irrational demonisation of Israel. Bad nations gang up together against Israel, a good nation, often using the United Nations as the forum. Alas, the prophets told us to expect this, and so we live in Hope.

I think that the generalised hatred of Israel always was historically inevitable. Even without reading the Torah and the Prophets, it is to be expected that the nation representing God of Israel is the nation that the world loves to hate. Israel, in its very Name, is a reminder that man does not have as much power over his own life, or the life of others, as he likes to think. "Israel" means NO to "Liberal", and "man rules"

Israel, with the stiff-necked Jews, who refuse to face any city but Jerusalem, who refuse to bow and scrape to any man, or statue, or to any power other than God, or to call any human intermediary to God “father” or “papa”/”pope”, are by their very enduring presence a humiliation to all the newer ideas and replacement ideas.

It wouldn't be so bad if the people of the Jewish nation were grovelling in the dirt, aspiring to be like the other nations, Christian, Muslim, Socialist or secular. If wouldn't be so bad if People Israel had made their nation into the arse-end of things, as have the people around them, in Gaza, Lebanon, Syria, Egypt and Jordan. But no, Israel, despite its tiny size and lack of natural resources, is at the head of things not only in the Middle East, but in the whole world. Israel is indispensable not only spiritually but materialistically to the modern world, including the very ecology of Earth.

Moses said the age would come when his people would make Israel “the head nation, not a tail nation”. And there is hardly an intellectual endeavour today in which Israel is not in the lead.

But, as noted, a thriving Israel in the hands of the Jews is seen my many of the world's Christians and Muslims as the ultimate humiliation. It scandalises a whole history of their respective teaching of “replacement” theology. The Church and Islam seem to think that things were better when the world neglected Jerusalem, and its successive occupying powers allowed it to become derelict and diseased. But I suggest that there is a better way to look at history. In Israel today we do not have to look very far to see that, in the best of Israel, we see what has been the best in the histories of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. If we look at the history of classical music, philosophy, theology, science, mathematics, medicine, economics, architecture, engineering, law, administration... and all the other facets of civilisation we see how impossible it is to separate the histories of the world's three great monotheistic faiths, whose founding father is Abraham. We might say that together these three great monotheistic faiths are, together, God's great and indispensable “algoritth”.

Today, Jerusalem is a thriving city, for the first time in over 2000 years. It is a far cry from when the British took it off the Ottoman Empire in 1917. But the Church and Islam seem to be saying: for heaven's sake, don't allow the world to come to think that the Jews can make a success of things where Christianity and Islam could not. Indeed, when in 1967 Jerusalem returned to Jewish control after two millennia, the Vatican called for the “internationalisation” of Jerusalem. It had never made such calls in the 19 years since the Jordanian Muslims began to occupy Jerusalem, and turned much of it, literally, into a shit hole. The Muslim occupiers defecated and urinated on everything sacred to the Jews, even using Jewish gravestones makeshift latrines. They destroyed to rubble all the Holy City's 35
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synagogues. The Vatican never complained about this, from which can infer that Church preferred to see Jerusalem as a Jordanian-Arab shit hole than the restored Jewish thriving “city of the great King”.

In 1994, the Vatican became the tardiest ‘nation’ in Europe to recognise that the State of Israel exists, and yet the Vatican was the first nation in Europe to officially recognise the Third Reich, signing the Reichskonkordat on 20 July 1933. What an eternal dis-grace!

If you want to look at an atlas of what appear to be the most godforsaken nations in the world, look at an atlas of those nations (generally Muslim, Catholic and Communist) who do not even today in 2019 recognise that the State of Israel exists, or were the tardiest in doing so. And then read all the prophecies in Jewish scripture, or the “Old Testament” about the nations that gang up against Israel. Isaiah 60 for instance:

And aliens shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee; for in My wrath I smote thee, but in My favour have I had compassion on thee. Thy gates also shall be open continually, day and night, they shall not be shut; that men may bring unto thee the wealth of the nations, and their kings in procession. For that nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted. Isaiah 60, JPS Tanakh

It is important, in our times, to repair religion, and to challenge bad religion (including bad Judaism of course) that eschews love and compassion, that ignores or denies God’s rule, and God’s choices, and which turns its back on, or even defecates on, that which God has deemed Holy. And contemporary Islam must not only learn again to love God, but to learn again to fear God. God loves Beauty. Contemporary Islam has turned its back on Beauty. Contemporary Islam is ugliness personified.

As I wrote in I Accuse, before the advent of Christianity, every city had not only its agricultural gods, but the city’s patron god or goddess, represented by images and statues. Athens had Athena, Alexandria had Serapis/Aion, some cities worshipped the Caesars, and statues of the Caesar gods in their temple. The Jews had only one God, the Creator God, the God of the singular “Big Bang” of the cosmos, who was present in microcosm in the city of Jerusalem, whose great temple was allowed no statues and no other gods.

Judaism, centring as it does on God the Creator, God of Israel, is in fact the only truly workable philosophical theology that man has ever produced, or will ever produce, and this is because it was revealed by God to man. Judaism, Christianity and Islam have much in common, obviously, because Christianity and Islam are derivations of Judaism. Christianity and Islam have spread knowledge of God of Israel through the world, in all languages; this is a good thing, and undoubtedly part of their providential purpose.

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We living in wholly unique times that I have sometimes called the “archaeological age”. Our age is unique because there are so many of us (nearly 8 billion, whereas historians tell us that before the 20th century the world population scarcely got above 1 billion).

There is much more hatred in the world than there ever was, but there is much more love in the world than there ever was, and this is simply because there are many times more people living today than there ever were (even since I was born in 1961, the world population has increased by 2.5 times from 3 billion to 7.8 billion). There are so many of us, with so much power, including power to deplete natural resources and destroy ecologies, that no possibilities are now possible other than accepting the command to centre on God. No more great political experiments such as those of the 20th century (all
of which were ideologically antisemitic) are possible. The only possibility that remains is our voluntary response to the possibility that God has been calling Earth towards since He entered human history.

Our age is unique because we can destroy everything that sustains us in mere minutes (through total war that leads to exchanges of nuclear weapons or whatever weapons we invent next). Not only are there so many of us, in intense communication, but we have the tools (particularly the World Wide Web) to look anywhere in the world, and to take a holistic view, dare I say it a God's eye view, of the whole of human history.

As I step back and look at things from outside my Christian faith, with the benefit of history (including the restitution of Israel), I see some overwhelming differences between the three great monotheistic faiths, in favour of the Jews, from whom we can all now learn:

- **Christianity** has always generally taught that the world, and heaven, is **destined for the Christians**, and the rest will go to eternal punishment in Hell. (Admittedly, Eastern/Greek Christianity has downplayed Hell.) Each church denomination, especially after the Great Schism, and after the Reformation, has taught that the adherents of competing denominations are not really Christian, and they too are destined for Hell. This idea has become increasingly less credible since the Church fragmented into the 30,000-plus denominations we have today. The Christian cosmology teaches that: in the Beginning, God created the Heavens and the Earth **and Hell**. And the Church, Catholic and Protestant, has always taught, until recently, that non-Christians, and the wrong kind of Christians, were **predestined** to populate this Hell.

- **Islam** has always generally taught that the world, and heaven, is **destined for the Muslims**, and the rest, if they do not submit to Islam, will go to eternal punishment in Hell. Not only that, each sect has taught that the other sect (unless it finally submits to the right sect) is destined for **Hell**. The Muslim cosmology is more or less like the Christian one, with Heaven, Earth and Hell. Like Christianity, Islam, or at least Sunni Islam, has always taught **predestination**. Shia has traditionally taught of free will, but nevertheless that free will has to be used to convert to Shia Islam, in order to avoid eternal damnation.

- **The Jews** (apart from some sectarian eccentrics throughout the history of the Jews to this day) have always taught that the world, and heaven, is **destined for all mankind**. All nations, regardless of their race, colour or creed, are to be blessed, even if such nations walk in the name of their own ‘god’. Whilst Judaism accepts God's mercy and justice for all, Judaism teaches that in the beginning, God created the Heavens and the Earth. How God rewards or punishes or purges us in the afterlife is accepted as a mystery in Jewish teaching. Although Christianity and Islam are derivative versions of Judaism, Judaism has never taught that God created the Heavens and the Earth **and Hell**. Rather man, who has free will, is capable of creating hells, such as perhaps the transhumanist world that the transhumanists are now working on, and such as Gehinom, a smouldering place just outside the City of Jerusalem, often used, as Jesus used it, as a metaphor for damned souls. Gehinom had been a place where the Pagans practiced ritual child sacrifice by fire; and louds drums were used to drown out the screams of the children.

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Whereas the faith of Israel was given to one people, all of whom shared a common language and were all awe-struck at Sinai, perhaps, who knows, Christianity and Islam, which needed to persuade the barbarians, **needed** the carrot-and-stick, heaven-and-hell, theologies for the barbarians to be persuaded...
of the knowledge of God, and persuaded to spread the knowledge of God of Israel and His revelation given to Moses and the Israelites.

Perhaps the fear of eternal hell-fire was providentially necessary in order to bring the world’s barbarians and pagans into monotheistic faith in God who would set Jerusalem as the centre of the world and of the messianic age to come? I cannot imagine that peoples such as the Romans, Vandals, the Goths, the Celts, the French (or “Galatians”), the Visigoths, and the Arabs (who routinely practiced infanticide, particularly the burying alive of girls, until the arrival of the Prophet Muhammad) would have responded well to anything but the fear of hell.

Teaching of a world of love and compassion, in which people do not routinely kill, and do not derive pleasure from watching killing, and do not sacrifice children to their gods, would not have been an easy sell to people who enjoy killing, think they have the right to kill (as the Muslim and Communist nations still do to this day), and already fear that their own gods will strike unless children are sacrificed to them. Imagine: if the gods you already worship have a carrot and a stick, and demand child sacrifice, changing loyalty to a greater god, the God (Allah) would require a bigger carrot and a bigger stick. You would need to fear God Almighty over and above your gods. If your gods are going to punish you for not sacrificing children, you perhaps need to believe there are even greater punishments in store for not worshipping God, the Creator.

Another thing worth considering: where would some of the best of Roman Catholic culture be without the history of Hell? With no Hell in the history of Christian culture, there is no Dante’s Inferno, and all that Dante inspired in music, theatre, painting and sculpture. With no Hell the Requiem Mass would be anodyne, and we could not have received Mozart’s Confutatis Maledictis.

**Conclusion**

In the last section, I suggested that our age is utterly unique. There are no historical precedents. Never before has the world been populated by anything but a small fraction of our 8 billion souls. Never before has man had the possibility to easily destroy almost all life on Earth by creating a “nuclear winter” following a nuclear war. Never before has man had the possibility to destroy all forests (including underwater forests) with man-made machines. Never before has the world had the possibility to pollute itself to death. Never before has there been such an intensive amount of travel, communication and interchange of cultures and religions. And never before has Islam been as bad, and as rotten to the core, as it is today. Islam in the 21st century is as bad, and as rotten to the core, as Christendom in the 20th century. And this is because if suffering precisely the same curse: ideological antisemitism. And, as I have written in this essay and others, the curse is now quickly cross-infecting back to Christendom, not least through the World Council of Churches, Christian Aid (or Christian AIDS, as I explained in section 2.10) and anti-Zionist elements in the Anglican Church and the Roman Catholic Church.

At the time of writing, the head of Islamic State and the Levant (ISIL), was, thankfully, killed by American armed forces. President Trump announced that he “died like a dog and a coward”. “Coward” is not the right word. According to the BBC’s American source, the ISIL commander “crawled into a hole with two small children and blew himself up”. To put on a suicide vest, and to kill oneself with two children, takes a certain kind of human something that I would not describe as “cowardice”. If contemporary Muslim Arabs were cowards, I would not be saying that we need to fear them, and fear for us all as the 22 Arab nations regress to its pre-Islamic tribal barbarism and child sacrifice. The
Islamists are not cowards. They are arguably braver even than the Nazis, who were not, at least, persuaded that they should turn themselves into human bombs.

Killing the head of ISIL does not kill off the Islamist philosophical theology of which ISIL is but one manifestation. Killing ideologically-driven evil men does not kill the evil ideology. If anything, it fuels it. It all comes down to words, doesn’t it. Language is everything. The Creation is God’s language (perhaps analogous to the way that human virtual reality is a computer language). And as I consistently argue, at the centre of all good language is HaShem, the Name. All truth by definition is “Logocentric”, alluding to the unutterable name that was Housed in the Holy of Holies of the Jerusalem. All truth, by definition, is, let us say, Semitism, or Shem-itism. The badness that is now afflicting Islam will be overwhelmed as surely as the badness that afflicted the Christian Reich and the Socialist Bloc and Communist China, etc. Evil cannot win. Anti-Shemitism cannot win. Ultimately, no-one can take the Name in vain, and, "Unless the Lord builds the House its builders labour in vain”.

I said in the last section that we have arrived (Parousia) at what I call the "archaeological age". Archaeology is a recent discipline, and popular archaeology – in which every one of us can join archaeological projects scratching away at the surface, everywhere on Earth – is a very recent discipline.

Everywhere on Earth has a story to tell. But if mankind were to take a “selfie” of its history, it would have to do it from Israel. There is no other lens. In Jewish scripture and liturgy, Israel is the eye, nay the pupil (or “apple”) of the eye, the part of the eye that lets in the light. Destroy Israel, destroy the House of HaShem, destroy the Jews, and we are all blinded. All good philosophical theology should teach this, as it has from very beginnings of God’s revelation and all-centring presence in the history of the nations.

According to the Gospel of Mark, Jesus acknowledged that, “The most important commandment is, Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is One”.

Amen.