The Biblical Proportions of
PM Boris Johnson’s *Baptême du Feu*

Why Great Britain must now look to Israel for the protection of Judeo-Christian civilisation, and the healing of the nations

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About me, and how I came to be a defender of Israel

“But of the things in the heavens man knows nothing except a few mathematical calculations, and you see how far these go. I say in the words of the poet, ‘The heavens are the Lord’s, but the earth He hath given to the sons of man’ (Psalm 115:6)”.

The Guide for the Perplexed, circa 1190, Moses Maimonides (Friedländer translation, 1881)

I am a Yorkshireman. I was born on 6th January 1961 to an English father and an Asian mother (whom my father met in his National Service in Singapore). I was raised in the pit village of Lofthouse Gate, above the rich coal seam between Leeds and Wakefield extending out under the North Sea. We were a good, tough, volunteering (“bob-a-job”) Christian community that played cricket and rugby, and music: Yorkshire has world-beating brass bands and choral societies, but I took up the piano. We pulled together in hard times, such as when the “Yorkshire Ripper” was on the prowl, and during a fatal colliery disaster that made the national headlines for six days in 1973.

I left full-time education at age 16 to join the British Forces, eager to see the world. I was avowed atheist from age 10, and remained so until a series of profound religious experiences in my mid 30s. Now in my 60th year, I’m a technical writer for science and engineering corporations. In my long writing career to date, I have worked in the UK and on the Continent in English and French languages. I write material that helps keep us safe: everything from pilots’ manuals to scientists’ guides to mass spectrometry.

As an ex-RAF avionics engineer, I have written in various sectors including aerospace, electronics, and the life sciences. Apart from my technical writing since leaving the RAF, I worked for a decade as an IBM software developer. I’m attracted to codes, numbers and languages, including Biblical Hebrew, with its deep logic, wisdom, poetry, music, song, and harmony, not least in the divinely-revealed geometry of the Temple. The Jerusalem Temple is the Cosmos in micro-cosmos through which Sir Isaac Newton, scholar of Biblical Hebrew, discovered the inverse-square geometry of gravity – which, we now know, is also the geometry of electromagnetism, light, and sound.

A deep and ever-curious study of electromagnetism, I believe, enables a good understanding of everything – not least what is militarily defensible in the Holy Land. Apart from gravity (on which I am now writing a book), there is nothing in the universe – the “music of the spheres” – that is not electromagnetism. By everything I do not mean God, because God, the uncreated Creator of every thing, is not a thing.

Our engineering of electromagnetism is a kind of magic that has made the modern world possible. A radar engineer (Francis Crick) even discovered the DNA molecule, and, quite by accident, radio engineers realised that the annoyingly omnidirectional and omnipresent spurious “white noise” they were trying to suppress is in fact the evidence for “Big Bang”: the single point, the single voice, of Creation. Albert Einstein’s interest in a special narrow band of electromagnetic frequencies – visible light – and his explanation of the photo-electric effect resulted in the modern age, and ultimately the word processor into which I am now typing, and the World Wide Web on to which I will publish.

Writing about electromagnetism is now my day job. In my spare time I write philosophical theology because in the Church of England – my own faith community – no-one else can. I also spend much of my spare time campaigning against antisemitism, and I challenge the antisemitism in the Church of England, because no-one else will. The Church of England is top heavy with craven and grey men. We, the laity, have suffered under Pompous Primates who write and speak in politically-correct platitudes, and propose petitionary prayers that are never answered. The source of these petitions is often the Jihadist-supporting Arab Anglican bishops in Israel, whose deep and unreconstructed antisemitism (Arab Christians never accepted guilt for the Holocaust) seems to blind their seeing the malignant and anti-Christian nature of Islam in the Middle East and North Africa today, including Muslim-Arab irredentism in the Holy Land.

Our Bishops’ petitionary and supersessionist prayers for Israel will never be answered, but that doesn’t stop our Lords Spiritual in the Houses of Parliament from offering Prime Minister Boris Johnson’s Government spurious and dangerously ill-informed advice on Israel. The Church of England is riddled with antisemitism as I have exposed in a long report (55,000 words), some of which is based on material I gathered when I was one of a handful of moderators for an online “Anglican Communion” forum with thousands of members, mostly clergy, theologians, and academics of the global Anglican Communion.

In our extraordinary times, we need exceedingly good theology to keep us safe: safe from bad religion and safe from secular philosophies that convince their apologists they can be as God. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.
1. Thesis and Introduction

“Justice, justice shalt thou follow, that thou mayest live, and inherit the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.” Deuteronomy 16:20

There are two ways for we civilised Brits to look at the world:

The first way is the way of France, our closest neighbours. We might call it the French Way, or the Horizontal Way. For followers of this way, the Hebrew Bible and the Christian Bible are just books like any other: take them or leave them. And you must leave them out of politics.

You must, according to the laws of the Frenchman, avoid theology altogether in the politics and public institutions of France, and therefore of the EU.

The French Way is the way of man, and his own devices and desires. Jihadists and Caliphaters observing the French Way of Europe must surely think their prayers have been answered because the French Way is defenceless against the growing Islamic threat to Christian civilisation. The Islamists play the French Way like a fiddle, and undermine its democracy from the inside out, such as inventing the term “Islamophobia” (as I explained in two short essays earlier this year), a term whose currency makes criticism of Islam, even its most malignant contemporary forms, taboo, if not a sackable offence, particularly for academics.

The French Way censors and sanctions Western Christians, but invites Islamists to write whatever they like, in any language.

Even the Ayatollah has European Twitter accounts through which he can broadcast to the West with impunity. A few days ago (27 June), the Ayatollah tweeted in English about “the evil US and the evil UK”, and, on his French-language Twitter account: « États-Unis et du Royaume-Uni maléfiques ». In explaining how the US and the UK is evil, he invokes the human rights of the US and the UK, i.e. human rights that no Muslim nation recognises, especially not the Islamic Republic of Iran. 30% of murders in Iran (according to UN Watch statistics) are state-sanctioned ‘honour’ killings of girls by the men of their family. In Iran, homosexuals are executed in public, and women who remove head-covering in public are arrested by the religious police, and jailed. And in Saudi Arabia, the largest and most holy Muslim nation, and one of the most ‘advanced’, children are subject to capital punishment, as are women accused of witchcraft. Christians are persecuted throughout Saudi Arabia (as in all Arab nations today in fact): most are migrant workers with no meaningful human rights (all Saudi citizens are Muslim by law, imposed by religious police). Jews, who lived in Arabia continuously for over a thousand years before the birth of Islam, are today prohibited from entering Arabia. Saudi Arabia is also one of the Gulf States in which many Western universities are in the pay. This is why the four-coloured Pan-Arab or ‘Palestinian’ flag has become ubiquitous in many of our universities, the same universities that ban the Israeli Ambassador to the UK from setting foot on campus.

My friend the historian Dr Richard Landes describes this method of attacking Western democracy – by persuading its own members to attack it from within – as “cognitive warfare”. And he describes its strategists as “demopaths”. I cannot improve on Richard’s own definition:

“Demopaths are people who use democratic language and invoke human rights only when it serves their interests, and not when it calls for self-criticism or self-restraint. Demopaths demand stringent levels of human “rights” but do not apply these basic standards for the “other” to their own behaviour”.

Somehow, our own thought police on the French Way (including in California’s Silicon Valley) cannot allow criticism of other cultures. To do that would be to betray the philosophies of “inclusion and diversity”. Hence the French Way allows only criticism of the Christian civilisation from which it has guillotined itself.
However, you can, as always, demonise Jews with impunity, not least because, as in the minds of Marx and Nietzsche, Jews are to blame for laying the foundations of Christianity and producing its “Old Testament”.

In the meantime, the whining bishops of the Church of England, having revived the tradition of self-flagellation into a kind of intellectual onanism, are now equally incapable of robustly challenging the malignant nature of contemporary Islam.

There are Muslim thinkers who agree with me on all these issues, and are appalled at the pusillanimity of Western academia and the Church that will not put up an intellectual fight against Islamism: the Islamism which harms, above all, the world’s Muslims, and corrupts the children, conditioning them to hate. And so Islamism is allowed it to spread unhindered, despite its overt contempt for human rights, especially the human rights of the world’s Muslims, and especially the human rights of girls and women.

Haris Rafiq (who advises the Government on “Prevent”), and Ayaan Hirsi Ali – both of whom I heard taking last year at a conference at Oxford University – are two courageous Muslim thinkers who are highly critical of Western academia for allowing itself to be duped by, if not in the pay of, the Muslim Brotherhood and Salafism.

The French Way is Secular Humanism, or Laïcité, and this has formally been the way of the European Union since the Treaty of Lisbon in 2007 at the express wishes of France, the largest nation in Europe and its philosophically dominant voice. (The European Community was itself formed in France.)

Of course, not all French people are atheists, despite the Humanism of French constitution and Government, just as not all Brits are Christians, despite England’s being a Christian state with an established Church.

The second way is the way of Israel, that we might call the Holy Way, or the Vertical Way.

This is the way of God and, dare I say it, the will of God:

Thy Kingdom Come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven,

or, better:

Que ton règne vienne, Que ta volonté soit faite sur la terre comme au ciel.

I say the French “Lord’s Prayer” is better because ciel – like shamayim in Hebrew – means both sky and heaven, as it did in the original prayer that Jesus of Nazareth, Rabbi and scholar of Hebrew, gave to the world.

Yes, the Almighty, the Creator, transcends the whole of Creation, the heavens and the Earth, but God, the Being of all being, is right in front of our noses, nay in our nostrils, and in whom “we live and move and have our being”, according to Paul the Apostle. God is with us, or “Immanuel” in the transliterated Hebrew of Isaiah. This is very different to Platonic and Neo-Platonic philosophies (which seem to me to have had too much influence on the Western Church) in which god was separated from Creation, which was left to a corrupt lesser god, or “Demiurge”.

For the Israelites, and for Jesus and his followers, the sky – the clouds, and the very atmosphere we breathe – is heaven, or at least the first heaven. Heaven touches the chaos of the seas, as implied in the very word sham-mayim. We are called to repair Earth, not to pollute and neglect Earth.

We live in the first period of history to witness an exponential rise in human population. There are four times as many people in the world today as a century ago. Population has more than doubled since I was born in 1961. Our technological power to destroy the natural systems of Earth on not something that previous generations needed to consider. As much of the world comes to realise that we urgently need to tackle pollution of sea, land and air (including the upper atmosphere), I think we need to restore the sense of the immanence of heaven, and the immanence of God, that always been there for the Jews, and for Eastern Christianity. God is transcendent, but God is also in all things. “Where can I go where you are not?” asks the
King of Israel (Psalm 139), concluding there is nowhere we can go where God is not.

If some thing exists, God who created everything is there. God is everywhere, in the holy and in the unholy. However, God’s Holy of Holy presence (or Shekinah) is to be centred and ‘housed’ in Jerusalem, the City of David, where David’s son, King Solomon, was to build the Temple. This is the House of Prayer for all nations. This was also the place – behind the veil of the Temple’s Holy of Holies – that the Name, the most holy word of the holy language was housed.

Over the centuries, the West became preoccupied with only God’s transcendence, and lost the understanding of God’s immanence due, it seems, to Catholic and Reformed theologies that dismissed visible Creation as “fallen” or even, according to the Scots and other Calvinists, “totally depraved”. Worse, the transcendence of God was reduced to absurd images of an old man with a long white beard, such as Michelangelo’s Creation of Adam in the Sistine Chapel, ignoring the divine imperative to create no such images. Our future king, HRH The Prince of Wales, makes just these points about the loss of God’s immanence in his excellent book *Harmony: A New Way of Looking at Our World* (2010), although the Prince diligently avoids theology (perhaps wisely).

To forget God’s immanence in the world and to forget God’s all-centring presence in the House – and to dismiss everything as relative and nothing as holy – is the French Way.

In the French Way, nothing is sacred. The very word “holy” is merely a word contingent on other words. There is no Holy Language. There is no Holy Name to hallow, in fact the very notion of holiness is to be attacked as a “social construct” because its sole purpose is to hold up the old oppressive structures and systems that, now we are fully ‘enlightened’, must be “deconstructed” in the name of progress (as in the philosophies of French neo-Marxism that have now infected the humanities in all Western academia).

The result of course is that everything falls apart. Language cannot convey truth. “What is truth”? The centre cannot hold. There is no centre. Every ‘ology is denied its Logos. Deafening chaos ensues, leaving us with Gilet Jaunes and Black Lives Matter and neo-Fascism other forms of anarchy, often finding intellectual justification by philosophers who call themselves anarchists or neo-anarchists or post-modernists.

To forget the House of the Name – and to cease to connect to it – is to labour in vain. It is to lose the key, the Key of David. It is not – or should be not – the English way. Indeed, the words of King David (in Latin) are inscribed into the Central Lobby of the Palace of Westminster, in a large star-shaped mosaic that our leaders walk across on their way to work in either of the two Houses of Parliament:

“Unless the Lord builds the House its builders labour in vain.” (Psalm 127)
pilots the history of the world through the Jews, or as Jesus put it (according to John), “salvation is of the Jews”. You cannot build Jerusalem in Rome, or Moscow, or Berlin, or Athens, or London, or Canterbury. And as Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher – the most overtly Christian PM since Gladstone – famously said: “You cannot build Jerusalem in Brussels”.

There is a recollection, perhaps apocryphal, of PM Thatcher taking the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Lords Spiritual to dinner. Thatcher ordered a rare-cooked pavé de bœuf. The waiter asked, “what about the vegetables?” to which she responded they would have steak too.

I would like to be able to say that the Holy Way, the Vertical Way, is the way of the Church of England. But it isn’t. The Church today is still as caught up in anti-Israelism as severely as the antisemitism that has cursed almost the whole history of the Church.

Historically, the Church, the Western Church in particular as it grew in size and power, condemned Jews who would not convert as not only irredeemably part of the “fallen” world, but metaphysically responsible for keeping it there. Indeed, there are still many Christians, including in the Church of England, who still think like this, and therefore direct their animus, sometimes obsessively, at Israel, often in cahoots with Arab Anglican clergy in the Holy Land.

Christian communities in the Holy Land are invariably as antisemitic as they have always been: they were contemptuous of the Second Vatican Council, through which Western churches came to take responsibility for the role Christianity had played in the millennia-long history that made the Holocaust possible. Indeed, as I have written on my blog, Christian Arabs now even side with Islamic Arab genocidal irredentists and Jihadists, and Iran’s Quds Force, all of whose stated political and theological aims are to wipe Israel off the map, and to take Jerusalem for Islam. The idea of a Jewish-led state on the Holy Land is intolerable for Arab clergy of the Anglican Communion, who will accept anything but a Jewish-administered Jerusalem. They would prefer Jerusalem to be renamed “Al-Quds”, and de-Judaized, as the Jordanian Arabs de-Judaized Jerusalem in 1948, destroying all but one of the Old City’s 35 synagogues. The Church never complained about that.

In the meantime, today, the Islamic Arab regimes throughout the Middle East and North Africa are de-Christianizing lands that have the oldest continuous Christian communities in the world. Israel is now the only nation in the Middle East and North Africa where it is safe to be a practicing Jew, Christian, Sufi Muslim, Bahá’í, or Druze. It also the only place in the Middle East where it is safe to be openly atheist, and to criticise Islam or criticise any religion. And as we know from the history of the Church, religion goes very wrong, and perverted, when it doesn’t allow itself to be criticised from within and without.

The Church of England knows all this, because last year the Bishop of Truro was ordered by the former Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt to report on what Hunt calls the “near genocide” of the “millions of Christians” in the region who have been “uprooted from their homes … killed, kidnapped, imprisoned and discriminated against.” Hunt says this is “the greatest story never told of the 21st century”, and that, “What we have forgotten in this atmosphere of political correctness is actually the Christians that are being persecuted are some of the poorest people on the planet. In the Middle East the population of Christians used to be about 20%; now it’s 5%.”

Historically, Muslim nations have been safer for Jews than Christian nations, even the Islamic regimes that occupied much of Europe, as the British historian and Jew Sir Martin Gilbert noted:

“Under Muslim rule [in Medieval Europe] the Jews found greater toleration than under Christianity. Thus the Jews of Toledo opened the gates of the city to welcome their Muslim liberators. There were nothing like the frequent massacres and expulsion that were the curse of Jews living in Christendom.” Atlas of Jewish History, Sir Martin Gilbert

What today we call “antisemitism” is certainly not new to Islam. Even the Quran records the Muslims’
murdering – on the instructions of Muhammad – of about 700 Jewish men in Medina (as part of the “punishment” of the Banu Qurayza community). But the politics and theology of genocidal antisemitism in contemporary Islam is in fact an export of the genocidal antisemitism from the Christian West. It was exported from the Nazis (over 90% of whom in Germany were Christian, Roman Catholic and Protestant Reich Church), and broadcast in Arabic from Berlin on powerful shortwave radio throughout the Arab world by the so-called Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, Muhammed Amin al-Husseini. But before that the Arab colonies of the French Third Republic, and even the British Empire, exported Christian forms of antisemitism. And if the history of Christendom teaches us anything it is that antisemitism is a kind of madness that curses everything. Killing often begins with the Jews, but it never ends with the Jews, at which point war becomes necessary and the murderous antisemites themselves need to killed or forced to surrender and de-Nazify.

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Alas, the world’s focus on Israel is a good thing. It makes the Vertical Way possible. The challenge is to turn the world upside down: i.e. to turn the world’s negative obsession with Israel into universal support for Israel. If you want to be Biblical about it: those who bless Israel will be blessed, those who curse Israel will be cursed, as in the great Abrahamic covenant. And most of us, I think, would like all nations to be blessed.

We are now half-way through Anno Domini 2020, an extraordinary year, to date, in an extraordinary era in which the world is trying to come up with extraordinary solutions to all our extraordinary problems. In this essay, which is as earthy as it is heaven-focussed, I make the case for the Holy Way, the Vertical Way, rather than, for all its good intentions, the French Way, the Horizontal Way, the broad way, in which, like sheep astray, each turns to his own godless way: or the flock is led astray by the putative shepherds of the Church of England and the World Council of Churches: the blind leading the blind: the wolves in sheep’s clothing.

The Horizontal Way is always more popular, and might well come up with the convincing slogans and mottos. But behind a godless Liberté, Égalité, Fraternité always lurks the spirit of Terreur, and no Holy Spirit to protect the people from it. Napoléon Bonaparte at least realised this, which is why he remarried France to the Church:

Arrival of Napoléon Bonaparte at Notre-Dame Paris for his coronation as Emperor. Percier and Fontaine

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However, France was to definitively cut itself loose from the Church once again at the turn of the 20th century, largely because the Church’s antisemitism brought disgrace on the whole of France, which had allowed the Church to lead the nation into various antisemitic conspiracies, the worst being the Dreyfus Affair. Most of the antisemitic articles published in France at the time were published by churchmen.

French Secular Humanism means well, in the mind of its apologists today. But the French have a popular and apposite expression: *L’enfer est pavé de bonnes intentions*.

President Macron, on his election victory speech in 2017, after offering his “respect” to those who voted for his second-round opponent Marine Le Pen, and promising to heal the divisions in France, said that France would come together as one to teach the world a new humanism, and new hope. This, he said, is what the people of Europe, and the whole world, expect of France.

Macron, whose Hebrew name “Emmanuel” means “God with us”, chose to deliver his presidential victory speech by the Pyramid of Louvre, congratulating himself for his “audacity” in doing so. The French Moses of Secular Humanism stood before the Pyramid because, he said, as Europe and the world looks to France, “the audacity of this Pyramid” symbolises the Humanist audacity of France.

« Et ce lieu dans lequel nous nous retrouvons dit cela, il est parcouru par notre Histoire, de l'Ancien Régime à la Libération de Paris, de la Révolution française à l’audace de cette pyramide. C’est le lieu de tous les Français, de toutes les Françaises. Ce lieu, c’est celui de la France, que le monde regarde, car ce soir, c’est l’Europe, c’est le monde qui nous regarde ! »

*Emmanuel Macron’s inaugural speech by the Pyramid, 7th May 2017*

Perhaps this is why the nearby ground consecrated to Our Lady was subsequently to light up the skies of Paris with rage, on the evening of 15th April 2019, at precisely the time when the Humanists, the Anarchists and the Socialists and the Gilets Jaunes and the National Front’s Marine Le Pen (France’s second democratic choice for president) switched on their TVs to watch President Macron.

Macron was to give his major address to the nation with words of comfort and political compromise. Instead, the people of France witnessed the ground consecrated to Our Lady of Paris lighting up *les cieux*.

The Lady’s not for turning. Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned.
Meanwhile, in London in the spring of 2019, *Britain’s would-be Moses* was making his own Pharaonic pitch. Boris Johnson MP used the national media (beginning with his column in *The Telegraph*), to challenge Prime Minister Theresa May:

“It is time for the PM [Theresa May] to channel the spirit of Moses in Exodus, and say to Pharaoh in Brussels – LET MY PEOPLE GO.”

Boris likes to use Biblical metaphors and analogies, but I found this one directed at Theresa May somewhat ironic. Theresa May is overtly Christian whereas Boris is an overt Pericles-venerating Pagan.

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In our extraordinary times, in which we need extraordinary blessings, it all comes down to a tale of two cities: the two cities that we find quite early on in the history of Christian theology: the *vertical City of God* versus the *horizontal City of Humanism*, or as Augustine of Hippo put it: *Dē cīvitāte Deī contrā pāgānōs*.

Augustine wrote his tale of two cities as the Vandals beat the forces of General Bonifacius and laid siege to the city of Hippo, during which Augustine would perish, along with much of the Roman Empire.

I suggest that Brexit allows Boris of London – having now been freed from the cultural and intellectual vandalism of the French Way – to put Christian Europe (including France) back on track for the good of all nations: back on the Vertical Way.

We cannot build Jerusalem in Brussels. We must look to Mount Zion, the Holy City, the only city in the world that exists both on Earth as in Heaven: the *axis mundi*.

I write this essay in the hope that Boris will turn around and face the right way, the one true way, the one Holy (whole-making) Way for all nations. Repent. Turn and face the right way.

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Only within living memory did we first come to see planet Earth. Seeing Earth anew, as a *whole*, was surely a giant leap for mankind in our working with God to bring the world into wholeness, or holiness.

This photograph, pointing up to Sinai and the Red Sea and the Holy Land, was one of the first of the “blue marble” photographs, taken from Apollo 17 in 1972.

God Bless America.
2. True British and Christian Sovereignty needs the Vertical Way

“I expect that the Battle of Britain is about to begin. Upon this battle depends the survival of Christian civilisation.”
Prime Minister Winston Churchill’s "Finest Hour" speech, 18th June 1940

“Français! C’est moi, Churchill, qui vous parle. Pendant plus de trente ans, dans la paix comme dans la guerre, j’ai marché avec vous, et je marche encore avec vous aujourd’hui.”
Prime Minister Winston Churchill’s broadcast to France, 20th October 1940

Zadok the Priest, and Nathan the Prophet anointed Solomon King.
And all the people rejoiced, and said:
God save the King! Long live the King!
May the King live for ever,
Amen, Alleluia.

Coronation anthem – based on 1 Kings – sang at every anointing of a British monarch since the days of our great Court composer George Frideric Handel

2020 was never meant to be like this. Things were looking good at Christmas 2019. The “Zombie Parliament” was brought back to real life with the startling victory of the Conservative Party in the General Election.

None of us, on our way to the polling booths on 12th December, would have been much interested to learn that a Chinaman was eating an undercooked bat from a “wet market” in Wuhan (or that scientists in the Wuhan Institute of Virology were experimenting with bat coronaviruses). Yes, we already knew that zoonotic viruses are common in China, for obvious reasons, but we don’t expect any of them to hit Britain. In the SARS epidemic of 2002 to 2004 – whose source was also found to be bat coronavirus in China that had jumped species – Britain wasn’t touched at all.

Boris, to his credit, did manage to get Brexit done, as promised, on 31st January 2020, a prospect that seemed impossible until Christmas 2019.

We were expecting the second month of the 2020 calendar not to be rumours of imminent lockdown, but of a national call-out to celebrate a new era for Britain. The Church of England – our Established Church – was meant to be joyfully singing Blake’s/Parry’s “Jerusalem” with the Women’s Institute despite the BBC and despite a dissonant and Re-moaning psalter of bishops in the upper chamber, cawing with a parliament of liberals.

The cities were to be full of boys and girls playing in the streets as communities fêted on jam-filled Victoria sponge and lashings of ginger beer. Grown-ups were to revel in the pubs until the early hours, wrapped in red-white-and-blue (pas bleu-blanc-rouge, forcément), celebrating the return of British sovereignty to Britain: Christian Britain: Monarchist Britain. “Merry Christmas”.

God Save the Queen.
On January 31st 2020, the United Kingdom was saved from the inexorable philosophical and anti-theological alignment to the French Republic, and the overtly Humanist agenda that France has driven through the European Union. And so throughout England, church bells were to delight us with English melodies from the time of the Restoration of King Charles II, such as Plain Hunt on six bells, and Grandsire Doubles, and Plain Bob. Even Big Ben, England’s largest bell, silenced since 2017 for ongoing restoration work on the Palace of Westminster, was to be temporary unmuffled, and the streets of London filled once again with its sonorous and world-famous E-natural.

Alas, it all went flat, or bémol as the French say. There is no singing, not in the churches, not in the football and cricket stadia, not in the concert halls, not in the theatres and opera houses, not even in the schools and the playgrounds.

We could not even sing on VE Day 75. And to add insult to injury, anti-British mobs descended on the streets of London to burn the Union Jack and vandalise the statue of Sir Winston Churchill – the last British commoner to receive a state funeral, as a result of decision by Parliament in 1965 under Labour Government. Worse, Sadiq Khan, the Mayor of Londonistan, decided that the best thing to do in our time of national crisis was to hide Sir Winston by encasing his statue in a metal tomb, as if he is really is, as the ‘Woke’ BBC journalists have decided, a “controversial figure”. The Prime Minister of Pakistan, Imran Khan, will approve I think. Just a few days ago (26th June), according to the BBC website (if you dig down deep into subsidiary News pages), Imran Khan lamented the death of Osama bin Laden, the Al-Qaeda mastermind of New York 9/11 and London 7/7. Imran Khan tells us that Osama bin Laden – whose declared primary motive was the destruction of Israel and the USA – is a martyr or “shaheed” for Islam. It’s not Cricket. The Prime Minister of Pakistan is lionising Bin Laden, terroriser of London, whilst Prime Minister Churchill, the Roaring Lion, is hidden by the Mayor of Londonistan, who is batting for the wrong side of Christian civilisation.

Imran Khan, a former great international cricketer and a former play-boy in English high society, is now trying to pass himself off to the Muslim Brotherhood as a puritanical Fakir. Perhaps Imran Khan is hoping to take the place of the recently retired elder statesman of Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), the Prime Minister of Malaysia, Mahathir bin Mohamad, who said, on his visit to Cambridge University last year, he is happy to be called an “antisemite” (receiving laughs and applause from the audience at the Cambridge Union). The Cambridge Union, like the Oxford Union earlier in 2019, invited Mahathir Bin Mohamad despite (or perhaps because of), his antisemitism, and in the knowledge that he said in his address to the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation in Kuala Lumpur in 2003:

“Jews still rule the world by proxy... but 1.3 billion Muslims cannot be defeated by a few million Jews. There must be a way. And we can only find a way if we stop to think, to assess our weaknesses and our strength, to plan, to strategise and then to counterattack...The Europeans killed six million Jews out of 12 million”.

The Prime Minister of Malaysia, Mahathir bin Mohamad, addressing the OIC in 2003.

In April 2020, Boris seemed to be channelling not Moses but Lazarus of Bethany, spending several days in intensive care in what he tells us was “touch-and-go”, and a “50/50” brush with death.

The NHS, thank God, brought Boris back to life, but now he finds himself leading the People through a strange kind of wilderness indeed. Like the Israelites we are indeed locked out of the nation we knew in 2019, and we are receiving unearned “furlough” income like manna from heaven, whilst protesting about this and that, wishing we were back where we were. And we, the British people, are looking to everything
and everyone but God, falling into new cults: clapping for this, and kneeling for that, and, just like the roaming Israelites in the hands of Aaron, demanding new statues.

Worse, Boris seems to be channelling the spirit that came down on Pharaoh’s Egypt. We’re not far short of ten calamities on the nation, especially when we consider economic calamities.

It began with the floods, including the highest February rainfall since records began in 1766. There followed the worst pestilence in a century. Then the longest spring drought in British history, which not only worried our farmers, but frustrated the People locked into their dwelling, waiting impatiently for the Angel of Death to pass over.

There is now a dangerous appetite for revolutionary iconoclasm and a cultish hatred of statues that England has not witnessed since Oliver Cromwell’s New Model Army started to smash up images of religious and historical figures, and beheaded the king. Labour politicians have praised this “movement” and Labour councils have suddenly convinced themselves that we should “debate” images in public places of historical figures such as, even, Sir Francis Drake, Oliver Cromwell, Lord Admiral Nelson, Clive of India, and Sir Winston Churchill.

And just as we were thinking that things could not get any worse, we now have swarms of law-breaking neo-Marxist rioters and anti-white racists (backed by hard-left groups such as Socialist Workers’ Party) and neo-Fascist rioters and anti-black racists (backed by hard-right groups such as Britain First).

In the Ten Plagues on the Pharaoh, the first nine disasters more or less logically followed on from one another – such as frogs dying en masse after they had quickly denuded the banks of the Nile of food, causing a plague of gnats.... The lockdown seems to have created a similar ecological domino effect. And we are right to be anxious about what comes next. The generalised good will and spirit of volunteerism for the first weeks of lockdown seems to have evaporated, at least in some demographic groups. Whereas the centenarian Captain Tom Moore was the representative image of the first half of lockdown, the second half is of rioting thugs attacking and injuring many police, and spraying graffiti such as “all cops are bastards”, and other Americanisms, such as “defund the police”.

We now have a very troubling breakout of Anarchy. And a plague of British stupidity is on full public display. We are in danger of catching the French disease. We recently had the absurd spectacle of heavily-tattooed and obese drunken men ostensibly intent on guarding the statue of Sir Winston Churchill, making the Nazi salute and attacking the Police. Churchill would have had them all rounded up and locked up.

And don’t tell me that all this is righteous anger. As I wrote in my last piece, the civilised world is not really so concerned by death and gross injustice, otherwise Modern Slavery, which affects people of all colour, including white, would not be so widely ignored. Two centuries ago, people enjoyed refined sugar, wilfully ignorant that it was a product of slavery. Today, people enjoy chocolate, wilfully ignorant that it is the product of Modern Slavery, including 2 million children in Ghana and the Ivory Coast, many of whom are sold as slaves or given as debt bondage. Britain today at least, partly thanks to PM Theresa May, is leading the world in anti-Modern Slavery initiatives, just as Britain led the way in the Abolition of legalised slavery, which has cursed the whole of mankind, everywhere, since time immemorial, including in England.

Non Angli sed Angeli, Pope Gregory famously said on pitying pretty English boy slaves.
3. The mainstream anti-Israelist and anti-Christian threat in Britain today

PM Boris Johnson, who had dissolved his minority Government in calling a General Election, returned a Tory Government with the largest majority since 1987, as the Labour Party – embroiled in antisemitism and other Marxist ideals – suffered its worst defeat since the 1930s.

Most of the nation was much relieved that Her Majesty the Queen was not obliged to invite Jeremy Corbyn MP to the “kissing hands” audience and then to ask him to become Prime Minister.

Britain was saved by Tories, and not only from the Corbynistas. As noted, by getting Brexit done, we have been saved from a project that, for the first time in almost two millennia, has made the seats of power in Western Europe formally unchristian.

The challenge now, I suggest, is to save Britain, and the world, from Boris’ vision, or rather lack of monotheistic vision. Without vision [of God], the people perish, as Boris will know from his Bible studies at Eton – where, like almost every English True-Blue Tory, he chose to be confirmed into the Church of England.

Boris – the boy who wanted to be “world king” – doesn’t do grown-up philosophical theology. He professes Pagan philosophy. He often quotes Homer and never quotes Habakkuk. And I have yet to see evidence that his recent near-death experience resulted in any kind of Damascene conversion, or improved his dire understanding of Israel, temporally or spiritually.

At least Boris’ Government, for which I voted, gives me some hope. The alternative would have seemed absolutely hope-less and would have perhaps cursed us for three or four generations. And I thank God that it wasn’t inflicted on Britain and the wider world, especially on Israel, the Son of God.

“And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel is my son, even my firstborn:” Exodus 4:22 (KJV)

Before analysing Boris’ position on Israel, I will remind the reader to where British left politics has led us on Israel, and why we must quickly recover from the resurgent antisemitism/anti-Israelism that has now deeply affected the United Kingdom. The threat is very much still here, and the “Black Lives Matter” movement has given it a second wind.

Corbyn would have been the first Prime Minister in history to be overtly Antisemitic, the first overt Republican, and the first overt Atheist. Corbyn would have been first Marxist-Leninist agitator to lead the country. He would have been the first leader of Government who throughout his whole parliamentary career has courted and befriended leaders of revolutionary terrorist regimes and religious extremists around the world, from Gerry Adams to Ra’ad Salah to the state propaganda apparatus of the Islamic Republic of Iran. And we must not forget the Marxist revolutionaries he befriended in Latin America, where our Socialist messiah spent the Lost Years after dropping out of university.

Corbyn promised world peace – as they all do. Even the leaders of the Soviet Union and Communist China promised that Socialism would eventually bring world peace (especially before the Sino-Soviet split in the early 1960s). We are to be convinced that world peace and ‘justice’ will come, as if by a natural law, through the fulfilment of History in a nationless Socialist Commonwealth.

As the Labour Party sees it, the main problem in the world, the main impediment to internationalist Socialism, is the existence of Israel. Seamus Milne, the Director of Strategy and Communications for Corbyn’s Labour Party, and openly Communist, admits this. Hence the Labour Party now communicates to the world by wrapping itself in Arab/Islamist flags. The United Kingdom under Corbyn’s Government was to definitively convince the world of the need to “Free Palestine”, chanting slogans such as, “from the river to the sea, Palestine will be free”. The Labour Government was then to find ways to undermine Israel’s defence capability and Israel’s economy, and then unleash Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, Palestinian
Authority (Fatah), and Hezbollah on Israel: to rid the world of the metaphysical root of all evil.

The British Labour Party is now in the absurd position in which it moans about the British Christian imperialism in the days of yore, but waves the flag of extant Islamic pan-Arab imperialism whose four colours represented four Arab Muslim empires that took more slaves even than the whole of Christian Europe. This four-coloured flag first appeared throughout the Arab world only a century ago. Since the fall of the Ottoman Empire, it has become the banner of pan-Arabisation, or pan-Arab imperialism, throughout the whole of the Middle East and North Africa. The Arab League wants back the empire it lost to the Ottomans and the French and the British. And the Arab regimes seem unable to give up on the dream of pan-Arab imperialism, despite the fact that the Arab nations are locked into devastating internecine conflicts with each other, and internally (Syria, Yemen and Libya being the civil war hotspots at present, and Lebanon on the brink of revolution, and the population of Jordan now displaying similar revolutionary traits).

As noted in the introduction, the pan-Arab imperialists are, today, committing “near genocide” on the region’s Christians, according to a report commissioned in 2018 by former Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt MP, who tells us that the atrocities have become increasingly widespread since the turn of the millennium. The near genocide of Christians (murder, kidnapping, imprisonment, and uprooting) by Muslim Arabs is “the greatest story never told of the 21st century” said Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt, and that “political correctness” contributes to the failure to address the evil. As Hunt’s report reveals, even our English clergymen are wilfully ignorant of the situation. Why? Because, the Church of England is generally (but not universally) as antisemitic as the Church in England always has been, with some notorious Israel bashers and “Palestinian Liberation” supporters in the upper chamber. (I was recently approached to write a 1000-word Op-Ed for The Algemeiner on antisemitism in the Church of England. I’ve put a link to it in the footnotes.).

Our once-great British Labour Party has become something disturbingly and dangerously alien and anti-British and obsessively hateful of Israel. The secular-Jewish led “Momentum” movement behind the rise of Corbyn has not yet gone away. But even if it does, and even though Sir Keir Starmer at the helm has set the ship’s telegraph to STOP antisemitism, I think the inertia is unstoppable, especially with secular Jews stoking the engine room who are still philosophically committed to Marxist-Corbynism and unlikely to want to ever change course. Labour, I think, is destined to run aground. Labour’s only hope is to convince the people of Britain that Israel has nothing to do with Jews. But this is absolutely untrue. Israel has everything to do with observant Jews, and observant Christians for that matter. The axis mundi of the world is eternally Jerusalem, being “the City of the Great King”, said Jesus, quoting from his Hebrew scripture in his vows following his Beatitudes. “Swords into plowshares” can come from nowhere but Mount Zion, said Isaiah, the Prophet whom Jesus most often.

Even the modern Roman Catholic Church came to accept that the covenants between God of Israel and the Jews cannot be superseded by anyone or anything, and certainly not Socialism. This was first mooted by Pope John XXIII in the Second Vatican Council and, more satisfactory, by Pope John Paul II.
John Paul II, apart from helping the West to win the Cold War, and to steer his Church away from Marxist “Liberation Theology” and the Sandinistas, insisted that his flock must not attempt to convert Jews, whose eternal covenants with God, and the Land, and the People of the Land, cannot be broken by man. The Church of England, on the other hand, still endorses its society for promoting the conversion of Jews to Christianity, as if, somehow, highly intelligent and observant Jews who are expert in the Holy Language, and are guardians of the Holy Name, are going to come into the Church of England to listen to the vacuous sermons and platitudes of Archbishop Justin Welby. Welby, in my view, is a national and religious embarrassment, who could do well to grasp a rabbi by the hem (Zech 8:22-23) and go up with him to Jerusalem to learn about the faith that Rabbi Jesus lived, and to learn what Jesus meant by hallowing the imageless Father and His unutterable Name.

Saint Paul, the Pharisee whose theology was to have the most influence on the Church (whose epistles make up half the books of the New Testament), insisted that we wild Christians would ultimately all be grafted into the original Jewish fruit-bearing olive tree. There is no other. God is One, with one holy of holy names, on Earth as in Heaven. There is one holy centre, and one holy language containing the one holy Name of the one Lord of History who has determined the destiny of the nations.

“God of our fathers, You chose Abraham and his descendants to bring your Name to the nations: we are deeply saddened by the behaviour of those who in the course of history have caused these children of yours to suffer, and asking your forgiveness we wish to commit ourselves to genuine brotherhood with the people of the Covenant.”

Pope John Paul II, handwritten prayer inserted into the Western Wall, Jerusalem, AD 2000
4. PM Boris Johnson on Israel and the United Nations General Assembly

Although the Conservative Party does not share the general antisemitic/anti-Israelist ideology we now see in the Labour Party, the Tory foreign policy on Israel, including the “vision” that Boris Johnson wrote as Foreign Secretary in 2017 is essentially no different to Labour’s (even Corbyn’s Labour Party), and, as we will see, is just as ungodly, duplicitous, disingenuous, and dangerous.

Under Conservative Government, the UK’s voting record in the UN forums – all of which are obsessively anti-Israel – is little different to the position of France and Germany, and Pakistan, Burkin Faso, Mali, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, China, Japan, Uganda, Venezuela, Argentina, Malaysia, Nicaragua, South Africa, Somalia, Russia… practically all the nations of the UN apart from the USA in fact.

Israel is a tiny nation, smaller than Wales, much of which is inhospitable desert. And yet every year, when all nations gather at the UN General Assembly, almost all nations apart from the USA condemn Israel as the wickedest nation in the world.

In fact, the UNGA (and the UN Human Rights Council) condemns Israel as more wicked than all the other nations of the world combined.

Thankfully, UN Watch, an accredited NGO which has a seat in the UN, collects the statistics for us. Here are the country-specific condemnations from 2015 to 2017:

2015
UNGAs against Israel: 20.
UNGAs against every other nation in the world combined: 3 (just one each for Syria, North Korea and Iran).

2016
UNGAs against Israel: 20.
UNGAs against every other nation in the world combined: 6

2017
UNGAs against Israel: 21.
UNGAs against every other nation in the world combined: 6

It sounds too incredible and impossible to be true, doesn’t it, unless one has properly studied the history of antisemitism. Antisemitism is a very complex subject, and I would advise everyone against attempting a potted history. But I know what I am doing: I know the subject inside-out. Also, I am a technical writer, whose profession involves truthfully simplifying complex subjects and focusing on what matters.***

Historically, most nations, especially all Christian nations, have spent most of the past 2000 years in a state of ideological antisemitism, believing Jews to be the metaphysical enemy of God. This is why, throughout most of its history, the Church never taught that Jesus, and his Apostles, were Jews. Even when the churches (Catholic and Reformed) started to read out the Bible in Church in the vernacular, they only read out a small and highly-selective fraction (the “lectionary”) that is most favourable to the Church, and least favourable to the Jews. Had you told a typical Victorian Englishman, even highly educated, that Jesus is a Jew, the Victorian would think you were blaspheming.
Exodus, in the Hebrew, tells us that when Moses came down from the mountain his face shone with beams of the glory of God, but when the fourth-century saint Jerome translated the Bible into Latin, he mistranslated the Hebrew as Moses came down with “horns on his head”. Hence, in Church art, Moses is frequently depicted with horns, not least in Michelangelo’s marble Moses. This mistranslation contributed to ideas that Jews are not quite human. In the Passion plays, first performed in Bavaria in 1634 as gratitude to God for curing the region of the bubonic plague that Bavaria blamed on the Jews (they “poison the wells”), Jews were acted as collectively-accursed “Christ killers” with horn-shaped hats. Historically, Passion Week, and especially Good Friday, have been the most times dangerous for the Jews of Western Europe, as the Church allowed, or even encouraged, the antisemitic mob to do their thing. And Passion plays have continuously attracted antisemites, notably Henry Ford, Adolph Hitler and, in our times, the antisemitic Roman Catholic actor and film producer Mel Gibson.

Some Protestant churches (including those that make up the World Council of Churches) still do not teach that Jesus is a Jew. There are even Anglican clergy in Middle East today who refuse to accept, let alone to teach, that Jesus is a Jew. They do not teach that Mary and Joseph are Jews, who had the baby Jesus circumcised and named in the Abrahamic Covenant on his 8th day like every other Jewish boy (by definition) to this day. They do not teach that Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the synagogue for his coming of age in his 13th year (or Bar Mitzvah). The Church has rarely taught the laity that Jesus was a conservative and observant Jew who wore his tzizit right up until the last year of his life (mentioned in the miraculous healing of the bleeding woman). The Church does not teach that Jesus taught that the greatest commandment it is the Shema: prayerful emphasis and cognisance of the eternal Oneness of God, and the unutterable holiness of the Holy Name.

However, the Church was keen to teach that Judas Iscariot (“Judas” being the transliterated Greek for Judah, or “Jew”) was a Jew. Judas Iscariot was one of two of the Twelve Apostles called Judas, but Christians came to refer to the other, Judas Thaddeus, as “Jude”. Therefore in the mind of most Christians until within living memory, the only Jewish Apostle of Jesus is “Judas” – depicted as the ultimate betrayer of course. But Judas was arguably the ultimate hero by agreeing to become the scapegoat and necessary baddy of the Passion drama. “Do it quickly”, said Jesus to Judas, who up to this point is established as the most trusted of the Twelve, and therefore all the better for the betrayal narrative. Jesus could have said, “don’t do it”. Theatre was hugely important in the time of Jesus. Literacy was extremely rare, as were the very-expensive commodities of papyri/parchment and ink. Writing was the preserve of the scribes: highly-skilled and rare professionals. The Greeks had introduced theatre as the medium, the social media, of the times. Drama was an important way, if not the only, way to get political and philosophical messages across in the Hellenized civilisation, and the Romans copied the Greeks (and even their gods). Jesus would have been familiar with theatre. There was a great newly-opened theatre at Sepphoris, walking distance from Nazareth. It is reasonable to speculate that Joseph and Jesus, as carpenters, were employed in the building of it.

When Jesus walked into Herod’s Temple and shouted “hypocrites” he probably did use the Greek word hypokrites, meaning “actor”. And the big theological words at the beginning of Christian theology (the “New Testament” being Greek) were from Aristotelian ethics and Greek drama, such as metanoia (or “repent”) and hamartia (or “sin”). Had the Passion drama not had all its dramatic elements, and had Jesus’ resurrection been like that of, say, the resurrection of Elijah, the drama that has come to define the centre of history, the Anno Domini, would perhaps have been forgotten. Similarly, had Jesus died in, say, the way of John the Baptist, the drama would have been lost.
The Christian non-Jewish Jesus narrative even carried on since the invention of printing presses in the 15th and 16th century, even with ever-improving rates of literacy in subsequent centuries. In fact it arguably got worse, because no-one was more antisemitic than Martin Luther, whose anti-Jewish tract Hitler so admired, that he had displayed it in a glass case at the Nuremberg Rallies.

For Catholic and Reformed churches, Jews were now the un-chosen, and Christians the new Chosen. This “replacement theology” or “supersessionism”, was dropped by the post-WWII Roman Catholic Church, but it still dominates the Protestant churches, whether explicitly or implicitly.

In 1555, Pope Paul IV, fearing not only the Protestants’ printing presses, but that his flock were coming into contact with Jews, decided Jews need to be put into ghettos, and he issued a Europe-wide papal bull. The ghettoization bull was titled *Cum nimis absurdum* taken from the first sentence of the bull: “Since it is *absurd* and utterly inconvenient that the Jews, who through their own fault were condemned by God to eternal slavery...”. The Pope insisted that Jews were to wear a yellow badge of shame, just as in England in 1218, the Archbishop of Canterbury Stephen Langton, persuaded Henry III to proclaim the Edict of the Badge, a yellow badge of shame to identify the Jew, until, in 1289, King Edward I issued the Edict of Expulsion of all Jews from England.

Once in the ghettos, denied land, denied arms, denied access to the universities, denied access to the professions, denied access to politics, denied freedom of movement, Jews had few opportunities to thrive or reveal their talents. They typically earned a meagre living as tinkers, or selling second-hand rags. However, they were allowed to lend money to Christians, and so were needed because the Church forbade Christians’ lending money for interest. And who in their right mind would take the risk of lending money for *no* interest? Jews became good at the only intellectual endeavour they were allowed to become good at: moneylending to the Goyim. Christian leaders of Europe came to depend on Jews to finance wars and empire building. But if funds dried up, kings, princes and archdukes invariably reneged on loan repayments, and expelled or killed the Jews through pogroms, confiscating their money, gold and other assets.

Eventually, Jewish genius, notably the Rothschild family, came up with a solution to prevent their being ripped off by the Holy Roman Empire: a new kind of international bank with financial instruments such as stocks and bonds that were impervious to raids and pogroms by Christian kings, tsars and mobs.

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

In the late 19th century and the first half of the 20th century, Christian antisemitism was exported to the Arab world largely through the colonies of the French Third Republic, and then more latterly by the Nazis (who authorised translations in Arabic of Mein Kampf, minus the bits in which Hitler said that Arabs are “half apes”). Today, Mein Kampf, and Protocols of the Elders of Zion, are bestsellers in all Muslim nations. And the medieval Christian Blood Libels (such as that Jews steal and murder Christian children to make bread out of their blood) are now quoted on authority by Muslim clerics, not least by Jeremy Corbyn’s friend Ra’ad Salah:

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

Speech in Jerusalem, 2007, by Ra’ad Salah, Muslim preacher, political leader, and friend of Jeremy Corbyn MP. Corbyn has tried to invite Salah to the House of Commons, because “his voice must be heard”, and Corbyn said to Salah in a filmed speech in 2012, “I look forward to giving you tea on the terrace [of the House of Parliament] because you deserve it”. Salah’s discourse is far from unique in contemporary Islam.

The Blood Libel, first preached by the Church in England in Norwich in 1144 according to the historical records (which led to the expulsion of Jews from England until the royal edict was overturned by Oliver Cromwell), is today preached by Muslim scholars and clerics throughout the Arab world, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Qatar... everywhere. And although modern Christian nations no longer preach this medieval Blood Libel, they have recycled it into contemporary forms that still have the power to convince the antisemitic ear, including in Britain, and especially in France, with devastating power.

[ I am presently writing a long essay on the “Al-Durah affair”, the French-mainstream-media hoax, beginning in 2000, that has done inestimable damage. It has fuelled 21st-century antisemitism and anti-Israelism of a particularly virulent and genocidal Islamic form that has now cross-infected back to the West, not least in universities, many of which are heavily funded by the Gulf States.

In France, the Al-Durah affair is proving to be another Dreyfus Affair, in which the French establishment is doing everything it can to protect the reputation of France. The antisemitic Dreyfus Affair was protracted (12 years), and the Al-Durah affair even more so, but I think truth will out, and that France will suffer reputational damage as severe as it did a century ago, and which could lead to a shakeup of French governance and law as dramatic as those post-Dreyfus Affair.

The Second Intifada in 2000 was itself largely fuelled by reports and highly-edited filming of the Al-Durah incident, broadcast throughout the world by the French. And there have been sustained anti-Israelist-motivated attacks ever since, not only on Israel, but on the USA, the UK, and, indeed, on France. Osama bin Laden used the French-media staged footage in a recruiting video for al-Qaeda. And he told the world that at the top of the list of reasons for the attack on the USA on 9/11 2001 was the USA’s support for Israel. Subsequent overtly al-Qaeda motivated attacks include London, 7/7 2005.

The Al-Durah hoax became, and remains, a global recruiting sergeant for Jihadism not only in the Middle East but everywhere, particularly in the francophone world, from Mali to Morocco. The French media, particularly the French-state TV channel France 2, broke all the rules of journalism, but it turns out the truth doesn’t matter: the world’s appetite for Blood Libels against the State of Israel must be sated, because it is a Jewish-majority nation.]

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Boris’ Baptism of Fire
And so, dear reader, there you have a potted history of antisemitism from the ancient Church to the United Nations to the extant French Al-Durah Blood Libel. For a deeper read, see my 55,000 word essay directed at the Church of England.

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You can see that there was a certain inevitably to things when the UNGA was first formed about 75 years ago, even though UNGA at its formation agreed to a homeland in Israel for Jews. When you gather all the nations together, the majority of which today are still barbaric and have much to hide from international forums – not want to expose of discuss their slavery, child labour, female genital mutilation, honour killings of girls by the males of their family, and religious intolerance or Communist intolerance – it is inevitable that they scapegoat the Jewish nation. It is inevitable that in a gathering of the world’s nations, things bottom out at the lowest common denominator: antisemitism.

In was inevitable that nations that have a continuous history of condemning and scapegoating the Jews in their midst, would, with the return of the Diaspora Jews to their ancient and Biblical homeland, condemn Israel, the Jewish nation in the midst of all nations.

Anti-Israelism is the newest mutation of the virus of antisemitism – some call it “the new antisemitism” – but there is a very important difference: some of the world’s most fervent and influential anti-Israelists in our times are Jews, from the highly-intelligent secular and entrepreneurial Jews in California’s Silicon Valley to highly-stupid ultra-religious Jews, such as Neturei Karta. Melanie Phillips, one of the best Jewish commentators on this, has described the Jewish amplification of the new antisemitism as “immune deficiency”, referring especially to British Jewish leadership, which if not itself anti-Israel thinks it is obliged to support secularised anti-Israelist Jews in order to be representative of diverse Jewish communities.

You might hope that, in light of all this, Boris is man enough and wise enough not to allow British policy to be dictated by the UNGA. But he isn’t. Just like Jeremy Corbyn, Boris Johnson invokes UNGA resolutions to define his party’s policy on Israel and what Boris disingenuously, or perhaps just lazily, passes off as “international law”, in the delusional belief that the Arab regimes want peace, and the delusional belief that the Arab regimes want a two-state solution, when their charters make it explicit that they deny Israel’s right to exist at all.

Surely, the UK Government persists in thinking, Arab regimes will agree to the next reasonable proposal. My friend Dr Richard Landes calls this liberal egocentrism: the deluded belief held by Western liberals that the other party will eventually come to their way of reasoning and to a liberal way of seeing the world, despite the overwhelmingly obvious evidence to the contrary. The West generally does not understand the Arab mind, or Islam, or the Arab shame-honour codes. Educated by liberals not to see the Arab as “the other” – to do so is intellectually taboo – the Western liberal denies the Arab his Arabness and tries to see him as a Western liberal, the same Western liberal – the Infidel – for whom the Arabs of Arabia have utter contempt, as we can see from the genocidal plight of liberals and Christians in the Middle East in the 21st century.

There is also a general Western delusion that the Arab regimes can be persuaded by money, whereas if there is one thing the Arab regimes surrounding Israel, and their benefactors, are not short of, it is money. The money does not reach the long-suffering Arab people. It is embezzled and squandered by the regimes in every conceivable way, for terrorism, for brainwashing, for missiles, for many miles of terror-tunnel networks in the Gaza Strip, and to reward slayers of Jews. In the meantime, the Gazan and PA leadership live in luxury in mansions, enjoying exclusive luxury hotels, restaurants and shopping malls, convincing the people that the reason for their poverty is the Jews. One does not need to visit too many Arab nations to quickly see that, today, Arab regimes do not generally care about Arabs or other peoples, and this is even outside the few Arab nations where there are presently no inter-Arab wars and conflicts. What contemporary Arabs regimes do care about, and about the only thing they can agree on (even agree with the Turks and Iranians) is taking Israel from the Jews in the name of Arab-Islamic honour.
1920: The Arab regimes rejected the San Remo Conference Proposal
1922: The Arab regimes rejected the League of Nations Proposal
1937: The Arab regimes rejected Peel Commission Proposal
1938: The Arab regimes rejected the Woodhead Partition Proposal
1947: The Arab regimes rejected the UNGA Partition Proposal
1949: The Arab regimes rejected UNGA Resolution 194
1967: The Arab regimes rejected UN Security Council Resolution 242
1978: The Arab regimes rejected the Begin/Sa’adat Peace Proposal
1994: The Arab regimes rejected the Rabin/Hussein Peace Proposal
1995: The Arab regimes rejected the Rabin’s Counter-Offer for Peace
2000: The Arab regimes rejected the Barak/Clinton Peace Offer
2001: The Arab regimes rejected Barak’s Peace Offer (at Taba)
2005: The Arab regimes rejected Sharon’s Offer and Withdrawal from Gaza
2008: The Arab regimes rejected the Olmert/Bush Peace Offer
2014: The Arab regimes rejected Kerry’s Contour-for-Peace Offer
2020: The Arab regimes rejected the Netanyahu/Trump Peace Offer (even before they had seen it)

Until 1947, the British controlled the Arab revolts, although sometimes by trying to pacify the Arabs by arming them to kill the Jews, and preventing Jews attempting to escape Nazi Europe from entering Israel, as we read on the website of the British Army Museum:

“During the Second World War (1939-45), the British restricted the entry into Palestine of European Jews escaping Nazi persecution. Anxious to appease the Egyptians and oil-rich Saudis, they imposed a limit on Jewish immigration.” (www.nam.ac.uk)

And perhaps this anxiousness to appease the Arab regimes is really what goes on in the mind of PM Boris Johnson today: appeasement of the Gulf States. Every time that Israel has agreed to the UNGA resolutions since 1947, the Arab nations have been so angry that the UNGA has not agreed to totally remove “Israel” from the map of the world, they have taken the law into their own hands, raising multiple Arab and Iranian armies, and the Pakistani Air Force, and even Latin-American Marxist revolutionaries, and matériel from the Soviet Union. Most of these invading armies and air forces were not only committed to wiping Israel off the map, but explicitly committed to the genocide of all Jews (many of whom in British Mandatory Palestine in 1947 were remnants of the Holocaust).

The seven Arab armies that invaded British Mandatory territory in 1948 failed in their aims to destroy the nascent State of Israel. However, the Transjordan army annexed and occupied Judea and Samaria, which, being west of the River Jordan, they called “West Bank” (an annexation term I refuse to use), proceeding to Jerusalem, which the Jordanians de-Judaized by killing or expelling the Jews, destroying all the synagogues and using ancient Jewish gravestones as latrines. Jerusalem and Judea and Samaria were liberated during 1967 defensive war, when the forces of Jordan, Syria, Egypt and Iraq, expecting to overwhelm Israel with vast numerical superiority, were repelled back through the Sinai in the west and back across the River Jordan in the east.
Therefore, since 1947, the territory that is now east of Israel’s Green Line, has been “disputed territory”, because it was never, in international law, granted to Jordan, who invaded, annexed and occupied it and called it their “West Bank”.

However you want to dispute Israel’s plans to increase sovereignty in Judea and Samaria, you cannot condemn it in international law as Israeli annexation and occupation, because it is already illegally annexed by the Arabs of Jordan (who some time after 1967 started to call themselves “Palestinians”).

But in any case, there is a higher law. Boris obviously cannot channel Moses, but he can at least read the words of Moses:

“Justice, justice shalt thou follow, that thou mayest live, and inherit the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.” Deuteronomy 16:20

This covenantal attachment – attaching Jews to the land – runs right through the Bible, the Bible on which Christian civilisation is built, beginning with the land purchases of Abraham and Jacob, to King David’s establishing Jerusalem as the capital of the kingdom, to the teachings of Rabbi Jesus, who called Jerusalem, “the City of the Great King”.

God Almighty owns all land, and everything in it thereof. The land in the world He has set aside for a special purpose is the tiny plot of Eretz Israel, about 0.1% of the landmass of the Middle East.

Boris Johnson could do worse than to seek advice from Colonel Richard Kemp CBE. Richard is a well-syndicated journalist, and a battle-hardened soldier who had led his men into some of the hottest conflict zones in the world, and has dealt with the terrorist threat from Ireland to Israel, advising the UK and the Israeli Government and the UN (through UN Watch) on all forms of terrorism, from Irish Republican and Islamist.

See footnotes for very recent article in The Algemeiner by Colonel Richard Kemp and the international lawyer Arsen Ostrovsky. Their short article is very good, but would have been stronger I think had it mentioned the Jordanian annexation, and de-Judaization of Judea and Samaria. (Richard Kemp has mentioned these things elsewhere.)

I hope that Richard, who has the ear of the Government, can educate Boris and his Cabinet, because what Boris thinks is “UNGA” international law is not international law worth its salt, and not, incidentally, how Sir Winston Churchill understood the Land of Israel. Richard Kemp occasionally studies his Bible in the original Hebrew, as I do, with Jewish experts in the Holy Language. He is a good Christian soldier, and a good friend of Jews, or at least Jews who haven’t given up God and on the whole-making nation of Holy Israel. As Richard has often pointed out, the future of Christian civilisation depends on the integrity of Israel, without which the Middle East, including Jordan and Egypt, would likely be overwhelmed by Islamic State and the other extant Caliphate and Jihadist movements, multiplying the current terrible refugee crisis many times to the point of being overwhelming for Europe. Furthermore, Judaism and Christianity in the Holy Land would cease to exist, just as Judaism has all but ceased to exist in the 22 Arab nations, and Christianity, as last year’s report for Jeremy Hunt MP points it, is now experiencing “near genocide” in the Middle East.

The following is a screenshot from Colonel Richard Kemp, tweeting a message to HM’s Government. Compare it with the screenshot from the Bishop of Southwark in the House of Lords, a notorious Israel basher, who seems to have the ear of James Cleverly MP, the Minister of State for the Middle East and North Africa.
Boris Johnson, as Foreign Secretary, offered in November 2017 what he called his “vision for Middle East peace between Israel and a new Palestinian state [viii]”, justifying it by appealing to the authority of the UN General Assembly.

Boris says he envisions a ‘Palestinian’ state extending from Syria to within 7 miles of Tel Aviv, or, his own words as Foreign Secretary: “The borders should be based on the lines as they stood on June 4, 1967 – the eve of the Six Day War – with equal land swaps to reflect the national, security, and religious interests of the Jewish and Palestinian peoples”.

Well, I can promise Boris that Israel’s “security interests”, in 2020, are not possible as things stood in 1967, with the matériel now possessed by Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, Hezbollah, and Fatah (Palestinian Authority) – and other players in the region, not least the Islamic Republic of Iran, Syria, and Islamic State – all of which are ideologically committed to genocidal antisemitism and wiping Israel off the map.

I am not totally naive in these matters. I don’t have Colonel Kemp’s feet-on-the-ground knowledge as an infantryman, but I am airman – with my head in the clouds in the literal as well as the philosophical sense.
As an RAF electronics/avionics engineer during the Cold War, I worked on ground-mapping radar, terrain-following radar, electronic counter measures, and electronics counter-counter measures on a Tornado GR1 night-bombing squadron. I know that the existence of Israel today is largely down to the fact that the Jews are the world’s best scientists and electronics engineers. But there are limits to what electronic warfare, or rather electronic defence, can achieve. Israel still manages to keep a step ahead of the technology of the Arabs, Persians and Turks, but, more than ever today, she needs sovereignty running up to the God-given topographical features that define the Biblical Eretz Israel.

Arab genocidal antisemitism (and, now, anti-Christianism) is the elephant in the room that Boris diligently fails to see, or smell, preferring to draw attention to the dead cat on the table.

As I wrote in a piece last year, the existence of genocidal antisemitism in the Arab regimes precludes negotiation for any “solution”\textsuperscript{6}. Genocide of the Jews of Israel is the stated \textit{religious} interest in the charters of the two governing bodies in the Gaza Strip, i.e. Hamas (being a transliterated Arab acronym for “Islamic Resistance Movement”) and Palestinian Islamic Jihad, and it is also in the charters of Palestinian Authority/Fatah the government of the Arab-only regions to the east of the Green Line. These three democratically-elected regimes, which are extremely dangerous even by Arab standards, are so dangerous that even Egypt has built a wall to keep them out. They are the only regimes on offer to rule an autonomous new Arab state, which Boris thinks should exist between Israel and the godforsaken Arab state of Syria.

Obiteration of the whole of the State of Israel is also the stated intention of Iran-backed Hezbollah, which now leads the coalition parliament of Lebanon, and is involved in the internecine conflicts in Syria. Iran’s Quds Force \textit{raison d’être} is to take Jerusalem, and rename it Al-Quds.

Hezbollah has placed up to 150,000 rockets, some long range (100 km) and with precision (GPS) warheads imported from the Islamic Republic of Iran, hidden amongst the civilian populations of south Lebanon. Refer to the letter of 22 October 2019\textsuperscript{4}, from Dame Louise Ellman MP, then Chair of Labour Friends of Israel, to Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab MP, regarding the posturing of Hezbollah in Lebanon, and its accumulation of high-tech rockets.

Lebanon – with Jordan not far behind – is now virtually in a state of revolution (largely due to the people protesting against the racketeering and Jihadist militarism of Hezbollah), and another civil war beckons. If Hezbollah were to attack Israel, I cannot see how Israel would have any choice but to obliterate south Lebanon. Can you? Can you Prime Minister Boris Johnson? Can you the Bishop of Southwark? Can you James Cleverly MP?

What other option would Israel have, against the threat of thousands of simultaneously launched rockets, which would be coordinated with other forms of attack by Arab and Iranian armies and air forces, if not Turkish and Russian-backed Syria too, on all Israel’s borders? In the meantime, the European Union, with the UK, insists on giving Iran the capacity to develop its nuclear enrichment. The whole world risks being brought into the Battle of Armageddon, that many Islamists, and many of the world’s Christian fundamentalists for that matter, hope and pray for. But, alas, Israel, God willing, will save us from these perverted hopes of prophetic fulfilment, just as, in Operation Opera of 1981, Israel saved the world from the nuclear facility that President François Mitterrand had sold to the Ayatollah.

Hezbollah (or the “Party of Allah”) in Lebanon knows that launching an attack on Israel would be suicide, but Hezbollah ideologically believes in suicide in the name of Allah (and has frequently engaged in terrorist suicide “martyrdom”) even if the vast majority of people of south Lebanon have no wish to be recruited as martyrs for the Party of Allah. Where is the Bishop of Southwark? Where is the whining weasel Justin Welby? Where are the real Christian men? Step up, for heaven’s sake!

The unhinged regimes in the region, Arab and Iranian (and Turks for that matter), have no concern for human life, as we see across the border from the Golan Heights, where millions of lives and livelihoods are being destroyed in Syria, and 6 million refugees created.
Boris’ vision (published on Gov.uk) involves preserving the “religious interests” of the “Palestinian peoples”. What religion does Boris have in mind? The Pagan Emperor Hadrian named the region of Biblical land “Palestine” nearly 2000 years ago. For most of that time, Jews and Christians have lived there continuously, Muslims since the 7th century, and Druzes since the 11th century. These are the main religions of the “Palestinian peoples”.

In British Mandatory Palestine, until the British left in 1947, the British called the Jews “Palestinians” and the Arabs “Arabs”. The Jews also willingly referred to themselves as Palestinians, hence in 1936 when professional Jewish musicians fled Nazism and arrived in Mandatory Palestine, and formed an orchestra, they chose the name “Palestine Symphony Orchestra” (now the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra).

The appropriation of the national identity “Palestinian” for the Arabs of the region was idea of the “PLO” leader Yasser Arafat, himself a terrorist Egyptian Arab of the Muslim Brotherhood. There is no such thing, in any meaningful sense, as “Palestinian people”, and there has never been a sovereign state of “Palestine”. For centuries of Ottoman rule, the land was derelict and barren, sparsely inhabitable and largely uninhabitable and malarial, until the British started to sell land to the first Zionists. As Winston Churchill pointed out, many Arabs of the Levant were attracted into British Palestine by the prospect of work and a part in the new economy of the region. Although these Arabs now call themselves “Palestinians”, there is no Palestinian language, no history, no culture, no religion, and no flag: one needs a microscope to see the difference between the flag of ‘Palestine’ and the flag of Jordan that annexed Judea and Samaria.

Even from 1948 to 1967, Judea and Samaria were not “Palestine” but Jordan, and the Gaza Strip was not “Palestine” but Egypt.

If “Palestinian” means you were born in British Palestine, it means Jews who were born there before 1948 are no less “Palestinian” than the Arabs, such as Mahmoud Abbas, Chair of Fatah/PA, who was born in the British Mandate before 1948.

Whereas millions of Arabs live peacefully in Israel – within the 1967 borders, or the Green line – the regions run by Hamas, Palestinian Islam Jihad and Palestinian Authority (Fatah) have all been de-Judaized by regime leaders ideologically committed to genocidal antisemitism. They send their children to annual training camps on how to murder Jews, including the use of suicide vests. And so there cannot be a partition with land swaps (which would mean people swaps) between Israel and Boris Johnson’s fantasy Palestine.

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

“Never again”?
It all seems rather ugly, depressing and hopeless, doesn’t it. But if it was possible to de-Nazify the West Germans, and then in the 1990s de-Stalinize the East Germans, surely the Arabs can be de-conditioned, and retrieve what was once beautiful in Arab culture? “God is Beautiful and He loves Beauty”, the Arab-language religion traditionally taught.

Not only have the autonomous Arab regimes (in almost all the 22 Arab nations), expelled all their Jews, all the Arab regimes surrounding Israel teach antisemitism in their schools and universities. The children of the region are conditioned to become suicidal terrorists, with a promise to the parents of the children that they will receive a lifelong stipend – “Pay for Slay”, or the Palestinian Authority Martyrs’ Fund – if they enter any part of Israel to murder a Jew, even a child: it all qualifies for the stipend, which goes either to the terrorist if he or she is caught and imprisoned, or the family of the terrorist if the terrorist becomes a ‘martyr’.

Kay Wilson, with whom I have shared some correspondence (and whose memoirs I am now reading), was hacked very nearly to death with a machete by two young Arab men whilst she was hiking with a Christian friend in Israel (who was hacked to death in the same incident). She has been campaigning, fruitfully, in the UK and elsewhere against funds that governments, including the UK Government, give to Fatah/Palestinian Authority. Hundreds of millions of dollars of overseas funding is consumed by the “Palestinian Authority Martyrs’ Fund”. These so-called martyrs earn more than educated professionals.

As we have seen, cancerous forms of antisemitism are not limited to the regions that border Israel. The pan-
national Muslim Brotherhood, whose main political base is in Qatar, preaches antisemitism, including the call to murder Jews. In Yemen, Houthi movement’s motto is: “God is great, death to the US, death to Israel, curse the Jews, and victory for Islam”.

Land swap? People swap? Come on, Boris, be serious. Go to Jordan and talk to Sheik Hamza Mansour of the Islamic Action Front, and tell him and his followers that you support Israel’s right to exist. The “religious interests” of what Boris calls the “Palestinian people” is Islamism. Contemporary Islam in most of the Muslim-majority nations today is as genocidally antisemitic as it was in most of the Christian nations of Europe in World War II. And the only way forward is education and de-radicalisation, just as, following WWII the British de-Nazified West Germany, and the USA de-radicalised Japan.

From within Islam, we need to see great and courageous scholars and thinkers coming through to take on the rotten scholars presently at the top. The closest figure to a Muslim pope today is Sheikh Dr. Yusuf al-Qaradawi, in Qatar, who heads the International Union of Muslim Scholars. At age 93, he seems to be the most revered and decorated thinker of contemporary Islam. Like a medieval Pope, he makes infallible proclamations on everything, from sex to dancing to death sentences. And the Muslim faithful, including scholars, lap it up as canonical. The fact that much of what he says violates any sensible standard of human rights seems to afford him more authority: Islam sets itself above human rights: there is not a single Muslim-majority nation that has universal human rights, or shows any intention of introducing them, precisely because of thinkers such as Qaradawi. Qaradawi says he is not antisemitic, but encourages Muslims, including Muslim children, to martyr themselves in order to help wipe the Jewish state of Israel off the map.

In January 2009, Yusuf al-Qaradawi, who has issued fatwas on Jews, gave a sermon on Al-Jazeera TV (translated by MEMRI):

“O Allah, take your enemies, the enemies of Islam. O Allah, take the Jews, the treacherous aggressors. O Allah, take this profligate, cunning, arrogant band of people. O Allah, they have spread much tyranny and corruption in the land. Pour Your wrath upon them, O our God. Lie in wait for them. O Allah, You annihilated the people of Thamoud [An early pagan Arab tribe] with an overpowering blast, and You annihilated the people of ‘Aad with a fierce, icy gale, and You destroyed the pharaoh [of Exodus] and his soldiers – O Allah, take this oppressive, tyrannical band of people. O Allah, take this oppressive, Jewish Zionist band of people. O Allah, do not spare a single one of them. O Allah, count their numbers, and kill them, down to the very last one.” Yusuf al-Qaradawi, Al-Jazeera TV, 2009

Two weeks later, also translated by MEMRI, Qaradawi offered the Arab world his theory of the Holocaust:

“Throughout history, Allah has imposed upon the Jews people who would punish them for their corruption ... The last punishment was carried out by Hitler. By means of all the things he did to them – even though they exaggerated this issue – he managed to put them in their place. This was divine punishment for them ... Allah Willing, the next time will be at the hand of the believers.” Yusuf al-Qaradawi, Al-Jazeera TV, 2009

Israel takes such threats seriously; Boris evidently does not.

Boris, who by his own writing as Foreign Secretary has proved he has a lot to learn on Israel, should beware of people in his party who are career-long Israel bashers, such as Crispin Blunt MP and Nicholas Soames MP, to whose letter inter alia to The Times in January this year I immediately responded on my blog in a short piece.

My piece has been shared amongst people who matter, including Colonel Richard Kemp, Dr Richard Landes, Melanie Phillips, and Dr David Deutsch (even though I have had no direct contact with Dr Deutsch).
Colonel Richard Kemp will also confirm that although Europe was de-Nazified following Victory in Europe, the Arab world never was. (See my piece on the alliance of the Nazis and the Arabs, who, following the anticipated victory of Rommel in North Africa, were to follow the methods of the Holocaust in Europe in the Middle East.*) And the warring against Israel has never stopped, just as the warring between and within the Arab nations has never stopped. It is miraculous that the State of Israel exists at all. It is miraculous that she defends herself against the Levantine Leviathan.

Israel is the best nation, not the worst nation, in the world. And when Israel receives the world’s blessings, the world will be blessed. This is the basis on which Christian civilisation is founded.

Politically, there are no solutions, and there was never meant to be. The solution to Israel and the whole world, is the blessing of God of Israel through Israel and the whole world. Every nation that curses Israel will remain in a state of spiritual curse and godforsaken soullessness.

“Justice, justice shalt thou follow, that thou mayest live, and inherit the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.” Deuteronomy 16:20

6. Israel is the best, not the worst, nation in the world

As we have seen, almost all UN condemnatory country-specific resolutions of the UN General Assembly (UNGA) and the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC), exclusively pointed at Israel. Why do all nations so furiously rage together, against Israel?

Why do the people imagine a vain thing? Why do the leaders of the world – kings, presidents, and Church of England archbishops and bishops, and the Lutherans, and the imams and the mullahs – rise up and take counsel together, against the LORD and against His anointed? Why do the nations call evil good and good evil? Alas, the Jewish prophets, including Jesus, told us to expect just this before, at last, the world does come into the voice, the Word, from Jerusalem.

The world will not, cannot, be blessed until all this animus for Israel is turned upside down. Israel is far from perfect, but Israel is the best nation in the world, the most talented nation in the world, the most giving nation in the world, the most indispensable nation in the world. Even if you are a secularist who does not understand Israel’s spiritual indispensability, you can easily see that you depend on Israel for modern living.

Israel is the gift that keeps on giving, just as God promised to Abraham. And the head nation not a tail nation, as God promised to Moses. Today, this tiny nation is the best candidate for a cure of Alzheimer’s, the
biggest and cruellest killer known to British nation. If you are benefitting from any life-saving and life-prolonging drug, or vaccination, chances are it came from the genius of Israel, or certainly the Jews, who have won an incredible 30% of Nobel Prizes in Medicine. This is why the British universities that boycott Israel are all condemned to be failing universities, whose only hope for sustainable financial viability is Gulf-State funding.

Would we have already found the cure for Alzheimer’s had the Nazis not murdered half the world’s Jews within living memory? Who knows? Would we have even more Israeli ideas to heal the damaged ecology of the planet? Last year, the Prince of Wales, on his visit first official to Israel (despite being badly advised on Israel by his close friend Nicolas Soames MP) acknowledged that Israeli genius “maintains the entire structure of the NHS”, the same NHS that recently brought Boris back to life and gave him the clap. The World Economic Forum recently 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, IT, IT security, airport security, ecology, and sustainable agriculture and irrigation, despite being under constant attacks through violence, vandalism, propaganda and academic boycotting (including by British business, universities, churches). Israel keeps us all safe and healthy. Israel was the first nation to eradicate endemic malaria, and is the first nation in the world to sustainably reverse desertification. If Israel can do all this despite the world, imagine what she could do for the world with the world’s support. Without Israeli genius maintaining the structure of the NHS, Boris the Pagan might well have died in NHS care.

Israel needs to take measures both to improve her long-term security and become one step nearer to her divinely-sanctioned sovereignty. And she must take these steps. I have friends, including Jews, who offer only secular arguments for this, but ultimately the case is Biblical, the very same Bible that is banned on the French Way, the way of the EU.

If my advice to support Israel in the Biblical way gets to the Prime Minister, it will be the most profound and solemn advice he has received since he took office. And if the Queen’s first minister does heed my advice, he will find himself walking with destiny rather than against it. Britain – this sceptred isle, this blessed plot – will be truly blessed. All nations will be blessed, as is the long-promised and providential destiny of the nations.

Let’s face it. In these extraordinary times, we could use some blessings from the Almighty!

6. The Biblical Proportions of 2020

Nothing happens unless God, Lord of History, allows it to happen. The Christian faith, if you ignore the trendy Liberal clergy in the Church of England, is faith in the Providence of God Almighty, God of Israel, whose power is without limits, omnipotent: *Credo in Deum Patrem omnipotentem*. If you deny this, the very central claims of Christianity are undone, and the Church is reduced to a kind of vacuous spiritual humanism, or a museum artefact in the Republic of France. If you deny God’s omnipotent life-giving power to all who choose to not become unattached from God, you are swallowing the camel and straining at the gnat. “Today you will be with me in Paradise”.

Omnipotent power means of course that God has the power to relinquish power as He wills. And He does relinquish power, by giving us free will. God gives us free will, and in raising us to be in His image, asks us to choose to work with Him or against Him. God works with, or around, the free will of man, who is given the freedom to choose good or choose evil. Man, ultimately, cannot stand in the way of God’s promises to mankind for the ultimate harmonious destiny of the nations, centred on Mount Zion. The French Way cannot bring down the Vertical Way.

The really, really serious human rights abuses that are still present today in most of the nations of the world are simply not being addressed. Why? Because all the nations scapegoat Israel. The nations of the world
are so obsessionally anti-Israel that they are incapable of being *anti* the things that we *really* do need to challenge, and agree to challenge as nations.

The world really does need the nations to unite on human rights abuses, especially for children, and especially for girls (in Somalia and Egypt for instance, FGM is almost universal, and in many parts of the world men take child ‘brides’ whose insides are ripped out trying to give birth in early puberty). Modern slavery is a great curse on us all: we are all economically implicated whether we choose to know it or not.

The modern world does in fact unite on many things, and has done for several centuries. The metre and kilogram for instance – of the Napoleonic Code – is now universal. The worlds sets its clocks and navigation systems according to Greenwich Mean Times. The universal agreement to use the English language makes international flights and shipping possible, and the “world wide web”, which is wrapped in English-language coding and mark-up languages. But the world needs to unite in accepting the sanctity of human being, and this requires the Holy Way.

I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live.

*Deuteronomy* (KJV)

And many peoples shall go and say:
Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
To the house of the God of Jacob;
And He will teach us of His ways,
And we will walk in His paths.’
For out of Zion shall go forth the law,
And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
And He shall judge between the nations,
And shall decide for many peoples;
And they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
And their spears into pruninghooks;
Nation shall not lift up sword against nation.

*Isaiah* (KJV)

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