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Observations by the Editor

Exciting Times

What a blessing it is to live in a time when we can see Bible prophecies fulfilled before our very eyes!

In September of 1993 a gifted poet, Kay Hedger, wrote an insightful poem in response to the signing of the Oslo Accords which promised Israel peace for land.

The Unholy Alliance

The eyes of Israel
wander to idols
desiring to please men
she sells her birthright

Land for peace
is the unholy agreement
a concession for aggression
the product of liberalization

A set-up
to push Israel into the sea
A plan
to put Jerusalem under siege

Jerusalem under siege! Kay could see it coming in 1993, and now it is upon us, just as prophesied by Zechariah 2,500 years ago:

It will come about in that day that I will make Jerusalem a cup that causes reeling to all the peoples around . . . I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone [and] . . . all who lift it will be severely injured. And all the nations of the earth will be gathered against it. (12:2-3).

Living on Borrowed Time

The time we have remaining before the Lord returns for His Church is very short. The Bible gives us four key signs to watch for in reference to the Jewish people:

- 1) Their worldwide regathering (the 20th Century).
- 2) The re-establishment of the state of Israel (May 14, 1948).
- 3) The re-occupation of the city of Jerusalem (June 7, 1967).
- 4) All the world coming together against Israel over the issue of the control of Jerusalem (since September of 2000).



Dr. David Reagan

In view of these developments, there can be no doubt that Jesus is at the very gates of Heaven waiting for His Father's command for Him to return for His Bride, the Church.

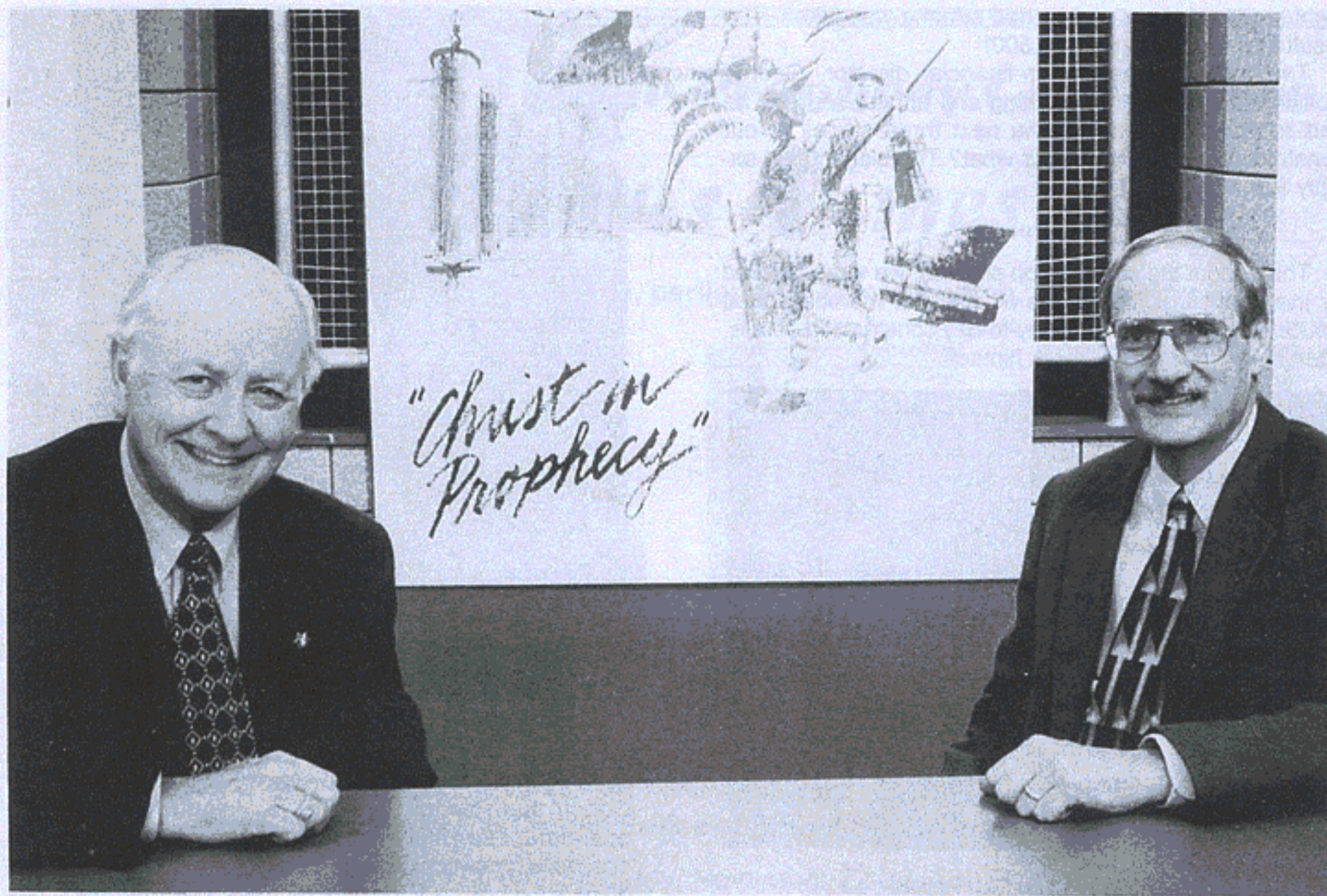
Our earnest desire here at Lamb & Lion Ministries is to proclaim this message to as many people as we can, as quickly as we can.

That's why we are so excited over the new outreach opportunity the Lord has provided us through the broadcast of a weekly television program over the DayStar Christian Network. Through this medium, we can reach literally millions of people.

But I must admit that in addition to being excited, I feel overwhelmed by the responsibility God has placed upon us. Pray for us. Pray for us to be faithful and effective in proclaiming the message that "Jesus is coming soon!" ✝



The symbol of trust



"Christ in Prophecy" to Start Broadcasting on Television

Dr. David R. Reagan

In the mid-1990's several trustees of this ministry and staff members began to urge me to move in the direction of launching a television program.

I resisted their urging for two reasons. First, my experience with video production had convinced me that it is a bottomless pit of expenditures. Second, I knew that there is a dangerous difference in radio and television — one that often leads to over-bloated egos in the realm of television.

You see, in radio, the focus is on the message. But with television, the focus often shifts from the message to the messenger.

Testing the Waters

As I dragged my feet, my trustees and staff members remained persistent, finally convincing me that it truly was the Lord's will for us to develop a television outreach. So, three years ago we produced a series of 30 minute video programs about the Rapture and the Signs of the Times. The cost proved overwhelming. The programs cost us over \$30,000! When we were finished, we had no money left for broadcasting the programs.

That's when we decided that if we were ever to launch a television program, we would have to build our own video studio so that we could produce our programs in-house. From the moment we made that decision, God has run

ahead of us!

Before we even announced our intention to build a video studio, we received a check for \$2,000 that was designated for "new facilities." The person who sent it wrote, "I don't know if you are planning to construct any new buildings, but the Lord laid this donation on my heart, and I believe He wants me to designate it for new construction."

Running with the Lord

From that point on, it was all we could do to keep up with the Lord. The money for the video studio began to pour in. And in the midst of it all, Fellowship Bible Church in Plano, Texas, pastored by Gene Getz, called and said they would like to make a donation of \$5,000 toward our television outreach.

Our next breakthrough came when one of our former trustees, Don Winkles, who was in the metal building business called and said he and his wife wanted to supply us with a building at cost — which resulted in a savings of about 60%. Another former trustee who is an architect, Don Powell, called and offered to draw the plans and supervise the construction for less than half his normal fee.

The most amazing donation came in March of 2000 when I was invited to speak on four successive Wednesday evenings at Southeast Christian Church in Louisville, Kentucky. The series began with 4,000 present. It ended four weeks later with almost 8,000 present. On that final

night a spontaneous, unplanned offering was taken. The result was a donation of \$28,500!

The following week, our financial director, George Collich, came to a staff meeting and announced that he had received the bids for the next three stages in our construction schedule. Guess what? The bids totaled exactly \$28,500!

Key People

Throughout the construction process, we were blessed by the bountiful skills of one of our staff members, Leo Houck. Leo supervised the day-to-day construction details, often doing much of the work himself.



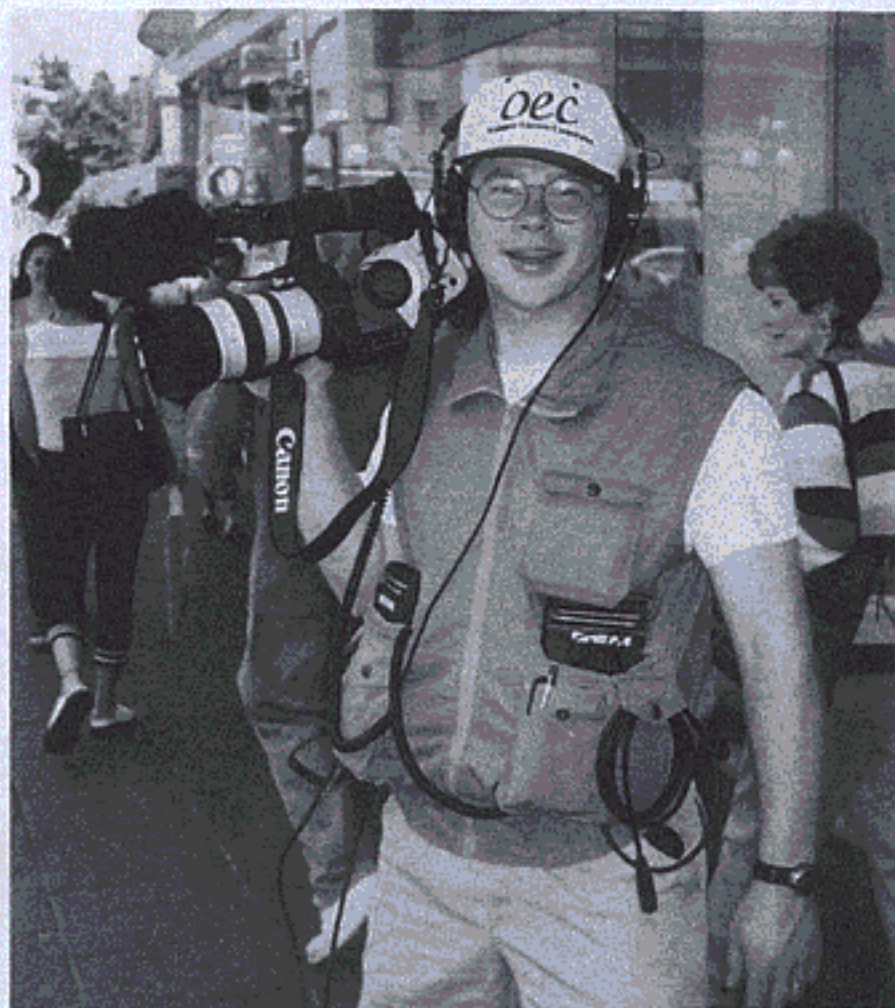
Leo Houck and Don Powell

While the construction was going on, God led us to another very talented person, Don Gordoni. Don is a graduate of Southern Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. While attending that school, he worked part time for a church in the area, assisting with their video production. After graduating, he took a staff position at First Baptist Church in Wichita Falls, Texas, where he received additional video training from an award winning video producer.

Don joined the Lamb & Lion staff in June of 1999 and has spent the past three years supervising the development of our video production studio. He has also trained



Dave and Dennis on the conversation set.



Don Gordoni on the streets of Tel Aviv.

staff members in various aspects of video production. Trey Collich and Rachel Houck have learned to be camera operators. Leo Houck serves as the switcher who is responsible for switching from one camera to the other, and doing so at precisely the right moment. George Collich has been trained to be the audio controller.

An additional staff member is Larry Watts, a local architect who has had considerable experience in video production. He serves as our third camera operator.

Complex but Worthwhile

As you can see, video production is very complex. Whereas I can sit down once a week and record five radio programs all by myself, operating all the equipment myself; it takes a minimum of six people to produce a video program. And often the production requires seven people whenever we need to use a teleprompter.

But the final product is well worth it. For example, in mid-August we spent half a day taping a one hour overview which I presented about the book of Revelation, covering the book in a panoramic fashion, chapter by chapter. We have over a hundred graphics and bits of video footage that we are going to use to illustrate the points I make in my presentation. This will require hours of editing on Don's part. It will be a time consuming and expensive process, but when it is completed, we will have a very effective visual teaching resource that can be used for years by individuals, churches, and study groups.

Additionally, we will be able to use the same video footage to produce at least four television programs. What we will do is open each TV program with a brief introduction leading into a segment of the Revelation video covering four or five chapters, and then we will return to the studio where Dennis and I will discuss issues raised by those chapters.

We plan also to use some of the sermons we have produced on video tape, both at our studio before a live audience and at host churches. Again, a segment of the sermon will be introduced, played, and then discussed. Other programs will feature studio discussions of Bible prophecy issues. These discussions will often include a special guest like Gary Fisher of Lion of Judah Ministries.

In short, we plan to use a variety of formats for our television program — teaching, preaching, discussion — and combinations of these. Our purpose throughout, regardless of format, will be to provide solid biblical teaching about Bible prophecy devoid of speculation and sensationalism.

The Challenge

To do that, we are going to need both your prayers and financial support. We need to raise \$100,000 as quickly as possible. This money is needed for production and broadcast costs and also for an additional staff member to help Don Gordoni.

Our magazine reaches 25,000. Our radio program may reach 100,000. But the outreach possible through television over the DayStar Christian Network is simply mind-boggling. As you will see on page 6, this network has a potential viewing audience of over 80 million. In addition to station broadcasts and cable hookups, it is carried on three satellite networks: DirecTV, Dish TV, and Sky Angel.

Like the church at Philadelphia (Revelation 3:7-13) we



Dave and Dennis on the discussion set.

have been provided by the Lord with "an open door" for outreach beyond anything we have ever imagined. Please pray that we will be good stewards of this opportunity and that our programs will be blessed by reaching millions with the message of the Lord's soon return. ✚



The Lamb & Lion video crew is pictured above on a remote shoot with Darlene Cates. From left to right, first row: Larry Watts, camera operator; Darlene; and Don Gordoni, media director. Second row, left to right: George Collich, audio controller; Rachel Houck, camera operator; Trey Collich, camera and teleprompter operator; Lori Gordoni, general assistant; and Dave Reagan. Absent from the picture is Leo Houck who serves as the switcher for programs made in our studio.

DayStar Television Network Coverage

Market Rank	Market City	Station Call Letters/ Channel #	Signal Coverage People	Signal Coverage Homes	Cable/Satellite Homes
4	Philadelphia, PA	WELL - 8	4,200,000	1,615,000	0
5	San Francisco, CA	Ch. 22	7,300,000	2,808,000	0
6	Boston, MA	WYDN - 48	5,500,000	2,115,000	1,850,000
7	Dallas, TX	KMPX - 29	4,850,000	1,865,000	827,000
9	Atlanta, GA	WDTA - 53	4,000,000	1,538,000	270,000
11	Houston, TX	KLTJ - 22	4,600,000	1,769,000	800,000
12	Seattle, WA	KWDK - 56	3,600,000	1,385,000	1,010,000
14	Tampa, FL	WSVT - 18	2,350,000	904,000	0
16	Phoenix, AZ	KDTP - 39	3,200,000	1,231,000	715,000
18	Denver, CO	KRMT - 41	2,600,000	1,000,000	500,000
19	Sacramento, CA	Ch. 47	1,000,000	385,000	0
19	Stockton, CA	Ch. 52	500,000	192,000	0
19	Modesto, CA	Ch. 61	350,000	135,000	0
29	Raleigh, NC	WWIW - 66	700,000	269,000	55,000
30	Nashville, TN	WIIW - 14	800,000	308,000	0
37	San Antonio, TX	KQVE - 46	1,500,000	577,000	0
41	Memphis, TN	WJRJ - 59	950,000	365,000	0
47	Buffalo, NY	WDTB - 39	1,100,000	423,000	0
51	Las Vegas, NV	KTVY - 63	1,300,000	500,000	0
56	Little Rock, AR	KKAP - 36	750,000	288,000	222,000
62	Knoxville, TN	W38AQ	250,000	96,000	35,000
72	Honolulu, HI	KWBN - 44	800,000	308,000	400,000
72	Maui, HI	KAUI - 51	125,000	48,000	0
72	Maui, HI	KUKO - 24	125,000	48,000	0
72	Maui, HI	KUPA - 59	50,000	19,000	0
88	Jackson, MS	WJKO - 43	450,000	173,000	0
122	Macon, GA	WDMA - 32	300,000	115,000	0
N/R	Gainesville, GA	W28CD	200,000	77,000	30,000
N/R	Apex, NC	WACN - 34	20,000		0
National	DirecTV	Ch. 369	30,000,000		10,700,000
National	Dish Network*	See Below	1,862,000		716,000
National	Sky Angel	Ch. 9713	1,000,000		385,000
World	Internet Webcast	Daystar.com			
		TOTALS	86,332,000	20,556,000	18,515,000

*Dish Network Channels: Boston 8763, Dallas 8413, Houston 8383, Seattle 8622, Phoenix 8333, and Denver 8207.

"Christ in Prophecy" is scheduled for Wednesdays at 6:00pm (Central time), immediately before the John Hagee program. The startup date is set for Wednesday, September 4th.



"Except Jews"

Dr. David C. Stolinsky

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The situation in the Middle East is tense, and agreement on anything related to the subject is rare indeed. But many observers seem agreed on at least one thing: that it is up to the Israelis to give up even more of the West Bank than the 90+ percent they have already yielded to the Palestinians, and to give up control of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem as well. The Palestinians, on the contrary, are expected to give up nothing . . .

In other words, the victors in four wars that others started are expected to yield large sections of hard-won territory, seemingly without concern that these areas may again be used to launch attacks on Israel. Moreover, Israel is expected to yield control of its central sacred site to those who denounce its religion in the vilest terms, and who denied access when they controlled the site from 1948 to 1967. I am unable to think of a parallel situation in world history.

A Double Standard

My father grew up in Russian Poland before World War I. One of his sharpest memories was seeing notices for jobs or places at the university, all ending with the proviso, "Except Jews." Unwilling to live under such an oppressive system, he came to the United States as a teenager. Till the end of his life, he never tired of reminding me how lucky I was to live in a free nation that treated all its people equally. The world I live in is vastly different from the one he grew up in, but some things may not have changed as much as he thought.

Throughout history, winners of wars set the terms for the peace treaty. After World War II, the Allies redrew the borders of Germany. Some Germans still yearn for the return of the eastern territory ceded to Poland, but realists recognize that only winners of wars redraw borders — that is, **except Jews**. The Israelis were victorious in 1948, 1956, 1967, and 1973. But a four-to-nothing record does not entitle them to the privileges normally accorded to victors. Why?

Victors in struggles for national independence are entitled to a homeland, as witness Ireland, India, Pakistan and the former Soviet provinces from Latvia to Kazakhstan. Apparently this principle applies to all peoples — that is, **except Jews**. It is now more than half a century since Israel was established, but maps printed in Arab nations still fail to show it. How long must a nation have been established before its very existence is accepted?

Sacred Sites

No one would question whether Anglicans should control Canterbury Cathedral, whether Catholics should



Reading prayers at the Western Wall in Jerusalem.

control the Vatican, whether Muslims should control the Kaaba at Mecca, or whether Latter-day Saints should control the Temple in Salt Lake City. It is accepted that adherents of major religions have a right to control their principal holy places — that is, **except Jews**.

Those unfriendly to Israel insist that the Temple Mount in Jerusalem must be under Muslim control, because the site also contains Muslim holy places. Those more friendly to Israel push for U.N. control. But who would suggest that any of the other religions' holiest sites be under international control?

It is taken as a given that any Mormon should be allowed to visit the temple, and any Muslim be allowed a pilgrimage to Mecca. Even the staunchest atheist would not question the right of any adherents of a major religion, even if they were in some way objectionable, to visit the principal holy place of their religion — that is, **except Jews** . . .

Adherents of major religions have a right to react when one of their holy places is destroyed and a clergyman murdered — that is, **except Jews**. During the recent unrest, Joseph's Tomb was desecrated and torn down, and a rabbi guarding it was murdered. A leading American paper printed this factual story alongside a Palestinian claim that the tomb was not that of the Biblical Joseph but of a Muslim sheik, as if Muslims would desecrate the tomb of one of their own. Yet this claim was printed uncritically, without comment, as if to "balance" the story . . .

Capital Cities

Independent nations select their own capital city — that is, **except Jews**. Israel's capital has been Jerusalem since 1967. There its Parliament meets, its supreme court sits, and its prime minister and president have their offices. Yet the United States and most nations maintain embassies in Tel Aviv.

How long must a capital be located in the same place for it to be recognized as such? Clearly three decades is insufficient. What would the Irish think if, for example, we moved our embassy from Dublin to Cork? Cork is a pleasant place, but are the Irish so inept and untrustworthy that we consider them incompetent to choose their own capital? Recently Germany moved its capital from Bonn to Berlin. No nation refused to recognize the new site. Does Jerusalem really have ramifications more controversial than those of Berlin?

The United Nations

All members of the United Nations sit on the Security Council by rotation — that is, **except Jews**. To be eligible for the Security Council a nation must be a member of its regional association. Of course, Israel's Arab neighbors do not agree to this. That Israel alone among U.N. members cannot sit on the Security Council thus has a legal explanation, just as did many past injustices done to Jews, blacks and other minorities. But legal is not the same as moral.

Refugees

More than a million Arabs are citizens of Israel, a fact that is taken for granted. But the thousands of Jewish "settlers" in the West Bank are seen as illegal intruders. Various peoples can live among other peoples — that is, **except Jews**. It is the avowed aim of Palestinian leaders that "their" land be cleansed of Jews — *Judenrein*, the Nazis termed it.

The former British colony of India was split in 1947 into largely Hindu India and largely Muslim Pakistan. Millions of Hindus, finding themselves in a Muslim state, fled to India, and millions of Muslims did the reverse. No sane person would insist that these millions of former refugees, and their children and grandchildren, be forcibly resettled in their ancestral locations. What occurred was rightly seen as a human tragedy, but as a mutual resettlement, not a unilateral expulsion.

Something similar on a lesser scale occurred in the Middle East. Hundreds of thousands of Arabs fled from areas that became Israel, and hundreds of thousands of Jews fled from Muslim lands. One can argue interminably about the precise numbers, and whether the people were expelled or left spontaneously. But the fact remains that, as in India and Pakistan, what occurred was an exchange of populations. Yet one hears only about Palestinian refugees and never about Jewish refugees. Apparently refu-

gees, and their children and grandchildren, have a right to resettlement — that is, **except Jews**.

Speaking of refugees, when does this status cease? When my mother was a child, her family fled for their lives from the Russian pogrom of 1905. I was born 29 years later, but I was considered an American and a North Dakotan, never a "Russian refugee" with claims on Russian land.

The American Parallel

Many Americans are descendants of immigrants who came to avoid persecution, but none press claims against the nations of their forebears. Perfect justice would allow such claims, but perfect justice exists only in the next world. In this world, we are lucky to get imperfect justice. At some point, past grievances of one's self or one's ancestors must be laid aside, or we will descend into an endless spiral of vendettas. Most of us recognize this and would not think to press such claims against the lands or homes of other peoples — that is, **except Jews**.

Of course, Americans who support such claims by Palestinians would not give their property to Native Americans whose ancestors were dispossessed in years past, nor would Europeans give their homes or shops to descendants of the Jews who lived there before the Holocaust. They do not hold themselves to the same standard.

There are now said to be "4 million" Palestinian re-

fugees, more than the entire population of the area (both Jewish and Arab) when Israel was established. Nobody is expected to give up his or her home or workplace to the descendants of those who were dispossessed generations ago — that is, nobody **except Jews**.

The Bottom Line

Seeing anti-Semitism where it does not exist is paranoid

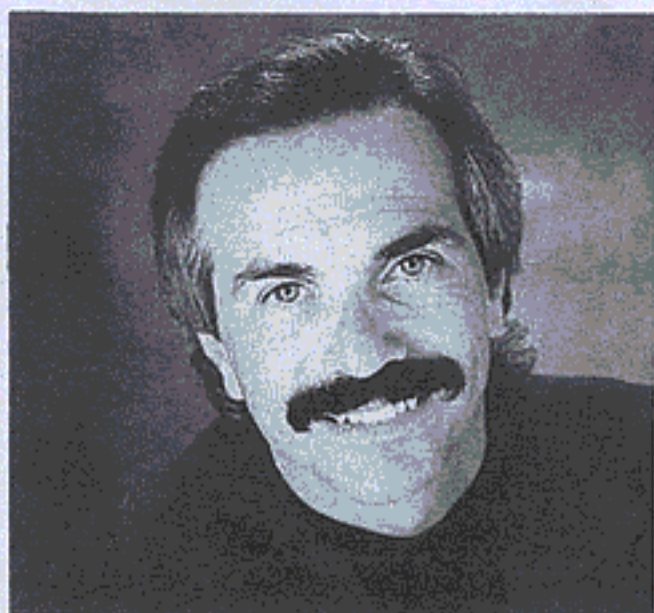
and self-defeating, but not seeing it where it does exist is naïve and dangerous. Demanding of the Jews what one does not demand of others, including one's self, is by definition anti-Semitic.

One could go on, but the point is painfully clear. Principles of fairness and justice should apply universally, but they do not.

Years ago, miners took canaries into coal mines. These pretty birds were not pets but danger signals. It seems that canaries are especially susceptible to toxic gas, so if the canary died, the miners knew that gas was present and evacuated the mine. Jews have been compared to canaries — especially susceptible to the toxins of racial and religious hatred. Let us watch closely how they are treated, not only for their own sakes but for all the rest of humanity as well. Rights that apply to everyone except Jews are not secure for anyone. ☆



Palestinian People Do Not Exist!



Joseph Farah

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"Palestinian People Do Not Exist!" A provocative headline? It's more than that. It's the truth. Truth does not change. Truth is truth. If something was true 50 years ago, 40 years ago, 30 years ago, it is still true today.

And the truth is that only 30 years ago, there was very little confusion on this issue of Palestine.

You might remember the late Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir making the bold political statement: "There is no such thing as a Palestinian people."

The statement has been a source of ridicule and derision by Arab propagandists ever since. They love to talk about Golda Meir's "racism." They love to suggest she was in historical denial. They love to say her statement is patently false — an intentional lie, a strategic deception.

What they don't like to talk about, however, are the very similar statements made by Yasser Arafat and his inner circle of political leadership years after Meir had told the truth — that there is no distinct Palestinian cultural or national identity.

So, despite the fact that conventional wisdom has now proclaimed that there is such a thing as the Palestinian people, I'm going to raise those uncomfortable quotations made by Arafat and his henchmen when their public-relations guard was down.

Way back on March 31, 1977, the Dutch newspaper Trouw published an interview with Palestine Liberation Organization executive committee member Zahir Muhsein. Here's what he said:

The Palestinian people does not exist. The creation of a Palestinian state is only a means

for continuing our struggle against the state of Israel for our Arab unity. In reality today there is no difference between Jordanians, Palestinians, Syrians and Lebanese. Only for political and tactical reasons do we speak today about the existence of a Palestinian people, since Arab national interests demand that we posit the existence of a distinct "Palestinian people" to oppose Zionism.

For tactical reasons, Jordan, which is a sovereign state with defined borders, cannot raise claims to Haifa and Jaffa, while as a Palestinian, I can undoubtedly demand Haifa, Jaffa, Beer-Sheva and Jerusalem. However, the moment we reclaim our right to all of Palestine, we will not wait even a minute to unite Palestine and Jordan.

That's pretty clear, isn't it? It's even more specific than Golda Meir's statement. It reaffirms what I have written on this subject. And it is hardly the only such statement of its kind. Arafat himself made a very definitive and unequivocal statement along these lines as late as 1993. It demonstrates conclusively that the Palestinian nationhood argument is the real strategic deception — one geared to set up the destruction of Israel.

In fact, on the same day Arafat signed the Declaration of Principles on the White House lawn in 1993, he explained his actions on Jordan TV. Here's what he said:

Since we cannot defeat Israel in war, we do this in stages. We take any and every territory that we can of Palestine, and establish a sovereignty there, and we use it as a springboard to take more. When the time comes, we can get the Arab nations to join us for the final blow against Israel.

No matter how many people convince themselves that the aspirations for Palestinian statehood are genuine and the key to peace in the Middle East, they are still deceiving themselves.

I've said it before and I will say it again, in the history of the world, ***Palestine has never existed as a nation***. The region known as Palestine was ruled alternately by Rome, by Islamic and Christian crusaders, by the Ottoman Empire and, briefly, by the British after World War I. The British agreed to restore at least part of the land to the Jewish people as their ancestral homeland. It was never ruled by Arabs as a separate nation.

Why now has it become such a critical priority?

The answer is because of a massive deception campaign and relentless terrorism over 40 years.

Golda Meir was right. Her statement is validated by the truth of history and by the candid, but not widely circulated, pronouncements of Arafat and his lieutenants.

Israel and the West must not surrender to terrorism by granting the killers just what they want — a public relations triumph and a strategic victory. It's not too late to say no to terrorism. It's not too late to say no to another Arab terror state.

It's not too late to tell the truth about Palestine. ☆

Restoring the heart, not just the land

Dennis Pollock

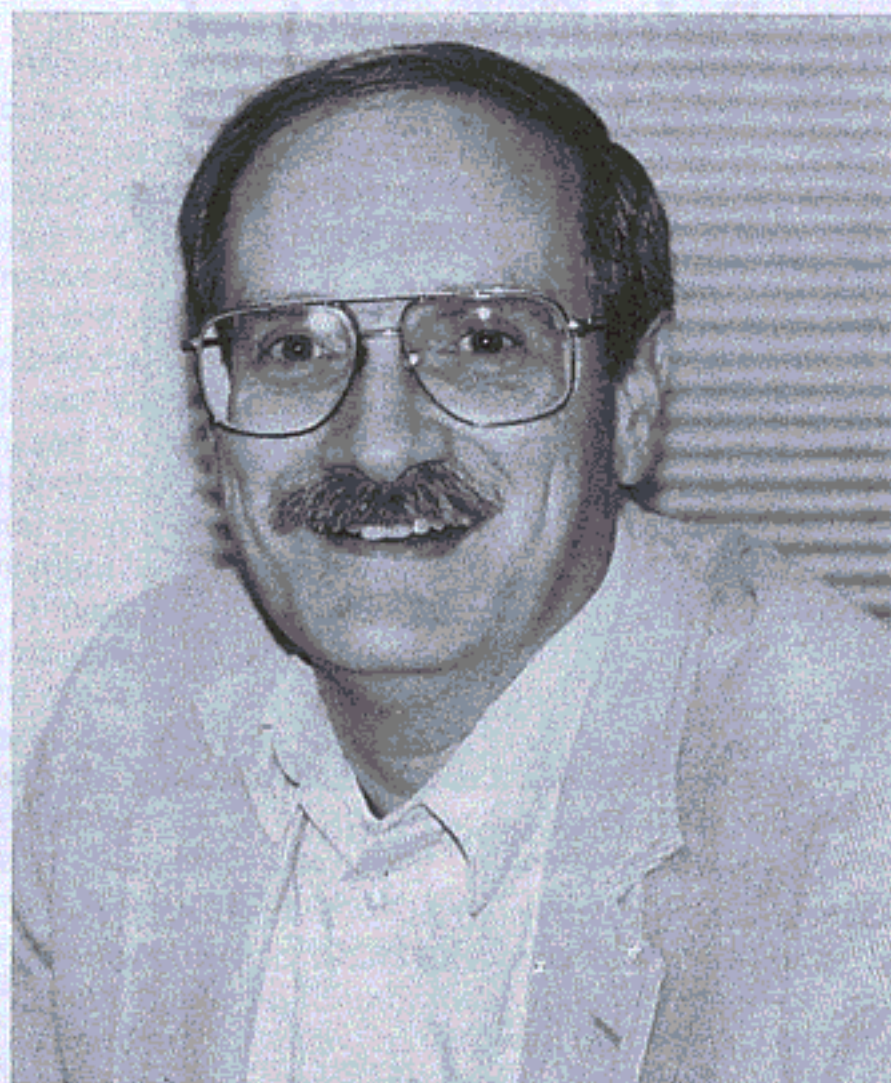
Anyone who gives time and study to Bible prophecy and the return of the Lord Jesus will inevitably run squarely into the nation of Israel. To learn what God has to say about the earth's "Last Days" is to recognize that God still has a purpose and a plan for His covenant people, the Jews.

As you compare Biblical prophecies with the history of the Jewish people, you cannot help but be amazed and fascinated by the divine hand of God in the restoration of Israel that has gone on in the last 125 years. As if drawn by an invisible hand, Jews have come from the four corners of the earth to their ancient homeland, established a state, turned rocky barren land into fertile soil, revived the Hebrew language, and developed one of the most powerful and effective military forces on the planet.

All this was done while under constant threat of extinction by hundreds of millions of Arab neighbors who threatened, planned, and attempted to "drive the Jews into the Sea" time and time again. Bloodied by fanatical suicide bombers, censured by the United Nations, and pressured continually to compromise by their only friend (the United States), Israel stands today as a trophy of God's covenant faithfulness. "For I am the Lord, I do not change; therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob" (Malachi 3:6).

God's Calling

To understand God's purpose for His covenant people, it is necessary to study their moral history as well as their physical history. God's calling for Israel had a distinctly moral element to it. Through Moses God declared: "The Lord has proclaimed you to be His special people, just as He promised you, that you should keep all His commandments . . ." (Deuteronomy 26:18) The commandments God gave them were extensive and covered every area of life, from eating and drinking, to charity toward the poor, sexual activity, and the establishing of toilets. Israel was governed by laws that made the Jewish people totally



Dennis Pollock

unique among all the nations and tribes on the face of the earth. God told them that keeping His commandments would be their righteousness (Deuteronomy 6:25).

God proceeds in Deuteronomy 28 to provide a lengthy series of threats and promises for His people, to encourage them to follow His laws. The first fourteen verses contain some of the most wonderful and positive promises to be found in the Scriptures. God tells His people that if they will diligently obey all His commandments they will be blessed as no people have ever been blessed. Whether they walk in the city or in the country, whether they are on their way out or returning home, God's blessings will run them down. Their enemies will scatter and flee from them in battle, their fields will yield abundantly, and everything their hands touch will prosper.

That's the good news. Now for the bad.

The first fourteen verses of Deuteronomy 28 are immediately followed by 54 verses containing some of the direst threats conceivable. God begins to list what will be their lot should they fail to keep His divine laws. It is essentially a reversal of the positive promises, but spelled out far more graphically and in much greater detail.

Should Israel fail to obey their holy Creator, they will be cursed in the city and in the country, cursed on their way out and as they return. They will incur all manner of terrible diseases, which will not heal. Their fields will miserably fail, and their enemies will take them captive and possess all that they have. They will be scattered among the nations, with their lives constantly in jeopardy, and they will serve their enemies "in hunger, in thirst, in nakedness, and in need of everything."

Israel's Response

The Lord couldn't have made it much clearer that it was in Israel's best interest to honor, serve, and obey their God. The Jews responded to these covenant conditions with enthusiasm. "All that the Lord has spoken we will do," they cried. It sounded like a good deal to them. Keep the rules and live as no people had ever lived before, as special favorites of the King of the universe.

They were not being deceitful. Their intentions were the best. And yet they failed.

The history of Israel is a history of failure. Given opportunities to see the Creator "up close and personal," witnessing miracles that have never been duplicated, exhorted by prophets whose anointing and eloquence was without parallel, they didn't have it in them to stay true to their God.

The divine record is filled with idolatry, rebellion, sexual immorality, and mistreatment of the poor. Prophets like Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel thundered holy denunciations, but couldn't halt the disastrous moral slide of a people God repeatedly labels "stiff-necked."

Here's the real shocker: God knew they would fail all along. Although the sins of Israel frequently grieved God, they did not surprise Him. He saw through the frailty of their good intentions and vows of faithfulness. The law was never given to produce righteousness. It was given to reveal their lack thereof. Paul writes, "If there had been a law given which could have given life, truly righteousness would have been by the law" (Galatians 3:21). Israel's frequent slips into sin and rebellion were more than just a Jewish thing, they were a human thing.

The Story Continues

If Jewish history ended with Malachi it would be a pretty depressing record. It is a story of sin and failure, rebuke and judgment, interrupted occasionally with a tiny flame of reform, to be followed by more sin and failure. Sadly, many Christians mistakenly believe that this is exactly where Jewish history ends. With the dawning of the New Testament, they affirm, God's purpose for the Jews was finished. The Jews have been replaced by the Church. Tough luck Jews, but you deserved it!

To paraphrase Mark Twain: "The rumor of the demise of the Jews has been greatly exaggerated." God is not done with His chosen people! Paul writes, "If their fall is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness" (Romans 11:12).

To read the Old Testament prophets is like riding a roller coaster — up and down, judgments and blessings, fearful denunciations and glorious promises. So incredible are some of these promises of future glory for Israel that many Christians, who cannot conceive of God doing anything so wondrous for this stiffnecked people, conclude that any and all positive promises for the Jews yet to be fulfilled have been somehow transferred to the Church. It is as though God has said to the Jews concerning His promises: "Just kidding guys!"

God's Faithfulness

God promises over and over again that, no matter how widely He scatters the Jews in judgment, they will one day return to their land. Amos declares:

I will bring back the captives of My people Israel. They shall build up the waste cities and inhabit them . . . And no longer shall they be pulled up from the land I have given them. (Amos 9:14-15)

Who can deny that a great regathering of the Jews to their ancient land has occurred in the last century? And who would dare deny that God has something to do with this?

Not only are the Jews promised restoration to the land; they are promised that when they do get back they will prosper. Joel proclaims: "The threshing floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with new wine and oil. I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten . . . You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied" (Joel 2:25-26).

I know that Christians love to claim this restoration from locusts passage for themselves, and I won't deny that there may well be a spiritual application here, but keep in mind that this verse is promised to the *regathered* people of Israel. Later in the same passage Joel refers to "blood and fire and pillars of smoke" and "the great and awesome day of the Lord," clearly signaling that this prophecy relates to the end times.

This promise of prosperity for Israel has been fulfilled before our eyes. Despite taking in millions of Jewish immigrants, despite being forced to spend large percentages of revenue on defense, Israel is a prosperous nation. If you don't believe that, visit a third world country, and then visit Israel. You will need no further evidence.

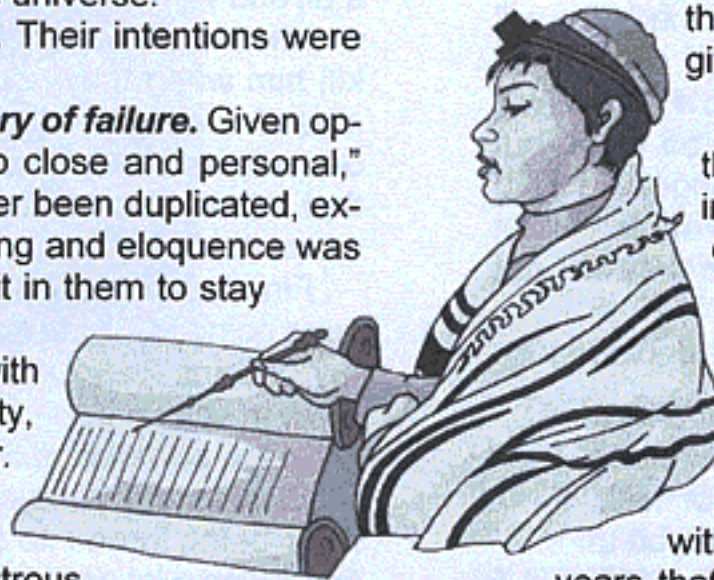
The Best is Yet to Come

Jeremiah eloquently writes of a moral and spiritual restoration, a restoration so fantastic that for centuries Gentile Christians have been appropriating these promises for themselves, without ever considering to whom they were originally made:

But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. (Jeremiah 31:33)

In the next chapter he goes into more detail:

Then I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear Me forever, for the good of them and their children after them. And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from doing them good; but I will put My fear in their hearts so that they will not depart from Me. (Jeremiah 32:39-40)



At long last God reveals the means to righteousness. It is not to be found in the thundering threats of doom and destruction, nor in the amazing promises of blessings and prosperity. Neither threats nor blessings are sufficient to stem the tide of human wickedness. Despite Israel's loud promises to be God's covenant keeping people, all the strength of human willpower and resolutions for righteousness ultimately failed.

But, where the Law could not succeed, divine grace will triumph.

The motivation is no longer external. God's people will serve Him because His Law is no longer on stone but written on the heart. The motivation is no longer the whip for rebels or prosperity for the faithful; God declares that He will give them a heart to fear Him, and they will not depart from Him.

Ezekiel takes up the exact same theme, declaring:

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes and you will keep My judgments and do them. (Ezekiel 36:26-27)

Notice how sure God is about all this. He can be so sure because the initiative no longer depends upon Israel's will power or good intentions, but upon His irresistible grace. He will cause them to walk in His statutes and they will keep His judgments and do them. Case closed.

While we are not certain about the exact details, we do know that by the time our Lord appears in Jerusalem at the Second Coming, there will be a Jewish people who will greet Him with those immortal words, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord" (Matthew 23:39). The Jews will experience the ultimate of all restorations — restoration to their God and their Messiah, Yeshua.

Why the Law?

It may be asked, "Why would God give the Jews the Law if He already knew that they would be incapable of keeping it?" It goes back to the reason God chose them in the first place. The Jews have been chosen to communicate all that God desires to reveal to the human race. Through them we have the Scriptures, and through them the Savior of the world came forth. And it is through the Jews that our world has been given a great object lesson. The failure of the Jews to keep the Law was our failure. They are a vivid demonstration that it is "not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy" (Romans 9:16).

In the last twenty years we have heard much about addictions. We are told that when a man or a woman is caught up in an addiction (alcohol, drugs, sex, or whatever) it is not a moral failure. It is merely a sickness.

Sin is always a moral failure. And we will be held accountable for our sins. But the psychologists are right about one thing. It is indeed possible to get so snared by sins (they prefer to call them dysfunctional behaviors) that one has no strength in himself to get free.

A Painful Memory

When I was a boy several of my relatives came to our house for a visit one day. Because we had a farm field in back of our property, my cousins (slightly older and more worldly wise than me) braved the cow patties to check out what wonders they could find. I came upon them and discovered that they had trapped a frog. They had him in a pit and were prodding him mercilessly with a stick. As I watched and listened I realized that they were intending to kill him when they got tired of playing with him. I found myself rooting for the frog to escape the shallow pit. Sometimes he would get near the edge and it would seem that he might escape, only to be turned back at the last moment by the cruel stick.

Finally I realized that the time was near when they were going to kill the frog. I could not bear to watch. Since my cousins were older and bigger than I was, I turned away in sadness, went into the house and cried. I did not have the power to deliver the hapless frog.

Sinners are in much the same situation as that frog. After being lured into sin by the flesh and the devil, they find it was a lot easier to get in than to get out. Satan toys with their lives, tormenting them in their family relationships and making them miserable in a variety of ways. Finally their life is snuffed out and they are eternally lost. All their resolutions to change, their pop psychology, and positive thinking are no match for the malignant potency of evil. They need a Savior.

Our Desperate Need

Just as Israel is bound to fail again and again until that day when Jeremiah's glorious promise of a new heart and a new spirit is to be fulfilled, so all the rest of us will likewise fail, apart from the awesome grace of Jesus Christ.

It turns out we are not so different. Jew and Arab, Black and White, Hispanic and Oriental, we are all in desperate need of a "new heart and a new spirit." Our Heavenly Father is more than willing to provide this for all who call upon the name of Jesus Christ. As with Israel, God will cause us, by His indwelling Spirit, to follow His ways and keep His laws. No whip from behind, no carrot out in front. Just grace. ✚





A Muslim boy in a parade in Pakistan.

On June 5, 2002, the London based Arabic language newspaper, *Al-Sharq Al-Awsat*, published an interview with Umm Nidal, the mother of a Palestinian suicide bomber. The following are excerpts from the interview.

Question: How did the idea of carrying out a martyrdom operation develop in your son's soul?

Answer: Jihad [holy war] is a religious commandment imposed upon us. We must instill this idea in our son's souls . . .

Question: Did you have a role in the planting of this spirit in your son?

Answer: Allah be praised! I am a Muslim, and I believe in Jihad. Jihad is one of the elements of the faith, and this is what encouraged me to sacrifice my son in Jihad for the sake of Allah. My son was not destroyed. He is not dead. He is living a happier life than I. Had my thoughts been limited to this world, I would not have sacrificed my son.

I am a compassionate mother to my children, and they are compassionate toward me and take care of me. Because I loved my son, I encouraged him to die a martyr's death for the sake of Allah . . .

Jihad is a religious obligation incumbent upon us, and we must carry it out. I sacrificed my son as part of my obligation.

This is an easy thing. There is no disagreement among scholars on such matters. The happiness of this world is an incomplete happiness. Eternal happiness is life in the world to come, through martyrdom. Allah be praised! My son has attained this happiness.

Question: How did your son say goodbye before he carried out the operation?

Answer: He brandished his weapon and told me: "Mom, this is my bride!" He loved his gun so much . . . I told him to be patient and plan well so that he didn't sacrifice himself in vain . . .

I prayed from the depths of my heart that Allah would cause the success of his operation. I asked Allah to give

me ten Israelis for my son, and Allah granted my request. My son's dream came true as he killed ten Israeli settlers and soldiers. Our God honored him even more in that there were many other Israelis wounded . . .

After the operation was over, the media broadcast the news . . . and I began to cry, "Allah is the greatest!" I prayed and thanked Allah for the success of the operation . . . and I encouraged all my sons to die a martyr's death. I wish this even for myself.

Putting a Face on the Terrorism



Rabbi Yaakov Dickstein

Several minutes before the beginning of Shabbat, on 17 Av, Friday, July 26th, Palestinian terrorists ambushed the family of Rabbi Yaakov Dickstein as they were driving on the outskirts of Hebron. The rabbi and his wife, Hannah, were brutally murdered, together with their 9 year old son, Shuvel Tzion. Two other sons were wounded.

Rabbi and Mrs. Dickstein were the parents of 10 children. Three of them are below the age of 5. The rabbi (age 45) was a senior teacher and beloved spiritual mentor at the academy operated by the Temple Institute in Jerusalem.

At the funeral, the oldest son, Tzvi (20), said his parents "were killed in the light of day in front of their children, merely because they were Jews living freely in their land that they loved so much and without fear." He told how fervently his father looked forward to the re-building of the Temple in Jerusalem and how he was focusing his studies on the Temple sacrifices. The son concluded by saying, "Father and mother, you decided Israel was your place, and it has become true for eternity." ☆

A Devout Catholics's View of Religion

Dr. David R. Reagan

At an airport recently where I had a layover, I wandered into a book store and saw a special display of books with a sign at the top that said: "Runaway #1 National Bestseller." The book was entitled **The O'Reilly Factor**. It was written, of course, by Bill O'Reilly, the popular and controversial host of the Fox News Channel's program, "The O'Reilly Factor."

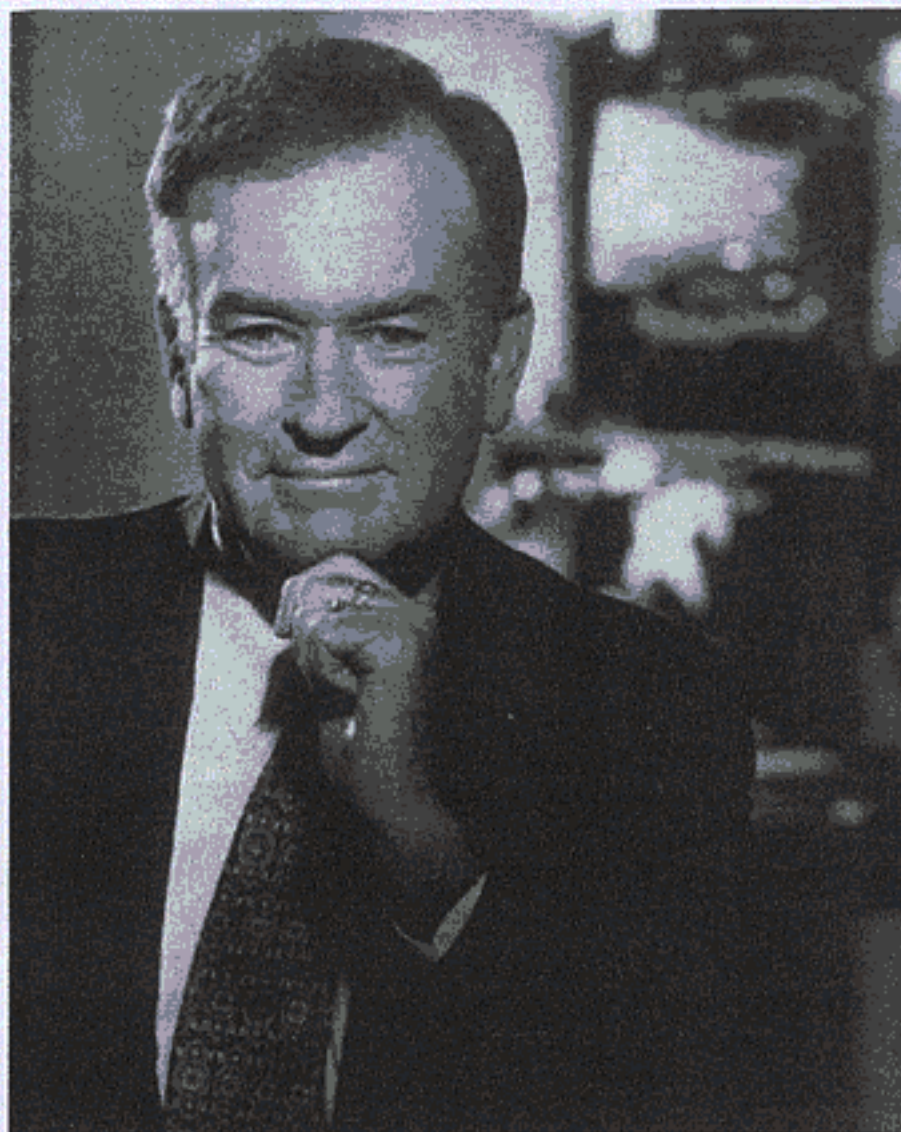
I had heard of O'Reilly, but I knew little about him. What attracted me to the book was the subtitle: "The Good, the Bad, and the Completely Ridiculous in American Life." A brief glance through it convinced me that it was a rather flippant pop-culture book written by a man who shoots from the hip. But I decided to purchase it to see what kind of message it contained that was so appealing to the American public.

From beginning to end Mr. O'Reilly emphasized that his view of almost everything had been shaped by his upbringing in a strict Roman Catholic heritage. Never did that claim become more apparent than when I got to chapter 14: "The Religion Factor."

For a long time I have argued that Roman Catholicism is a blasphemy of true Christianity because of its teaching that salvation is merited by good works. All you need to do to test this assertion is to ask a Catholic whether or not he would go to Heaven if he died today. In my experience, more than 80% will answer, "Perhaps," or "Maybe," or "I hope so." If pushed to answer why they think they are saved, they will usually answer, "Because I am a member of the Catholic Church," or "Because I go to Mass regularly," or "Because I live a pretty good life — certainly better than most of the people I know." If you ask them, "Are you born again?" you will normally get a blank look, because most do not have the foggiest idea what that term means.

Mr. O'Reilly, the devout Catholic, educated throughout his life in Catholic schools has the following to say about religion:

- ▶ "The most important thing I can say about religion is that it's a good thing for all of us to have. It doesn't matter what you believe — as long as you believe in *something*." (page 163)
- ▶ "For me, religion is primarily a way to examine my conscience and spend some time thinking about things more important than my own existence." (page 163)
- ▶ "I've always believed that God is merciful but also has a sense of humor . . . So, I do not believe in an angry God who will punish human beings for having different spiritual beliefs from my fundamentalist Christian pen pals. Yes, I believe very strongly that evil will be punished. But God isn't keeping a list and checking it twice. If you try to be kind, responsible, and honest, good things will likely happen to you — both on this earth and the hereafter, whatever it is." (page 166)



Bill O'Reilly

- ▶ "The positive will neutralize the negative almost every time, unless the person is self-destructive and refuses to accept the good things that come along and the talents he or she is born with. I know I'm starting to sound like a New Age lemming here, but I do believe in the balance. I also believe in evil." (pages 166-167)
- ▶ "My last word on religion is a practical one based on timeless logic: If you live your life subject to the rules of Judeo-Christian tradition (or Buddhist, Islamic, or another religious tradition), then you will do more good than harm on this earth." (page 168)
- ▶ "So, if everyone was religious, wouldn't the world be a much better place in which to live? Of course it would. And if there is no God at the end of it all, what does it matter? You're in the ground or scattered to the winds. If the deity is a fraud, you won't possibly care. You're gone." (page 168)

There you have it: the deadly fruit of life-long teaching as a Catholic. No concept of a personal relationship with God. No concept of resting in the assurance of Jesus. Not even any real conviction that God truly exists. ✝

Note: For more information about the errors of Catholicism and how to reach Catholics with the Gospel, contact Proclaiming the Gospel Ministry headed up by Mike Gendron, a former Roman Catholic. You can contact the ministry from their website (www.pro-gospel.org/).

Christians must dress modestly!



Leslie Cox

It is a hot Saturday afternoon, and I, along with some of my friends, am headed to a Christian concert. A local Christian radio station is celebrating 20 years of service to the community, and many popular Christian artists are scheduled to perform.

As I walk toward the stadium where the concert is being held, my attention is drawn to other teenage girls around me. What catches my eye is the way the girls are dressed. Their clothes leave little to the imagination.

They must have misunderstood what is happening here, I think. Surely, they wouldn't come to a "Christian" concert dressed like that.

But I am wrong.

In fact, after finding my seat, I notice that almost every girl in the stadium is dressed in the same manner: scantily, with lots of skin showing. Suddenly, I feel out of place in my knee-length skirt and navel-hiding, button-down shirt.

Don't get me wrong, I am not trying to paint myself as super spiritual. But when I see girls dressed like Britney Spears at Christian events, I can't help but question their reasons for attending altogether. Are they there to praise God? Or are they there to see how many guys' heads they can turn?

Does God Care?

I have discussed this subject with some of my friends, and while some agree with me, others say God only looks at the heart. How a person dresses doesn't matter to him. Wear whatever, wherever.

But how a person dresses does matter to God. In fact, the Bible gives specific guidelines as to how Christians should dress. According to 1 Timothy 2:9, we are to dress "modestly, with decency and propriety."

The word "decency" refers to purity. In other words, what a girl wears shouldn't provoke a guy to think about her in an ungodly fashion. She should dress in a way that is pure – not provocative. She should be seen by her peers as wholesome and clean – not flirtatious and cheap.

Admittedly, dressing virtuously isn't easy these days.

Fashion designers push the moral envelope more and more every season. What once was considered racy – tight clothes, sheer clothes and underwear-looking clothes – now is viewed as the norm.

But just because fashion designers throw modesty to the wind where teen clothes are concerned, God doesn't. And as Christians, we shouldn't, either.

Personally, I respect myself too much to wear certain things, but I respect God's opinion most of all. So whether I am going to a Christian concert or to a baseball game, I ask myself the following question: If Christ returned today, would I want to meet him dressed like this?

It is a question that I believe all Christian teenage girls should ask themselves before leaving home. ✚

Editor's Note: I was astonished when I turned to the editorial page of the *Dallas Morning News* on August 14th and saw this editorial! At first I thought it must be a parody. But no, it was a serious essay by a teen age girl expressing concern from her biblically based, Christian perspective about the increasing vulgarity of clothing worn by teen girls.

Leslie Cox is a 16 year old high school student who lives in Ft. Worth. She will soon be moving to Houston where she will attend Bethel Christian Academy, and she and her family will attend Church of Champions.

I share her concern over the way Christians have conformed to the world's standards (or lack of standards!) for dress, as well as other aspects of life. As our society has continued to "slouch toward Gomorrah" (a term coined by Judge Robert Bork), standards have been throw to the wind. Civility has given way to vulgarity. Today's new standard for everything is "different strokes for different folks." It is reminiscent of what happened to Israel during the time of the Judges. That society descended into social anarchy as "everyone did what was right in his own eyes" (Judges 21:25).

Entertainment is a cesspool of immorality and violence. As Steve Allen put it shortly before his death, "We have become a society of barbarians entertained by vulgarities."

Language everywhere is full of curse words and blasphemies. Even when it is devoid of trash, it is often ungrammatical and full of slang.

Barbarity has been revived in the form of tattooing and body piercing. I recently received an email message from a person who told me he wanted to get a tattoo on his back that would honor the Lord! He said he preferred a verse of Scripture, and he asked me for a suggestion. I suggested Leviticus 19:28 which says, "You shall not make any cuts in your body . . . or make any tattoo marks on yourselves."

Manners have gone into the toilet. Kids have no respect for their elders. Women seek to be like men, and men treat them like trash.

And all of this has invaded the church. The Barna polls increasingly show little difference in attitudes and life styles between pagans and those who profess to be Christians. ✚

Meet our Staff Members



Kay Bien

Birth place and date: Dallas, Texas in 1951.

Husband's name and years married: Lee, 9 years.

Names and ages of children: Melissa (27), Jennifer (24), Adam (22). Four granddaughters.

Education: Winona High School (Valedictorian) and Tyler Junior College.

Lamb & Lion position and duties: Executive Secretary responsible for answering the phone, performing all secretarial tasks, and maintaining the computer mailing lists.

Number of years on staff: 4.

Number of years a Christian: 40.

Church membership: First Baptist in Branch, Texas.

Church activities: VBS teacher, church clerk, church council, and assistant treasurer.

Spiritual gifts: mercy, encouragement, and patience.

Favorite scriptures: Psalm 42 and Revelation 21:4.

Favorite Bible character: Rahab.

Favorite Christian book: *He's Gonna Toot, I'm Gonna Scoot* by Barbara Johnson.

Favorite Christian hymns and songs: "Beulah Land," and "The Lighthouse."

Favorite Christian singer or group: The Cathedrals.

Favorite Bible version: The New International.

Favorite pastimes: Cross-stitch and reading.

All-time favorite movie: "Calamity Jane."

All-time favorite book: *Secret of the Rose*.

Meet our Trustees



Ron Anderson

Birth place and date: Rising Star, Texas in 1936.

Wife: Twice a widower.

Names and ages of children: Julie (41), Carrie (39), and Jeff (38).

Education: B.S. in Economics at Texas Tech University.

Occupation: Businessman.

Numbers of years a Christian: 49.

Church membership: Hillcrest Church in Dallas.

Church activities: Businessmen's Bible study.

Spiritual gifts: Administration and helps.

Favorite scriptures: Isaiah 41:10 and Romans 12:2.

Favorite Bible character: Joseph.

Favorite Christian hymn: "It Is No Secret."

Favorite Bible version: The New International.

All-time favorite movie: "Ben Hur."

All-time favorite book: *The Left Behind Series*.

Favorite pastimes: Travel and western art.



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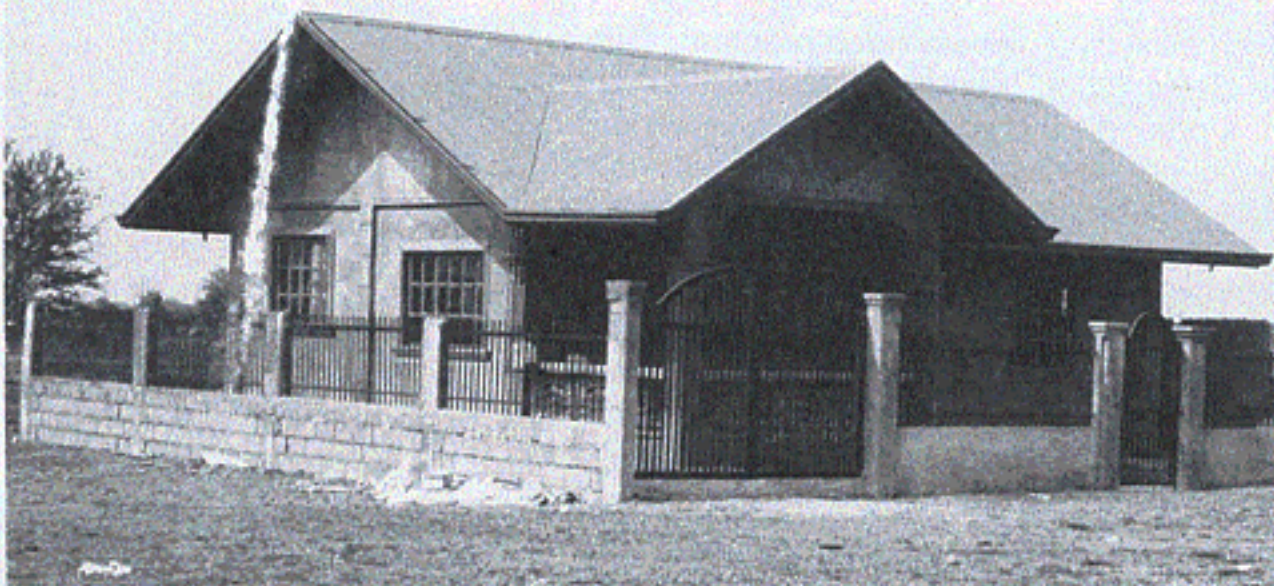
Ministry News

Philippines — The home we have been building in the Philippines for Pastor Remegio Blanco and his wife has finally been completed, and they have moved in. The home and land together cost \$13,000.

Pastor Blanco and his family live in Pangasinan province, north of Manila. He is a humble servant of God who has a great zeal for reaching lost souls for Jesus. This construction project enabled him and his wife to move out of a bamboo hut that flooded every year during the monsoon season. Thanks for your help in making this great gift possible!

You can write a letter of encouragement to Pastor Blanco at the following address: P.O. Box 7, Santa Maria, Pangasinan 2440, The Philippines. And if you write, please tell him that you are praying for his wife's health. She has a tumor that needs to be removed.

Cates Video — In mid-July we held a premiere of the Darlene Cates video with about 300 people in attendance. Darlene and all her family were present, and Darlene greeted the people personally (see the photo below). This video would make a wonderful gift for your Christmas list. Keep it in mind! The cost is \$10 plus \$2 for mailing. To order copies, call 1-800-705-8316.



Finances — We made it through the summer without experiencing the usual "summer slump" in giving. We praise the Lord, and we are thankful to you for your generous and loving support. We have two financial goals between now and the end of the year:

- 1) \$100,000 for television to provide funds for new staff, production, and broadcast.
- 2) \$10,000 for new computer equipment capable of running our new software system that will be installed in January. The new system will handle mailing lists, sales, donations, payroll, and financial accounting.

Unusual Contacts — Over the years people have come in contact with this ministry in some unusual ways. One person found our magazine in a trash can at the post office and became a strong supporter. Another dropped a ring of his on the floor of a rental car. When he started searching around under the driver's seat for it, he found one of our cassette tapes. He played the tape and became a supporter. Recently, a lady who was suffering despair, got on the Internet, called up a search engine, and typed in the words, "I hate this world." The first item that came up was an article of Dr. Reagan's on our website in which he used that exact phrase. The article ministered to her, and she wrote and thanked us.

Website — Dr. Reagan spent a considerable amount of time in August completely revising the ministry's website. So, if you haven't accessed it recently, you might check it out. The address is www.lamblion.com. The ministry's radio programs for the past year are archived on the website, and you can listen to them while performing other tasks with your computer.

Prophecy Partners — The key supporters of our ministry are called Prophecy Partners. They are people who have pledged to give \$15 a month for one year. Dr. Reagan sends them a special report about the ministry every month and includes a gift, usually a tape about some aspect of Bible prophecy. To join, call 1-800-705-8316.

Give the Cates Video for Christmas

The ministry's newest video program, "The Darlene Cates Story," has been released for distribution. It presents the powerful Christian witness of a 500 pound woman from a small town in central Texas who was transformed from a recluse into a movie star through the power of God.

Darlene bares her soul in this program as she tells how she was moved to desperation by the feeling that God had abandoned her. While contemplating suicide, she called her doctor and said, "Isn't there anything you can do for me? They shoot horses that are in better shape than I am!"

A God Who Cares

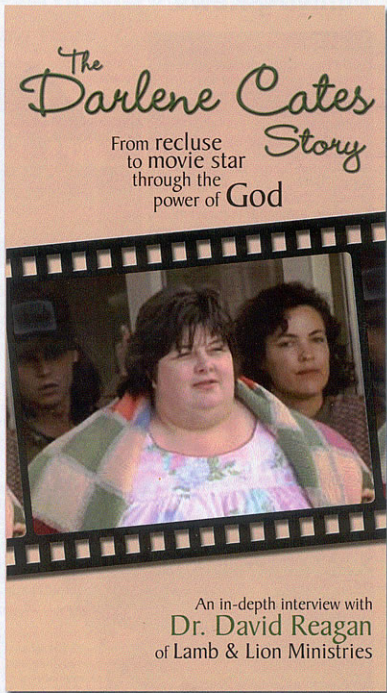
What Darlene did not recognize at the time was that God had not abandoned her. He had a purpose for her life that was beyond anything she could imagine. Through a bizarre series of God-incidences, Darlene suddenly found herself in the starring role of a major Hollywood production entitled, "What's Eating Gilbert Grape?" In that film she established herself as a gifted actress and has since appeared in many television programs, including the leading role in a segment of "Touched by an Angel" that was written especially for her.

In moving words Darlene describes how God gave her a sense of self-worth by enabling her to touch the lives of millions of people through television and film. The video is imaginatively edited by Don Gordoni and includes several very emotional scenes from the Gilbert Grape movie.

A Program for the Heart

This program will have you laughing one moment and crying the next. When it concludes, you will truly understand the meaning of 1 Peter 5:7 which encourages us to cast all our anxieties on God "because He cares for you." The program is appropriate for showing to congregations, Bible study classes, youth groups, and secular organizations.

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