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From the Editor:

How to Prevent Another Day911

The following words were affirmed at the founding meeting of We Hold These Truths in 1996:

“This power elite, which WHTT calls ‘The Warmakers’, has and is inundating us with debt; creates ever-worsening inflation and ever-increasing power over the lives of citizens. Fostering immorality in every form, it corrupts every institution within reach. Designing to cause the destruction of the family, it promotes unspeakable moral, social and criminal problems at home.” “Who We Are,” WHTT Website (<http://www.whtt.org/whoware.htm>)

On the first Anniversary of Day911 we are mired in war with another poor country. This, The First War to Avenge Day911, ended officially on December 12, 2001, according to Afghanistan's Islamic press, which then admitted defeat.

The war against the Afghans lasted about 59 days longer than the first war against Iraq, that sur-

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THE SOURCE OF OUR WAR PROBLEM: WHY JUDEO-CHRISTIANS DO NOT DEMAND PEACE

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A church service or Sunday morning TV evangelist sermon is usually not complete without words to the effect that “our society is crumbling.” I heard these exact words preached only last Sunday. One who mulls this over might ask the question, how can a Christian country like ours have a crumbling society... ought this not be an oxymoron?

Most other nations have long viewed America as the world's most Christian nation. In fact, it is a common misunderstanding abroad, especially in Muslim countries, that whatever our government does is a reflection of Christian values. This appears to be correct in the sense that an overwhelming percentage of Americans classify themselves as “Christians” in the public opinion polls. The number of churches and church attendance with the United

States' reputation as a “democracy” give further testimony. With rare exception politicians for major office mirror this preference by making it known that they too like to be thought of as “Christians.” Based on these measures of Christianity in America, we should be doing fine as a culture.... and if not, then

true one as we shall see) is that our society appears to be one of Christ followers but is not; the abundance of churches, the enormous TV Christian budgets, and even the attendance itself are signs not of holiness but of affluence and boredom. If this is true, then the pastor at the pulpit may be right, our society may indeed be crumbling.

A hallmark of Christ's teachings is a call to love all men, not simply those one agrees with, and to seek peace with that love even at a cost...even to place peace before affluence. Any who deny this deny most of what Christ said. That includes those who claim to follow Him from the lofty heights of federal government and the cockpits of war machines. Those who call

themselves by Christ's name, yet doubt what you have just read, are invited to read the book of Matthew, especially the 5th chapter,



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which begins, “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven” and continues in this vein throughout the chapter, before reading one more line of this essay. (<http://www.genesis.net.au/~bible/kjv/matthew>)

In spite of our leaders’ professions and oft-stated suggestions in word and innuendo, our government is now undeniably engaged in almost continuous, aggressive violence that has lately been referred to as undeclared “wars.” Few reasonable

persons will deny that the result is and will be accelerating dollar costs (inflation) at home and death and destruction to others delicately referred to as “collateral damage.” Nonetheless, dozens of statements from many popular Christian leaders indicate that they support, virtually without objection, the administration’s stated plan to continue the Afghanistan war into dozens of other countries. To this end, US Vice-President Dick Cheney has stated as many as 50 countries may be involved. Few pastors or TV evangelists have objected.

An observer from outer space might well ask, “If America is indeed a Christian nation, then doesn’t this make Christianity a religion of crusades and wars?” If Christianity is not a religion of war, what are popular American Christians doing to prevent and ameliorate the damage from serial wars to less fortunate persons who are clearly victims of America’s unmatched and unlimited destructive power? And, what about the psychological damage to those asked to push the buttons of mass assassination? The answer is, far from helpful — most professing Christian leaders are throwing gas on the fire. We must

first ask, who within the ranks of those who call themselves Christians are responsible for promoting war, and why do they do it?

The Biblical and secular accounts of Jesus’ arrest, persecution, trial and execution attest to the power of the Pharisee sect today now know as Judaism. It is noted here that Jerusalem was completely destroyed by war in 70 AD when Palestine, as the Romans called it, was under Pharisaic religious influence if not political control. This occurred less than 35 years after Christ predicted its



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destruction in the 19th Chapter of Luke. Next, we will examine, as Jesus Christ did, the historic, religious leaders who called themselves “Pharisees.” Jesus had much to say about this sect that virtually controlled spiritual and political life in Judea, collected tributes, and even manipulated the leaders of the occupying Roman Legion.

ARE PHARISEES EXTINCT?

The Pharisees Jesus denounced have not gone away, but have established an even more formidable control mechanism in our society than ever existed in Christ’s mortal lifetime. Some are Christian Pharisees and some are Jewish. First, let us define them. The noun “Pharisee” occurs, according to Strong’s Concordance, 78 times in the New Testament, much more frequently than “Satan.” Yet usage of the word has been largely eliminated from teaching in many Bible studies, the pulpits of America’s churches, professing Christian media and even seminaries. Who were and who are the Pharisees, and is there a logical reason why we rarely hear about them today?

WEBSTER DEFINES PHARISEE:

“One of the members of a school or party among the ancient Jews noted for the strict formal observance of the rites and validity of traditions of the elders.” Further on: “Pharisee interpretation provided the standard of observation and belief for the great majority of the Jews from the 1st Century A.D.” Pharisaic: “Hypocritical, self righteous and censorious of others” -- **Webster’s New International Dictionary of the English Language**, 2nd Edition, 1950.

Webster’s all but forgotten definition is an accurate one. Pharisees were in conflict with Jesus whenever they met. Followers of Christ confronted the Pharisees repeatedly. It was a “Jewish” sect that followed the “traditions of the elders” as Webster stated and as Jesus also said. These traditions are widely accepted as have been transcribed into the **Talmud** [“the collection of writings constituting the Jewish civil and religious law: it consists of two parts, the Mishnah (text) and the Gemara (commentary), but the term is sometimes restricted to the Gemara.” - **Webster’s New Universal Unabridged Dictionary**, 2nd Edition, 1972].

The 1950 dictionary did not recognize that Pharisaism was, even then, no longer exclusively Jewish, as it once may have been. Pharisaic influence long before the 1950s could probably have been found in every denomination in America, busily refracting the light of evangelical Christianity onto a pharisaic screen. It was then, and has become both a Judeo and a self-professing Judeo-Christian subculture.

All mention of the Pharisaism occurs in the New Testament where it formed the center of conflict around Jesus, His disciples, and His followers. As Jesus predicted many were stalked, scourged and killed by the Pharisees. In addition to the 78 verses in which Pharisee is mentioned by name, pronouns including “you” point to Pharisees in many additional verses. The Pharisees are the objects of Jesus’ debate and denunciation in entire chapters in Matthew, Luke and John as well as the writings of Paul who claimed he once had been a Pharisee, having killed Christians. These many references provide undeniable accounts

of the ongoing conflict and plot against Jesus' life for all who read them. The noun "Pharisee" occurs about three times more often than the infamous name of Judas, 30 times more than Satan and 50 more times than the name of Pontius Pilot. It is, without a doubt, the most denounced noun in the New Testament. It is the only name that Jesus constantly associated with Satan.

Jesus' followers feared the political power of the Pharisees more than the Romans. Yet, the word "Pharisee" is pointedly ignored by most Christian leaders and all but forgotten in modern evangelical Christendom and the ranks of the celebrity, media broadcasters. "Pharisee" may, also, be the most avoided word found in the Bible. Some pastors and most television evangelists are capable of preaching the year through without ever mouthing the forbidden word, except in passing, on the way to some other object lesson. Pharisees are ignored from the pulpit as an extinct and irrelevant species.

Organized Bible study courses rarely mention whom the Pharisees were or why Jesus pronounced upon them so harshly and never treat the Pharisee as an anti-Christ type to watch out for in our day. Celebrity Christians on national TV never suggest why the Pharisees' war on Jesus has anything at all to do with His followers.

CENSORSHIP IN THE CHURCH

The word Pharisee has not yet been removed from any Bibles we know of, but most Bible commentaries and concordances avoid any serious treatment of how they operate to control civil government, and who their successors are today. The **Thompson Chain Reference Bible** is a very popular one that is supposedly designed to help readers understand the scriptures. Thompson includes a concordance, an index of where important words are to be found. And, the newest edition has all but

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eliminated mention of Jesus' conflict with this sect in its concordance. Amazingly, the Thompson's new edition lists only one of the 78 verses referring to Pharisees by name. Yet, its previous 1962 edition listed four of these. Pray tell, what happened to the other three verses it previously recognized, not to mention 74 previously ignored?

But further study makes Thompson look worse. The four references to Pharisees cited are all, atypically, favorable. Each one has to do with Paul's own Pharisaic history before his conversion. It appears the publisher is whitewashing the word and all but deleting "Pharisee" from its readers' vocabularies.

This is unthinkable because Jesus denounced the Pharisees, the most powerful and destructive faction of anti-Christianity. He repeatedly called them a generation of vipers and sons of Satan. Like Thompson, most study Bibles and Bible study courses that use them omit all but casual mention of Pharisees. Curiously, the much-maligned, paraphrased, Living Bible Concordance contains the 77 key sites found in Strongs, and is fair and easy reading.

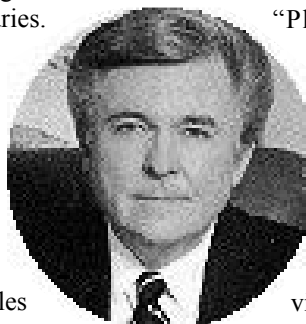
TODAY'S PHARISEES

Let us examine what has become of the Pharisees in our modern society and how they continue to attempt to control our lives. The New Testament tells us they controlled Judea at the time of Jesus' mission. Today, both Christian-professing and Jewish Pharisees control Palestine again with unimaginable brutality. Needless to say, we do not think Pharisees have gone away; else they would not be tampering with our beliefs. Nor did Webster think they had gone away, as he said in his 1950 definition that Phari-

saism became modern Judaism.

The venerable, traditionally Christian Webster is not the only one to say this. Proper definitions are taken from correct and proper usage of that less censored age. Many Rabbis have proudly provided the rabbinical sources for Webster's definition. The **Universal Jewish Encyclopedia**, 1943, states: "The Jewish Religion, as it is today, traces its descent without a break from the Pharisees — their ideas and methods are found in the Talmud." And Rabbi Louis Finklestein, head of the Jewish Theological Seminary, stated in his book **History of the Jews**, 1949:

"Pharisaism became talmudism...the spirit of the ancient Pharisees survived unaltered ... therefore any discourse regarding the Jewish religion must be based on Talmudism." Jewish leaders in the 1950s obviously were proud of their claim to be Pharisees.



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Not all Jews are Pharisees any more than all Pharisees are Jews. Just as Pharisees dominated religious thinking in Jesus' time, today they have far too much to say about what the leaders of our government do. Much worse they have established influence over what Christians think. Pharisaic Judaism attempted, but failed, to censor Christian thought in the first century; today they are succeeding. This is, indeed, a sad reflection on popular Christian leadership.

PROMOTERS OF ISRAELI PHARISAISM

Jerry Falwell, Pat Robertson, Jack Van Impe and dozens more like them have made careers by promoting Israel as a political state and a chosen race. Thousands of local church leaders are following this example. Many of these self-professed Christian leaders are the Pharisees of today, achieving fame and influence by pleasing the secular, Zionist media powers.

THE MID-EAST WARS: FIXING THE BLAME

The terrible war between Israel and Palestine known as Intifada II, the second uprising, erupted in September 2000, and has claimed over 2,000 Palestinian lives and almost 600 Israeli lives, plus a few from other nations. It is time to name and condemn the responsible parties; this has not been done. Only then can the killing stop. Naming the guilty parties is easy because they have come forward publicly to name themselves. We Americans have simply not accepted their confession. Perhaps we too are implicated.

The guilty are neither the Palestinian nor the Israeli people. This becomes clear when you talk to both sides. That the American government is the financier of the war is a conclusion understood by just about everyone except the Americans. In this author's travels in the Mid-East I found no one, including school children, who failed to recognize that the American Government is providing the missiles. And, that the war would end without American funding. The European and even the Russian press say so.

During my visit to Gaza, students asked, "Why do you Ameri-

cans permit your government to make war on us?" Let us answer that question. At the root of the problem is a Christian, race-hate subculture that has emerged within the American church, under

American Zionist leadership. Without this unholy alliance there would have been no uprisings, because the West Bank and Gaza would not have become occupied territories. Without this Subculture the war against the Palestinian people, the war against the Afghans, and the currently promoted, second war against Iraq would all be unsustainable in the Congress. This report will show that the political base sup-

porting these wars comes from inside what is thought of as American Christianity, under the influence of radical Israeli patriots, both Jewish and otherwise.

Ralph Reed, Chairman of the **Georgia Republican Party** and former executive director of Pat Robertson's **Christian Coalition**, and Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein, founder of the **International Fellowship of Christians and Jews**, have become co-chairmen of a new anti-Islamic hate group called the **Stand For Israel** campaign. Southern Baptists Jerry Falwell and Oliver North, and many others have expressed support for the campaign's goal of recruiting 100,000 churches and a million Christians to "support Israel." Rabbi Eckstein describes **Stand for Israel** as the

"**C h r i s t i a n A I P A C**" (American Israeli Political Affairs Committee).

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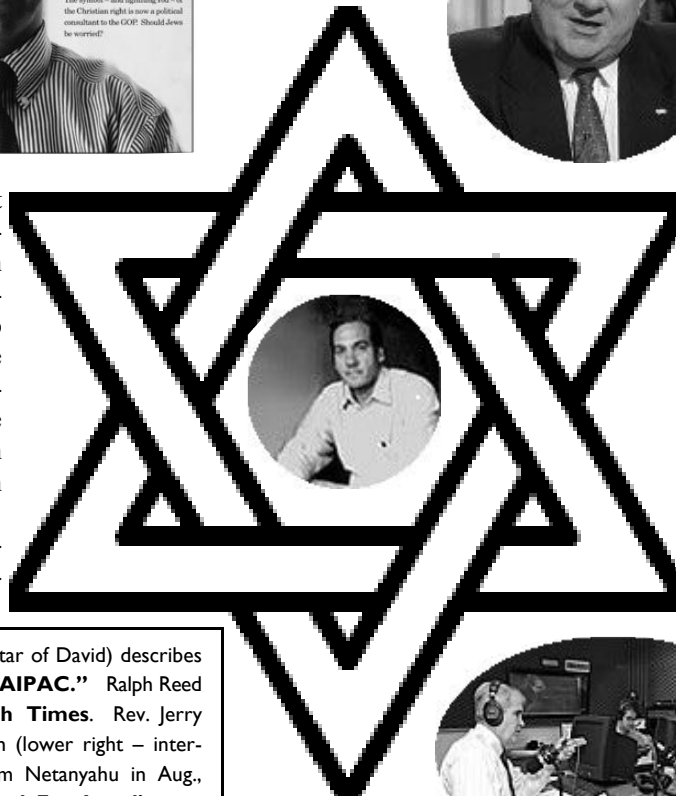
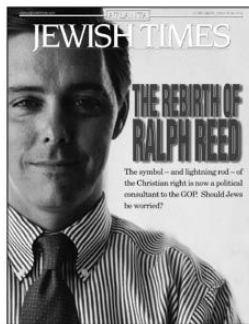
Israel will also control the **Stand for Israel** campaign.

[Refer to our report on an **AIPAC** meeting held on May 13, 2002 in Phoenix. At the meeting the national anthem of Israel was sung, but not **The Star Spangled Banner**. <http://www.whtt.org/articles/020513.htm>]. **Stand For Israel** has already shown itself to be a hate generating subculture designed to pit Christians against Muslims. Israeli patriot, Rabbi Eckstein, leads it. The Southern Baptist Convention, America's largest evangelical, fundamentalist church, has officially declared itself committed to Israel, and at holy war with Islam.

Our source is the Christian leaders' own



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Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein (center of the Star of David) describes **Stand For Israel** as the "**Christian AIPAC**." Ralph Reed (upper left) was extolled in the **Jewish Times**. Rev. Jerry Falwell (upper right) and Oliver North (lower right - interviewing former Israel leader, Benyamin Netanyahu in Aug., 2002) have expressed support for **Stand For Israel's** campaign goal of recruiting 100,000 American churches and a million Christians to "support Israel."

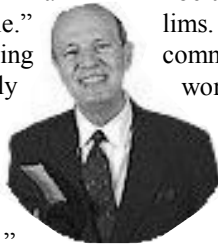
words. Let us quote some of its founders and most powerful supporters of Israel's war against Palestine.

According to a report by Adella M. Banks of the Religious News Service, the new SBC president, Reverend Jack Graham, pastor of Prestonwood Baptist Church in Plano, Texas, joined other leaders of his denomination in publicly denouncing Islam's venerated prophet Mohammed as a "demon-possessed pedophile." This could be likened to calling the pope a pervert — a highly unusual act by a dignified church leadership committed to Christ's commandment to "love your brother" and, even "your enemy." Here is the text of the statement by Jerry Vines, outgoing president of the SBC: **"Islam is founded by Mohammed, a demon-possessed pedophile who had 12 wives, and his last one was a nine-year old girl."** So said Reverend Vines.

After his June 11 election, Dr. Graham said he believes his successor's statement is **"accurate."** Mr. Graham did not make it clear why having a harem, one wife being a child, is proof of either pedophilia or demon-possession in the 9th century. Baptists also read the Book of Genesis as if it was written today, as we will see. Sex crimes, and most crimes for that matter, are virtually unheard of in Palestine today. Gaza with a population of 1.2 million no longer has even a prison because the Israelis destroyed it with American supplied smart bombs. The SBC's concern over Mohammed's child bride was probably a custom of his day. But I do not hear the Southern Baptist leadership discussing the well-known rules for pederasty set out in Israel's state religion, Judaism, in the 5th century Talmud, gross and ugly, as they are (Sanhedrin 55b-55a). Rabbi Eckstein could no doubt enlighten Messrs. Graham and Vines about what the Talmud says about sanctioned sex with little girls. Perhaps Dr. Graham is judging the Islamic prophet's marriage and sexual practices

in Dallas, Texas, in the 21st century. It is noted that the word "pedophile" is big in religious news right now--a trendy word to toss around a Baptist convention.

Outgoing President Vine expressed what must be taken as the official Southern Baptist view. His choice of words, "pedophile" and "demonic," is inflammatory and can only be designed to deliberately provoke anger among Muslims. Reverend Graham affirmed Vine's comment, but later soft-pedaled his own words, stating: **"We realize there are**



Southern Baptist Conference leaders Rev. Jerry Vines (left) and Rev. Jack Graham (right) have declared war on Muslims.



differences in religions but every person has the right to worship in adherence to the con-

fines and dictates of his heart." Obviously Dr. Graham cannot believe both of his statements. Hatred of Islam is now Baptist policy. And, it supports war on Islam.

Name-calling and character slur of the Muslim Prophet is mild when compared to what others in the Baptist bureaucracy lashed on the backs of the Palestinian people. Richard L. Land, a Harvard-educated spokesman for the SBC, and a permanent fixture as head of the powerful **Southern Baptist Ethics and Religious Liberties Commission**, obviously thinks Southern Baptist ethics do not preclude declaring war on another religion (or race), for he levels his attacks on the Palestinian people as the enemies of Israel □ some of whom are known to be Baptists! Land stated: "God made an unconditional covenant **(with the present day State of Israel)**, and he doesn't negotiate. It's God's way or the highway."

These are not just hot words from a cold pulpit; they were formally delivered at a June 10 press briefing at the South-

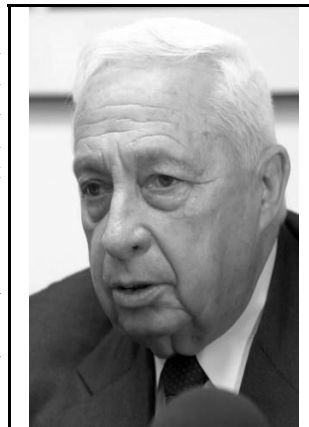
ern Baptist Convention at the American Center in St. Louis. These words are policy. They are Dr. Land's crass way of saying Palestinian families should hit the road and turn over their land to the state of Israel, because he thinks they did not get their land title from God. Dr. Land does not tell the Palestinians which highway to use or which desert they should march out into, or how they will survive. Is he promising Manna if they leave? His interpretation of scripture dictates that each family give up all its worldly property and leave...or die like many already have. Land continued: **"Supporting Israel is a matter of being obedient to God."**

Can anyone doubt the meaning of Dr. Land's words? He must believe that the State of Israel is carrying out God's work. Therefore, are we to believe the secular State of Israel is the Baptist Church's proxy God? What about the first of the Ten Commandments, **"thou shalt have no other God before me?"** No other but the State of Israel?

What does this make Ariel Sharon? When the Baptists allow Israel's Sharon or his successors to become a God icon, they accept the acts of

Israel as their own, including the bloodshed. By so doing, the Southern Baptist Convention has declared itself to be a 25 million member, hate-subculture, political block led by Ariel Sharon. Sharon embraces the Celebrity Christians fondly as "Christian Zionists," but he makes no secret of his own contempt for those he uses. Recently Sharon told the American Congress he knows the land of Palestine was given to the Zionists because "the Pope told me so." Sharon loves to joke of those who believe in God.

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publicly proclaimed: **“God has blessed them** (referring to Arabs), **and he will continue to bless them everywhere but Palestine, because God gave Palestine to the descendants of Isaac forever.”**

Land’s logic is not traditional Baptist doctrine. This author is a former Southern Baptist and was for some years a Baptist Deacon. Rather, Land’s doctrine can be found in the heretical footnotes of Oxford University Press’ own dispensationalist bible, rewritten in 1967, at the time of the Six Day War, and named the **Scofield Reference Study Bible**. Its impact is discussed in detail in the next chapter. His quotes come almost word-for-word from the Oxford bible’s heretical footnotes, composed more than 500 years after the King James Edition was written.

Dr. Land seems to believe that while God blessed both the sons of Abram, one was given land and the other none. Furthermore, he wants us to believe he has divine knowledge of which of the sons was the founder of which living tribe 3000 years ago, and moreover he want us to believe he knows which families today are descended from each of the two sons. Of course, there is not a shred of historical or genetic evidence to support any of these assumptions. Abraham’s DNA has not been found. We would like to ask Dr. Land if he can name his family tree back 3000 years? Worst of all, based upon Dr. Land’s (and Rabbi Eckstien’s) interpretation of someone’s bible footnotes, we are supposed to decide who lives and who dies in the Middle East.

Drs. Graham, Vine and Land, and many others, all clearly tell us they are prepared lead their followers into supporting genocide on the Palestinian people because they are members of the

Arab race and most are Muslims. They join our President in thinking it is less painful to watch Arabs starve if their Prophet is proclaimed to be demonic. The SBC’s outrageously racist words should bring shame on all Baptists and cause them to demand change in their hierarchy.

Land makes no concession for the Christian Arabs in Palestine, which includes some of my own friends who live in Gaza and belong to the Baptist Church there. Land says they must hit the “highway” because God gave the land they live on to someone called Jacob who fathered a different tribe. Thus, on account of their race, they must die or starve, even if they are Baptists. How racist can you get? Does this also apply to Arab Jews in Gaza, of whom there are probably some?

Not a single Israeli of any religion can prove himself to be in direct lineage to someone three thousand years ago. This is also true of the rest of us, no matter how tidy the family records. Yale

University geneticist Mazim Qumseyeh has told **We Hold These Truths** that the DNA evidence is not available and that the Arab Palestinian is genetically similar to the Arab Jew. [see: **DNA Evidence: Correcting Misinformation About "God's Chosen People"** — www.whtt.org/bookstor]

In Gaza City, the Baptist church is located between the Library of Culture and Light and the Islamic Center on Omar Mukhter Boulevard. There I met and interviewed three Christian Arab members who consider themselves Baptists. Some of them have already been bombed by the Israelis. One, who asked that I not use his name, (Mr. J.) had to find a new school for his two boys because the Israelis had bombed their school into rubble a few days before I arrived. They used American-made F-16s and 500-pound American Smart Bombs. The Southern Baptist Convention has tacitly approved of every air raid because they believe the Israelis are of Jacob’s seed and the Arabs are of Ishmael’s. Does Dr. Land, we wonder, have a special “dispensation” to protect Mr. J’s Christ following, Baptist children when the rest of the Arabs have to hit the “highway?” Does he really believe Israelis from Russia should occupy Mr. J’s land, owned for hundreds of years, based on Land’s interpretation of Mr. J’s ancestors? We shall learn why.



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THE PHARISEES LAY SIEGE ON AMERICAN CHRISTIANITY

The French author, Alexis de Tocqueville, wrote **Democracy in America** when he traveled here in the first third of the 19th Century. In ringing tones he sang the praises of America's invulnerable strength and spirit. He attributed its greatness to its citizens' sense of morality... even with the abundant church attendances he observed in America. De Tocqueville wrote in French and is credited with this familiar quote: **"America is great because she is good; and, if America ever ceases to be good, she will cease to be great."** De Tocqueville could see the power of America, but he could not have known in 1830 that she was soon to be under an attack aimed at its churches and the very sense of morality that he extolled.

First, there was a War Between the States that scarred the powerful young nation in its strapping youth. A worse attack on America was to commence near the turn of the 20th century. This was the onset of an attack on American Christianity that continues unabated against the traditional, Christ-following church. This attack, which author Gordon Ginn calls "The Final Apostasy," began with a small, very wealthy and determined European political movement. It had a dream, and the American churches stood in its way.

The World Zionist movement, as its Jewish founders called themselves, had plans to acquire a homeland for all Jews worldwide, even though most were far from homeless, and many did not want another home. Not any land would do. World Zionists wanted a specific property that American Christians called "the Holy Land." But if these Zionists read **Democracy in America** or any of the journals of any of America's churches, which no doubt they did, they could not help but know that Jerusalem was not theirs to have. As self-proclaimed Jews, they were, according to the Christian New Testament, the persecutors of Christ and most of his early followers, and the engineers of his crucifixion.

America's traditional churches in the 19th Century would never stand for a Jewish occupation of Jesus' homeland.

World Zionist leaders initiated a program to change America and its religious orientation. One of the tools used to accomplish this goal was an obscure and malleable Civil War veteran named Cyrus I. Scofield. A much larger tool was a venerable, world respected European book publisher: The Oxford University Press.

The scheme was to alter the Christian view of Zionism by creating and promoting a pro-Zionist subculture within Christianity. Scofield's role was to interpret the King James Version of the Bible by inserting Zionist-friendly notes in the margins, between verses and chapters, and on the bottoms of the pages. The Oxford University Press used Scofield, a pastor by then, as the Editor, probably because it needed such a man for a front. The revised bible was called the **Scofield Reference Bible**, and with limitless advertising and promotion, it became a best-selling "bible" in America and has remained so for 90 years.

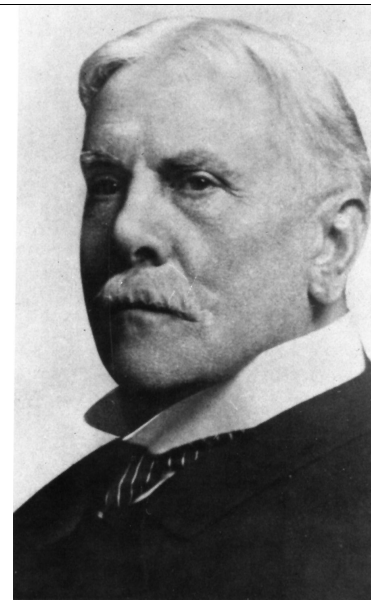
The **Scofield Reference Bible** was not to be just another translation, subverting minor passages a little at a time. No, Scofield produced a revolutionary book that radically changed the context of the King James Version. It was designed to create a subculture around a new worship icon, the modern State of Israel, a state that did not yet exist, but that was already on the drawing boards

of the committed, well-funded authors of World Zionism. Scofield's support came from a movement that took root around the turn of the century, supposedly motivated by disillusionment over what it considered the stagnation of the mainline American churches. Some of these "reformers" were later to serve on Scofield's Editorial Committee.

Scofield imitated a chain of past heretics and rapturists, most of whose credibility fizzled over their faulty end times prophecies. His mentor was one John

Nelson Darby from Scotland, who was associated with the Plymouth Brethren and who made no less than six evangelical trips to the US selling what is today called "Darbyism." It is from Darby that Scofield is thought to have learned his Christian Zionist theology, which he later planted in the footnotes of the **Scofield Reference Bible**. It is possible that Scofield's interest in Darbyism was shared by Oxford University Press as Darby was known to Oxford University. ("The History of Darbyism" - http://www.cloudnet.com/~dwyman/neatby_toc.htm)

The Oxford University Press owned the **Scofield Reference Bible** from the beginning, as indicated by its copyright. Scofield stated that he received handsome royalties from Oxford. Oxford's advertisers and promoters succeeded in making Scofield's bible, with its Christian Zionist footnotes, a standard for interpreting scripture in Judeo-Christian churches, seminaries, and Bible study groups. It has been published in at least four editions since its introduction in 1908 and remains one of the largest sell-



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ing Bibles ever.

The **Scotfield Reference Bible** and its several clones are all but worshiped in the ranks of celebrity Christians, beginning with the first media icon, evangelist Billy Graham. Of particular importance to the Zionist penetration of American Christian churches has been the fast growth of national bible study organizations, such as Bible Study Fellowship and Precept Ministries. These draw millions of students from not only evangelical fundamentalist churches, but also from Catholic and mainline Protestant churches and non-church contacts. These invariably teach forms of “dispensationalism,” which draw their theory, to various degrees, from the notes in the Oxford Bible.

Among more traditional churches that encourage and in some cases recommend the use of the **Scotfield Reference Bible** is the huge Southern Baptist Convention of America, whose capture is World Zionism’s crowning achievement. Our report on Southern Baptist Zionism, entitled “The Cause of the Conflict: Fixing Blame,” can be seen at (<http://www.whtt.org/articles/020707.htm>).

Scotfield, whose work is largely believed to be the product of Darby and others, wisely chose not to change the text of the King James Edition. Instead, he added hundreds of easy-to-read footnotes at the bottom of about half of the pages, and as the Old English grammar of the KJE becomes increasingly difficult for progressive generations of readers, students have become increasingly dependent on the modern language footnotes.

Scotfield's notes weave parts of the Old and New Testaments together as though all were written at the same time by the same people. This is a favorite device of modern dispensationalists who essentially weigh all scripture against the unspoken and preposterous theory that the older it is, the more authoritative. In many cases, the Oxford references prove to be puzzling rabbit trails leading nowhere - simply diversions. Scotfield's borrowed ideas were later popularized under the labels and definitions that have evolved into common

usage today - “pre-millennialism,” “dispensationalism,” “Judeo-Christianity,” and most recently the highly political movement openly called “Christian Zionism.”

Thanks to the work of a few dedicated researchers, much of the questionable personal history of Cyrus I. Scotfield is available. It reveals that he was not a Bible scholar as one might expect, but a political animal with the charm and talent for self-promotion of a Bill Clinton. Scotfield's background reveals a criminal history, a deserted wife, a wrecked family, and a penchant for self-serving lies. He was exactly the sort of man the World Zionists might hire to bend Christian thought - a controllable man and one capable of carrying the secret to his

Was Scotfield hired by World Zionists to bend Christian thought?

grave. (See **The Incredible Scotfield and His Book** by Joseph M. Canfield).

Other researchers have examined Scotfield's eschatology and exposed his original work as apostate and heretical to traditional Christian views. Among these is a massive work by Stephen Sizer entitled **Christian Zionism, Its History, Theology and Politics**. (<http://virginiawater.org.uk/christchurch>)

We Hold These Truths is grateful to these dedicated researchers. Our own examination of the Oxford Bible has gone in another direction, focusing not on what Scotfield wrote, but on some of the many additions and deletions The Oxford University Press has continued to make to the **Scotfield Reference Bible** since his death in 1921. These alterations have further radicalized the Scotfield Bible into a manual for the Christian worship of the State of Israel beyond Scotfield's imagination. This un-Christian, anti-Arab theology has permitted the theft of Palestine and 54 years of death and destruction against the Palestinians, with hardly a complaint from the Judeo-Christian, mass media evangelists

or most other American church leaders. We thank God for the exceptions.

It is no exaggeration to say that the 1967 Oxford 4th Edition makes a God of the State of Israel, a state that did not even exist when Scotfield wrote the original footnotes in 1908. This writer believes that, had it not been for misguided anti-Arab, race hatred promoted by Christian Zionist leaders in America, neither the Gulf War nor the Israeli war against the Palestinians would have occurred, and a million or more people who have perished would be alive today. What proof does WHTT have to incriminate World Zionism in a scheme to control Christianity? For proof we offer the words themselves that were planted in the 1967 Edition, 20 years after the State of Israel was created in 1947, and 46 years after Scotfield's death. The words tell us that those who control the Oxford Press recreated a bible to misguide Christians and sell flaming Zionism in the churches of America.

There is little reason to believe that Scotfield knew or cared much about the Zionist movement. However, at some point, he became involved in a close and secret relationship with Samuel Untermeyer, a New York lawyer (whose firm still exists today) who was one of the wealthiest and most powerful World Zionists in America. Untermeyer controlled the unbreakable thread that connected him with Scotfield. They shared a password and a common watering hole - and, it appears that Untermeyer may have been the one who provided the money that Scotfield himself lacked. Scotfield's success as an international, bible editor without portfolio and his lavish living in Europe could only have been accomplished with financial aid and international influence.

This connection might have remained hidden, were it not for the work of Joseph M. Canfield, the author and researcher who discovered clues to the thread in Scotfield family papers. But even if the threads connecting Scotfield to Untermeyer and Zionism had never been exposed, it would still be obvious that the connection was there. It is significant that Oxford, not Scotfield, owned the book, and that after Scotfield's

death, Oxford accelerated changes to it. Since the death of its original author and namesake, the **Scotfield Reference Bible** has gone through several editions. Massive pro-Zionist notes were added to the 1967 edition, and some of Scofield's most significant notes from the original editions were removed where they apparently failed to further Zionist aims fast enough. Yet this edition retains the title, **The New Scofield Reference Bible, Holy Bible**, Editor C.I. Scofield. It's anti-Arab, Christian subculture theology has made an enormous contribution to war, turning Christians into participants in genocide against Arabs in the latter half of the 20th century.

The most convincing evidence of the unseen Zionist hand that wrote the Scofield notes to the venerable King James Bible is the content of the notes themselves, for only Zionists could have written them. These notes are the subject of this paper.

Oxford edited the former 1945 Edition of **SRB** in 1967, at the time of the Six-Day War when Israel occupied Palestine. The new footnotes to the King James Bible presumptuously granted the rights to the Palestinians' land to the State of Israel and specifically denied the Arab Palestinians any such rights at all. One of the most brazen and outrageous of these **new inserted** footnotes states:

“For a nation to commit the sin of anti-Semitism brings inevitable judgment.” (page 19-20, footnote (3) to Genesis 12:3.) (our emphasis added)

This statement sounds like something from Ariel Sharon, or the Chief Rabbi in Tel Aviv, or Theodore Herzl, the founder of Modern Zionism. But these exact words are found between the covers of the 1967 Edition of the Oxford Bible that is followed by millions of American churchgoers and students and is used by their leaders as a source for their preaching and teaching.

There is no word for “anti-Semitism” in the New Testament, nor is it found among the Ten Commandments. “Sin,” this writer was taught, is a personal concept. It is

something done by individuals in conflict with God's words, not by “nations”. Even Sodom did not sin - its people did. The word “judgment” in the Bible always refers to God's action. In the Christian New Testament, Jesus promises both judgment and salvation for believing individuals, not for “nations.”

There was also no “State of Israel” when Scofield wrote his original notes in his concocted **Scotfield Reference Bible** in 1908. All references to Israel as a state were added **after** 1947, when Israel was granted statehood by edict of the United Nations. The Oxford University Press simply rewrote its version of the Christian Bible in 1967 to make antipathy toward the “State of Israel” a “sin.” Israel is made a god to be worshiped, not merely a “state.” David Ben-Gurion could not have written it better. Perhaps he did write it!

The Oxford 1967 Edition continues on page 19:

“(2) God made an unconditional promise of blessings through Abram's seed (a) to the nation of Israel to inherit a specific territory forever.”

“(3) There is a promise of blessing upon those individuals and nations who bless Abram's descendants, and a curse laid upon those who persecute the Jews.” (Page 19, 1967 Edition Genesis 12:1-3)

This bequeath is joined to an Oxford prophecy that never occurs in the Bible itself:

“It has invariably fared ill with the people who have persecuted the Jew, well with those who have protected him and “The future will still more remarkably prove this princi-

ple.” (Footnote (3) bottom of page 19-20 Genesis 12:3)

None of these notes appeared in the original Scofield Reference Bible or in the 1917 or 1945 editions. The state of Israel **did not exist** in 1945, and according to the best dictionaries of the time, the word “Israel” only referred to a particular man and an ancient tribe, which is consistent with the Bible text. See “Israel,” **Webster's New International Dictionary**, 2nd (1950) Edition. All of this language, including the prophecy about the future being really bad for those who “persecute the Jews,” reflects and furthers the goals of the Anti-Defamation League, which has a



In modern Israel the roles of David & Goliath have changed.

stated goal of creating an environment where opposing the State of Israel is considered “anti-Semitism,” and “anti-Semitism” is a “hate crime” punishable by law. This dream has become a reality in the Christian Zionist churches of America. Only someone with these goals could have written this footnote.

The State of Israel's legal claims to Arab lands are based on the United Nations Partitioning Agreement of 1947, which gave the Jews only a fraction of the land they have since occupied by force. But when this author went to Israel and asked various Israelis where they got the right to occupy Palestine, each invariably said words to the effect that “God gave it to us.” This interpretation of Hebrew scripture stems from the book of Genesis and is called the “Abrahamic Covenant.” It is repeated several times and begins with God's promise to a man called Abraham who was eventually to become the grandfather of a man called “Israel:”

“[2] And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shall be a blessing.”

“[3] And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee. And in the shall all families of the earth be blessed.” Genesis 12:3, King James Edition.

It is upon this promise to a single person that modern Israeli Zionists base their claims to what amounts to the entire Mid-East. Its logic is roughly the equivalent of someone claiming to be the heir to the John Paul Getty estate because the great man had once sent a letter to someone's cousin seven times removed containing the salutation “wishing you my very best.” In **Sherry's War, We Hold These Truths** provides a common sense discussion of the Abrahamic Covenant and how millions of Christians are taught to misunderstand it.

It is tempting to engage in academic arguments to show readers the lack of logic in Scofield's theology that has led followers of Christ so far astray. It seems all too easy to refute the various Bible references given in support of Scofield's strange writings. But we will resist the temptation to do this, because others have already done it quite well, and more importantly because it leads us off our course.

It is also inviting to dig into Scofield's sordid past as Canfield has done, revealing him to be a convicted felon and probable, pathological liar, but we leave that to others. Our interest is not in Scofield's life, but in saving the lives of millions of innocent people who are threatened by the continuing Zionist push for perpetual war.

Instead, we will examine the words on their face. The words in these 1967 footnotes are Zionist propaganda that has been tacked onto the text of a Christian Bible. Most of them make no sense, except to support the Zionist State of Israel in its war against the Palestinians and any other wars it may enter into. In this purpose, Zionism has completely succeeded. American Ju-

deo-Christians, more recently labeled “Christian Zionists,” have remained mute during wars upon Israel's enemies in Palestine, Iraq, Afghanistan, Bosnia and elsewhere. It is past time to stop the spilling of more blood, some of it Christian blood.

Now, for evidence of the intent of the Zionists deception of Christians, let us examine some Scofield's notes **that have been altered or removed** by Oxford after his death. In 1908 Scofield wrote:

“The contrast, ‘I know that ye are Abraham's seed’ —‘If yea were Abraham's children is that between the natural and the spiritual posterity of Abraham. The Israelitish people and the Ishmaelitish people and are the former; all who are ‘of the precious faith with Abraham,’ whether Jews or gentiles, are the latter (Romans 9: 6-8; Galatians 4: 14. See ‘Abrahamic Cove-

*That Scofield's notes have been modified by others after his death is revealed by **We Hold These Truths'** research.*

nant' Gen. 15: 18, NOTE).” (Scofield's 1945 Edition, page 1127, note to John 8:39).

Compare that with the Oxford note substituted in the 1967 Edition:

“8:37 All Jews are natural descendants of Abraham, but are not necessarily his spiritual posterity, CP Rom 9-6-8, Gal 3: 6-14” (Note (1) P1136, Oxford 1967 Edition, note to Jn 8:37.)

How, pray tell, can “all Jews” be “natural descendants of Abraham,” a Chaldean who lived some 3000 years ago? Persons of all races are Jews and new Jews are being converted every day from every race. One might as well say all Lutherans are the natural descendants of Martin Luther; or that all Baptists come from the loins of John the Baptist. This note could only have been written by an Israeli patriot, for no one else

would have a vested interest in promoting this genetic nonsense. Shame on those who accept this racism; it is apostate Christianity.

The original Scofield note was far out of line with traditional Christianity in 1908 and should have been treated as heresy then. Yet Scofield had failed to go far enough for the Zionists. Scofield clearly recognized what the book of Genesis states, that the sons of Ishmael are co-heirs to Abraham's ancient promise. Did not Scofield say, “the Israelitish people and Ishmaelitish people are...the natural posterity of Abraham?” The Oxford Press simply waited for Scofield to die and changed it as they wished. And what is it that Scofield said that did not satisfy the Zionists who rewrote the Oxford 1967 Edition? The answer is an easy one. **Most Arab and Islamic scholars consider Arabs in general and the Prophet Mohammed in particular to be direct descendants of Ishmael, Abraham's first son and older half-brother of Isaac, whose son Jacob was later to become known as “Israel.” Many Arabs believe that through Ishmael they are co-heirs of Abraham's promise, and they correctly believe that present-day Israelis have no Biblical right to steal their land. Jewish Talmudic folklore also speaks of Ishmael, so the Zionists apparently felt they had to alter how Christians viewed the two half brothers in order to prevent Christians from siding with the Arabs over the land theft.**

The Zionists solved this dilemma by inserting a senseless footnote in the 1967 (Oxford) Scofield Reference Bible which, in effect, substitutes the word “Jews” for the words “The Israelitish people and Ishmaelitish people,” as Scofield originally wrote it. The Israelitish and Ishmaelitish people lived 3000 years ago, but the Zionists want to claim the Arabs' part of the presumed birthright, right now! Read it again; “all Jews are natural descendants of Abraham, but are not necessarily his spiritual posterity.”

And, there is more of such boondoggery in the Oxford bible. On the same page 1137 we find yet another brand

new Zionist-friendly note referring to the New Testament book of John 8:37:

“(2) 8:44 **That this satanic fatherhood cannot be limited to the Pharisees is made clear in 1Jn3: 8-10**” (note SRB 1967 Edition, P1137 to John 8:44)

Let us look at the verse Oxford is trying to soften, wherein Jesus is speaking directly to the Pharisees, who were the Jewish leaders of his day, and to no one else:

“Ye are of your father the devil, and the lust of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, speaketh of his own; for he is a liar, and the father of it.” John 8:44 King James Ed.)

Those are plain words. No wonder the Zionists wanted to dilute what Jesus said. Not only did Oxford add a new footnote in 1967, but also they inserted no less than four reference cues into the King James sacred text, directing readers to their specious, apostate footnotes. It seems the Zionists cannot deny what Jesus said about Pharisees, but they do not want to bear the burden of being “sons of Satan” all by themselves. Now here's the text of the verse to which Oxford refers in order to try to solve this problem:

“He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the work of the devil.” (1Jn3:8.King James Edition)

Fine, but this verse, spoken by Jesus to His followers in a speech about avoiding sin, in no way supports Oxford's argument that Jesus was not talking directly to and about the Pharisee leaders when he called them “Sons of Satan” in John 8:44. It is a different book written at a different time to a different audience. This is typical Christian Zionist diversion.

To find out to whom Jesus is speak-

ing you must read the rest of John 8, not something from another book. Furthermore, John 8:44 is only one of some 77 verses where Jesus confronted the Pharisees by name and in many cases addressed them as “satanic” and as “vipers.” Oxford simply ignores most of these denunciations by Jesus, adding no notes at all, and the Christian Zionists go along without question.

These are a few examples of Zionist perversions of scripture that have shaped the doctrine of America's most politically powerful religious subculture, the “Christian Zionists” as Ariel Sharon calls them, or the dispensationalists, as intellectual followers call themselves, or the Judeo-Christians as our politically-correct politicians describe themselves. Today's Mid-East wars are not caused by the predisposition of the peoples, who are no more warlike than any human tribes. Without the pandering to Jewish and Zionist interests that is carried out by this subculture--the most vocal being the celebrity Christian evangelists — there would be no such wars, for there is not enough support for war outside of organized Zionist Christianity.

Reverend Stephen Sizer of Christ Church, England (<http://www.christ-church.info>) is perhaps the most dedicated new scholar writing about the Scofield Bible craze, popularly known as Christian Zionism. He has quipped, “Judging Christianity by looking at the American Evangelists is kind of like judging the British by watching Benny Hill.”

Reverend Sizer's remark brings to mind another Benny; his name is Benny Hinn, not a British comic, but an American evangelist spouting inflammatory hate-filled words aimed at Muslims everywhere. Hinn was speaking to the applause of an aroused crowd of thousands in the American Airline Center in Dallas when he shocked two Ft. Worth Star Telegram religious reporters covering the July 3rd event by announcing, “We are on God's side,” speaking of Palestine. He shouted, “This is not a war between Jews and Arabs. It is a war between God and the Devil.” Lest there be any doubt about it, Hinn was talking about a blood war in which the Israelis are “God” and

the Palestinians are “the Devil.” Benny Hinn is one of hundreds of acknowledged Christian Zionists who have no problem spouting outright race hatred and who join in unconditional support for Israel without regard for which or how many of Israel's enemies are killed or crippled. His boldness stems from his knowledge that the vast majority of professing Christians from whom he seeks his lavish support — the Judeo-Christians, or Christian Zionists — do not shrink at his words, because they have been conditioned to accept them, just as Roman citizens learned to accept Christian persecution, even burning alive, under Nero. Several evangelists in attendance affirmed their agreement with Hinn — “the line between Christians and Muslims is the difference between good and evil.”

An amazing number of professing Christians are in agreement with the fanatical likes of Hinn, including Gary Bauer, Ralph Reed, James Dobson and hundreds more. Yet Hinn's profit-seeking fanaticism is not as shocking as that of men like Richard Land of the Southern Baptist Convention who occupy the highest positions in the area of conservative religious thought. Land may have stopped short of branding all Muslims as devils, but he attacked their leader and Prophet and stated that, according to Baptist Bible interpretation, the Palestinian people have no legal rights to property in Palestine. (See our discussion of Southern Baptists entitled “The Cause of the Conflict: Fixing Blame” at <http://www.whtt.org/articles/020707.htm>.)

The more politically conservative and libertarian the speaker expressing hatred for Islam, the more shocking the statement sounds. One example is Samuel Blumenfeld, a veteran textbook author and advocate of home education. His attack on Islam in a story entitled “Religion and Satanism” in the April 2002 conservative, Calvinist Chalcedon Report leaves little room for civil liberties and freedom of thought. He writes, “Islam is a religion ruled by Satan,” and asks, “Can anyone under the influence of Satan be trusted?” Blumenfeld shows poor judgment and a lack of morality

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From the Editor (Continued from page 1)
rendered after one day in January 1991 Iraq. Revered Robert Boody, a missionary for world peace, helped convince King Hussein of Jordan to influence its neighbor, Iraq, to capitulate so the war would not continue too one sided. Nevertheless, the US persecuted Iraqis until as many as 150,000 Iraqis were killed, many buried in trenches in the sand. Another 500,000 innocent Iraqi children have been killed in the over 10 years since the end of Desert Storm.

The Second War to Avenge Day911 is also to be against Iraq, that survives on a gross national product that is less than most small western states, having not yet begun to recover from the 1991 war.

We should not be surprised

that the big press, political leaders, and talk show hosts demand more retribution. But why do the leaders of the Jesus sect support war? What ever happened to turn the other cheek, love your enemy as yourself, and do unto others as you would have them do unto you? America's most prominent Christians leaders are in the war parade, denouncing Islam, and demanding more vengeance. Why?

If you do not know the answer to this question you are about to learn why in this report.

"A Christian who rejects what Jesus accepted, or who accepts what Christ rejected, ought to know he is not a Christian, but has been made to think he is." - Robert Boody.

when he allows phrases such as "willing agents of Satan," "another manifestation of Satanism" and "the willingness of Muslims to believe blatant lies," to spill from his pen.

How can anyone interpret these words by Land, Hinn, Blumenfeld, and yes, our own President, as anything less than race hatred? Who would make such generalized and transparently false statements against any other minority except Muslims?

About 100 million American Christians need to recover their true faith in Christ Jesus, who never denounced any individual on account of his group. Jesus even tried to save the Pharisees, and only denounced them when they showed themselves to be deceivers. There is not a word in the New Testament that urges any follower of Jesus to murder one child in Iraq or condemn Palestine to death. Race hatred is a Zionist, not a Christian, strategy.

Christian Zionism may be the most bloodthirsty apostasy in the entire history of Christianity or any other religion. Shame on its leaders: they have already brought the blood of untold numbers of innocent people down upon the spires and prayer benches of America's

churches.

WHTT asks every Christian to share this article with pastors and church leaders, especially lay leaders. We ask every Muslim and Jew who reads it to do the same. You might wish to suspend giving money to any organizations that preach Zionist race hatred in any form, especially under the cover of Jesus Christ. And lastly, **We Hold These Truths** invites your informed comments and questions.

Resources from WHTT

Listen to "Kulture Klash II, How Oxford University Press and C.I. Scofield stole the Christian Bible," WHTT Internet Talk Radio (www.whtt.org) - also available on tape.

The Incredible Scofield and His Book, Joseph M. Canfield, hard cover. (soon available)

Sherry's War: Twenty page research paper, plus 1 hour audiotape by C. E. Carlson, - How Judeo-Christians mix and match scripture verses and use extra text out of context to promote the Pop Church's "chosen people" and end times

scenario. Sherry and many other well-meaning, professed Christians have justified war against Arab people without a scrap of scriptural support and with little knowledge of the conflict. "Sherry's War" offers insight into current Christian sub-culture and why many have justified or ignored the brutal assassinations of Islamic peoples simply because they are not Israelis or Christian. An introduction to WHTT's classic 20-page study by the same name; Sent to all contributors.

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