

# **Middle East Deception**

# By Joe King

The Arabic word "Taqiya," means "concealing, precaution, guarding." The art of the lie! Jordanian Prince Hassan bin Talal put it this way: "We come from a Byzantine civilization, from centuries of dissimulation. I mean we (Middle Easterners) are professional liars."



Jordanian Prince bin Talal ("we are professional liars")

The Arabs feel that it is perfectly ok to lie—if the truth is uncomfortable. David Pryce-Jones wrote in "The Closed Circle" "Lying and cheating in the Arab world is not really a moral matter but a method of safeguarding honour and status, avoiding shame, and at all times exploiting possibilities with those for the wits for it, deftly and expeditiously to convert shame into honour on their own account and vice versa for their opponents. If honour so demands, lies and cheating become absolute imperatives."

Lie Number one: Jews have little historical connection to the land of Israel. The truth: Jews have lived continuously in the land of Israel for more than 3,000 years. The Arabs began arriving, as invaders, in the 7<sup>th</sup> century.



The ancient Jewish presence in Israel—verified by everything from the Dead Sea Scrolls to archaeological discoveries.

Sherif Hussein, guardian of the Islamic Holy Places in Arabia, referred to the Jews as the land's "original sons" (abna'ihilasliyin) and referred to them as "exiles" (jaliya).

The "Palestinian" Arabs have even claimed to be descended from the original Canaanites—a claim totally without quotable authority. The Arabs have created a people who never existed!

Lie Number two: Jerusalem is holy to Islam. The truth: The Koran does not mention Jerusalem. In contrast, the Bible mentions "Zion" and "Jerusalem" 809 times and religious Jews mention Jerusalem, in their prayers, every day.

While a Grand Mufti of Jerusalem claimed "there is not a Jewish stone in Jerusalem," the Supreme Moslem Council, in its 1930 "A Brief Guide to al-Haram al-Sharif, described the Temple Mount as "one of the oldest in the world. Its identity with the site of Solomon's Temple is beyond dispute."



Arch of Titus from 73 c.e. in Rome showing the Roman seizure of the Temple

(Of course, in Rome, the Arch of Titus dated 73 c.e. celebrates the destruction of the Jewish temple in Jerusalem.)

The Iraqi-born Moslem author, Kanan Makiya, in an article entitled "Whose Jerusalem" (London Review of Books, Feb. 7, 2002):

"The first thing the Moslems did (after conquering Jerusalem) was to clean up the Temple Mount. (It had been used by the ruling Byzantine Christians as the city dump). Since 1962, it has been graced by the Dome of the Rock, the oldest Muslim monument and Muslim civilization's first great work of art....The evidence suggests that it was not built for the reasons Muslims now give, but rather to celebrate and revere a Jewish holy site, the last remaining vestige of the Temple of the Jews."

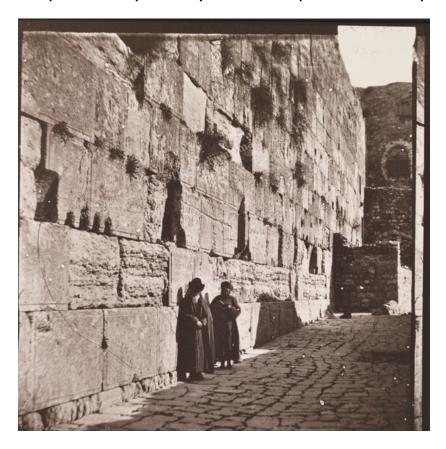


Pope John Paul II

Pope John Paul II wrote in 1984:

"Jews ardently love Jerusalem and in every age venerate her memory, abundant as she is in many remains and monuments from the time of David who chose her as the capital, and of Solomon who built the Temple there. Therefore, they turn their minds to her daily, one may say, and point to her as the sign of their nation."

Lie Number three: The Temple of Solomon is not Jewish. The truth: The Arabs make the false claim that the Western Wall (the remains of the Temple of Solomon) is really a remnant of the Al-Aqsa Mosque. The Mosque actually was built on top of the Jewish Temple in reverence for the site.



The Temple of Solomon

Lie Number four: Israel occupies Arab Palestine. The truth: There never was an Arab state called Palestine. The Arabs never referred to themselves as "Palestinians." Only the Jews used the label—the Palestine Post, the Palestine Symphony, etc. The Arabs referred to themselves as Ottomans, or Turks, southern Syrians or simply "Arabs." Sixteen years after Israel was reborn, Egyptian President Abdel Gamel Nasser (who had been pro-Nazi during World War II) created the Palestine Liberation Organization, tasked to destroy the Jewish state and attach the territory to his own country. He created the myth of a Palestine people to serve his own ambitions.

Furthermore, Britain—to meet what it felt was an obligation to the Hashemite Royal Family—in 1920, severed 75% of the Balfour Declaration's territory to create a 22nd Arab State—named after the river Jordan. The Hashemites, who had no historic connection to the land, drove out the few Jews

living there and deny Jews the right to live in land once part of Biblical Israel. There is "occupied Palestinian land" in the region; it's called Jordan and the bulk of its population are descended from Arabs who fled the fighting when Israel was reborn. Jews living in what became Jordan were expelled.



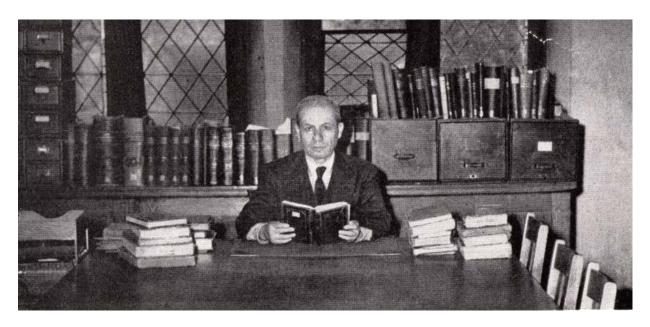
The Jordanian Legion—British-led, British armed, British trained.

In the 1948 War of Liberation, the Jordanian Army—trained, equipped and largely led by British officers—captured Judea and Samaria—then renamed, by the Jordanians, as the "West Bank"—and seized Old Jerusalem. Jordanian troops then destroyed all the ancient synagogues in the city, and used Jewish grave stones in their latrines. The only countries recognizing this aggression were Britain and Pakistan!

(In vivid contrast, when I was in Jerusalem in June, 1967, shortly after Israeli troops had reunited the city, the Israelis had placed before each religious structure a sign reading: "This is a holy Place. Respect it.")

"There is no such country (as Palestine)! 'Palestine is a term the Zionists invented! There is no Palestine in the Bible. Our country was for centuries part of Syria."

Auni Bey Abdul-Hadi, Arab leader, to the Peel Commission, 1937.



Arab historian Professor Philip Hitti: "There is no such thing as Palestine in history."

Professor Philip Hitti, a distinguished Arab-American historian, testified before the Anglo-American Committee in 1946:

"There is no such thing as 'Palestine' in history, absolutely not."

Lie Number five: Israel is an apartheid state. The truth: "Apartheid" refers to the South African program whereby non-whites did not have equal status in society. Israel is a democracy and all its citizens have the same rights under the law. However, most Arab States do practise apartheid—giving full status only to Muslims and often discriminating and persecuting religious minorities. At the same time, ancient Jewish communities were expelled by Arab states after Israel became a state in 1948.

Lie Number six: The Arabs want peace and a state on the "West Bank". The truth: The Arabs have repeatedly rejected peace and the opportunity of building a state in a portion of what was British-mandated Palestine. Through the years, what has passed for leadership in the Arab portion of the population, has rejected any compromise, mounted continuing terrorist attacks on civilians and called for the destruction of Israel.

(Jordan renamed the area historically known as Judea and Samaria as the "West Bank"; it is only west of Jordan per se.)

The UN's Ralph Galloway: "The Arabs don't want to solve the refugee problem."

"The Arab states do not want to solve the refugee problem. They want to keep it as an open sore, as an affront to the United Nations and as a weapon against Israel. Arab leaders don't give a damn whether the refugees live or die."

Ralph Galloway, former director in Jordan of UN aid to the Palestinians.

Lie Number seven: The Holocaust was a European crime; the Arabs played no role. The truth: While a million Jews enlisted in allied armies to fight the Axis in World War II, tens of thousands of Muslims enlisted in special units and were involved in the murder of thousands of Jews and other non-Muslims. Many Arabs were outspoken supporters of the Nazis. The most prominent was Haj Amin el-Husseini, the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, who became known as Hitler's Mufti and worked diligently to promote the Nazi movement in the Middle East, was a fanatic anti-Semite and pressed the Nazis to murder Jews. He was an architect of the Holocaust. Every Arab country—except Jordan and Saudi Arabia—supported the Fascists during the War and did what they could to see the Allies defeated.



**Grand Mufti of Jerusalem with Adolf Hitler** 

The Arabs claim that the death toll in the Holocaust is greatly exaggerated and claim "only 200,000 died" and suggest only two million Jews lived in Europe. Actually, the figure 6,000,000 murdered was verified by Hitler's Mufti in a 1945 broadcast, from Berlin, in which he referred to a Jewish world population of 11,000,000—6,000,000 less than the pre-war estimate. Husseini knew exactly how many Jews were murdered in the Holocaust and testimony at the Nuremberg Trials of Nazi War Criminals identified the Mufti as one of the architects of the Holocaust. (The Mufti was the only major war criminal not brought to justice. He fled to France—newly-liberated at great human cost—and was luxuriously accommodated by the DeGaulle government—in a suburban Paris villa—in an effort to curry favour with the Arab World. Husseini, after enjoying the hospitality of the French government for months, shaved his beard, dyed his hair and used a fake passport to fly—on Trans-World Airlines—to Cairo where pro-Nazi King Farouk warmly welcomed him and put him up in a Palace. The Mufti had nothing to fear when Farouk was deposed by a group of Egyptian Colonels—including Abdel Gamel Nasser and Anwar Sadat, both of whom were pro-Fascist.)



Israel's security fence—built to keep out Arab terrorists.

Lie Number eight: Israel's 'security fence" is, in reality, an "apartheid wall." The truth: The fence was erected, in 2003, in response to thousands of suicide bombings and rocket attacks by terrorists sponsored and armed by the Palestinian Authority and Hamas. The fence was built to keep out terrorists and terrorist attacks declined by more than 90% after the fence was constructed. Only Israel is condemned for installing a security fence while other countries—including Morocco, Pakistan, India, South Korea, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Thailand, Spain, Uzbekistan and the United States never face criticism for building similar barriers to lawless neighbours.

Lie Number nine: Israel caused the refugee problem. The truth: The so-called "Palestinian refugee problem" was created by the Arabs themselves when five Arab armies, largely armed by Britain and France, invaded the newborn state of Israel. The Arabs created a second, unrecognized Refugee Problem when they drove hundreds of thousands of Jews out of their countries in the Middle East and North Africa. The Jewish refugees were re-settled, largely in Israel, without international aid. The Arab refugees continue to be a charge on the United Nations—soaking up tens of billions of dollars in foreign aid.



Arabs fleeing their homes—on orders from their own leaders.

"On that day (15<sup>th</sup> May, 1948), the mufti of Jerusalem appealed to the Arabs of Palestine to leave the country, because the Arab armies were about to enter and fight in their stead." The Cairo daily Akhbar el Yom, Oct. 12, 1963

"For the flight and fall of the other villages it is our leaders who are responsible because of their dissemination of rumors exaggerating Jewish crimes and describing them as atrocities in order to inflame the Arabs....By spreading rumors of Jewish atrocities, killings of women and children etc., they instilled fear and terror in the hearts of the Arabs in Palestine, until they fled leaving their homes and properties to the enemy." The Jordanian daily newspaper Al Urdun, April 9, 1953

The Arabs in Palestine became alarmed and fled when they heard allegations of murder and rape in the city of Deir Yessin. A resident of the village, All Radwan, declared "There were no rapes. It's all lies. There were no pregnant women who were slit open. It was propaganda that....Arabs put out so Arab armies would invade. They ended up expelling people from all of Palestine on the rumour of Deir Yassin."

Four days after the Deir Yassin reports, Arabs ambushed a Jewish convoy on the way to the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem, killing 77 Jews, including doctors, nurses and patients. This massacre drew little attention. Furthermore, British Mandate authorities—in the waning days of their administration—refused to allow Jews the right to arm themselves and were directly responsible for the murder, by Arabs, of thousands of Jewish civilians.

Lie Number ten: Israel kills Arab civilians. The truth: It is the "Palestinian Arabs," who have mounted thousands of terrorist attacks against civilians and their suicide bombers, are hailed as national heroes.



The remains of the Syrian city of Hama; no one knows the final death toll.

In 1982, when the Muslim Brotherhood, in the city of Hama, rose up against the Syrian dictatorship, President Assad ordered the destruction of the entire city. No one knows the actual death toll—it certainly exceeded 10,000—and the city was cemented over.

One of the most infamous Arab staged events was the alleged slaying by Israeli snipers of a 12 year old boy, Muhammed al-Durya, dying in his father's arms. The film was taken by an Arab cameraman and an edited version of what happened (showing less than 60 seconds of 6 minutes of tape) was widely shown. A German documentary, based on the full tape, shows clearly that the Israelis could not have shot the boy—if he was shot at all. The "body" was whisked away in an ambulance already positioned at the scene. The French, who accepted the first version, refused to air the German documentary and the 'New Republic' reported that not a single US media showed the German disclosure of what really happened. It was a staged event as were many other "atrocities."

# A Pivotal Leader—liar, thief, terrorist

A long-time leader of the "Palestinians" was a man who called himself Yassir Arafat, and who claimed his family was run out of Palestine when Israel was created. Actually, Arafat's real name was Abed a-Rauf Arafat al-Qudwah al-Husseini and he adopted the nom de guerre Yasir Arafat when registering at Cairo University.

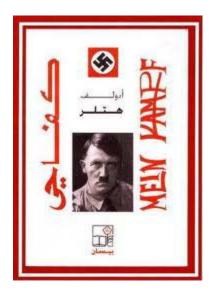


**Yasir Arafat** 

He did so to disguise the fact that he was a distant relative of Haj Ami el-Husseini, the murderous anti-Semite who collaborated with the Nazis in World War II. Arafat claimed to be born in Palestine, but actually was born in Cairo on August 24<sup>th</sup>, 1929. Arafat's father had moved to Cairo from British Mandated Palestine in 1923 and married a wealthy Egyptian woman. The terrorist leader had trained as an engineer but was out of work when Egyptian President Abdel Gamel Nasser gave him the task of heading up the PLO. During his long leadership of the PLO, Arafat killed far more Arabs than Jews and accumulated a fortune said be three billion dollars. He always carried a suitcase full of cash wherever he travelled, but, when he died, no trace of his luggage could be found. In 1990, Arafat had married a Christian Palestinian, Suha Taweel, and they had a daughter, Zahwa. Suha reportedly became estranged from Arafat and lived for years in Paris, receiving an allowance of \$100,000 a month. The actual cause of Arafat's death has never been revealed. A secret settlement was made of Arafat's estate.

#### The Publications

The Arab World enthusiastically reads and distributes two anti-Semitic diatribes: Adolf Hitler's "Mein Kampf" translated by the Muslim Brotherhood in 1930s (with nasty remarks about the inferiority of Arabs removed) and the Czarist fictional "Protocols of the Elders of Zion," shown by the Times of London in 1920 to be a product of the anti-Semitic Imperial Russian Secret Service. Arab leaders, including King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia and Libyan dictator Muammar Gaddafi, have stacks of the Protocols on their desk to be given as a gift to visiting leaders and journalists.



The Arabic version of Mein Kampf

## The "Other" Arabs

More than 1.4 million Arabs live in Israel and they are the only Arabs in the entire Middle East to enjoy the freedom and opportunities of a democracy. Israeli Arabs vote, sit in the Knesset (parliament), have tenured professors in Israeli universities and are Judges. When Israeli Arabs were surveyed about where they would like to live, if Jerusalem was partitioned between Israel and the Palestinian Authority, a majority said they would choose to live on the Israeli side.

The "Palestinians"

"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....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." Zahir Muhsein, member of the PLO executive Committee, in an interview with the Dutch newspaper 'Trouw" March 31<sup>st</sup>, 1977.

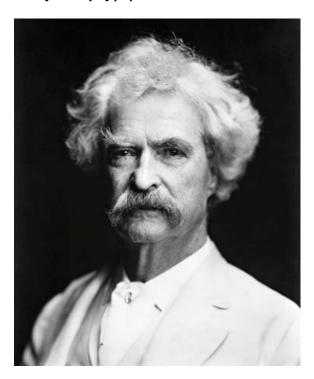
The Ottoman segment of its Empire, called Palestine, was virtually empty of population when the Jews began returning to their homeland in substantial numbers. They found a land laid waste by centuries of neglect.

Alphonse de Lamartine, writing of a visit to Palestine in 1835, stated:

"Outside the gates of Jerusalem we saw no living object, heard no living sound..."

In 1857, the British Consul in Jerusalem reported:

"The country is in a considerable degree empty of inhabitants and therefore its greatest need is that if a body of population."



Author Mark Twain visited Palestine in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century and found it virtually empty of people.

Author Mark Twain, visiting the Holy Land in 1867, wrote:

"(a) desolate country whose soil is rich enough, but is given over wholly to weeds—a silent mournful expanse..a desolation is here that not even imagination can grace with the pomp of life and action...We never saw human being on the whole route..."

Max I. Dumont, in his "The Indestructible Jews," wrote:

"In 1900, after twenty centuries of war, hate, and neglect, Palestine was a barren patch of desert, an unimportant 'vilayet' in the vast Ottoman Empire....In 1900, her 45,000 square miles of soil could barely support 350,000 people—nomadic Bedouins ravaging the countryside, poverty-stricken 'fellahin' living in mud huts, ignorant Hasids came to die in the Holy Land, and predatory Turkish bureaucrats squeezing the last 'paras' out of a diseased, starved, and oppressed population."

The Report of the Palestine Royal Commission in 1913 stated:

"The road leading from Gaza to the north was only a summer track suitable for transport by camels and carts...no orange groves, orchards or vineyards were to be seen until one reached Yabna (a Jewish village)...The western part, towards the sea, was almost a desert...The villages were few and thinly populated. Many ruins of villages were scattered over the area, as owing to the presence of malaria, many villages were deserted by their inhabitants."



King Abdullah—privately he admired the Israelis.

In sharp contrast, King Abdullah of Jordan wrote in his memoirs (published in 1946):

"I was astonished at what I saw of the Jewish settlements. They have colonized the sand dunes, drawn water from them, and transformed them into a paradise."

Had Abdullah lived—he was assassinated in Jerusalem by order of Haj amin el-Husseini—there likely would have been an initial breakthrough in Arab-Israeli relationships and history might have been astronomically changed.

The "Arab World"

There are 22 Arab states. Many were shaped by the outcome of World War I, when the victorious allies generously encouraged creation of Iraq and Jordan (comprising about 80% of the land pledged

to the Jews in the Balfour Declaration.) During World War I, British Prime Minister David Lloyd George, a strong supporter of Zionism, stated:

"No race has done better out of the fidelity with which the Allies redeemed their promises to the oppressed races than the Arabs...the Arabs have already won independence in Iran, Arabia, Syria and Trans-Jordan, although most of the Arab races fought throughout the war for their Turkish oppressors. Arabia was the only exception in that respect. The Palestinian Arabs fought for Turkish rule."



British Prime Minister David Lloyd George criticized the Arabs.

Where did the "Palestinian" Arabs come from? Winston Churchill, in 1939, noted:

"Far from being persecuted, the Arabs have crowded into the country and multiplied."

The Arabs, from neighbouring countries, poured into Palestine in response to the development of the country by Jews returning to their homeland. In 1882, the official Ottoman Turk census figures reported 141,000 Muslims were living in the land of Israel. By 1922, this number had exploded to 650,000—a 450% increase in 40 years. The flow of Arabs into the area was largely from Egypt, Syria, Lebanon and Jordan. In 1922, the British Governor of the Sinai noted:

"Illegal immigration was not only going on from the Sinai, but also from Trans-Jordan and Syria."

The Governor of the Syrian district of Hauran, Tewfik Bey, admitted in 1934 that in a period of only a few months more than 30,000 Syrians had moved from Hauran to Palestine.



British Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald – no friend of the Jews.

In 1939, Britain totally abandoned its obligations under the League of Nations Mandate by issuing a White Paper virtually closing the doors to Palestine to Jews trying to flee Hitler's Europe. British Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald, obviously no supporter of Zionism, admitted:

"If not a single Jew had come to Palestine after 1918, I believe that the Arab population of Palestine to-day would still have been around the 600,000 figure, at which it had been stable under Turkish rule. It is because the Jews who have come to Palestine bring modern health services and other advantages that Arab men and women would be dead are alive today, that Arab children who would never have drawn breath have been born and grow strong."

Arthur Koestler, in his book "Promise and Fulfilment; Palestine 1917-1949" wrote:

"The two main continuous stretches of territory, the coastal plain and the valley of Jezreel, which became the material foundation of the Jewish State, had been, before the arrival of the Jews, mostly a wilderness of sand-dunes, marshes and stony desert, with here and there a malaria-infested warren of mud huts, or a village in ruins, whose population had died out of disease. The expansion of Jewish colonization did not cause a shrinkage of Arab-cultivated land, nor a displacement or impoverishment of Arab farmers, but the direct opposite."



The United Nations General Assembly

## The United Nations

The United Nations, once the great post-World War II hope for international peace, has been hi-jacked to serve the interests of countries opposed to the fundamental under-pinnings of the UN. The United Nations' Charter gave human rights a new, international legal status. It mentions human rights five times—and identifies human rights as one of the four founding purposes of the international body. However, many members of the UN violate the Charter and are permitted to retain their membership. The United States' former UN Ambassador, Jeane Kirkpatrick, (in 2001) "The UN has the image of a world organization based on universal principles of justice and equality. In reality, when the chips are down, it is nothing other than the executive committee of the Third World dictatorships."



Eleanor Roosevelt with the Declaration of Human Rights she helped to write.

Islamist countries (including the Sudan, Pakistan, iran and Saudi Arabia" have criticized the Universal Declaration of Human Rights for what they feel is the failure of the UDHR to take into account the cultural and religious context of Islamist countries. The Cairo Declaration of human rights in Islam, an alternative document, declares people have "freedom and right to a dignified life in accordance with Islamic Shariah." The document does not recognize the freedom to change religion, give women equal rights or be open to any comparison of religions.

At the United Nations, a combination of Muslim and third world countries has made the UN a forum for supporting the so-called "Palestinians" and for condemning Israel based on distorted presentations. Meanwhile, Israel—making monumental contributions to human progress, does in a tiny, vulnerable patch of land representing only 1/10<sup>th</sup> of 1% of the Mideast.

The bottom line in this controversy is that the return of large numbers of Jews to the Holy Land actually brightened the lives of Arabs in the region. The Arab peasants, in pre-Israel years—known as "fellahin" had been exploited by the privileged land-owning Arab leaders, called "effendis." The ordinary Arab for centuries had been treated as serfs by their oppressive leaders—living in wretched mud huts, ravaged by hunger and disease. The return of substantial numbers of Jews threatened the effendis' domination of their own, victimized people.





The Knesset (Israeli parliament)

Only one country in the Middle East is a full-fledged democracy—and that is Israel.

Only one country in the Middle East quarantees equality for its women—and that is Israel.



Golda Meir, former Prime Minister of Israel

Only one country in the Middle East has an independent Judiciary—and that is Israel.

Israel is the only country in the entire Middle East where every human being, regardless of gender, sexual preference, ethnicity or religion enjoys absolute freedom.

Finally, Arabs control 99.9% of the Middle East. The Jewish people, despite their ancient ties to the region and their extraordinary contribution to the well-being of everyone on earth, is left with less than 1% of the land.



A Japanese take on the "Jewish occupation of Arab lands."