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“Were I to sum up the Basle Congress in a word-- which I shall GUARD AGAINST PRONOUNCING PUBLICLY-- it would be this: At Basle I founded the Jewish State. If I said this out loud today, I would be answered by universal laughter. Perhaps in five years, and certainly in fifty, everyone will know it.”
[Theodor Herzl]

“At the BIS in Basel, Switzerland, I reclaimed the Palestinian State for all its indigenous peoples. If I said this out loud today, I would be answered by universal laughter. Perhaps in five years, and certainly in fifty, everyone will know it.” [Anonymous]

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Letter to Palestinian Intellectuals

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Dear Palestinian Remembrance Authors, Architects, Documenters, Scholars and Historians

You have very good websites. Thank you for the stellar documentation work. It is certainly useful, and in a just and moral world, these narratives and documentations of the Nakba would make good evidence in a fair court room. Among these stellar websites which carry authentic accounts, include: [palestineremembered.com](#), [plands.org](#), [al-awda.org](#), [badil.org](#), [alnakba.org](#), and many more narratives which can be found [on this links page](#). The most significant and substantive work done in documentation of the Nakba, in the humble view of [Project Humanbeingsfirst](#), is by Dr. Salman Abu Sitta of Palestine Land Society. His [new book](#) “**The Return Journey, The way to return Home**” – A Guide to the Depopulated And Present Palestine Towns And Villages and Holy Sites – is a masterpiece of factual compilation that would be hard to challenge in any fair and moral court of law on any planet.

Except on Earth! In this world, and on this planet, where only power dictates to the weak, and not its victims seeking justice – because among humanoids, power is only known to respect power as “**Hegemony is as old as mankind**”, and justice in this system is only that

administered by the victors to the vanquished – it is going to take a bit more than just documentation and narratives to get your homes back.

Indeed, to begin with, it is gonna take a much deeper understanding of how your Nakba has been fueled, the intellectual capital that drives it, and why, just documenting stories and narratives is great for your antagonists, who, while you tell heart wrenching narratives, go on constructing political and structural faits accomplis that are subsequently irreversible.

To make the point clear – who does not know how the Native American Indians' lands were settled in the previous New World, or how California was taken from Mexico? All the documentation in the world – and yet, faits accomplis are a powerful reality that may not be overcome or reversed without power and its incantations on one's side! With the passage of time, even power cannot reverse an existent reality on the ground – imagine a Mexican peasant today knocking on one's million dollar door in Sunnyvale California wanting his great grand-father's orchards back!

Time is on the side of the Zionists – give a hundred more years, even the Palestinian vacant lands documented by Salman Abu Sitta will have Zionist homes, farms, and state-parks with every Jew in the world planting his tree there! Try giving a California or Colorado state-park back to an American Indian were he to come calling with all the documentation in the world!

As the Palestinians continue to narrate and document, continue to assert slogans like: “*Our DATE is 60 years LATE, we shall return.*”, the Land of Canaan is becoming Eretz Yisrael. Obviously Palestinians know this well in their own blood and tears and need not be informed by a non-Palestinian, even a friend. And yet – how do the Palestinians react? Precisely – they only react! Not anticipate, not preempt, not strategize, and not comprehend, but react. That, and lament! And react and lament precisely as expected by their antagonists. Thus they face systematic elimination from their own homelands with each new Katsuya rocket one baby-step at a time!

Perhaps it's time to do things differently?

To catch a mere glimpse of the enormous intellectual and political capital that hands the Palestinians their Nakba even as we speak, and why Palestinians continue to lose despite having “HAQ” and “Claims” on their side as the world complicitly spectates “*looking from the side*” without lifting a whit of a finger to come to their fellow-brethren's assistance, please see: [“Celebrating Israel's 60th Birthday in the 60th year of the Nakba”](#)

And to further glimpse how your own good and honest intellectuals and ruling elite have continually let the Palestinian peoples down because they are entirely outclassed by a far superior devilishly calculating foe who is easily able to co-opt them into selling themselves short, please see: [“2008 Orwell Prize for the Palestinian Narrative of Nakba – Making a fool of](#)

[Palestinian intellectualism](#)".

The solution? Perhaps the direction in which to find it is pointed to here: "[Letter to Palestinian Think Tank on 'Palestinian options as the Nakba turns 60'](#)", and here: "[Letter2 to Palestine Think Tank on 'Take 10 and give back 1 if the Palestinians behave, then repeat!'](#)". A conquest and an oppression originally begun in the intellectual–political space, will also only be concluded there. The Zionist masterminds apparently understand this far better than the Palestinians. And therefore, always appear to be better prepared across the board.

With every new “peace process”, and every stone and rocket launch, the Palestinians have lost more, using the method: **take 10 during “revolutionary times” and give back 1 if the Palestinians behave, then repeat!** Anyone can hopefully do that math to get the total sum!

This is also why the exponents of Israel entirely control the global discourse on Israel-Palestine throughout the world, even among the ruling elite in the Muslim nations, not to mention among the Palestinian ruling elite itself, none of which reflects either any deep comprehension of the manifest reality on the ground, or the aspirations of the Palestinian masses. These are the Masters of Discourse, and a far more formidable foe across the world's Jewry than the Palestinians seem to apprehend – as they continually losingly engage the foot soldiers among their antagonists and not the real power-wielders!

Israel Shamir notes in the English Introduction to his [new book](#) the following veritable truth which must by now be self-evident to all who are able to comprehend the power of the concept of “Der Judenstaat” on the global Jewish psyche which carries upon its bent backs, the [weight of three thousand years of history \(Jewish History, Jewish Religion\)](#):

The new Jewish elite did not fully identify with Russia but carried out a separate policy. It had a fateful effect in 1991, when over 50 % of the Jews (as opposed to 13 % of the Russians) supported the pro-Western coup of President Yeltsin. In 1995, 81% of the Jews voted for pro-Western parties, and only 3% for the Communists (as opposed to 46% of Russians), according to the publication by the Jewish sociologist Dr. Ryvkina in her book, *Jews in Post-Soviet Russia* (1996).

In ever-expanding America, the Jews did not have to kill or remove the native elites; they became its important part, controlling discourse and wielding considerable financial clout. They still do not identify with the goyish America: they force the Congress and the Administration to send billions of dollars to their Israeli offshoot, they forced the US to break Iraq to pieces, and now they are trying to let America fight their war in Iran, though it brings disaster to America. They do discriminate against other Americans; otherwise 60% of the leading positions in the media would not become Jewish.

Jews of France do not identify with France, either. "Their identification with Israel is so strong, it overshadows their ties to the country they live in," writes Daniel Ben Simon in Haaretz. This dual loyalty was made very clear to me by a Jewish doctor in Nice. "If the choice is between Israel and France, there's no question I feel closer to Israel," he said, without a moment's hesitation. He was born and bred in France; he went to medical school in France; his patients are French; he speaks French with his wife and children. But in the depths of his heart, he feels a greater affinity with the Jewish state.

In Palestine, the Jews have no compassion for the natives. They travel by segregated roads, study in segregated schools, while a Jew consumes ten times more water resources than a goy, and has an income seven times higher. Thus, the Jewish separateness remains a fact of life for many Jewish communities.

While the Palestinian intellectual and revolutionary need not adopt the discourse of European anti-Semitism – cousins as they are of their oppressors – they do need to comprehend the immense psychological and sociological power of that discourse, and the power of the world Jewry in sustaining the Jewish State because of it. The significance of this statement is made evident by the fact that this discourse prevailed upon not only the very Evangelical Christian American President George W. Bush, but also the Christian Prime Minister of Germany, Angela Merkel, the Christian Prime Minister of France, Nicholas Sarkozy, the Roman Catholic Christian Prime Minister of Italy, Silvio Berlusconi, and the Christian Prime Minister of Britain, Gordon Brown, along with the Queen of England, representing the world's most powerful Christian coalition of Western Hegemons, to pay homage to Jewish Zionistan on [May 15, 2008](#). None showed up, even in false courtesy, to offer their feeble condolences for the Nakba to what remains of the Palestinian Reservations!

Sixty years have passed in intense suffering, one day, one year, and one election in the United States and the European nations at a time. In none of those days, years, and elections, have Palestinians understood power, or its incantations. Khalid Amayreh, writing from Ramallah Palestine for the [Palestinian Information Center](#), was finally forced to admit the reality of this power, but still only in its outer visible superficiality without penetrating the deep depths to which his observations actually hold:

In comparison to the madman in the White House, Europe may look less bellicose, less confrontational and less unreasonable in its overall approach to contentious international issues. However, when the issue is the Palestinian plight, the US and Europe look very much like tweedledee and tweedledum.

In recent months and years, European leaders from Germany's Merkel, to

France's Sarkozy, to Britain's Brown and Italy's Berlusconi were shamelessly pandering to Israeli savagery to the extent of embracing relentless Israeli criminality against the Palestinian people , including the ongoing genocidal ethnic cleansing in the occupied Palestinian territories, particularly in the Gaza Strip.

True, the European tone of speech often sounds less odious especially when compared with the unmitigated saber-rattling coming from Washington. **But, in the final analysis, the outcome in both cases is similar. In fact, the US and Europe collaborate and even collude to effect the same unethical goals often by playing the old game of Mutt and Jeff (good cop and bad cop), with their persecuted victims,** whether in Palestine, Sudan or Iran.

Please accept the humblest condolences from [Project Humanbeingsfirst](http://ProjectHumanbeingsfirst.org) to all Palestinians on their on-going Nakba – and if they labor under the misperception that they can reverse their catastrophe (only) on moral, legal, or prior ownership-claims grounds with unimpeachable documentation and narratives displayed on elegantly constructed websites and in loudly rehearsed annual Nakba conferences, they are sadly mistaken. Only more Nobel “Peace” and other Orwellian Prizes await the Palestinian intellectual and politician, unless the real thinkers among them, your good selves, astutely rise to the challenge of shrewdly leading your peoples just as Theodor Herzl once did his peoples!

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A condensed version signed in the guest book at PalestineRemembered.com on [June 02, 2008](#).

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Letter to Editor Guardian: 2008 Orwell Prize for the Palestinian Narrative of Nakba

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Letter to Editor

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Making a fool of Palestinian intellectualism – Their “political art” of narrating the Nakba has become more important than the Nakba!

In reference to the 2008 Orwell prize for Mr. Raja Shehadeh's poignant book “**Palestinian Walks**” ([Guardian](#), [April 25, 2008](#), [BBC](#)), it would be an understatement to suggest that the heavens too must surely howl in pain at the Orwellian irony. Those who first sanction the Nakba of an innocent peoples (the Balfour Declaration), and continually aid and abet in its on-going construction of new daily victims of blood and tears now lingering into its 60th abominable year (the premeditated 'Iron Wall' conquest of Eretz Yisrael), are also the greatest 'benefactors' of the victims who humbly endeavor to narrate the life of their Nakba in their own blood and tears.

The narrative is being judged more important than the actual grotesque events being narrated, and which are so contemporaneously unfolding right before the world's silently bespectating eyes even as the Orwell prize is granted in its true spirit! The elements of Nakba need to be read in a book to be appreciated; and worse, applauded for the sophistication of its depiction; akin to the Russian Tsarina shedding a fancifully dabbed tear in the opera and offering a standing ovation on the performance depicting the plight of the poor coachman, who in real life, is only as far away from her cognition as the outside front of her coach she rides daily to and from the opera!

There appears to be much satisfaction among the Palestinian people at one of their own winning this political prize – perhaps because some feel that it draws attention to their miserable plight. But perhaps some prizes and accolades are meant to be turned down by a dignified self-respecting peoples perceptively seeing through the honey-coated abortion pills devilishly manufactured to continue inducing “**the birth pangs of a new Middle East**”? The Palestinians suffer surely not because of want of knowledge of their cataclysmic sufferings by the silently spectating world! Intellectual co-option is most assuredly the biggest weakness of the Palestinian struggle for survival on their own lands. This co-option is not by its ordinary peoples who merely pay for it in spades, bullets to the head of their children, and in daily suffocation and humiliation at check-points, but by its own educated ruling elite who do indeed struggle genuinely in their cause, but the enemy is far superior and has continually overwhelmed and outclassed them. This 2008 Orwell Prize is just another 1994 Nobel Peace Prize for the Palestinians!

Therefore, unlike most of the applauding world, I hesitate to offer my humble congratulations to Mr. Raja Shehadeh and the long suffering Palestinian peoples – if that's indeed the right sentiment to offer here. Perhaps the prize is more appropriately labeled than first meets the eye – for the situation is even more tortuous than just Kafkaesque. Some English Lord, Sir, and Dame in the manors born must surely be chuckling nigh at the fatal faits accomplis being handed the natives while its depiction by the beleaguered natives is applauded as “*political art*”. The best Orwellian conquest indeed that the unfortunate victims make an “*art*” of telling their own misery and celebrate in the prize that is handed them with these words of the chair of the prize, Professor Jean Seaton: “**One way of measuring the quality of your freedom is just to take a walk,**”. Hear Mr. Raja Shehadeh's BBC Radio 4 interview of April 25, 2008, at <http://tinyurl.com/6h4myu>!

In order re-situate the grotesque reality of the full context of this Orwellian “**quality of your freedom**” in this otherwise 'Alice in Wonderland' – where the focus by the Masters of Discourse has cleverly been to attempt to shift attention away from the unfolding monumental genocide, to the “*political art*” of its depiction – one may read: “**Someone's Holiday, Another's Nakba, Our Shame!**” at <http://tinyurl.com/5432u4>. The fact that the entire reportage of this Orwellian prize in the newsmedia, including in the UK Guardian, failed to condemn the

actual ongoing Nakba, should be an eye opener for the Palestinian intellectual.

And especially, the timing of this prize with the birthday-bash in Israel, and the visit of the American President, George W. Bush, to pay homage to the king-makers in Zion without even mentioning the Nakba, never mind condemning its perpetrators who were hosting him, should be a wake-up call to the Palestinian ruling elite who rush to coddle their own victimizers by continually appealing to them for justice, cutting co-opted “peace” deals, and eagerly accepting laudatory awards for playing along instead of relying on their own selves to do something strategically efficacious besides narrate and lament to get their lands back.

One may read about the devilish intellectual sophistication which fuels their abhorrent Nakba that the Palestinian ruling elite apparently don't seem to fathom, in Project Humanbeingsfirst's report of May 15, 2008: “**Celebrating Israel's 60th Birthday in the 60th year of the Nakba**” at <http://tinyurl.com/563nxv>.

A dignified and immensely courageous peoples like the Palestinian – ones whose likes is yet to be witnessed in the annals of modern history that they hold their heads up high and boldly resist for 60 years despite an unparalleled cataclysm of modernity, a “*mystery whose parallel may only be the one of Sinai when something was revealed*” – must demand of their pathetic ruling elite that the Orwell prize be returned with a “**no thank you**”.

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Take 10 and give back 1 if the Palestinians behave, then repeat!

Letter2 to Palestinian Think Tank

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Letter to Palestinian Think Tank

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The following follow-up comment, posted by Project Humanbeingsfirst [here](#), to its article "[Celebrating Israel's 60th Birthday in the 60th year of the Nakba](#)" may be of some interest to your think-tankers. Perhaps you can reprint it with the above title.

"I happen to be a Zionist. I'm a Zionist by dint of the fact that I live here and constitute part of Hebrew culture, even if I am opposed to the present regime and criticize it harshly. For now, I'm on the losing side of this struggle, therefore I'm defined as anti-Zionist. So be it." [Interview 'A life less ordinary', Haaretz, Dec. 10, 2007]

Thank you for that clarification – to both, the above [commenter](#), and posthumously, to [Prof. Baruch Kimmerling](#).

And therein lies the quintessential component of "[the endless trail of red herrings](#)" that almost all on the proverbial "LEFT" in the West spin in support of Zion.

The logical follow-up question to ask then, is to which past and future “regime” aren't they opposed to in Israel in order to not be “defined as anti-Zionist”? Then we can further examine that regime and dismantle that too.

It is worthwhile remembering that powerful wordsmithing is a crucial strength of Zion - many of its exponents happen to be superb linguists not just accidentally! It is best captured in this pithy saying of Golda Meir:

“We can forgive them for killing our children, we cannot forgive them for making us kill theirs.”

Indeed, it is not insignificant that in Arabistan (i.e., the abode of the Arabs), the following bit of wisdom is not un-common – they will first plan to kill you with a design most brutal, and then come to your funeral lamenting: *“We can forgive them for killing our children, we cannot forgive them for making us kill theirs.”*

If interested, see Chapter 3 of “[Prisoners of the Cave](http://prisonersofthecave.blogspot.com/2007/04/chapter-3.html)” for how it is all put together – the moralists and the terrorists united in a common cause, the two antipodes with all the rest of Zionists in between: <http://prisonersofthecave.blogspot.com/2007/04/chapter-3.html>.

Acquiring a penetrating perspective of how Zionistan has been intellectually orchestrated piece-meal with deception as the key weapon system of choice – **wage war by way of deception** – is a prerequisite in order to even begin to deal with any sort of solution-space that rescues the Palestinians on their own lands.

Palestinians as a peoples will surely survive and even thrive in their forced Diaspora, just as the Jews before them – at least those who are able to escape from the Concentration Camps in what remains of their checkered-lands. But to effectively stop the systematic barbaric conquests of their ancestral homes and the continuous shattering of their tabula rasa (or what little might remain of it), requires a massive and overwhelming “shock and awe” war-front to be opened up in the intellectual space.

A conquest and an oppression originally begun in the intellectual space, will also only be concluded there. The Zionist masterminds apparently understand this far better than the Palestinians. And therefore, always appear to be better prepared across the board. The Palestinians to this day, sadly, unprepared for the Nakba as they were, have evidently mainly excelled in vociferous laments, and in reacting – rather than in astutely anticipating, and preempting!

Anecdotally, in 1967 after the onset of the second Nakba, another Pakistani, a far more distinguished and astute one, wrote to Yaser Arafat to not engage the Israelis by firing Katsuya rockets at them – but to understand that the Jews barely escaping their Holocaust will always

garner the Western world's sympathy ex post facto, in their disingenuous vociferous clamoring 'they are doing another Holocaust on us' as they conquer more and more in response to the Katsuyas. That instead, the Palestinians should engage the Zionists by astutely comprehending their antagonists strengths, and their weaknesses (and not just in military terms). That the best and most efficacious defense against them was Gandhian means – effective surrogates and "frontier-post" as they were of the superpowers. He was entirely ignored.

And yet this Pakistani persisted – being a close friend and compatriot of Edward Said that he was – and with every incremental fait accompli gained by Israel in reaction to PLO's Katsuya rockets, he reminded them again, and again. And he remained ignored – to this very day – even posthumously.

And with every new “peace process”, the Palestinians have lost more, using the method:

take 10 and give back 1 if the Palestinians behave, then repeat!

Anyone can hopefully do that math to get the total sum!

This distinguished Pakistani friend of the Palestinian's name? **Eqbal Ahmad** – see <http://www.bitsonline.net/eqbal/>

Sometimes, it is indeed too late to learn. That time, mercifully, hasn't come yet – but is close at hand!

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Letter to Palestine Think Tank on 'Palestinian options as the Nakba turns 60'

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Letter to Palestine Think Tank on 'Palestinian options as the Nakba turns 60'

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Thank you for the Palestinian perspective. Many insightful observations [by [Mazin Qumsiyeh](#)].

I am not sure how to put this [response] very elegantly, so I hope I can be forgiven for putting it rather straightforwardly. The following is a wonderful recipe if I was the Hectoring Hegemon and my pending meal was sold these philosophies:

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For now, the choice that remains relevant is the one posed by Martin Luther King, Jr.:

“Cowardice asks the question - is it safe? Expediency asks the question - is it politic? Vanity asks the question - is it popular? But conscience asks the question - is it right? And there comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular; but one must take it because it is right.”

And choosing to do what is right must also adhere to that universal wisdom:
“Grant me the courage to change the things I can, the serenity to accept those I
can’t, and the WISDOM TO KNOW the difference.”

end quote

I hope one can see why! This does however require more than a few seconds of reflection. In fact, it perhaps requires very carefully studying how the Zionists acquired Palestine as if one is doing a Ph.D. (in a hard discipline), in order to appreciate its import.

The best way for the Palestinian people to analyze their predicament, IMHO, is to study Theodore Herzl, and the systems of power and its many manifestations that were set up by the Zionists in the early twentieth century to realize his plan. Can one observe any of the wonderful prose that is quoted above, in any of the Zionist writings, or in any of the processes that were set up which eventually led to the Balfour Declaration? Did the Jewish scholars, Rabbis, think-tankers and financiers advise their flock to pray to their G-d to *“Grant me the courage to change the things I can, the serenity to accept those I can’t, and the WISDOM TO KNOW the difference”*? The only prayers they offered were in deception to sell the otherwise impossible task of relocating them to Zion! The only appeal to G-d (i.e., any sort of spirituality, the *“right”* thing to do stuff, etc.) was to actually achieve the impossible!

And the Zionists did indeed accomplish the impossible!!!!

If one were playing with wooden chess pieces on the ‘Grand Chessboard’ instead of in real human flesh and souls, one would have applauded them on their gamesmanship!

As strategists, tacticians, institution and organization builders, and of course, also mantra spinners, they have been peerless masterminds. One would be foolish to not learn from the masters themselves!

If a Palestinian can get out of his or her skin for a moment, is able detach oneself from the insufferable pain of one’s shattered tabula rasa, and move on to the far distance of the planet Mars to rationally analyze the devilishly sophisticated processes that went into the construction of Israel, one might be able to do a bit more efficacious thinking, and leading.

If one can intellectually recast the problem, of the Palestinians commencing the planning to reacquire their lost Palestine in 2008, after losing it for only 60 years, to be the equivalent of the Zionists planning to acquire Palestine in 1898, after having lost it for 3000 years, what does one get? One can immediately observe that the Zionists started off on an almost intractable problem and overcame it all. Not only that, they were so sure that they will acquire their dream that Herzl had even boasted at the very inception of their plan to seed confidence in the plan: ***“In Basle I founded the Jewish state . . . Maybe in five years, certainly in fifty, everyone***

will realize it." [quote wording corrected]. Circumstances of course, also helped. But in the writings and methods of the Palestinians' arch nemeses, and in their modus operandi in the 50 years that preceded the onset of the Nakba, possibly lie the efficacious seeds of orchestrating the desired Palestinian solution-space. All Palestinians already know [what] their solution-space is in 2008, just as all the Zionist also already knew what their solution-space was in 1898.

It is how to get there that requires a careful study of power and its incantations. None of which include the lame recipe quoted above. To catch a mere glimpse of the sophisticated intellectual capital that went into the construction of Israel – just look at this statement of [David Ben Gurion](#) – ***“What is inconceivable in normal times is possible in revolutionary times”!***

When the Palestinians can come up with such intellectual capital – that is the day when their fortunes will perhaps begin to change!

Thank you.

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(as if the 'ubermensch' conquerers made them that proposition!)

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In reference to recent news reports of '[Hamas Accepts State Within 1967 Borders: Meshaal](#)', the grotesque reality on the ground bellies the incongruence of such statements at this time. The only acceptable solution to Israel is 'Eretz Yisrael'. The only viable, fair, and realistic solution is a democratic single-state in Israel-Palestine for all its inhabitants. The only options left the Palestinians (as they perceive it), short of being entirely eliminated from their own ancestral lands, is to ask for whatever little they think they can get, looking as they are into the wrong end of the gun turrets. They will actually get nothing by playing the game Israel sets them up to play in order to continually gain time for more faits accomplis - intellectually, politically, militarily, economically, and strategically outclassed and outgunned that the Palestinians are, living daily under such oppression that the heavens too must lament at its abhorrent creation! To appreciate the sophisticated deceptions and red herrings at play by the Israelis and their exponents to gain incremental faits accomplis in the Land of Canaan which then become 'irreversible' to undo due to its 'impracticality', which in turn is due to the new ongoing reality of Israeli constructions, Jewish settlements, and Palestinian displacements that happen on Palestinian lands, please see this essay '[The endless trail of red herrings](#)' at

humanbeingsfirst.org. Under that dismantling of red herrings, these lame assertions by Hamas itself are a red herring. Unless the Palestinians unite in making the only viable demand that can have any political currency today, they are entirely doomed on their own lands.

Ending Apartheid in the Land of Canaan and making an equitable peace in a secular single-state is the only option left these Palestinian 'wretched of the earth'. Let politicians, military tacticians, and other various and sundry hegemony, those occupying them, and those in service of them, and those unable to perceive that they are entirely outclassed intellectually and politically, no longer fool the beleaguered peoples. This is the Zionists' worst fears – the legitimate Palestinian struggle to end the Israeli genocidal conquest and to survive as a free peoples on their own ancestral homelands being astutely recast as a global anti-Apartheid movement against Israel.

Make only one demand – one Israel-Palestine for all its indigenous inhabitants – by ending Apartheid in Israel and creating one common shared secular state. That land is “*no ordinary piece of geography*”, and two independent states are simply not viable in that tight piece of real estate where almost the entire water of one is under the feet of the other, and all ingress and egress points of one are in the control of the other. Keep making these asinine demands, and loose it all – for that has been the history of Palestine and that remains the Israeli game-plan. Make the only workable demand that can attract the political sympathy of the world as it did for South Africa – **end to Apartheid – and the Palestinians may well see the redressing of the injustices done them within their own lifetimes!**

Thank you.

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Letter to Editor 2/2 on ' Hamas Accepts State'

Celebrating Israel's 60th Birthday in the 60th year of the Nakba

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On the festive and felicitous occasion of the 60th anniversary of Israel's existence which is being celebrated with much fanfare from Tel Aviv to Washington D.C., President George W. Bush along with his notable wife landed at Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion airport on May 14, 2008, to the warm greetings of Shimon Perez:

“Welcome to the new Israel: Three thousand years old, and going on sixty”

President Bush effusively replied:

“Our two nations both faced great challenges when they were founded. And our two nations have both relied on the same principles to help us succeed. We built strong democracies to protect the freedoms given to us by an Almighty God”

[Project Humanbeingsfirst™](#) would like to offer its humble contribution to the love-fest celebrations on Israel's 60th birthday by elaborating upon these ***“same principles to help us succeed”***, beginning with the few chosen words of the late Israeli scholar Baruch Kimmerling, professor of sociology at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, from his 2002 essay [“My Holiday, Their Tragedy”](#):

As a Jew, an atheist and a Zionist, I have two memorial days in my country, Israel. One for the Holocaust and one for soldiers who fell in wars. I also have

one day of celebration, the anniversary of the day Israel declared its statehood.

...

It is horrifying to realize that, despite the fact that the essence of the Holocaust was the genocide of the Jewish people, we tend to forget, induce oversight of, and even hide the fact that gypsies, the physically and mentally disabled, communists, priests, and Germans who opposed the Nazi regime were killed in extermination camps alongside Jews. The transformation of the Holocaust into a solely Jewish tragedy, as opposed to a universal event, only weakens its significance and its legitimacy, tarnishing us and the memory of the victims. Likewise, its unnecessary overuse by Jews in Israel and the rest of the world, particularly political bodies, has made the Holocaust banal. Above all, a provocative and dangerous approach has bought a place in our hearts: that Jews, as the victims of the Holocaust, are permitted to treat goyim however they want. Forceful and condescending, "anti-gentile-ism" is identical to criminal anti-Semitism. ...

The Jewish - Arab conflict, and the Jewish - Palestinian conflict in particular, has had many victims and caused great suffering. I admit that I am closer to the victims from my own people, for personal reasons and because of my familiarity and personal experience with many of them or members of their families. What can I do? A person is closer to his own friends, tribe, and people. ...

Independence Day is a holiday for me, but also an opportunity for intense self-introspection. A person needs a state and land, and this is my land, my homeland, despite the fact that I was not born here.

It is surely useful for those given to such deep introspection on this joyous celebratory occasion, to also reflect Kimmerling's expression "*Independence Day is a holiday for me*" – a profound sentiment that must be shared by all Israelis and their exponents – back to these remorseless 1943 words of [Yitzhak Shamir](#), the equally profound affect of which, among other atrocities upon its indigenous peoples, deliberately harvested the cataclysm of the [holocaust](#) and European [anti-semitism](#) for the construction of 'Eretz Yisrael' in Palestine:

*"Neither Jewish morality nor Jewish tradition can be used to disallow terror as a means of war, ... **We are very far from any moral hesitations when concerned with the national struggle**".*

Lest those living in the void of modernity and 'United We Stand' with the inexplicable '[WAR on TERROR](#)' – which has of course been quite deliberately divorced from its imperial contexts – think that such terror doctrines being "*far from any moral hesitations*" were only an unfortunate aberration due to the tumultuous founding of '[Der Judenstaat](#)' in the aftermath of

the holocaust in the otherwise vastly moral and lofty traditions of Zionism, it is also pertinent to recall these equally remorseless 1939 confessional words of [Israel's first statesman](#) uttered before the word 'holocaust' even existed:

“[In Internal discussions post 1936-1939 revolt of the Palestinian Arabs, David Ben-Gurion noted] let us not ignore the truth among ourselves ... politically we are the aggressors and they defend themselves ... The country is theirs, because they inhabit it, whereas we want to come here and settle down, and in their view we want to take away from them their country, while we are still outside. [Their revolt] is an active resistance by the Palestinians to what they regard as a usurpation of their homeland by the Jews. Behind the terrorism [i.e. the Palestinian Arab revolt] is a movement, which though primitive is not devoid of idealism and self-sacrifice.”

And lest one may think that this self-righteous 'ubermensch' attitude of 'god's chosen peoples' feeling entitled to forcibly occupy another's lands even while blatantly recognizing that **“the country is theirs, because they inhabit it, whereas we want to come here and settle down, and in their view we want to take away from them their country”** only existed pre-founding of ['the Jewish State'](#) in Palestine, and that the modern democratic Zionist state of Israel represents the moral inheritance of Moses, the lofty Ten Commandments, and what is good in Judaism, rather than the inherently [racist apartheid pariah state](#) that it still is today no different from its original conception, it is further instructive to recall the systematic daily killing and oppression of the Palestinian peoples on their own lands at the hands of the 'Israeli Defense Forces' in these chauvinist 1983 words of the distinguished [cockroach peddler](#) and Chief of Staff of the IDF, [Raphael Eitan](#):

“We declare openly that the Arabs have no right to settle on even one centimetre of Eretz Israel... Force is all they do or ever will understand. We shall use the ultimate force until the Palestinians come crawling to us on all fours.”

and

“When we have settled the land, all the Arabs will be able to do about it will be to scurry around like drugged cockroaches in a bottle.”

Not to stop there, the glorious state of Israel in its pursuit of the systematic terror doctrine for incremental conquest of 'Eretz Yisrael' that is [openly and un-apologetically admitted](#) to by generations of its Zionist leaders to be **“far from any moral hesitations when concerned with the national struggle”**, continually threatens what admittedly still remains a largely futile **“active resistance ... which though primitive is not devoid of idealism and self-sacrifice”** by its beleaguered indigenous peoples, with an even **“bigger holocaust”** sixty years into their Nakba, as unabashedly expressed earlier this year by Israel's current Deputy Defense Minister,

former Maj. General of the IDF, [Matan Vilnai](#):

*“The more Qassam (rocket) fire intensifies and the rockets reach a longer range, they (the Palestinians) **will bring upon themselves a bigger holocaust** because we will use **all our might to defend ourselves**”.*

The tortuous reality behind **“all our might to defend ourselves”** is the first imperial principle upon which many an empire has been constructed. As already succinctly expressed by Project Humanbeingsfirst in its [Modernity Simplified exposition](#), and explained further in its humble [letter to the American peoples](#), it is the quintessential First Principle of Conquest:

***“If we don't have real enemies then we have to create or imagine some and yell 'we are being attacked'”** in order to a) justify one's hegemonic barbarianism upon others; and b) motivate an unwilling plebeian peoples into sacrificing for the conquests of the ruling elite.*

Israel is fortunate to have real enemies so they have to spend less time convincing the world that **“we are being attacked”**, compared to their sponsors who have had to diligently construct the elaborate dialectics of *“Clash of Civilizations”* and [“Bin Laden”](#) and [“Al-Qaeeda”](#) in order to fully exploit the opportunity of going from [“Balance of Terror to Unilateral Terror”](#) for the same purpose.

President George W. Bush of course, on his arrival in Tel Aviv to celebrate Israel's sixtieth birthday, was surely only referring to these very challenges and common recipe for success when he said: **“Our two nations both faced great challenges when they were founded. And our two nations have both relied on the same principles to help us succeed.”**

It was indeed also wondering about what these **“same principles to help us succeed”** in fact were that a young American peace activist from Olympia Washington, Rachel Corrie, had once gone to Palestine to uncover for herself – as she wrote in her last desperate emails to her mother in America from Rafah, Palestine, in 2003:

*“Just want to write to my Mom and tell her that I'm witnessing this chronic, insidious genocide and I'm really scared, and questioning my fundamental belief in the goodness of human nature. This has to stop. I think it is a good idea for us all to drop everything and devote our lives to making this stop. I don't think it's an extremist thing to do anymore. I still really want to dance around to Pat Benatar and have boyfriends and make comics for my coworkers. But I also want this to stop. Disbelief and horror is what I feel. Disappointed. I am disappointed that this is **the base reality of our world** and that we, in fact, participate in it.”*

The Israeli Jews too find themselves inextricably entrapped in this devilishly crafted Zionist

“base reality of our world”, as expressed by the late Israeli renegade scholar, Tanya Reinhart, professor of linguistics at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, in her 2002 book [“How to end the war of 1948”](#):

*“The state of Israel founded in 1948 following a war which the Israelis call the War of Independence, and the Palestinians call the Nakba - the catastrophe. A haunted, persecuted people sought to find a shelter and a state for itself, and did so at a horrible price to another people. During the war of 1948, more than half of the Palestinian population at the time - 1,380,000 people - were driven off their homeland by the Israeli army. Though Israel officially claimed that a majority of refugees fled and were not expelled, it still refused to allow them to return, as a UN resolution demanded shortly after 1948 war. Thus, the Israeli land was obtained through ethnic cleansing of the indigenous Palestinian inhabitants. This is not a process unfamiliar in history. Israel's actions remain incomparable to the massive ethnic cleansing of Native Americans by the settlers and government of the United States. Had Israel stopped there, in 1948, I could probably live with it. **As an Israeli, I grew up believing that this primal sin our state was founded on may be forgiven one day**, because the founder's generation was driven by the faith that this was the only way to save the Jewish people from the danger of another holocaust.”*

What an astutely engineered modernity of the 'hectoring hegemons' – **“the [grotesque] base reality of our world”** – whose Orwellian cover is very effectively used for brain-washing the Israeli denizens by goading them into making their 'Alia' into Zionistan from their Diaspora around the world, and automatically handing them Israeli citizenship upon landing in order to offset the demographic imbalance. And subsequently, it is used for indoctrinating them into staying and keeping their allegiance to the Jewish State by smothering their inner sense of morality with **“this primal sin our state was founded on may be forgiven one day”**. The same Orwellian cover is also very effectively deployed for brain-washing and/or manipulating their leading Western exponents into institutionally supporting the Zionist enterprise by wielding pivotal influence over its many institutions from the Pentagon to the Congress to the World Bank to the media and Hollywood; authoring its many hegemonic policies in its various Jewish think-tanks, like the AEI and JINSA; controlling almost all its politicians across all political parties with influential lobby groups, like the AIPAC; to also controlling many of the Western European world leaders, presidents and prime ministers, from [Sarkozy to Merkel](#), who today [bow and scrape at the heels of Zion](#), to enable constructing a [“Zion that will light up all the world”](#).

This **“base reality”** is especially practiced with the skilled artfulness of an [Edward Bernays' public relationing project](#) upon the *“populist democracy”* in the most powerful and sole-superpower sugar-daddy of the Zionist pariah state, the United States of America, which

herself descends into a fascist police state today to carry-on with her own devilishly crafted [“imperial mobilization”](#) plans in order to *“birth-pang [the] New Middle East”* for its [convoluted clients-masters](#) interests as the [hired-hands du jour](#).

So as President George Bush suggests, ***“our two nations have both relied on the same principles to help us succeed”***, what is indeed in common in the principle modus operandi between Israel incrementally and systematically expanding its conquest of 'Eretz Yisrael' by *“waging wars by way of deception”* in the name of fighting the terrorism of the recalcitrant Palestinians who refuse to obey the 1948 goyem's law propounded by Ben-Gurion, that ***“the old will die and the young will forget”***, and the *“imperial mobilization”* for [“full spectrum dominance”](#) by the world's sole superpower in the name of fighting a synthetic 'World War IV' against a “Bin-Laden” clan sitting barefoot and cross-legged in the caves of the [Hindu-Kush](#) armed to the teeth with laptops, cell phones, airplane flying manuals, box cutter knives, and Pakistani ['loose nukes'](#)?

This commemorative essay by Project Humanbeingsfirst, on the joyous and happy occasion of Israel's 60th anniversary of its forcible existence upon another's lands, dissects the above question as a humble gift of humanity to the conscionable Israeli peoples and their ardent exponents in the United States, Western and Eastern Europe, Russia, and elsewhere. The afore-stated question due to its mammoth import, begs restating again before answering it:

What is there in common between the Zionist quest for its “Lebensraum” in the Middle East that is oft referred to by its Biblical name as the 'Land of Canaan' which is thought to extend *“from the Nile to the Euphrates”* all the way to the Caspian – and the Zionist-neocon sponsored sole superpower's quest for *“full spectrum dominance”* which primarily aims to *“Birth-pang the New Middle East”* as essential pawns moves in its on-going power-plays for the control of Eurasia on 'the Grand Chessboard' en-route to [world domination in the New World Order](#) in which there is slated to be only *“one centre of authority, one centre of force, one centre of decision-making. It is world in which there is one master, one sovereign”*?

Apart from the obvious fact that they both share common exponents with tortuously common interests to pursue narrow misanthropic ideologies of conquest as the quintessential 'ubermenschen' du jour, they both also share what the first statesman-founder of 'Eretz Yisrael' had so diabolically summed up as the quintessential Machiavellian method of inducing *“birth-pangs”* in order to raise a new more 'superior' phoenix from deliberate plebeian (or goyem) ashes:

“what is inconceivable in normal times is possible in revolutionary times”.

Thus one can empirically observe this supremely criminal reality of *“birth pang[ing] the new middle East”*, as glibly noted by the erstwhile American Secretary of State [Condoleezza Rice](#) such that *“whatever we do we have to be certain that we're pushing forward to the new Middle*

East not going back to the old one"; and the *"Global Zone of Percolating Violence"* as chalked out in a map by former American National Security Advisor [Zbigniew Brzezinski](#) to cleverly suggest the very same *"birth pangs"* in his own superior Straussian style; and the conquest of 'Eretz Yisrael' as contemplated by its generations of Zionist strategic thinkers, financiers, and political tacticians – all equitably sharing in uber-Zionist David Ben-Gurion's demonic strategy of requiring *"revolutionary times"* to make possible what would be *"inconceivable in normal times"*.

It is most essential for ordinary peoples not imbued with the lofty spirit of the *"white mans burden"* to attempt to fully comprehend this profound intellectual concept of the ruling elite that is so elegantly captured in this short pithy sentence, because its import is often cataclysmic. If one remains cognizant of this principle of conquest while evaluating Current Affairs and contemporaneously unfolding history, one may never get deceived by the various dog-and-pony shows constructed by the intellectual minions and circus clowns of empire despite the relative closeness in time – for the true architects and financiers of any *"revolutionary times"* are instantly brought into focus with this lens by simply searching for key beneficiaries on different time-scales and distilling them upwards to zoom into the power-apex pyramid. The supreme criminal bastards on the top, often with 'clean hands', are the prime-movers.

Any *"imperial mobilization"* today, in the glorious Age of Democracy, must require a concomitant *"revolutionary times"* as much as fish require water – for without the pretexts of endless wars against suitably demonized and ever threatening enemies, none of these ubermenschen's conquests at the expense of the 'lesser' dispensable peoples living in its paths, would ever be possible.

In the Western homelands among its *"populist democracy"*, it remains true that *"Deception is the state of the mind; and the mind of the state"*, and a veritable prerequisite for *"imperial mobilization"* when its ordinary peoples – the plebeians – are no longer imbued with the uber spirit of *'la mission civilisatrice'*.

But for the 'unworthy' victims of imperial mobilization, the bullets to the head of their children and their bulldozed homes leave little need for deception and ['the endless trail of red herrings'](#) that is continually spun to the populist democracies to get them to accept the atrocities of conquest in the name of *"defend[ing] ourselves"* against terrorism.

So when the enemy can naturally exist, as the Palestinians do, and whose indigenous lands and possessions are being systematically usurped, confiscated, and destroyed in the name of 'self-defense' by the transplanted Zionists, that actually helps automatically create the requisite *"revolutionary times"* needed to fully construct 'Eretz Yisrael'.

The Palestinians' natural act of self-defense, which though *"primitive"* and altogether futile against an overwhelmingly superior foe that is fully backed, militarily, financially, intellectually,

and politically, by the world's sole superpower whose own policy instruments are also at the mercy of the same Zionists who use the more palatable euphemism of “neo-conservatives” for domestic consumption, the seeding of “*revolutionary times*” is a fait accompli not only in Palestine, but also in the United States! Thus it was no empty boast of Ariel Sharon to Shimon Perez in October 2001, in the aftermath of 911:

*“Every time we do something you tell me America will do this and will do that . . . I want to tell you something very clear: Don't worry about American pressure on Israel. **We, the Jewish people, control America, and the Americans know it.**”*

Wonderful stuff from the point of view of the Zionist leaders, despite some empty chairs on Shabbath in Tel Aviv – no differently from how some civilians were surely lost by the Anglo-Saxon 'White Man' to the scalp-hunting 'terrorist' Red Indians while settling their indigenous continent at the expense of remorselessly exterminating up to 10 million of them.

But what happens when the enemy does not naturally exist? It is fabricated into existence as a bootstrap, and greatly facilitated into becoming an 'enemy' to fight against in order to create the requisite “*revolutionary times*”. That is the entire underlying empirical underpinnings behind America's 'war on terror' since its 'new Pearl Harbor'. For without the '911' and the “*sudden threat or challenge to the public's sense of well being*”, as [Zbigniew Brzezinski](#) had astutely observed:

“It is also a fact that America is too democratic at home to be autocratic abroad. This limits the use of America's power, especially its capacity for military intimidation. Never before has a populist democracy attained international supremacy. But the pursuit of power is not a goal that commands popular passion, except in conditions of a sudden threat or challenge to the public's sense of domestic well-being. The economic self-denial (that is defense spending), and the human sacrifice (casualties even among professional soldiers) required in the effort are uncongenial to democratic instincts. Democracy is inimical to imperial mobilization.”

In either situation, whether the enemy is real or fabricated, since “*revolutionary times*” are what is being deliberately synthesized, the populist democracies must be diligently kept misinformed, uninformed, and continually disinformed by playing up the threat of the real or fabricated enemy (as the case may be), and suitably demonizing the “*evil doers*” while eulogizing their handful of 'worthy' victims, so that the populist democracies might acquiesce to the enemies' extermination with extreme prejudice.

[The New York Times April 20, 2008](#) exposé of the Pentagon seeding retired military generals into America's television newsrooms to sell its unpopular wars to the public is merely the

disingenuous tip of the ice-berg. All popular television news media and all mainstream presses not only in the United States but also in Western Europe, are now dominated by exponents of Israel who simultaneously bleep the “*War on Terrorism*” mantra to keep moving both overlapping “*imperial mobilization*” agendas forward.

The extreme projection of barbaric imperial power with overwhelming “*shock and awe*” upon civilian populations and anemically armed foes who are unable to realistically challenge the world's armed to the teeth colossus, then unsurprisingly constructs the controlled chaos, the random terror bombings, the F-16 retaliations and counter suicide strikes, the check-points and starvation, sanctions and deprivation, and eventual shattering of tabula rasa of the innocent with concomitant lust for revenge, and hence the cycle of more self-sustaining natural enemies – the “*revolutionary times*” – and thusly, new settlements in the Land of Canaan as well as new military bases in Asia go up along with a healthy rise in defense spending for the acquisition of new death toys-N-things!

This self-sustaining non-linear system of “*revolutionary times*”, once deftly primed into motion with elaborate doctrinal state-craft, then continually enables new countries to be set-up for “*revolutionary times*”. We have already publicly witnessed “Operation Infinite Justice” and “Operation Iraqi Freedom”. Operations Irani Freedom, Pakistani Freedom, Lebanon Freedom, Syria Freedom, et. al., perhaps with ever changing covert names, are already past the setup phases, and mainly only awaiting some catastrophic catalyzing events to further embroil most of [ASIA in Perpetual and Total War!](#)

Thus empire-building is effectively enabled contrary to all the “*democratic instincts*” and can proceed at full pace in the exercise of its unfettered “*capacity for military intimidation*”, easily dragging the otherwise vociferously recalcitrant and peaceable peoples into the wake of its turbulent vortex 'United We Stand' due to the raw shock-effect of the “*revolutionary times*”.

The 911 was one such democracy-mobilizing “*revolutionary times*”.

And one might well wonder what kind of empire-building this is in which the United States treasury is going bankrupt amidst soaring profits of its military-industrial complex partners while simultaneously descending its populist republic into a draconian police state, and in the process, also acquiring for itself the ignoble curse as the global predatory pariah state which needs to be countered by the 'lesser' nations uniting together in “[Full Spectrum Alliances](#)” as done throughout the pages of history against other predators? The in-depth examination of this question which is the essence of the New World Order is done elsewhere (for instance, see “[The Re-Gathering Storm](#)” and “[A Strategy of Tension in Pakistan Part2: The forces that drive them](#)”; the analysis by [Richard Cook](#) lends some additional insights into how some Westerners who are opposed to the New World Order view it). The focus on this felicitous day however is forensically understanding the modus operandi that is common to all “*imperial mobilizations*”.

Therefore, as those given to even a modicum of reflection can almost trivially predict for the fate of the poor 'enemy' during these “*revolutionary times*”, we empirically witness a systematic effort to both [malign Islam](#) as the elegantly fabricated doctrinal enemy that enables an entire lifetime of “*World War IV*” to be fought against using the wonderful mantra of “*Clash of Civilizations*”, and an alive Palestinian struggling in the self-defense of his home and property as the already existential, stone throwing, suicide bombing terrorist to defend poor Israel against.

Indeed, [Daniel Pipes](#) does great work on both counts when he delectably asserts almost a century later “***[It is] Not a Clash of Civilizations, It's a Clash between the Civilized World and Barbarians***”, in unremarkable plagiarism of similar projection by the [founder](#) of 'Der Judenstaadt' himself as he eloquently sold the concept of creating **Zionistan in Palestine** to the imperialists of his time suggesting to them that “***We can be the vanguard of culture against barbarianism***”.

Lest the well-fed peoples in the “*populist democracy*” ever begin to ask their politicians at election time why military and economic aid is being freely doled out to an armed to the teeth occupying power in the Middle East that is destroying indigenous civilian infrastructures, homes, orchards, farms, water wells, shooting children in the eyes and head, confiscating the indigenous lands and water supplies, and building their own European settlements in place of destroyed indigenous properties, constructing giant 14-18 feet tall concrete walls to close-in the indigenous peoples into what in any other place and under any other jack-boots would aptly be described as giant open-air prison camps, concentration camps, and bantustans – it is only the barbarians being contained!

Indeed, lest the most fair minded among the “*populist democracy*” with an eye for perspective, begin to rationally ponder what crimes had the Palestinian peoples committed upon the Jews that their indigenous continuously inhabited lands were gratuitously granted to the European Zionist aspirants by the European imperialist powers in compensation, or why was there an occupier in what little was left to the Palestinians in the first place – it is only the barbarians being tamed by the “***vanguard of culture***”.

And before some begin asking the first commonsensical question that even arises in the mind of an average Kindergartner when he or she innocently learns of the troubles in Palestine, that why the anachronistic and racist apartheid state in the modernity of today could not be dismantled like South Africa and transformed into one fair democratic state for all its indigenous peoples, Jews, Christians, and Muslims alike?

And before the next logical followup question comes to their mind, that if a Jews-only homeland had to be forcibly allocated for 'god's chosen ubermenschen', why could it not be done in Europe (or America) or Russia from where the majority of the Zionist transplants into Palestine hailed?

For after all, it was [Germany that did the Holocaust!](#) And it was the [American bankers and corporations that financed Hitler!](#) And it was the Christian Europe that persecuted the Jews throughout their 2000 year history of Diaspora. Shouldn't the Christian folks duly bear the burden of restitution to the Jews? And if the Jews demand their compensation, and an innocent third party – the Palestinian people – is apportioned to pay it, who will pay the restitution to the Palestinians when their day finally comes too?

Before all these questions ever arise in any “populist democracy”, perhaps it is best that these “barbarians” are eradicated or resettled elsewhere as the “final solution” to the question of Palestine! Ex post facto, let the entire world proudly know the true grotesque “base reality” – for that ain't gonna get the land back to any remaining 'Red Indians'!

President George W. Bush don't sound so dyslexic C student from Yale no more – indeed he sounds rather perceptive in his candid observation: ***“Our two nations both faced great challenges when they were founded. And our two nations have both relied on the same principles to help us succeed. We built strong democracies to protect the freedoms given to us by an Almighty God”.***

Asking any child in sixth grade, when he or she first learns of the genocide of the native Americans, whether she might do anything to prevent it if that was happening today, what do you think might her answer be? What if these sixth graders were told about this ongoing genocide in Palestine, and instead of tours of the Holocaust museum in Washington D.C., they were taken on tours through the unholy land of oppression? And instead of reading the Diary of Anne Frank in eighth grade, they were assigned to read Rachel Corrie's letters to her mother from Palestine, or asked to compare the two in class discussions?

Asking of such uncomfortable questions by the mainstream upon being exposed to the grotesque “***base reality of our world***” that is institutionally camouflaged by clever Orwellian spins like “***We built strong democracies to protect the freedoms given to us by an Almighty God***”, can only put a monkey-wrench in the imperial scheme of things, especially if it creates popular mass protests and shut-down strikes as in the case of the Vietnam War!

And thus, ensuring that such questions are never raised by the plebeian masses in the Western Hemisphere, Israel's 60th birthday will likely be celebrated with much gusto in many of its Western Capitals today, with President Bush already enjoying the love-fest in Tel Aviv.

Happy 60th Birthday from Project Humanbeingsfirst on behalf of the lowly 'barbarians'!

[Footnote May 20, 2008] It is known to be customary to celebrate independence day with much mirth, joyous merry-making, firecrackers, and bonfires. The “*New Israel*” which excitedly welcomed the fervent Evangelical Christian American President, George W. Bush Jr., and his fair lady, to its holy lands for three days of love-fest and merriment, the moment their guests departed, lit the brightest bonfires to continue on with its “*Three thousand years old, and going on sixty*” traditional celebrations, as reported today by the Tel Aviv based Hebrew language Daily, Maariv, the second largest in Israel. **“Orthodox Jews set fire to hundreds of copies of the New Testament in the latest act of violence against Christian missionaries in the Holy Land. The books were dumped into a pile and set afire in a lot near a synagogue. The Israeli Maariv daily reported Tuesday that hundreds of Jewish religious school students took part in the book-burning. Israeli authorities and Orthodox Jews frown on missionary activity aimed at Jews”**, observed [DAWN](#), [MSNBC](#), [IHT](#), all headlining it **“Orthodox Jewish youths burn New Testaments in Israel”** and narrating from the [Associated Press supplied rendition](#) of events. There were no [BBC television news cameras](#) on hand to record the bonfires as there usually are when some DVDs featuring scantily clad women are put to the torch by “islamofascists”. Too bad the First Family of the United States of America, Der Judenstaadt’s primal benefactors, did not stay a few extra days to witness the full spectrum love-fest that perhaps [awaits](#) the rest of Christendom as 'god's chosen peoples' are grown into the **“Zion that will light up all the world”**! How can the lowly, deftly cultivated [“islamofascist”](#) pirates ever hope to hold a candle up to this naturally occurring light of [Judeofascism](#)? Perhaps the greatest “*Western Scholar of Islam*” and the “*Middle East*” in the United States of America, [Daniel Pipes](#), [Bernard Lewis](#), [David Horowitz](#), et. al., can explain it to the Christian President of the United States whose most sacred Holy Book, and that of approx. 2 Billion other Christians, was just desecrated by the most fervent Jews in Zionistan!

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Celebrating Israel's 60th Birthday 2 / 11 in the 60th year of the Nakba

Someone's Holiday, Another's Nakba, Our Shame!

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It is à propos to begin this brief observation in 2008, on a cloudy Sunday morning while sipping a nice hot cup of tea in the safety and comfort of my home in California, with a few words from the late Israeli scholar Baruch Kimmerling, professor of sociology at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, from his 2002 essay "[My Holiday, Their Tragedy](#)":

As a Jew, an atheist and a Zionist, I have two memorial days in my country, Israel. One for the Holocaust and one for soldiers who fell in wars. I also have one day of celebration, the anniversary of the day Israel declared its statehood.

...

It is horrifying to realize that, despite the fact that the essence of the Holocaust was the genocide of the Jewish people, we tend to forget, induce oversight of, and even hide the fact that gypsies, the physically and mentally disabled, communists, priests, and Germans who opposed the Nazi regime were killed in extermination camps alongside Jews. The transformation of the Holocaust into a solely Jewish tragedy, as opposed to a universal event, only weakens its significance and its legitimacy, tarnishing us and the memory of the victims. Likewise, its unnecessary overuse by Jews in Israel and the rest of the world, particularly political bodies, has made the Holocaust banal. Above all, a provocative and dangerous approach has bought a place in our hearts: that Jews, as the victims of the Holocaust, are permitted to treat goyim however they

want. Forceful and condescending, "anti-gentile-ism" is identical to criminal anti-Semitism. ...

The Jewish - Arab conflict, and the Jewish - Palestinian conflict in particular, has had many victims and caused great suffering. I admit that I am closer to the victims from my own people, for personal reasons and because of my familiarity and personal experience with many of them or members of their families. What can I do? A person is closer to his own friends, tribe, and people. ...

Independence Day is a holiday for me, but also an opportunity for intense self-introspection. A person needs a state and land, and this is my land, my homeland, despite the fact that I was not born here.

And it is also à propos to briefly juxtapose the underlined sentimental statements of Kimmerling's "My Holiday", with those a bit more poignantly expressive of "Their Tragedy" than simply "*Jewish - Arab conflict, and the Jewish - Palestinian conflict in particular, has had many victims and caused great suffering*", of the late Israeli scholar, Tanya Reinhart, professor of linguistics, also at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, from her 2002 book "[How to end the war of 1948](#)":

The state of Israel founded in 1948 following a war which the Israelis call the War of Independence, and the Palestinians call the Nakba - the catastrophe. A haunted, persecuted people sought to find a shelter and a state for itself, and did so at a horrible price to another people. During the war of 1948, more than half of the Palestinian population at the time - 1,380,000 people - were driven off their homeland by the Israeli army. Though Israel officially claimed that a majority of refugees fled and were not expelled, it still refused to allow them to return, as a UN resolution demanded shortly after 1948 war. Thus, the Israeli land was obtained through ethnic cleansing of the indigenous Palestinian inhabitants. This is not a process unfamiliar in history. Israel's actions remain incomparable to the massive ethnic cleansing of Native Americans by the settlers and government of the United States. Had Israel stopped there, in 1948, I could probably live with it. As an Israeli, I grew up believing that this primal sin our state was founded on may be forgiven one day, because the founder's generation was driven by the faith that this was the only way to save the Jewish people from the danger of another holocaust.

So – which way to go? "My Holiday" celebrations, or "Their Tragedy" matams*? What do you think? What do the Jews think? More importantly, what do the Americans think?

Is it really true that "A person is closer to his own friends, tribe, and people."? If so, why should the world even give two hoots about the Holocaust or the Jews suffering? The Jews compose

only a mere 20 to 30 million of the Earth's 6 billion population (0.5%), and most say number about 6 million among the United States' 200+ million peoples (3%) – a tiny minority. Thus if the Jews expect the world to sympathize with them, to remember their Holocaust and their suffering of two millennium in Diaspora, to allow them to have their own Holocaust museum in Washington D.C., to make national and global laws in sympathy with them making anti-Semitism illegal and a cause célèbre for condemning anyone among the majority, then surely, this statement must be false. Not only must it be false, but every Jew must surely hold it to be false in order for him or her to engage the world on their abhorrent Holocaust!

Thus the answer is clear by the simple logic of the argument – it is not just “*Their Tragedy*”, it is a shared Tragedy of all humanity. And it is not only a Tragedy, it is a supreme monumental crime, still in progress.

Shame on humanity for our silent spectating of the ongoing Nakba of the Palestinian peoples in their own homelands - now into its despicable 60th criminal year and still unrecognized by the apathetically guilty world that swore 'never again'! And yet, we continue to accept the ongoing monumental crimes against humanity of devilishly orchestrated incremental faits accomplis that can be so trivially stopped by the world without firing even a single shot!

Then, as Kimmerling further amorally sentimentalized their Nakba, which he also referred to as merely “*victims of this bloody conflict and feel deep empathy with those who have suffered and still suffer as a result of the fatal encounter between Jews and Arabs in this land*” without apportioning any blame on “*his own friends, tribe, and people*” for the genocidal crimes against the “*indigenous Palestinian inhabitants*”, “*Their Tragedy*” can finally be truly ended:

I hope that the day will come when we will commemorate together and mourn together, Jews and Arabs alike, for all of the victims of the conflict. Only then will we be able to live together in this place in safety ... every man and woman under their vine and under their fig tree.

What is that magic bullet that eluded Baruch Kimmerling to match his afore-stated hopes and aspirations? It isn't magical at all. Incredibly enough, it is quite commonsensical, and as blatant as any dancing trumpeting elephant on a newlywed's bed!

Put an end to Apartheid in the land of Canaan as the world once did in Apartheid South Africa!

The Western Jews are made no more holy due to their abhorrent Holocaust, and nor are the Eastern Palestinians made any less of a peoples on account of not being Jewish!

Why should the Palestinians be paying for the thousand-year crimes of the [Europeans and the Western 'followers' of Christ against the Jews?](#)

A new long-term monumental crime is once again being committed against the Jews themselves by the 'same followers' of Christ – of attempting to equate Judaism with Zionism, of brutally displaying to the world what really terrible peoples the Zionist-Jews really are, that the moment they acquire the upper hand, they oppress everyone else! Wakeup Jewish peoples – stop supporting 'Der Judenstadt' and demand implementation of your own lofty Golden Rule 'do unto others as you have others do unto you', for that may soon transpire, and in spades(!) – the ultimate in patsy-setup in the great Anti-Semitic game of the 'same' Anglo-Saxon 'followers' of Christ!

Neither will work even in Armageddon - setting Jews and Muslims upon each others throats as ultimate in anti-Semitism, or setting Christians and Muslims upon each others throats as the ultimate in revenge for 2000 years of Christian persecution. Both shout-out the role of Zionist criminal masterminds in a convulsion of superpower-Zionist mutual interests that is apparent to all outside of the Zionist dominated Western shores where the majority of humanity resides.

The Jews themselves must act before one more death is accrued upon their moral Jewish hands by their tacit or active support of criminal Zionism thinking it has anything to do with Judaism; of support of plans for Eretz Yisrael by being misled into supporting the imperial fiction of 'war on terrorism'; and of support for the dreams of a 'Zion that will light up all the world' – surely only in flames!

Yes – I too, as a non-Jew, as only a human being first, surely also do know which way I must go for the best interest of all the peoples in the Land of Canaan(!) for indeed, this is the shared shame of, and the shared blame upon, all humanity. My only question is – beyond lip service, what am I willing to do for it?

How about you?

*matams – Urdu word for inconsolable lamenting and crying, sometimes chest beating in abject grief; an ineffectual sorrowful mourning and remembrance of a great loss or injustice in an exaggerated outward display.

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Open Letter to Former American President Jimmy Carter

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[Letter also faxed to the former President's office in Atlanta. No response has been received to date.]

To: His Excellency, Jimmy Carter, former American president, and Nobel laureate

From: [Project Humanbeingsfirst.org](http://ProjectHumanbeingsfirst.org)

Subject: **Introducing Palestine, Justice Not Apartheid**

Date March 27, 2007

Dear distinguished scholar, humanitarian, Nobel peace-laureate, former President:

As a major public figure who is immensely concerned about the fate of the peoples of this planet, you have admirably endeavored in many notable social projects, including the most famous, Habitat for Humanity. For the past few years, I have taken my children to participate in its annual fund raising 5K and 10K races sponsored by the local university's Chapter of Habitat,

and I hope that one of these days I will also be able to participate in helping build at least one of these Habitat homes. I wish more persons of privilege would show leadership in these sorts of inspiring activities, and I greatly applaud your conscionable spirit of volunteerism as a very positive role model for all humanity. And especially for me.

However, in this open letter, I must draw your kind attention to a rather disturbing question that I humbly raise about your most recent book "**Palestine, Peace not Apartheid**" which is admittedly your very courageous voice of conscience in your continued endeavor to bring peace and equanimity to the beleaguered peoples of this lonely planet. You too indeed recognize that we are equal human beings first - sharing this lonely planet - before we are anything else.

In reference to your recent speech at George Washington University, as reported by the Associated Press and carried by Israeli newspaper Haaretz at <http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/pages/834962.html>, where it was noted:

'He said he was not accusing Israel of racism nor referring to its treatment of Arabs within the country. "I defined apartheid very carefully as the forced segregation by one people of another on their own land," he said. ...'

I am compelled by my own far humbler and rather limited conscience to straightforwardly ask you, "**why?**" Why are you not accusing Israel of racism, nor referring to her treatment of Arabs within the country in your profound book? Why have you so artfully redefined racism and apartheid:

"I defined apartheid very carefully as the forced segregation by one people of another on their own land",

and deliberately restrained yourself from not seeing the direct and immediate parallels with South Africa? Did you come by this restricted redefinition for the semantics of a well known phenomenon, and the thrust of your insightful analysis of the situation in Palestine through whim, fear, or through some "ubermensch" principle of morality?

I have expanded on this question in my short commentary "[Introducing Palestine, Peace Not Apartheid](#)" at humanbeingsfirst.org. I have also humbly expanded on the issue of Israel-Palestine at much greater depth in my essay "[The endless trail of red herrings](#)" available on the same website wherein I quite straightforwardly deconstruct the constricted discourse space in the entire Western Hemisphere that has been so deliberately crafted in favor of Der Judenstat to continually enable new faits accomplis to be artfully constructed on the ground such that they become "impractical" and "inexpedient" to subsequently reverse! Have you had the opportunity to visit Jerusalem lately? I am informed by its Palestinian residents that it looks nothing like it used to before 1967, with all vestiges of Arab inhabitation being deftly replaced

by a European look. Indeed, quite "impractical" to reverse!

While the most notable persons in the world clamor the two-state solution space and artfully continue to dodge their responsibility of calling a spade a spade, settlement of the Land of Canaan by the European aliens is a fait accompli as noted by Gideon Levy in his candid Haaretz article "Netanyahu and Meshal forever" at <http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/835457.html>

In this stark reality of faits accomplis that is visible to all, **your interestingly titled book is rather too little too late!** The only rational recourse today is to outright dismantle Zionism as an organized terror philosophy, and its brainchild, Der Judenstat, as an abhorrent Apartheid construction - a blot on humanity that created it, and tolerates it, while its distinguished leaders continually seed newer red herrings in the guise of sympathy thus permitting the root cause celebra to exist in peace unhindered by "*not accusing Israel of racism nor referring to its treatment of Arabs within the country.*" As a distinguished world leader and elder-statesman of the most powerful nation in the universe, your every word is significant. **Why has this word been chosen thusly in contrast to the manifest reality on the ground?**

Additionally, I have briefly analyzed your interesting interview of January 25, 2007 with NPR's Steve Inskeep, and your former Historian-friend Prof. Kenneth Stein's criticism of your book in my very detailed essay "[Dialog Among Civilizations: Whytalksfail? Part-1](#)" also available from the same website, where I invite you and NPR to redo those series of interviews using the commonsensical dialog algorithm developed in the afore titled document where no unexamined and sacred axioms are allowed to remain unexamined and untouchable. This dialog algorithm is rationally architected to amicably resolve today's most dangerous of disputes among mankind, unless of course the intent is indeed to not resolve them equitably, but rather to perpetuate American primacy and its geostrategic imperatives by hook or by crook.

Such a dialog algorithm is especially necessary in order to avert the looming predatory American war upon a defenseless Iran (please see my [Open Letter to Amnesty International, USA](#)), for which your former National Security Advisor has already candidly laid out the following plausible scenario (an imaginative variation on [Operation Canned Goods](#)) before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on February 1, 2007 (<http://www.voltairenet.org/article145515.html>):

"a plausible scenario for a military collision with Iran involves Iraqi failure to meet the benchmarks, followed by accusations of Iranian responsibility for the failure, then by some provocation in Iraq or a terrorist act in the US blamed on Iran, culminating in a "defensive" US military action against Iran that plunges a lonely America into a spreading and deepening quagmire eventually ranging across Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan and Pakistan"

I hope you can find a little time in your very busy schedule to examine these humble analyses emanating from the rather plebeian mind of Project Humanbeingsfirst. I also hope that you would find them at least a tiny bit worthy to respond coherently, and not feel it necessary to engage in the amazing techniques of deflection perfected by your illustrious successor.

I straightforwardly challenge your anemic condemnation of Israel, and I hope that you too will respond rather straightforwardly. Obviously as you enjoy the privilege of your position, you likely see the world from the pragmatic lens of expediency and primacy imperatives of a lone superpower state, as you did when you engagingly permitted your National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski to hand "**the USSR its Vietnam War**" on another's soil with another peoples' blood (as confessed by Brzezinski in 1998: <http://members.aol.com/bblum6/brz.htm>).

If it is indeed the primacy wisdom of ideological "expediency" that has informed the diktats of your noble conscience in writing this book on Palestine - which you could have also forthrightly named "**Palestine, Justice Not Apartheid**" and developed its theme accordingly had you also courageously recognized that lasting peace is only a harvest of justice, else it's acquiesced slavery - perhaps you might share your ideological wisdom with the mesmerized world which is so enthralled with the mere thought of any American President even dreaming of criticizing the "ubermensch" state in the modernity du jour. **When you had the moral strength to come this far, why not all the way? What, or who, has co-opted you?**

With Warm and Courteous Regards,

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the plebeian, founder Project Humanbeingsfirst™

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Introducing Palestine, Peace Not Apartheid

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[A condensed version of this analysis appears in the footnotes of the essay "The endless trail of red herrings"]

I excitedly purchased the distinguished former American president Jimmy Carter's new book "**Palestine, Peace Not Apartheid**" and put it on my bookshelf to read the moment I got the chance. Alas, this book will now surely always sit there gathering dust and unread, because before I could get to it, I read the following account in the Israeli newspaper Haaretz about this book that greatly disturbed me. A new red herring has been cleverly introduced into the discourse space, albeit enlarging it somewhat, but not sufficiently for me to waste my time chasing down yet another distinguished red herring. Please permit me to humbly elaborate briefly. A more detailed analysis of the subject matter may be gleaned in the essay "[The endless trail of red herrings](#)".

I have humbly constructed an "[Open Letter to President Jimmy Carter](#)" seeking his compelling and erudite elaboration on the questions raised here. I pray that he generously responds to this rather ordinary plebeian's plea for clarification so that I can be freed to take his book off my bookshelf to read as excitedly as when I first purchased it. Else it shall await a "[Robert Jackson](#)" (as noted in my "[Open Letter to Amnesty International, USA](#)"), perhaps long after my short sojourn in this world is over, but surely, he shall come! That is the hope,

and indeed the prayer of all peoples who have ever experienced the largesses and munificences of any pirate, and any emperor!

Before I delve into the account of the Israeli newspaper, please allow me to call upon the great Christian Saint who explained the "pirate and emperor" metaphor for the benefit of all humanity in the 4th century AD, in the following way:

"When the King asked him what he meant by infesting the sea, the pirate defiantly replied: 'the same as you do when you infest the whole world; but because I do it with a little ship I am called a robber, and because you do it with a great fleet, you are an emperor.' " (St. Augustine in his magnum opus "The City of God against the Pagans", Page 148).

Well let's witness where the former American President Jimmy Carter stands on pirates and emperors. In his speech at George Washington University, as reported by the Associated Press and carried by Israeli newspaper Haaretz at <http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/834962.html>, he noted:

' He said he was not accusing Israel of racism nor referring to its treatment of Arabs within the country. "I defined apartheid very carefully as the forced segregation by one people of another on their own land," he said. ...

On the West Bank, Carter said, Palestinians were victims of oppression, their homes and land confiscated to make way for subsidized Israeli settlers.

"The life of Palestinians is almost intolerable," he said. "And even though Israel agreed to give up Gaza and remove Jewish settlers from the territory, there is no freedom for the people of Gaza and no access to the outside world."

"They have no real freedom of all," Carter said.

By apartheid, Carter said he meant the forced segregation of one people by another. He said Israel's policies in the territories are contrary to the tenets of the Jewish faith.

"There will be no peace until Israel agrees to withdraw from all occupied Palestinian territory," he said, while leaving room for some land swaps that would permit Jews to remain on part of the West Bank in exchange for other Israeli-held land to be taken over by Palestinians.

"Withdrawal would dramatically reduce any threat to Israel," he said. '

The distinguished former President noted the definition of *"all occupied Palestinian territory"*

very carefully suggesting that *'he was not accusing Israel of racism nor referring to its treatment of Arabs within the country. "I defined apartheid very carefully as the forced segregation by one people of another on their own land," he said'*.

This might be forgivable oversight of failing memory for today's younger generation or even lack of geography knowledge for an ordinary American, but for a 39th former president of a lone superpower nation who is also a Nobel Peace Prize laureate, and who dares to speak out serendipitously in favor of a beleaguered peoples, but only goes part of the way as if some enormous invisible barrier is blocking him, it is entirely inexplicable, and very troublesome.

Perhaps despite being a president who once had all the secrets of the State (and the world) at his finger tips, he hadn't rightly been informed by the *'14 members of the Carter Center's advisory board'* who resigned to protest his book, or by the *'Jewish groups and some fellow Democrats'* from whom he *'drew fire'*, of the Jews own history of laments of the type disclosed in this essay, including this very poignant one:

"The state of Israel founded in 1948 following a war which the Israelis call the War of Independence, and the Palestinians call the Nakba - the catastrophe. A haunted, persecuted people sought to find a shelter and a state for itself, and did so at a horrible price to another people. During the war of 1948, more than half of the Palestinian population at the time - 1,380,000 people - were driven off their homeland by the Israeli army. Though Israel officially claimed that a majority of refugees fled and were not expelled, it still refused to allow them to return, as a UN resolution demanded shortly after 1948 war. Thus, the Israeli land was obtained through ethnic cleansing of the indigenous Palestinian inhabitants. This is not a process unfamiliar in history. Israel's actions remain incomparable to the massive ethnic cleansing of Native Americans by the settlers and government of the United states. Had Israel stopped there, in 1948, I could probably live with it. As an Israeli, I grew up believing that this primal sin our state was founded on may be forgiven one day, because the founder's generation was driven by the faith that this was the only way to save the Jewish people from the danger of another holocaust." (Tanya Reinhart: "Israel/Palestine - How to End the War of 1948", excerpt from very first page)

It is incredulously bizarre that President Carter should so circumspectly state that *'He said he was not accusing Israel of racism nor referring to its treatment of Arabs within the country.'* Not possessing the distinguished credentials of being a former President of the lone superpower country in the universe, and not having won any Nobel Peace prizes either, I must confess I cannot understand the tepidity or wisdom of President Carter. As a mere plebeian, I must rather straightforwardly ask him and the reader, why? Why is Jimmy Carter not accusing Israel of racism, nor referring to her treatment of Arabs within the country?

What is a courageous former President - guarded 24x7 by the Secret Service, and possessing all that he may ever desire in the world already in the back pockets of his accomplished and full life - so fearful of, that he should go out of his way to assert his definition of "Apartheid" in the title of his book to: *"I defined apartheid very carefully as the forced segregation by one people of another on their own land"*, and deliberately restrain himself from not seeing the direct and immediate parallels with South Africa? Did he come by this arbitrary definition through whim, fear, or through some "ubermensch" principle of morality?

Please permit this rather plebeian scribe to have the chutzpah to remind a distinguished luminary-scholar-humanitarian-extraordinaire of the modern political world of the words of Haim Cohen, former judge of the Supreme Court of Israel (as noted by Tariq Ali in **"To be Intimidated is to be an Accomplice"** <http://www.counterpunch.org/ali03042004.html>):

' "The bitter irony of fate decreed that the same biological and racist argument extended by the Nazis, and which inspired the inflammatory laws of Nuremberg, serve as the basis for the official definition of Jewishness in the bosom of the state of Israel" (quoted in Joseph Badi, Fundamental Laws of the State of Israel NY, 1960, P.156)'

And all can easily glean the expansion of this statement by the former judge of the Supreme Court of Israel, in **"Zionism as Jewish National Socialism"**:

"According to Halachah, classic Judaism's laws and customs, for example "compassion towards others" extends to Jews only. Murder or manslaughter is judged mildly when the perpetrator is Jewish and the victim a non-Jew. Also according to Halachah, it is accepted for a Jew to kill a non-Jew if he is laying claim to "eternal Jewish land". This is what the settlers' religious organisations are alleging. There is no corresponding law in Israel's judicial system but in effect it influences the system as punishment of such crimes is very mild. Israel's state terrorism, theft of land and occupation, demolition of houses, the building of the Wall etc including the so called 'extra-judicial killings' (assassinations), are seen by Zionists as legitimate defence of the Nation and therefore fall under international law - which Israel ignores [...] Buber criticised Nazism while commending the Jewish Religion (Hassidism) but keeping quiet about its dehumanising of non-Jews (goyim). These double standards act to increase Israel's chauvinism and hatred of all non-Jews." (Lasse Wilhelmson "Zionism as Jewish National Socialism"

<http://www.israelshamir.net/Contributors/wilhelmson.htm>)

And we can trivially see empirical evidence of *"These double standards act to increase Israel's chauvinism and hatred of all non-Jews"* in despicable racist "ubermensch" statements like the following one by Moshe Katsav, former President of Israel, that inexplicably seem to remain

incognizant among the powerful and distinguished critics' of Israel-Palestine blot on humanity, including the author of "Palestine, Peace not Apartheid":

"There is a huge gap between us (Jews) and our enemies not just in ability but in morality, culture, sanctity of life, and conscience. They are our neighbors here, but it seems as if at a distance of a few hundred meters away, they are people who do not belong to our continent, to our world, but actually belong to different galaxy." (Moshe Katsav, President of Israel, The Jerusalem Post, May 10, 2001)

It is incredible how powerful the lapses of some short term memories can be – perhaps Moshe Katsav has forgotten the Jewish Ghettos from New York to Poland that the Jews inhabited not too long ago themselves. Furthermore, this was their unfortunate 'state of being' when they were free and no military occupying power was constricting them to death. The beleaguered peoples whom the erstwhile former President of Israel finds so easy to belittle as "*not belong to our continent, to our world, but actually belong to different galaxy*" on the other hand are living under a brutal Israeli military occupation after they were already once evicted from their own lands when the Zionist state was first constructed in their peaceful midst and forced into the subsequently second whammy of military occupation of even that small parcel of land – generations have been wasted under the murderous occupiers watchful gun turrets. Shame!

What has happened to the humanity of these Israelis? Why should the world take any sympathy on these peoples anymore for their holocaust? They are handing the same systematic genocide to another innocent peoples – only spread out across generations and in plain sight of the silently spectating world. Witness the following comments of an American President Harry S. Truman from his Diary July 21, 1947. Every word of it is reflected in the Zionist Jews' own merciless actions in Palestine since the founding of Israel in 1948:

"The Jews, I find are very, very selfish. They care not how many Estonians, Latvians, Finns, Poles, Yugoslavs or Greeks get murdered or mistreated as D[isplaced] P[ersons] as long as the Jews get special treatment. Yet when they have power, physical, financial or political neither Hitler not Stalin has anything on them for cruelty or mistreatment to the under dog."

So upon which "ubermensch" principle of morality has the distinguished President Carter come up with his definition of Apartheid? Hasn't he even bothered to read the late Daniel Pearl's wife, Marriane Pearl's touching autobiographical book in memory of her murdered husband "**A Mighty Heart**", in which on page 15 she writes of the newest and latest DNA technologies being employed in Israel for the ultimate in racism and Apartheid that even far surpasses South Africa:

"Last October, at a film festival in Montreal, I won an award for a controversial

documentary I made for French and German public television about Israel's use of genetic screening. Under Israel's Law of Return, almost any Jew has the right to return to the ancient homeland. But how do you make sure someone is actually Jewish? To determine who qualifies, Israeli authorities have used DNA testing to examine applicants' genetic makeup. My film explored the political and sociological implications of this process, which are confusing and disturbing."
(Marriane Pearl "A Mighty Heart" page 15)

I am only assuming that the former President Carter does not receive his daily briefings from the White House anymore, and therefore may not have kept up with the latest news in racism of Israel's innate makeup! Can some courageous reader put the afore asked questions before the former American President publicly where he is compelled to respond as the world continually fawns their oohs and aahs at just the thought of a former President of the United States of America even thinking of criticizing Israel?

I am sorry that I am less than impressed. One does not need to be in possession of the title of "President" to see the difference between "good and evil" or to be "beyond" it. Or indeed, does one?

Seems like all the moralist thinking of people like Hannah Arendth in profound lamentary books such as "**Eichmann in Jerusalem - A Report on the Banality of Evil**" is mainly confined to the crimes committed against the mighty "ubermensch" themselves! As I humbly noted on Time Magazine's 'The Middle East' blog in response to an amazing article by Phil Zabriskie titled "**Reading Between, Over, Around the Lines...**" March 8, 2007, at http://time-blog.com/middle_east/2007/03/between_over_around_the_lines.html (only the comment reproduced below):

' "There might well be a fair number of people who think that a state of conflict, marked often by violence and at times death, is the natural state of things here, that endless cycles of mutual antagonism, persecution, and victimization is how its supposed to be, a kind of prophecy foretold."

I am not an expert on prophesy, but certainly commonsense suggests that evil flourishes because many good people choose to remain silent, and those who perpetuate it ["state of conflict"] are usually ordinary peoples - as noted by Hannah Arendth in "Eichmann in Jerusalem - A Report on the Banality of Evil". And when she observed the "ordinariness" of Adolph Eichmann, she was "reprimanded", putting it charitably. Because we always like to perceive that horrible crimes are only committed by super horrible peoples, and ordinary peoples have no role in being "good Germans".

I would like to draw your kind attention to "[the endless trail of red herrings](#)" on this topic that

even conscionable and distinguished writers, in mainstream, as well as dissentstream, keep perpetuating, unable to see past the mythologies and red herrings with their own good commonsense.

Please see my humble article on <http://www.humanbeingsfirst.org> with the above title.

I hope you do publish my comment - it is very difficult to have an ordinary person, a plebeian, have his voice heard - it's always the special interests who get the airwaves/mainstream to themselves. Perhaps Time can be courageous enough to change that - and run my article as their cover story? A plebeian can dream of a time when their own voices can inform the peoples, can't he?

Thank you

Zahir Ebrahim

Given the stark and brutish reality of deliberate and endless trail of red herrings on the ground, anyone not coming out loudly against Zionism itself as the world silently spectates its global power-plays, and not demanding its immediate and outright dismantling and full restitution to its victims, is complicit in the on going murder and genocide of an innocent peoples, all their self-flagellation, and words of remorse, and yes also words of sympathy, notwithstanding.

Why did President Jimmy Carter not title his work "**Palestine, Justice not Apartheid**", and not develop it accordingly? As a scholar and world statesman, he must surely be cognizant that lasting peace is only a harvest of justice. Any other peace is only temporary acquiescence to slavery on the part of the victims:

"We have to kill all the Palestinians unless they are resigned to live here as slaves" (General Shlomo Lahat)

Indeed, worse than slaves on their own ancestral lands and properties at the hands of manifest aliens:

"If I were an Arab leader, I would never sign an agreement with Israel. It is normal; we have taken their country. It is true God promised it to us, but how could that interest them? Our God is not theirs. There has been Anti-Semitism, the Nazis, Hitler, Auschwitz, but was that their fault? They see but one thing: we have come and we have stolen their country. Why would they accept that?" (Ben Gurion in "The Jewish Paradox")

"Let us not ignore the truth among ourselves ... politically we are the aggressors and they defend themselves... The country is theirs, because they inhabit it, whereas we want to come here and settle down, and in their view we want to

take away from them their country." (Ben Gurion, presumably quoted by Noam Chomsky in *Fateful Triangle*, noted from the web)

Which emperor or emperor-makers is Jimmy Carter trying to appease, or is mortally afraid of?

When he had the moral strength to speak up in favor of a beleaguered peoples, why not go all the way to blanketly advocating fair justice for them, with full restitution, and dismantling of the first cause celebra that is even as we speak, also championing the invasion and destruction of yet another innocent peoples in another nation?

What, or who, has so powerfully co-opted a former distinguished President of the United States of America such that even when he tells the truth, he only tells half of the truth?

To jog the erstwhile President Carter's conscience to go all the way to tell the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, here is a collection of quotes by Israeli leaders that appeared in [Dawn, May 20, 2002](#) in its Features section. Titled '**The old will die and the young will forget**', it is reproduced below in its entirety despite some duplication with quotes above, in order to re-illustrate the stark reality to the conscionable former American President of his beloved nation being held hostage and made complicit in the blood of the innocent for the construction of a bipolar "[Zion that will light up all the world](#)" - hopefully not in flames! A complex confluence of vested interests emanating from the very heartland of Christian America that was once founded as an august Republic.

It is very depressing and disheartening to me to see the statements of the Great American patriot Ben Franklin below becoming true, and indeed being deliberately brought to fruition by a handful of monumentally criminal misanthropes who are not only giving their entire peoples a bad name, but also co-opting this nation founded as a Republic, into "*imperial mobilization*" on the Grand Chessboard. One for which America's sons and daughters are paying the price as the world is held hostage on the verge of an Armageddon, while the Zionist exponents and neo-con war mongers sit pretty in their comfortable homes cheer leading the endless wars, and for which, one fine day, the price shall indeed have to be paid in full - as notes this beautiful poem fragment by W.H. AUDEN, "September 1, 1939":

*"I and the public know
What all schoolchildren learn,
Those to whom evil is done
Do Evil in return."*

It was indeed to protect the sanctity of a noble world's religion, and a mighty peoples, and to avert such a price upon an entire peoples with the humble offering of a supreme sacrifice, that the young Jewish American Rachel Corrie donated her precious life in defense of a beleaguered humanity - as noted in my essay "[Dialog Among Civilizations: Whytalksfail?](#)"

Part-1". Something for President Jimmy Carter to carefully ponder upon as he tepidly tippy toes around the ephemeral benchmarks of real power in the modernity du jour:

'HOW does the Jewish mind think? Some time ago, Mr Khurshid Anwer sent me the following set of questions I want to share with you today:

"I don't know something called International Principles. I vow that I'll burn every Palestinian child (that) will be born in this area. The Palestinian woman and child is more dangerous than the man, because the Palestinian child's existence infers that generations will go on, but the man causes limited danger. I vow that if I was just an Israeli civilian and I met a Palestinian I would burn him and I would make him suffer before killing him. With one hit I've killed 750 Palestinians (in Rafah in 1956). I wanted to encourage my soldiers by raping Arabic girls as the Palestinian woman is a slave for Jews, and we do whatever we want to her and nobody tells us what we shall do but we tell others what they shall do."
— [Ariel Sharon, now prime minister, in an interview with Gen Ouze Merham, 1956]

"There is a huge gap between us (Jews) and our enemies; not just in ability but in morality, culture, sanctity of life, and conscience. They are our neighbours here, but it seems as if at a distance of a few hundred metres away, there are people who do not belong to our continent, to our world, but actually belong to a different galaxy." — Israeli president Moshe Katsav, The Jerusalem Post, May 10, 2001

"The Palestinians are like crocodiles, the more you give them meat, the more they want ..." — Ehud Barak, former prime minister of Israel, Aug 28, 2000, The Jerusalem Post, Aug 30, 2000.

"[The Palestinians are] beasts walking on two legs." — Menahim Begin, speech to the Knesset, quoted in Amnon Kapeliouk, "Begin and the Beasts". New Statesman, June 25, 1982.

"The Palestinians would be crushed like grasshoppers ... heads smashed against the boulders and walls." A former Israeli prime minister in a speech to Jewish settlers, New York Times, April 1, 1988.

"When we have settled the land, all the Arabs will be able to do about it will be to scurry around like drugged cockroaches in a bottle." — Raphael Eitan, former Chief of Staff of the Israeli forces, New York Times, April 14, 1983.

"How can we return the occupied territories? There is nobody to return them to." — Golda Meir, March 8, 1969.

"There was no such thing as Palestinians, they never existed." — Golda Meir, former

Israeli prime minister, June 15, 1969.

"The thesis that the danger of genocide was hanging over us in June, 1967, and that Israel was fighting for its physical existence is only bluff, which was born and developed after the war." — Israeli Gen Matityahu, March 19, 1972.

David Ben Gurion (the first Israeli prime minister): *"If I were an Arab leader, I would never sign an agreement with Israel. It is normal; we have taken their country. It is true God promised it to us, but how could that interest them? Our God is not theirs. There has been anti-Semitism, the Nazis, Hitler, Auschwitz, but was that their fault? They see but one thing: we have come and we have stolen their country. Why would they accept that?"*
Quoted by Nahum Goldman in *Le Paradoxe Juif (The Jewish Paradox)*, pp 121.

Ben Gurion said in 1948: *"We must do everything to insure they (the Palestinians) never do return."* Assuring his fellow Zionists that the Palestinians will never come back to their homes. *"The old will die and the young will forget."*

"We have to kill all the Palestinians unless they are resigned to live here as slaves."
Chairman Heilbrun of the Committee for the Re-election of General Shlomo Lahat, the mayor of Tel Aviv, October, 1983.

"Every time we do something you tell me America will do this and will do that ... I want to tell you something very clear: Don't worry about American pressure on Israel. We, the Jewish people, control America, and the Americans know it." — Israeli prime minister, Ariel Sharon, Oct 3, 2001, to Shimon Peres, as reported on Kol Yisrael radio.

"We declare openly that the Arabs have no right to settle on even one centimetre of Eretz Israel... Force is all they do or ever will understand. We shall use the ultimate force until the Palestinians come crawling to us on all fours." Rafael Eitan, Chief of Staff of the Israeli forces — Gad Becker, *Yediot Ahronot* April 13, 1983, *New York Times* April 14, 1983.

"We must do everything to ensure they [the Palestinian refugees] never do return," David Ben-Gurion, in his diary, July 18, 1948, quoted in Michael Bar Zohar's *Ben-Gurion: the Armed Prophet*, Prentice-Hall, 1967, pp 157.

"We should prepare to go over to the offensive. Our aim is to smash Lebanon, Trans-Jordan, and Syria. The weak point is Lebanon, for the Muslim regime (there) is artificial and easy for us to undermine. We shall establish a Christian state there, and then we will smash the Arab Legion, eliminate Trans-Jordan; Syria will fall to us. We then bomb and move on and take Port Said, Alexandria and Sinai." David Ben-Gurion, May, 1948, to the General Staff. From *Ben-Gurion, a Biography*, by Michael Ben-Zohar, Delacorte, New

York, 1978.

"We must use terror, assassination, intimidation, land confiscation, and the cutting of all social services to rid the Galilee of its Arab population." Israel Koenig, The Koenig Memorandum.

"Jewish villages were built in the place of Arab villages. You do not even know the names of these Arab villages, and I do not blame you because geography books no longer exist. Not only the books do not exist, the Arab villages are not there, either. Nahlal arose in the place of Mahlul; Kibbutz Gvat in the place of Jibta; Kibbutz Sarid in the place of Huneifis; and Kefar Yehushua in the place of Tal al-Shuman. There is not a single place built in this country that did not have a former Arab population." Moshe Dayan, address to the Technion, Haifa, reported in Haaretz, April 4, 1969.

"We walked outside, Ben-Gurion accompanying us. Allon repeated his question, What is to be done with the Palestinian population?" Ben-Gurion waved his hand in a gesture which said 'Drive them out!'" Yitzhak Rabin, leaked censored version of Rabin memoirs, published by The New York Times, Oct 23, 1979.

Rabin's description of the conquest of Lydda, after the completion of Plan Dalet: *"We shall reduce the Arab population to a community of woodcutters and waiters"* Uri Lubrani, Ben-Gurion's special adviser on Arab Affairs, 1960. From *The Arabs in Israel* by Sabri Jiryas.

"There are some who believe that the non-Jewish population, even in a high percentage, within our borders will be more effectively under our surveillance; and there are some who believe the contrary — that it is easier to carry out surveillance over the activities of a neighbour than over those of a tenant. I tend to support the latter view and have an additional argument....the need to sustain the character of the state which will henceforth be Jewish...with a non-Jewish minority limited to 15 per cent. I had already reached this fundamental position as early as 1940 [and] it is entered in my diary." Joseph Weitz, head of the Jewish Agency's Colonization Department. From *Israel: an Apartheid State* by Uri Davis, p.5.

"Everybody has to move, run and grab as many hilltops as they can to enlarge the settlements because everything we take now will stay ours... Everything we don't grab will go to them." Ariel Sharon, then Israeli foreign minister, addressing a meeting of militants from the extreme right-wing Tsomet Party, Agence France Presse, Nov 15, 1998.

"It is the duty of Israeli leaders to explain to public opinion, clearly and courageously, a certain number of facts that are forgotten with time. The first of these is that there is no Zionism, colonialization or Jewish State without the eviction of the Arabs and the

expropriation of their lands." Yoram Bar Porath, Yediot Aahronot, of July 14, 1972.

"Spirit the penniless population across the frontier by denying it employment... Both the process of expropriation and the removal of the poor must be carried out discreetly and circumspectly." Theodore Herzl, founder of the World Zionist Organization, speaking of the Arabs of Palestine, Complete Diaries, June 12, 1895, entry.

Later, Mr Khurshid Anwar wrote to say: Benjamin Franklin, an inventor, statesman and philosopher was one of the founding fathers of the United States, a signatory to the Declaration of Independence and of the US Constitution. A speech he made at the constitutional convention in 1789, is very relevant even today:

"There is a greater danger to the United States. This great danger is the Jew. Gentlemen, in whichever land the Jews have settled, they have repressed the moral level and the degree of commercial honesty. They have remained apart and unassimilated. They attempt to strangle the nation financially, as in the case of Portugal and Spain.

"For more than 1,700 years they have lamented their sorrowful fate ... namely that they have driven out of their motherland; but, gentlemen, if the civilized world of today should give them back Palestine and their property, most of them would immediately find pressing reasons for not returning there. Why? Because they are vampires, and they must live among Christians and others.

"If the Jews are not excluded from the United States through the Constitution within less than one hundred years, they will stream into this country in such numbers that they will rule and destroy us and change our form of government for which we have given so much. If the Jews are not excluded within 200 years, our children will be working in the fields to feed the Jews". "I warn you gentlemen, if you do not exclude the Jews forever, your children and your children's children will curse you in your graves. Their ideas are not those of Americans even when they have lived among us for ten generations. The Jews are a danger to this land, and if they are allowed to enter, they will imperil our institutions."

Mr Anwer then concluded: *"The Americans may have adjusted themselves, willy-nilly, to the presence of the Jews because of their guilt over the Nazi holocaust, for domestic political reasons and for the role of their watchdog over the Middle East oil, but every word of Benjamin Franklin is true when it comes to the Palestinians."*

Thank you, Mr Khurshid Anwer, for putting things in perspective. '

Thank you.

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Open Letter to Amnesty International, USA

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Dear Urgent Actioneers at Amnesty International, USA,

It is with much sadness and disheartedness that I draw your kind attention to Project Humanbeingsfirst's analysis of Israel-Palestine festering blot on humanity at <http://www.humanbeingsfirst.org>, article "[The endless trail of red herrings](http://www.humanbeingsfirst.org)" (<http://humanbeingsfirst.blogspot.com/2007/03/endless-red-herrings.html>).

Please review it, especially in light of the current impasse and imminent attack on yet another sovereign nation in the works. The sad part is, the handful of conscionable peoples and organizations among the billions of silently spectating peoples in the world who actively care about these matters, often end up being co-opted by chasing down the endless trail of red herrings in all such issues such that their efficacy at the end of the day is entirely ZERO. This is the case with the antiwar protests for example, which could not prevent a barbaric and monumentally criminal "shock and awe" upon an innocent civilians, or the WTO protesters who have to date achieved little measurable impact on any trade policy, as well as Amnesty

Internationals efforts at Guantanamo Bay and elsewhere in the world to curb Human Rights abuses. Apart from writing terrific looking reports, and with the exception of bringing much sought after relief in few individual cases, what level of global impact has Amnesty International had over the years? Its own ongoing reports on Israel-Palestine are of exactly zero impact, as empirically evident by the continual reality of new faits accomplis being daily constructed on the ground!

In Project Humanbeingsfirst's view, this is entirely because the battles are often being fought at the "low order bits of the issues", when "the higher order bits" entirely determine where "the page faults" (in computer science geek-speak). This deplorable failing in our view, can easily be remedied by addressing the issues at the right levels of abstraction.

Thus to assist in the proper identification of DNA, one can easily draw upon the lessons of not too distant history if one wanted to. Please allow me to very briefly rehearse it here beginning with a direct quote from the closing speech of the Chief Prosecutor Robert Jackson at the Nuremberg Military Tribunal in 1948, just before death sentences were handed out that couldn't possibly atone or compensate for the millions of peoples dead due to the unconstrained dreams for Lebensraum:

"But justice in this case has nothing to do with some of the arguments put forth by the defendants or their counsel. We have not previously and we need not now discuss the merits of all their obscure and tortuous philosophy. We are not trying them for the possession of obnoxious ideas. It is their right, if they choose, to renounce the Hebraic heritage in the civilization of which Germany was once a part. Nor is it our affair that they repudiated the Hellenic influence as well. The intellectual bankruptcy and moral perversion of the Nazi regime might have been no concern of international law had it not been utilized to goosestep the Herrenvolk across international frontiers. It is not their thoughts, it is their overt acts which we charge to be crimes. Their creed and teachings are important only as evidence of motive, purpose, knowledge, and intent."

<http://www.courttv.com/archive/casfiles/nuremberg/close.html>

This bears restating again: *"It is not their thoughts, it is their overt acts which we charge to be crimes. Their creed and teachings are important only as evidence of motive, purpose, knowledge, and intent"*. And as for blanket awareness of premeditated intent, the erstwhile judge recited his now infamous words:

"The plans of Adolf Hitler for aggression were just as secret as Mein Kampf, of which over six million copies were published in Germany."

And as historian William Shirer wrote in his diary on the eve of World War II on how such plans were hatched in plain sight:

"Everybody against the war. People talking openly. How can a country go into a major war with a population so dead against it?" Shirer continues describing the solution in Hitler's own words: "Hitler knew the answer well. Had he not the week before on his Bavarian mountaintop promised the generals that he would 'give a propagandist reason for starting the war' and admonished them not to 'mind whether it was plausible or not'? 'The victor', he had told them, 'will not be asked afterward whether he told the truth or not. In starting and waging a war it is not the right that matters, but victory.' "

Well we already know the historians excitedly lamenting about the intelligence failure on Iraq war, where the august Iraq Study Group has already seeded it with its rather disingenuous conclusion post fait accompli, in its March 31st 2005 [report](http://usinfo.state.gov/mena/Archive/2005/Mar/31-474907.html) (<http://usinfo.state.gov/mena/Archive/2005/Mar/31-474907.html>):

"We conclude that the intelligence community was dead wrong in almost all of its prewar judgments about Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. This was a major intelligence failure,...".

And we already know what the Texan Republican Congressman Ron Paul has so clairvoyantly opined about the new impending war on the House floor in his [Jan 2007 speech](http://www.house.gov/paul/tst/tst2007/tst011507.htm) (<http://www.house.gov/paul/tst/tst2007/tst011507.htm>):

"As I said last week on the House floor, speculation in Washington focuses on when, not if, either Israel or the U.S. will bomb Iran-- possibly with nuclear weapons. The accusation sounds very familiar: namely, that Iran possesses weapons of mass destruction. Iran has never been found in violation of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, and our own Central Intelligence Agency says Iran is more than ten years away from producing any kind of nuclear weapon. Yet we are told we must act immediately while we still can! "

"The truth is that Iran, like Iraq, is a third-world nation without a significant military. Nothing in history hints that she is likely to invade a neighboring country, let alone America or Israel. I am concerned, however, that a contrived Gulf of Tonkin- type incident may occur to gain popular support for an attack on Iran."

And not to be outdone, the former National Security Advisor, Zbigniew Brzezinski, came up with his own more laconic version of it, as Council on Foreign Relations erstwhile writer, Max Boot put it in his essay "[Keeping Iran in line](http://www.cfr.org/publication/12789/)" (<http://www.cfr.org/publication/12789/>):

'In Senate testimony, former national security advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski conjured up a "plausible scenario for a military collision with Iran," which would

be provoked by a "terrorist act" that would be "blamed on Iran," "culminating in a 'defensive' U.S. military action against Iran that plunges a lonely America into a spreading and deepening quagmire." '

But then Max Boot continued with the penultimate disingenuousness:

'You would think that the United States was Nazi Germany preparing to launch a war of aggression on Poland based on a fabricated provocation. (Adolf Hitler's Sept. 1, 1939, blitzkrieg was preceded by SS troops in Polish uniforms pretending to attack a German radio station on the border.) In reality, it is the United States and our allies that are the victims in the confrontation with Iran.'

Perhaps suffering from incurable short term memory, he further noted:

'Recall that the trouble began with the outrageous Iranian seizure of 52 U.S. Embassy hostages in 1979. Since then, the mullahs have continued to wage war by proxy. Iranian-sponsored terrorists bombed the U.S. Embassy and Marine barracks in Beirut in 1983, killing 258 Americans. They kidnapped numerous Americans in Lebanon. They are suspected of bombing the Khobar Towers complex in Saudi Arabia in 1996, killing 19 Americans. More recently, they have been providing arms and training to anti-American militants in Iraq. Iranian-made EFPs (explosively formed projectiles), a particularly potent type of landmine, have been responsible for more than 170 American combat deaths.'

Okay so it is but unstated truism that in today's unfortunate complex world of short term memories where the victor's justice abounds, the proper identification of the DNA among the public, and what indeed are the right levels of abstraction to operate ones' activism and urgent calls to action upon, such that it can correctly identify the first cause from which *"all the evil that follows"* can subsequently be very easily adjudicated, can often become a daunting challenge in itself!

Thus while well intentioned conscionable people continue to write books after books contemporaneously, attend protest marches one after another, and make endless conscionable calls to action, new faits accomplis are continually seeded right before our very eyes - which then presumably become "impractical" to unseed.

This is as true of Israel-Palestine with the Zionists in their quest for "Eretz Yisrael", as it is true of America's life-time of "War on terrorism" - the [World War IV](#) - and its self-apportioned misanthropic adventures outside its own geographical limits to impose "democracy" on other "lesser" nations under the guise of "preemption"! Will some future judge, a Robert Jackson, too inexorably lament:

The plans of the aggressor for aggression were just as secret as the PNAC on

the Grand Chessboard that were freely available for download on the Internet, and in major bookstores.

Thus while we stroke our conscience playing with the "low order bits", military bases all across Central Asia are coming up in a geopolitical comeuppance of "Primacy and Its Geostrategic Imperatives" on the Grand Chessboard, with almost no geopolitically strategic nation left on earth where there is not an American military presence today in some form as energetically advocated by the Project New American Century's report "[Rebuilding America's Defenses](http://www.newamericancentury.org/RebuildingAmericasDefenses.pdf)" (<http://www.newamericancentury.org/RebuildingAmericasDefenses.pdf>) in order to pursue and maintain America's global "preeminence".

And as a direct consequence of which we see all the major and most significant global Human Rights abuses continually occurring, from Flying Bombs on civilian infrastructures and homes, to Extraordinary Renditions in many flavors, to Patriot Acts in multiple flavors, and including those abuses in more than 31 flavors committed by tin-pot dictatorships around the world in resources rich or strategically positioned developing nations who are entirely aided and abetted in propagating their reigns of terror upon their own peoples by the "Imperatives" of superpower "Primacy". Isn't the mitigation and elimination of the end abuse - the leaves of the tree so to speak - the *raison d'être* for the existence of Amnesty International in the first place? But remarkably, all the energetic "lower order bits" of activism and urgent action calls by Amnesty and other conscionable Human Rights organizations like it, end up being glorified no-ops at the end of the day! Everyone goes home in the evening having had a good exercise session on the treadmill, while people in the world continue to suffer!

Thus what is the point of all this call for action, urgent actions, and activism - isn't the proof of the pudding entirely in its eating? In order to really make one's soufflé rise, one has to work, *ab initio*, in learning how to crack the egg! Instead of gathering the leaves, or focusing on its coloring, the right level of abstraction to curb abuse is obviously to focus on the primal first cause, its DNA!

That is the purpose of the analysis presented in "The endless trail of red herrings", using Israel-Palestine as an example to illustrate why (misguided) activism and urgent calls for action is great for the status quo - it only greatly helps deflect conscionable peoples' energies and activism because it repeatedly fails to address the issues at the right levels of abstraction, thus permitting new *faits accomplis* unhindered!

I hope you find our humble analysis presented on humanbeingsfirst.org useful. You may do as you please with this analysis, including guiding your own Moral-Activism as appropriate, and propagating it further by giving it greater visibility, if you deem it worthy. The best thing one might do for status quo, is to ignore it entirely. I'd much rather you at least condemned the analysis with coherent reasoning if you do not find it worthy enough for propagating to your vast audience - using our very distinguished President's own choicest words to delineate

matters: *"either you are with us or with the terrorists"*!

There are two more urgent action essays on <http://www.humanbeingsfirst.org>: "[Introducing A Game As Old As Empire](#)" and "[Responsibility of Intellectuals - Redux](#)". The issues are all sort of inter-related. For a quick partial analysis on how, please see this article: <http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2007/03/15/18377179.php>.

The most urgent and immediate call for action however is indeed Israel-Palestine, for the impending unprovoked war on another sovereign nation has distinct beneficiaries, and distinct exponents, most prominent among them, the Apartheid state of Israel and their magnanimous Zionist neo-con supporters. It is an especially opportune time for refocusing energies towards the first cause celebra now that former American President Jimmy Carter has anemically attempted to broaden the discussion space with "Palestine, Peace not Apartheid". As Project Humanbeingsfirst noted at the end of footnote [3] in the "The endless trail of red herrings", a more conscionable and equitable book might have been titled "**Palestine, Justice not Apartheid**".

Does Amnesty International have the courage and the wisdom to take unequivocal positions on the multifaceted and continually trans-morphing only hidden in plain-sight DNA? Or would they rather contend themselves gathering the leaves while they wait for a future Robert Jackson to show them the way?

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The endless trail of red herrings

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In reference to the interestingly titled and revealing commentary by Israeli peace activist Uri Avnery, "Facing Mecca" published by Media Monitors Network (<http://usa.mediamonitors.net/content/view/full/40967>) and picked up by several others including The Baltimore Chronicle on February 19, 2007, I wanted to pen my own humble thoughts down to suggest that the trail of red herrings is long, endless, and quite distinguished.

"Impracticality" due to the *"existent reality on the ground"* is often used as a fait accompli argument for any other resolution to the long festering Israel-Palestine blot on humanity for the suffering that it is needlessly inducing upon the indigenous peoples, except the much articulated two state abstract solution as theoretically dictated by the Israeli government and the key power brokers and vested interests allied to it. And even in this constricted solutions space, it is frequently used to nuance what is practicably realizable given the *"existent reality on the ground"*, and what isn't.

While the world silently spectates the immense suffering that the occupation continues to bring upon an innocent peoples, the Israelis keep seeding the land with new reality on the ground which too then becomes "impractical" to undo and becomes new leveraging points in any subsequent peace talks - take 10 and give back 1 if the Palestinians behave, then repeat! This reality formally got constructed in 1948 and is continually being constructed as we speak, at each turn becoming impractical to undo requiring the victims to continually having to

accommodate to the new reality for peace settlement, because true justice is now deemed "impractical".

An interesting argument, this *"impracticality"*.

Or is it indeed also a deliberate deception and red herring of the kind related by *the "Israeli Patriot"* in "[Facing Mecca](#)"?

' The British call this a "red herring" - a smelly fish that a fugitive drags across the path in order to put the pursuing dogs off the trail.

WHEN I was young, Jewish people in Palestine used to talk about our secret weapon: the Arab refusal. Every time somebody proposed some peace plan, we relied on the Arab side to say "no". True, the Zionist leadership was against any compromise that would have frozen the existing situation and halted the momentum of the Zionist enterprise of expansion and settlement. But the Zionist leaders used to say "yes" and "we extend our hand for peace" - and rely on the Arabs to scuttle the proposal.

That was successful for a hundred years, until Yasser Arafat changed the rules, recognized Israel and signed the Oslo Accords, which stipulated that the negotiations for the final borders between Israel and Palestine must be concluded not later than 1999. To this very day, those negotiations have not even started. Successive Israeli governments have prevented it because they were not ready under any circumstances to fix final borders. (The 2000 Camp David meeting was not a real negotiation - Ehud Barak convened it without any preparation, dictated his terms to the Palestinians and broke the dialogue off when they were refused.) [...]

The panic had immediate results: "political circles" in Jerusalem announced that they rejected the Mecca agreement out of hand. Then second thoughts set in. Shimon Peres, long established master of the "yes-but-no" method, convinced Olmert that the brazen "no" must be replaced with a more subtle "no". For this purpose, the red herring was again taken out of the freezer. '

But while Uri Avnery exposes some red herrings very eloquently and quite courageously in this article, he does not explain how the same concept was still at play even at Oslo - an unacceptable proposal in reality that no self-respecting people would have willingly accepted - and that despite its unacceptability, Yasser Arafat had indeed accepted it, leading to the detachment of the late Edward Said from it eventually as the realization dawned regarding the true nature of the peace plan and he insisted that no justice could be had in peace talks between unequals (see his own words [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#)).

However, the observation of "yes-but-no" method of the disingenuous Israeli peace making overtures is indeed based on empirical reality. Should I applaud this courageous activist for outright admitting it for the benefit of the American and Western audience? This reality of duplicity is quite known to the recipients of its largess, but unfortunately quite unknown to those who innocently ally themselves to the cause of Israel in the West and wonder why the Palestinians are so moronically recalcitrant to all the generous overtures by Israel and don't want peace!

Are the arguments of "impracticality" also similar red herrings that continually defy justice being brought to bear on the issue?

This is the purpose of my essay, to explore "impracticality" to achieving justice and its concomitant harvest of peace, as opposed to the continual mantra of peace with "impracticality" as impediments to reaching fair and just solutions that are as obvious and as ignored by the power brokers and their allied vested interests as a black African elephant in the ivory white bridal suite sitting right in the middle of the newlywed's bed.

Indeed, why not apply "impracticality" to all issues of injustices? It's indeed highly "impractical" to bring about a change in any status quo! That did not stop South Africa to be abolished as an apartheid state, nor did it stop severe punitive sanctions and boycotts and divestments to be imposed on it, with South Africa perennially being highlighted before the world in the press and media and by the outspoken commentators and intellectuals as a pariah state, before the abhorrent apartheid was forced to end there through the courageous struggle of its own indigenous peoples directly supported by the international community (with few exceptions, the most notable being some in the United States - see incumbent US Vice President Dick Cheney's voting record when he was in Congress on the resolution to free Nelson Mandela); and nor did it prevent the tea from being thrown overboard by a handful of patriots who are today venerated as the founders of a superpower nation. All very impractical acts as seen from the comfortable living rooms of the pundits. That is not to say that ending Apartheid has ended poverty in South Africa, or automatically created economic equity. The struggle still continues on, as it even does in the United States of America itself to create a fairer society, as one can glean from all the movements of the preceding century, Civil Rights, Labor Rights, Women's Rights, etc. But the key enabler is the tumultuous axiomatic construction of the state which must precede any incremental changes in realizing economic and social benefits. Such an axiomatic construction transpired for the United States of America by the writing of its seeding Constitution after the tea was thrown overboard, and for South Africa by outright abolishing apartheid after a long struggle where the calls for its dismantling preceded its abolishment by many decades, and most vociferously by the first Statesman of the New South Africa, Nelson Mandela.

One could argue that while one waits for the justice based "impractical" solution to transpire,

should one allow those suffering the injustices of oppression and inhuman subjugation, to continue doing so in the interim, or should one aim for any quick compromised "practical" solution that alleviates their misery? One of the finest red herrings thrown on the *"fugitive .. trail"* yet! When the question is posited in this way, it wonderfully co-opts the preeminence of morality over "impracticality" in intellectual thought by artificially constructing a false either or choice in the best mold of *"either you are with us, or against us"*.

In reality, there are two rather straightforward truism responses to this that must coexist concurrently. The first is the moral response of the intellectual that is independent of the efficacy of its realization. This moral response is essential for identifying 'the right thing to do' space for the society as its moral compass.

The second is the "policy" response, so to speak. This is concerned with the efficacy of the measures required to bring injustices to a halt in any practical measure, while being cognizant of the path shown by the moral compass of the nation, and perhaps also being influenced by it rather than by some other distorted compass of the "high priests" of the ruling elite. Bringing "policies" to bear upon the problem space is a political advocacy process, a social activism process, a grass-roots mobilization process, a revolutionary process, and in a democratic country like the United States of America, it is entirely a lobbying process, a seeding of the "right" thoughts in "[Foreign Affairs](#)" process, getting hands and feet and souls dirty process, and even waging an all out war on WMD pretexts to eradicate oppression and injustices of ones' own vested interests process!

The twain, "moral compassing" and "policy making", are not mutually exclusive. Indeed, the former must precede the latter in order to create the desired "policy advocacy" in society in the first place that can eventually seed the desired "policy making". Let me just refer to this bit of rational commonsense that derives from a moral sense of justice and fair play, as **the principle of Moral-Activism**.

And the same persons don't necessarily have to be doing both at the same time, i.e. "moral compassing" and "policy making". For instance, the abolitionists clamored largely theoretically in their intellectual writings and speeches for the abolition of slavery a good thirty years before an advocacy policy got crafted (due to whatever reasons of expediency and political forces), and the latter drew upon the former for the doctrinal motivations to create the momentum that launched the American Civil War against slavery. The example of South Africa cited earlier on the other hand is a more virtuous example of the principle of Moral-Activism. It is one where "moral compassing" and the ground-floor activism and protest manifested in many of the same peoples simultaneously. Among them, Bishop Desmond Tutu, and the incredibly famous and respected world Statesman, Nelson Mandela, who spent 27 years in prison for his unequivocal advocacy on the firm moral principles to end apartheid. During this tenure in the "Gulag", he did not compromise because his people were suffering. Indeed, he was offered many such

compromises, and shown many "practical" alternatives for being let out of Jail and for the temporary band aid relief of his peoples if he'd only give up his unequivocal moral call to end apartheid. Had he been co-opted at the time by this red-herring of "practical", and had he not had firm moorings in the moral-compassing of his own conscience that was the impetus behind his Moral-Activism, there'd be no new South Africa today.

Knowing the 'right thing to do space' in order to pursue an advocacy that is principled, even when the struggle may be long and arduous, is a simple straightforward truism that somehow seems to get lost when it comes to Israel-Palestine. I am sorry if the principle of Moral-Activism escapes all the "dissenting priests" in the entire Western Hemisphere. The red herrings they strew about with what's "practical" without any moral foundations - perhaps unwittingly for having followed their own compromised "super dissenting priests" who never laid out the "moral compass" on this issue for their flock due to their own reprehensible self-interests - has been the death of an innocent peoples. Literally speaking. And I am sure they still sleep soundly at night!

So why am I not enthusiastically applauding Uri Avnery, the prominent and respected leader of Gush Shalom, Israel's peace activists, for exposing Israel's hypocrisy before the West? The answer depends on why is a similar argument for abolishing Israel as an apartheid state, as was made for South Africa, conclusively ending its Zionist reign of monumental terror and obscurantism (see [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#)), and making that country one uniform nation with equal rights for all its inhabitants (and keeping any name, even Israel, or in fairness and acceptance of a genuinely contrite mea culpa, calling it Israel-Palestine or Palestine-Israel, or indeed Palestine), not being brought up by Uri Avnery? Where is the principled Moral-Activism in his advocacy?

The most à propos model for the reconstruction of this anachronistic apartheid-racist Zionist state in the holy lands is indeed South Africa. The incredible parallels have been discussed by many over the years as cited above in the long reading list for those unfamiliar with the subject matter, and need not be rehearsed again. Had these moral calls been vociferously made 50 years ago, 40 years ago, 30 years ago, 20 years ago, 10 years ago, after 911, and had the "dissenting priests" seeded the moral compass of the peoples by unequivocally demanding divestment, demanding sanctions, and demanding an end to the apartheid and racism ingrained in Zionism and hence in its Zionist state, this moral compassing would have surely seeded an activism that was principled, and we may have already seen the Palestinian tragedy very pragmatically reversed.

Were it not for the vested interests of the high priests and their various incantations that stayed mum, and are still mum on the subject. It is one thing to expect the "high priests" of the ruling elite to take these conscionable moralistic positions and be disappointed. It is quite another to

have the "dissenting priests" also lead their flock to the same pastures, albeit through a more curious route! These vested-interests from influence peddlers have to be shoved aside to seed the roots of justice in any system of injustices, as the history of the world informs us to this day!

Here are some additional counter perspectives to the two-state solution from another Israeli Jew (turned Christian), Israel Shamir, who does not buy the "impracticality" red herring, nor Ben Gurion's disingenuous "*It is true God promised it to us*" nonsense, and argues a moral position unequivocally, at <http://www.israelshamir.net/>.

I once met Israel Shamir, curious to learn if he was for real or just another red-herring for clever deflection of conscientious peoples' efforts. What little I discovered from his autobiographical and very personal public speech that I attended at a local university a few years ago where he noted "*Jews need a homeland [in Palestine] as much as fish need bicycles*", made me realize that not all Israelis are blind sighted - that moral traditions are still alive among them! Just that there are too few of these outspoken precious gems ([here](#) is another whose family even gave up their Israeli citizenship by choice as victims of their own conscience when they woke up from their Zionist slumber, once again demonstrating that actions speak louder than laments!) Each of them often tends to acquire the magic instantly affixing label of "self-hating Jew", and their political positions conveniently labeled anti-Semitic. See [here](#) and [here](#) on how this label is dexterously manufactured and deployed to discredit anyone who disagrees with either the official position of Zionism, or presents other milder variants of it, apportioning for themselves the vehemence of the Zionists in commensurate amounts!

Why does Uri Avnery indeed stop short of suggesting dismantling of the Israeli Zionist Apartheid state and making it one democratic equitable state for all its inhabitants? Indeed, by the admission of Israel's own founding patriots:

"Jewish villages were built in the place of Arab villages. You do not even know the names of these Arab villages, and I do not blame you because geography books no longer exist. Not only do the books not exist, the Arab villages are not there either. Nahlal arose in the place of Mahlul; Kibbutz Gvat in the place of Jibta; Kibbutz Sarid in the place of Huneifis; and Kefar Yehushua in the place of Tal al-Shuman. There is not a single place built in this country that did not have a former Arab population." Moshe Dayan: Haaretz, April 4, 1969. (noted from the web, Dayan was probably quoting Ben Gurion from the 'The Jewish Paradox')

Where are his moral stances? Is he confused about the "right thing to do" as well? Doesn't seem likely, as unlike the American and other European audience, he sees the reality and history on the ground from ground zero itself. Perhaps he may be reminded that if he claims his Jewish religion as a race, he may well be the inheritor of King Solomon the wise! And if he claims it as his faith (and is not an atheist like the majority of the European culturally Jewish immigrant inhabitants of Israel, see confessional writings such as "[My Holiday, Their Tragedy](#)"),

then he is indeed the inheritor of the moral Ten Commandments of his lofty faith. But if he is only informed by cultural affiliation to the Jewish traditions, he is still a human being first and still the inheritor of the genuine wisdom of all the sages of the ages! Why this blind-sight, especially being an activist for peace? Is it not also activist for justice? If he can forget about the crimes of his own founding fathers *"I am prepared to leave the history, ideology and theology of the matter to the theologians, ideologues and historians."*, and *"If somebody is ready to make peace with me, within borders and on conditions agreed upon in negotiations, that is quite enough for me."*, why stop short of full restitution and all live in peace within the same borders within which they all rightfully belong - Jews, Christians, and Muslims?

Indeed, if it were the victims who had made these conciliatory statements, these lofty proclamations would surely have elevated humanity to a new level of compassion and forgiveness in putting the past behind them - a mighty indomitable peoples indeed, as resolute in their suffering, as magnanimous in their victory. These statements coming from the victimizers however, while to many in the West may be commendable, to me, for a conscientious activist of peace whom I also admire for his immense courage to continually speak out against the crimes of his own peoples, are quite indefensible, and downright disingenuous! Perhaps I may have missed something here, but it strikes me as rather odd that the occupier is claiming he is prepared to live amicably with the victims under secure borders. It is almost as if a thief broke into my house, locked me up in the bathroom, then when I made too much racket, he said he was willing to live peacefully in some well defined rooms in the house! I am sorry if no one sees the irony of this!

Uri Avnery's confessional *"I am an Israeli patriot,"* explains this enigma in as much clarity as the following gem from Baruch Kimmerling, another Israeli Patriot who calls Israel his land when he wasn't born there, and identifies himself in the oxymoronic category of "Jew, atheist, and Zionist" where the latter two may be consistent, but how does that pertain to being a Jew?

"As a Jew, an atheist and a Zionist, I have two memorial days in my country, Israel. One for the Holocaust and one for soldiers who fell in wars. I also have one day of celebration, the anniversary of the day Israel declared its statehood. [...] Independence Day is a holiday for me, but also an opportunity for intense self-introspection. A person needs a state and land, and this is my land, my homeland, despite the fact that I was not born here. I am proud of the unprecedented accomplishments of this country, and feel personally responsible for its failures, foolishness, injustice, evil, and its oppression of its citizens and residents (Jewish, Arab, and others) as well as of those who are defined and defined themselves as her enemies. I know that my holiday, a day of joy and pride for me, is a day of mourning and tragedy for some of Israel's citizens and, more so, for members of the Palestinian people everywhere. I know that as long as we, all Jews everywhere, do not acknowledge this, we will not be able to live

*here in safety, every man and woman under their vine and under their fig tree.
Happy holidays, Israel.” (My Holiday, Their Tragedy, 2002.)*

Disingenuous self interest once again? Neither calling unequivocally for abolishing the apartheid state (as far as I am aware, and if they have already done so elsewhere, I eat crow with pleasure). And neither extending to the displaced Palestinians the privileges they apportion for themselves in Israel - making it their home when not being born there (although Uri Avnery may well have been I don't know, I have never met him) when they don't accord it to those who indeed were and were kicked out by the very founding of the state which Kimmerling is so proudly calling his independence day. He does indeed magnanimously calls for Jews acknowledging the suffering of the Palestinians so that he can live in peace in Israel, but not for remedying the injustice in the only just and moral way - but then, being an atheist, whence the source of morality? God is dead, Nietzsche is alive, and so are his mantle-bearing ubermensch! Witness it in his own essay the vacuous words without the concomitant unequivocal call to abolish apartheid and make it one homeland for those forcibly displaced by his independence day:

"The transformation of the Holocaust into a solely Jewish tragedy, as opposed to a universal event, only weakens its significance and its legitimacy, tarnishing us and the memory of the victims. Likewise, its unnecessary overuse by Jews in Israel and the rest of the world, particularly political bodies, has made the Holocaust banal. Above all, a provocative and dangerous approach has bought a place in our hearts: that Jews, as the victims of the Holocaust, are permitted to treat goyim however they want. Forceful and condescending, "anti-gentile-ism" is identical to criminal anti-Semitism. ... What can I do? A person is closer to his own friends, tribe, and people. Along with that, however, I cannot forget or refrain from mourning the victims of this bloody conflict and feel deep empathy with those who have suffered and still suffer as a result of the fatal encounter between Jews and Arabs in this land. I hope that the day will come when we will commemorate together and mourn together, Jews and Arabs alike, for all of the victims of the conflict. Only then will we be able to live together in this place in safety. ... I know that as long as we, all Jews everywhere, do not acknowledge this, we will not be able to live here in safety, every man and woman under their vine and under their fig tree."

I am sorry that I am less than impressed, despite the self-flagellation. "What can I do?" Kimmerling asks? Here are three immediate things a conscionable Israeli can do if he is a Moral-Activist (see example [here](#)): **1)** Start a campaign to demand genuine justice - not mere words of contrition - by requiring the apartheid nature of the state and the "Berlin Wall" to be simultaneously demolished. **2)** Stop paying taxes that contributes to the maintenance of the apartheid state. **3)** As a conscionable person, leave Israel until such time that others who have

more right to be there, on account of having being born there, and were forcibly evicted, are also allowed to return! To me, it appears that without any of the concomitant actions for Moral-Activism, the only reason Kimmerling calls for the recognition of the plight of the Palestinians is so that he and Zionist Jews like him can live in peace.

Thus, what might any conscionable self-respecting Palestinian conclude from this? Apart from the cynicism that is now ingrained in the Middle East of this stereotype: *they will first plan to kill you with a design most brutal, and then come to your funeral lamenting "We can forgive them for killing our children, we cannot forgive them for making us kill theirs"* as was noted by Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir, in order to win back their rights as human beings first from their monstrous oppressors who only think of themselves first and not of the abject suffering that is being unfolded right down the Jews-only highway from them, and who continue to maintain that *"A person is closer to his own friends, tribe, and people."* rather than demonstrate any genuine sympathy towards the sufferings of others at their own hands, they (the Palestinians) have to make the cost of occupation so exorbitant, that the next clarion call from people like Kimmerling would indeed have to be a demand for full restitution of the Palestinians so that he could indeed live in peace!

Also, let's not be fooled either that simply declaring Israel as a non-apartheid state with a change in its laws as well as national flag will solve all the problems for the Palestinians, but it will be an amazing welcoming start from the present day inhuman oppression that the world silently spectates. The economic hegemony of the European transplants into Israel and its high tech economy all in the hands of the Jews, will likely stay the same - rights do not equate prosperity, but is indeed an axiomatic start. Witness South Africa - its economy and its lands are still largely in the hands of the tiny white minority, and the majority black indigenous population still lives in abject poverty. But one has to begin somewhere - the place to begin is the laws on the books, the constitution, and the philosophy of equal rights for all its citizens regardless of caste, creed, sex, religion, and ethnicity. How can any nation, founded on these lofty principles itself, befriend and support a nation that is its exact opposite? Only politics and self-interests of its ruling elite - as in the case of all cases of injustices in society since the very inception of society!

It is indeed interesting to identify all those "intellectuals", "moralists", "historians", "scholars", and high profile pundits and prolific exponents who argue either "impracticality" or "Palestinian intransigence" or offer vacuous sympathy, to either continue to propose the severely compromised for one side, the two-state theoretical solution along 1967 borders as their gesture of "fairness" and "compassion", or continue to argue for the occupation because of docile unacceptability of occupation to those being occupied.

Identify all of these exponents of Israel, not very hard to do at all in this information age, and examine their own vested interests and/or affiliations because of which they shirk from taking

the only genuinely moral and just position of dismantling the apartheid state of Israel into an equal state for all its denizens born there. If they support open immigration based only on the Jewish "race" or "faith" cards, and deny right of return, fair compensation (ask the Holocaust survivors for a quote of what that might be and what Israel extracts each year from Germany), and rehabilitation in their own ancestral lands for the displaced and dispossessed indigenous Palestinians and their children and grandchildren, and present themselves as "objective" erudite observers of the matter, the question must be asked by conscionable peoples on the morality and vested self interests of this doublespeak that seems to be gathering roaring applause in the liberal Left! It continually escapes everyone's imagination to keep the diabolical game of Zionism in perspective - buy time to seed the land with birth rights, and continual small incremental encroachments, and systematic depopulation through intense oppression such that the victims would give up, die away, or become abject slaves!

And similarly identify all those who prominently accept the 1967 border solution - crafted any which horrendous way as inhabitable bantustans forming no semblance of an independent nation-state with all the same rights and privileges as any other independent nation-state, including having a well equipped modern army, navy, air force, marines for self-defense, and own commerce and independent ingress and egress trade and movement points in and out of their nation-state for an independent economy and freedom of travel, just to point out two major gaping holes in all two-state solution proposals that have been put on the table - from the beleaguered side and ask whether they do so because by choice, or because of having had no choice in the matter and only wanting to just get to any peaceable solution, justice or not, so that some beleaguered peoples may live in some kind of semblance of peace as human beings first, and not as trampled sub-species of some "*cockroaches*" under the watchful gun turrets of Israeli sharp shooters mounted atop the 14-ft high apartheid wall that runs through their bedrooms and backyards! This sub-species classification for the Palestinians was created by the Israelis themselves - shocking? Read for yourselves [1]:

"We declare openly that the Arabs have no right to settle on even one centimeter of Eretz Israel ... Force is all they do or ever will understand. We shall use the ultimate force until the Palestinians come crawling to us on all fours." and *"When we have settled the land, all the Arabs will be able to do about it will be to scurry around like drugged cockroaches in a bottle."* Raphael Eitan, Chief of Staff of the IDF: "New York Times 14 April 1983". (noted from the web)

Unless the vested interests are clearly and unmistakably disambiguated, the red herrings will continue to be strewn along all paths - deliberately or unwittingly makes no difference to one on the "*fugitive*" trail - to constrict the solution space to the exclusive benefit of one party and to the severe handicap of the other, until either Ben Gurion's call is realized: *"We must do everything to insure they (the Palestinians) never do return ... The old will die and the young will forget."*, or General Shlomo Lahat's: *"We have to kill all the Palestinians unless they are resigned to live*

here as slaves". And that is indeed the reality of Israel-Palestine today as it has always been since its bloody and brutal inception 60 years ago, and intensely accelerated after the 1967 military occupation of the West Bank and Gaza strip.

Even the commonsensical proposition of why the Palestinians would ever accept an occupier was echoed by the very founding father of this Nakba for the victims (except at the barrel of a gun continuously held to their lives to slowly wear them down while continually playing the diabolical game of "yes but no" to mitigate international pressures as the systematic task of squeezing the victims goes on in the background seeding new realities daily that perforce must subsequently be articulated as axiomatic "*The Palestinians' return could be implemented in ways that minimize, rather than exacerbate, the disruption for Israelis living in the areas.*"):

"If I were an Arab leader, I would never sign an agreement with Israel. It is normal; we have taken their country. It is true God promised it to us, but how could that interest them? Our God is not theirs. There has been Anti-Semitism, the Nazis, Hitler, Auschwitz, but was that their fault? They see but one thing: we have come and we have stolen their country. Why would they accept that?" (Ben Gurion in "The Jewish Paradox")

"Let us not ignore the truth among ourselves ... politically we are the aggressors and they defend themselves... The country is theirs, because they inhabit it, whereas we want to come here and settle down, and in their view we want to take away from them their country." (Ben Gurion, presumably quoted by Noam Chomsky in *Fateful Triangle*, noted from the web)

From the very conception of founding of Israel by Herzl in 1896 on the banks of the river Rhine "*In Basle I founded the Jewish state ... Maybe in five years, certainly in fifty, everyone will realize it.*", to this very day, the battle cry of anti-Semitism has been diabolically harvested (see [here](#)), and sometimes even criminally (see [here](#) and [here](#)), to justify Zionism and its offspring 'Der Judenstaat'. But in the reality of today, the Jewish state is an anachronism of history, a perception that legitimized it in the minds of the followers of this Zionist idea when indeed anti-Semitism was rampant in Christian Europe. Today, never mind European anti-Semitism, there are now laws appearing on the books in Europe that even criminalizes the mere questioning of the history as related by the Zionists to the world's public. Thus, the Zionist Jews are now pretty safe from any further persecution from Christian Europe, and there is little reason to maintain the Zionist character of the state in Palestine when it comes at the expense of intense suffering and injustice to another innocent peoples already living there. It would hardly matter to anyone if 'Der Judenstaat' was moved to Europe somewhere, compensation that it was for the pain and suffering imposed on the innocent Jews by the fanatic Christians of the previous century - unfortunately, the compensation was offered them at another's expense.

But today, it is high time to rectify and redress that blot on humanity by the very European and

Western nations who now proclaim themselves as the emblem of civilization and morality and beacon of human progress and learning. Perhaps they can spotlight this beacon onto their own first sins and help redress the calamitous suffering that is transpiring right under their very noses on an entirely innocent peoples as a result of their own creation - both the first innocent victims, and then as a result of their shoddy compensation for their monumental crimes to those victims, the new innocent victims. Some luminous civilization out to teach the rest of the world how to live in civilized modernity as it continually constructs new victims!

And it is indeed instructional to learn of the sorrows and calamitous suffering from the perspective of the victims themselves, an oft neglected sin in the West which prides itself in its own articulate description of the World's victims and in unfurling the crimes of their own hegemonic emperors by writing prolific books and touting their much wanted freedom of speech - to absolutely zero degree of efficacy except more books sold and more prominence gained - rather than listen to the victims themselves with as much credibility lent to their own suffering voices.

Somehow, the victim screaming in pain is considered biased, but their victimizers' description of their plight is academic honesty and intellectual brilliance! I don't think I really need to hear it from Noam Chomsky to know how Palestinians are suffering, although his conscionable exposure of their plight in the West is certainly very important, and has been so for many years - but his half baked two-state proposals for their solution-space ain't.

When we give higher currency to conscionable dissent makers whose prime cultural affiliations are with the victim makers themselves, over those voices of anguish of the victims and those with cultural and civilizational affiliations to the victims as their extended family, we do both the victims and other well intentioned bystanders longing to figure out how to make peace with justice, a great disservice!

Here is another example of this twisted view of justice even by well intentioned exponents of the Palestinians' rights but civilizationally and culturally allied with the victimizers: "[Palestinians Have A Right To Go Home](#)" by the erstwhile, vocal, and conscionable Phyllis Bennis of the [Institute of Policy Studies](#). After passionately arguing the Right of Return for the Palestinians in the abstract:

"Palestinians today make up one of every four refugees in the world. Their right to return to their homes, despite more than a 52-year delay in realizing that right, is no less compelling than the right to return home of any other refugees from any other war. International law is very clear: It doesn't matter which side wins or which side loses, after a war, refugees have the right to go home. The United Nations passed Resolution 194 (which the U.S. and every other U.N. member state except Israel voted to reaffirm each year from 1949 till 1994) specifically to make sure that those made refugees by the creation of Israel would be

protected. And yet Israel specifically rejects that right of return because of concern that allowing the Palestinian refugees to come home would change the demographic balance of the Jewish state."

But now look at the disingenuousness of the solution space. An absence to any call to eliminate the main reason why the Right of Return is not being implemented by Israel - it's apartheid nature of the Jewish state which has been diabolically constructed on another peoples' land where the indigenous population was predominantly non-Jewish! The "just" solution escapes Phyllis Bennis even when she acknowledges the cause of the problem in this case.

And she also surveys the various implementation attempts by others:

"Is compromise possible? Absolutely. But only if it is based on recognition of the right of return as a real, fundamental right - not if it is based on Israel's superior power. Israel's proposal during the recent Camp David summit for a "humanitarian" family reunification program that would benefit only a few tens of thousands, out of the millions of stateless Palestinians, is one compromise that will surely not work. Another sure-to-fail compromise is the proposal being quietly bandied about in Washington and a variety of Middle Eastern capitals. This plan envisions a quid pro quo in which Baghdad would resettle many of the Palestinians (with or without their consent) from refugee camps in Lebanon to Kurdish areas of Iraq (from which equally unconsenting Kurds are already being expelled), in exchange for lifting the crippling economic sanctions against Iraq. Publicly denied by the relevant governments, the plan has in fact been discussed with Iraqi officials by the representative of at least one member of the U.S. Congress, and a number of Arab leaders are known to privately support the idea. This is a non-starter too."

But then makes this statement as her own suggestion:

"Real compromise is possible in determining how, not whether, the right of return will be realized. The Palestinians' return could be implemented in ways that minimize, rather than exacerbate, the disruption for Israelis living in the areas."

Why this axiomatic preference to minimize "the disruption for Israelis living in the areas" - they are the victimizers to start with, aren't they? [2]

Instead, why does the erstwhile author not make the only conscionable call of Moral-Activism to abolish the apartheid state as the only just first step in the right direction?

The same is true of Noam Chomsky - while he supported the sanctions on Apartheid South Africa, he is against sanctions for Israel. Why should the vested interests of those civilizationally, culturally, and religio-historically allied with the victimizers, despite being

courageously vocal in bringing the plight of the innocent victims to the attention of their own nations, be allowed to dictate, and dominate the articulation of the solution space on behalf of the victims? I am sorry if no one sees the irony in this!

Indeed, Chomsky has himself informed many victims themselves, as well as the Western audience, of the pragmatic underpinnings of the terror that was ruthlessly employed in creating the Jewish State. In his "Western State Terrorism", in Chapter 2, Chomsky writes:

' In 1943, current Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir wrote an article entitled "Terror" for the journal of the terrorist organization he headed (Lehi) in which he proposed to "dismiss all the 'phobia' and babble against terror with simple, obvious arguments." "Neither Jewish morality nor Jewish tradition can be used to disallow terror as a means of war," he wrote, and "We are very far from any moral hesitations when concerned with the national struggle." "First and foremost, terror is for us a part of the political war appropriate for the circumstances of today, and its task is a major one: it demonstrates in the clearest language, heard throughout the world, including by our unfortunate brethren outside the gates of this country, our war against the occupier." '

Where the "occupier" was either the British, or the indigenous Palestinian population, or both, I am not sure. Neither were however spared the wrath of Jewish terror in the creation of the Jewish State, and the Palestinians bearing the biggest brunt of it. So Chomsky is not a stranger to the monumental crimes of Zionist Jews visiting the Nakba upon the innocent local peoples of Palestine, that Kimmerling proudly calls his "independence day". Neither is Chomsky any stranger to how anti-Semitism was deftly harvested to populate the new Jewish State, with the escaping Jews from Europe being cleverly diverted to the intended Jewish State in Palestine all throughout the 1940s even before the state was founded. As he has himself noted it somewhere in his prolific writings, the affluent ones and the techno-scientists and the Jewish social elite escaping from the Nazis were allowed onto the shores of the United States, the rest were deliberately diverted to Palestine.

And Chomsky's "pragmatic" response to this genocide and mayhem of the local population during the founding of the Jewish State? *All modern nations are formed on the unfortunate bloodshed of millions, the United States itself was formed on the blood of 10 million natives, and so on. This is all faits accomplis. So we have to move on and live among our internationally recognized secure borders according to international norms.* (Précis of private communication from a while back)

Great. And here is where the red herring begins. Higher the priesthood, more tortuous the red herrings.

Chomsky does not distinguish between a crime that happened in the distant past that we can

do little about today in rectification, and one that is occurring concurrently in our present epoch for which we can most assuredly do something in rectification, and for which a just and moral solution does indeed exist. It has not receded into dusty pages of history far enough yet to have become a *fait accompli* that cannot be practicably undone - such as returning California to Mexico.

Today, Israel is the only nation on earth as far as I know, with no self-recognized borders except the entire 'land of Canaan', and where the writ of this apartheid state is continually extending over amorphous boundaries with new 14 ft walls being continually constructed to create giant prisons to enclose the indigenous population who refuse to *"die"*, and whose *"young"* refuse to *"forget"*, and who refuse to be *"resigned to live here as slaves"*, and who miraculously escape *"We have to kill all the Palestinians"* call to ethnically cleanse the beleaguered Palestinians from their own homeland. Is there any other evidence of monumental terrorism even possible in the present epoch? While all eyes have been diverted to the "Islamic terrorists" and the "Bin Ladens" and "Orange alert" and strip search at airports, the big monstrous Jewish elephant in the Zionist state is blithely ignored - even as I write this today in February 2007 - permitting them the ubermensch prerogative for Eretz Yisrael, which according to Zionism's overtly stated ideological underpinnings that entirely drives the political aspirations and its execution in the apartheid state, is *"from the Nile to the Euphrates"*. Or it may be the other way around. It doesn't matter since it's a scalar and an all encompassing open secret that no one wishes to say out loud for some reason in the West, but surely, like Uri Avnery mentions the *"Arab refusal"* premising all facades of peace talks, and when that failing, the *"yes but no"* taking over, it is also much openly discussed in the Hebrew society as the premise upon which Israeli policies, its laws, and its visitation of brutal oppression upon the indigenous peoples, are made. But the Western intellectual exercising claims to "dissent chief priesthood" dare not base any advocacy based upon these facts of the oppressive regime. That this irony fails to strike the commonsense of many, is not surprising. For priesthood in any domain, is merely the shepherd tending to his respective sheep.

So why am I not enthusiastically applauding Noam Chomsky for his courageous "dissent"? The answer entirely depends on why is a similar argument for abolishing Israel as an apartheid state, as was made for South Africa, and conclusively ending its Zionist reign of monumental terror and obscurantism in the modernity of the 21st century, not being courageously made by him. Where is the principled Moral-Activism in his advocacy of a negotiated two-state solution? It isn't that the distinguished professor isn't familiar with the diabolical plans of the Zionist state - he is no ordinary intellectual - in the face of Israel's "existent reality" of take 10 give back 1, *"yes but no"*, and the *"Arab refusal"* that has been their not so *"secret weapon"*, nor is he unfamiliar with the Machiavellian motto of the Zionist state *"wage war by way of deception"* as its guiding principle, and nor is he unaware of the underlying implementation philosophy that has underscored the Zionist state's pragmatism of incremental *faits accomplis* by initiating new crises starting from its very birth pangs as was openly admitted by Ben Gurion himself: *"what is*

inconceivable in normal times is possible in revolutionary times"!

What indeed are the underlying reasons for his abstaining from making the moral calls for a unified democratic Israel-Palestine for all the inhabitants of Palestine? What restrains him from articulating an unequivocal principled stance against the very root cause celebra of apartheid and the "ubermensch" racism ingrained in Zionism itself that makes Israel such a misconstruction of West's own cherished values of democracy and equal rights for all? Just to refresh ones' failing memory, for the 'Democratic' racism see [here](#), the UN Anti-Zionist Resolution 3379 see [here here](#), and its timed revocation in 1991 to officially assert 'Zionism is no longer racism' with the emerging new world order see [here](#) and [here](#) as the "high priests" tell it, and [here](#) as the "dissenting priest" tells it, and see [here](#) for how 3379 was originally spinned by the "highest priest" in the land in the influential Foreign Affairs magazine.

I do not hesitate to ask the following of such a distinguished intellectual, for I gave up following "priests" when I woke up to the presence of unexamined axioms in all "priestdom", and instead decided to think for myself thus absolving all "priests" of being responsible for either saving me from perdition or consigning me to it! But that does not absolve the "priests" of their own greater responsibilities of priesthood towards the rest of their flock who glibly accept anything from "high pulpits". Higher the "pulpit", higher their credibility, and greater the consequent responsibility. Has Noam Chomsky relinquished his claims to moral imperatives and moral high grounds of honest intellectualism that he previously asserted was the responsibility of intellectuals (see [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#)):

"It is the responsibility of intellectuals to speak the truth and to expose lies" and "the responsibility of a writer as a moral agent is to try to bring the truth about matters of human significance to an audience that can do something about them."?

It is inconceivable that Chomsky would not recognize that by not providing this unequivocal moral compassing for his nation in blanket uncompromising terms when it comes to Israel-Palestine, he unwittingly lends his own intellectual support to the hegemonistic aspirations of world's sole superpower nation which he fearlessly and uncompromisingly calls the "*rogue state*" (see [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#)) every chance he gets. By inexplicably ignoring this "*rogue state*" conveniently using (and abusing) a minority among the Jews themselves to further its own hegemonistic interest of sustained indomitable preeminence in the affairs of the world (see [here](#)) by financially and politically maintaining Israel in its current abominable Zionist construction as its private little Nuclear armed proxy hegemon in the Middle East (see [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#)), and staying silent about the role that Zionists themselves are currently playing in the construction of his own nation's imperial foreign policies in a tortuous collaboration of self-interests (see [here](#) and [here](#) and compare authors [here](#)) which seems to be visible to all and sundry in the world, except inexplicably to the "*arguably the most important*

intellectual alive", Chomsky is willingly co-opting himself to the interests of the "ruling elite" that he has spent his entire life sanity-checking. Indeed, Moral-Activism from intellectual supremos, demands uncompromising moral compassing, as he had himself noted during his earlier years of an idealist's dissent:

"Intellectuals are in a position to expose the lies of governments, to analyze actions according to their causes and motives and often hidden intentions. In the Western world, at least, they have the power that comes from political liberty, from access to information and freedom of expression. For a privileged minority, Western democracy provides the leisure, the facilities, and the training to seek the truth lying hidden behind the veil of distortion and misrepresentation, ideology and class interest, through which the events of current history are presented to us...." (Responsibility of Intellectuals)

In these "revolutionary times", I am unfortunately less than impressed by Chomsky's supposed *raison d'être* of Palestinians suffering under the 'jackboots' of the Israelis being the basis of his "practical" two-states "policy advocacy" and the legitimization of the forced separation of an indigenous peoples from their own lands. The beleaguered Palestinians have already been suffering for more than 40 years under the same 'jackboots' and continually losing their lives and property to diabolically constructed *faits accomplis* that Chomsky knows all too well about. This rationale of 'any tactic for alleviating the misery of a defenseless peoples' for pushing various and sundry advocacy plans by the well intentioned, in the absence of Moral-Activism that is firmly seeded by a moral compass, ends up being another gigantic stinking red-herring in the long term, bigger and more deflecting, than all the obvious ones pointed out by Uri Avnery.

It is indeed but a truism that in every society there are always only a tiny handful who are the illustrious vanguards of morality and social justice. These handful tend to attract to themselves a majority of the well intentioned and conscionable peoples from the larger society to learn what is the 'right thing to do' space for their activism to redress social and political injustices. They supposedly rip apart the red herrings cleverly disseminated by the "high priests" of the ruling elite, dexterously guiding their flock to see the burdensome truth behind the lies and distortions inherent in incantations of power, and thus apportion for themselves credit for guiding their flock that is commensurate with their ranking in priesthood, as commonsense might dictate. And this credit for Western intellectuals on many issues of contemporary geopolitical concern is surely overwhelmingly positive, which is why the New York Times cited Noam Chomsky as *"arguably the most important intellectual alive"*. All likely à propos for sanity-checking his own nation's hegemonistic foreign policies, including eloquently highlighting the *fait accompli* of long past crimes (history) of Jewish terrorism while founding the state of Israel upon the blood of the Palestinians. Except when it comes to resolving a just solution space (contemporaneously) for his already recognized Zionism's usurpation and coercive resettling of Palestine, then this epithet suddenly and inexplicably fails to deliver, in my humble

(mis)perception.

It's almost as if unless the issue is already fait accompli, Chomsky won't touch it when it's so close to his heart. But once fait accompli, many books about it will be written delineating the monstrosity of the crimes and the mendacity of power that enabled the construction of such crimes, attracting a great following and great prestige for speaking up on the crimes of his emperors. If I was an emperor, I wouldn't mind having Chomsky on my tail either because he will only be chasing faits accomplis leaving me free to create new ones! And thus the New York Times epithet fails miserably on the contemporaneousness of this matter, and only on account of Chomsky's uncourageous silence in unequivocally articulating a moral compass on this issue when something can actually be done about it rather than courageously lament in history books after the fact. His undistinguished silence has likely misled, or indeed not been the prime mover of, many a movements that might have effectively called for an end to the Israeli racism and apartheid, and thus postponed the harbinger of justice to a suffering peoples. As the reality of faits accomplis on the ground might suggest, justice delayed, is justice denied, thus necessitating increasingly greater and more tumultuous radical transformation in bringing it about. Can the increased bloodshed be laid at the footsteps of the silently spectating world, and in commensurate measure, upon the silence of their ranking priest who claims *"the responsibility of a writer as a moral agent is to try to bring the truth about matters of human significance to an audience that can do something about them"*?

So we have the "high priests" of officialdom spinning their doctrines in manifest truism to serving the interests of their ruling elite, and we have the "dissenting priests" ostensibly sanity-checking and unraveling their spin. But who sanity checks and unravels the self-interests of the "dissenting priests" and the concomitant red herrings?

Their inexplicable failure in providing a moral compass on this single most momentous issue of our time, only succeeds in carving out the entire solution space on Israel-Palestine in the West, between the "high priests" of the ruling elite and the "dissenting priests" of the conscionable flock, to the rather limited two-state axiomatic paradigm forcing the beleaguered peoples to choose between the reality of a brutal occupation, and the reality of continually shrinking bantustans that has no parallel to statehood anywhere else on Earth today.

So let's tepidly examine Noam Chomsky's own objectivity in the light of his own self proclaimed self-interests that might coherently explain this odd blind-sight in the most profound intellectual in the West. Having openly declared himself a Zionist, and a Zionist youth leader, albeit of the 1940s variety, whatever that might mean, I must ask why the profound intellectual of the dissent space would not conscionably recuse himself from bringing to bear his own Zionist-aspiration driven personal advocacy on the Israel-Palestine solution space due to his obvious conflict of interest, and focused instead, as a conscionable intellectual must, on what the suffering Palestinian victims themselves advocate as their desired solution space? Just as he

conscionably brings their miserable plight to the attention of his Western audience by courageously setting aside his personal Jewish affiliations when highlighting the monumental crimes of the cruel Zionists upon the Palestinians, why would he not also conscionably set aside his personal self-interests of his nuanced "Labor-Zionism" aspirations, and bring the Palestinian victims' own solutions - as the victims' natural right to demand their own redressing - to the attention of the same audience?

This is a rather clear and unambiguous litmus test of objectivity for anyone who claims to speak out on behalf of any suffering peoples. And it also provides a rational mechanism to anyone to enable them to set aside their own self-interests. Just allow the victims to speak for themselves and propagate their own claims before the world! In the pungent stink of the gigantic red herring of what's "practical", as in the "two-state solution", we see the "practical" slowly becoming faits accomplis, as the good peoples in the West are continually deflected from demanding the moral compass towards the 'right thing to do' space by their prominent intellectuals co-opted by their own self-interests.

And this red herring of disingenuousness doesn't just end here. There is even a finer shade that must still be unraveled. For an intellectual laying claims to high morality of intellectualism, and oft publicly teaching the Biblical Golden Rule *"Do unto others as you have others do unto you"*, indeed, even creating logical corollaries to it which go something like this: *"if it is good for me to do to you, it should be good for you to do to me, and if it is bad for you to do to me, it should be bad for me to do to you too"*, and continually teaching the public how to disambiguate on complex emotional matters that are typically steeped in hypocrisy due to self-interests, by looking at the issues from the point of view of a detached being sitting on Mars looking down upon the earthlings and employing the (Biblical) Golden Rule of Morality, what does it mean to be a Zionist? Chomsky has already recognized that nation states are formed on the bloodshed of the innocent native peoples as the natural consequence of the latter resisting the usurpation and resettling of their land by invaders, which even Ben Gurion recognized, as noted above, as why would the Palestinians ever accept the Zionist invaders peaceably thus necessitating (in Gurion's own words) *"We must expel Arabs and take their places"* and *"We must do everything to insure they (the Palestinians) never do return"*!

Thus knowing full well that any Zionist aspiration for a land that is already continuously inhabited by an indigenous population for centuries will most assuredly continually lead to, and has already led to, their displacement and bloodshed, upon what "ubermensch" principle of morality is Chomsky's aspiration of Zionism based?

Is it what Golda Meir uttered:

"This country exists as the fulfillment of a promise made by God Himself. It would be ridiculous to ask it to account for its legitimacy." (Golda Meir, Le Monde, 15 October 1971, noted from the web [here](#)).

Or is it what Menachem Begin uttered the day after the U.N. vote to Partition Palestine:

"The Partition of Palestine is illegal. It will never be recognized Jerusalem was and will for ever be our capital. Eretz Israel will be restored to the people of Israel. All of it. And for Ever." (Menachem Begin, noted from the web [here](#))

Or is it based on the spirit, which for the nth time was candidly asserted by Yitzhak Shamir in his own straightforward diction, and Ariel Sharon in his characteristic bulldozing speak (and which is un-apologetically repeated ad nauseam by all Israeli statesmen and Zionist protagonists in their own choicest diction with the spectating world pretending to not notice):

"The settlement of the Land of Israel is the essence of Zionism. Without settlement, we will not fulfill Zionism. It's that simple." (Yitzhak Shamir, Maariv, 02/21/1997, noted from the web [here](#))

"Israel may have the right to put others on trial, but certainly no one has the right to put the Jewish people and the State of Israel on trial." (Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, 25 March, 2001 quoted in BBC News Online, noted from the web [here](#))

While one is surely entitled to fantasize whatever one's mind may conjure up, but when it becomes the unstated underpinning of one's advocacy of a solution space that drowns out the echoes and aspirations of the victims themselves, there are a lot of red herrings on the ground. In any case, this is how I (mis)perceive Chomsky's advocacy of the "practical". The best way to demonstrate that these are indeed misperceptions and there are no vested self-interests at play, is to loudly condemn Zionism in all its abhorrent nuanced shades [3], to unequivocally call for an end to apartheid and "ubermensch" racism in Israel [4] that is entirely seeded from the "ubermensch" racism in Zionism itself, to designate Israel as a rogue state in one's writings and to call for its boycott and for sanctions to be imposed on it, and to actively engage in echoing the victims' own demands for justice and not put forth ones' own (tainted) solutions [5]. The little guy on Mars is still awaiting an unequivocal moral compassing from "priestdom" on Israel-Palestine!

Indeed, I would be much more impressed if distinguished and prominent intellectual dissenters and Jewish moralists like Noam Chomsky outright condemned modern Zionism and its racist apartheid structure on the principled position of Moral-Activism, as much as they condemned Nazism and its National Socialist State that was also based on the same Nietzschean "ubermensch" philosophy and which once engulfed the entire world in a world war to eradicate. Perhaps in the present "[World War IV](#)" against "Islamic terrorism" - with the amazing new doctrinal name of "Islamofascism" synthesized to seed all the "*doctrinal motivations*" needed to sustain this new "policy" of "perpetual war" mobilization - he can, faithful to his own intellectual

positions taken earlier on the responsibility of intellectuals, himself being one, and not just a mere ordinary one, but *"arguably the most important intellectual alive"* in the entire Western Hemisphere, advocate its moral extension, or its real moral commencement, against the "Jewish Fundamentalism" and "Jewish Terrorism" and "Zionofascism" of his own peoples in Israel-Palestine whose crimes he has amply documented himself (see [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#) for a recap of what's already been shown conclusively above).

As a polite courtesy to the prominent intellectuals and peace activists whose positions are illustratively dissected here to demonstrate the endless trail of red herrings inherent in the very premise of any allowable discourse on this subject in the West, even in the so called dissent space, I sent them an earlier version of this article for comment. Only the erstwhile Noam Chomsky responded. We went back and forth a few times. I remained unconvinced of his continued tortuous "practicality" arguments and suggested to him that he might voice them publicly in response to my article vastly opening up the discourse space. But he did put me in a temporary quandary by suggesting that I would be doing a grave disservice to the cause of the Palestinian peoples by making my views known in public as it will unwittingly give the Israelis and their Zionist exponents further excuse to increase their oppression as a pretext that 'see - they want to dismantle us'. He also disconcerted me by saying why was I bringing the illustrious name of Edward Said into this (by the fact of having quoted Edward Said). That threw me off balance for several sleepless nights and days delaying the publication of this article in much angst fighting with my own conscience. Until I realized (yet once again) that if I was right there under the 'jackboots' of the butchers, any butchers, in any place, even as a Jew under the Nazis, I would want some conscionable person on the outside to yell out my message loud and clear to the world for me: 'I am a human being under the jackboots of the Nazis - do the right thing for at least my children'. By not honoring that call of anguish of the innocent victims when I perceive the reality of their immeasurable suffering which is a *"mystery whose parallel may only be the one of Sinai when something was revealed"*, I would not like to become the recipient of their curse:

"and I still curse the killers, their accomplices, the indifferent spectators who knew and kept silent" (Elie Wiesel in All Rivers Run to the Sea)

That clinched it for me. The tyrants will do what the tyrants will do in any case, and as they have been doing for decades. And the people of conscience must do what the people of conscience must do, regardless, to end despots reigns.

Moving right along disambiguating and dismantling the constricted solution space of swiss cheese bantustans being offered the Palestinians as new faits accomplis are carried out right before our eyes as we stay wrapped up in the Ezra Pound's paradigm of deception with multiple red herrings (*invent two lies and have the public energetically embroiled in which one of them might be true*), the question arises that why should the dialog, when it comes to the

Palestinians, begin with the 1948 construction of Israel through superpower politics? As for instance, in Phyllis Bennis' article where she passionately advocates justice for the refugees, she makes the following statement:

"The United Nations welcomed Israel as its newest member with Resolution 273, passed on May 11, 1949. The membership resolution stated specifically that entry to the world body was based on Israel's statements regarding its ability and willingness to implement the earlier Resolution 194 of December 1948, and the rights it granted to the Palestinians. Those were the right to return home and compensation for their losses during the war."

Sounds great, except that when it is applied to the more fundamental first cause question of why 'Der Judenstaat' was created in Palestine in the first place on another indigenous peoples' continuously inhabited land, three thousand year old history is drawn upon to show the aspirations of the victimizers and what transpired in Europe through the Holocaust as the final justification for its creation through the victimizers' own official instrument of adjudication. Why should that become so automatically axiomatic in one case, but the history and real lives of the peoples continuously living there before 1948 who are innocently victimized not be equally axiomatic? Does this have anything at all to do with attempting to bring justice in the best way possible to the tragedy unfolding on the ground, or the mere preservation of self-interests by arguing "impracticality"?

All conscionable peoples' voices of protest must be brought to bear on the plight of any innocent victims, for we are indeed one family in humanity, and when we collectively stand up against tyranny, we are at our finest in demonstrating that we have come a long ways from our humble Neanderthal beginning. However, in principled Moral-Activism, our conscionable voices can never be allowed to drown out the victims' own anguished voices themselves, the victims' own notion of what crimes are being heaped upon them, and the victims' own demands for what is fair and just restitution! Especially since the victims are still contemporaneous, and justice can still be afforded them. The crimes invoked upon them have not become fodder for erudite works of historical research as yet, as some like to pretend. The victims are still howling and writhing in insufferable pain!

The voices of the victims themselves describing their own fate are as potent, and as legitimate, as the Jewish moralist and Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel's description of what the Jewish victims faced at the hands of another monumentally criminal oppressors. Just as the victims' own description of their Holocaust outweighs any detractors and revisionist historians claims to the contrary - indeed even laws are being constructed in many Western nations to make it illegal to challenge the victims stories and the victims suffering and the victims version of what calamity befell them - so must the systematic genocide and depopulation, terrorizing, and inhuman subjugation of an innocent peoples in their own words must now replace the many

Diaries of Anne Frank. The past monumental crime is over but its memory is now being devilishly employed to diabolically mask a new monumental crime in progress by the former victims themselves - see [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#) for how that's done, and [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#) to catch a glimpse of it in action to quell any criticism of Israel by constantly drawing upon allusions to the Holocaust "*a hate-fest against Jews akin to a Hitler rally in Nazi Germany*" and "[Islamic Mein Kampf](#)" - one might have thought that they may have known better, having suffered themselves and being gods chosen people and all!

Denying any genuine victims' indescribable calamity is monumentally shameful. The clarion call of "never again" however is not reserved to only one class of victims as some have tried to do. And when those who were once victims themselves create new victims of their own, and in a manner of oppression and deception learnt from their past victimizers, I tend to lose much sympathy for them. It is a factual statement that one can even observe in themselves, and in any court room for similar behavior exhibited by a past victim becoming the victimizer of a new innocent victims. Indeed, in a rational and fair court, they would be imperatively disarmed and locked up - for leaving weapons and power in the hands of the criminally insane would be an even greater monumental crime of any court!

Watching the Zionist operate, any Jewish person of conscience must surely be upset at what "great name" (sic!) some of their brethren have bestowed on the entire peoples of a high and moral tradition by the mere association with the word Jew. But that does not appear to be the case at all with rare exceptions (see [here](#) and [here](#) for some examples of such rare and genuine human beings who are so offended that they put their own lives on the line but remain largely unknown and unmourned in the victimizers' own civilizations but are idolized and immortalized as heroes by the victims themselves, and [here](#) for fair justice). Israel seems to continue to enjoy widespread support from the World Jewry, and most vocally from within the United States of America. Indeed a lot of support for Zionist Israel comes from this superpower nation's ordinary Christian Zionist ideological supporters (see [here](#) and [here](#)), of which the mighty President of this "Roman Nation" is himself an exponent.

And here comes the fundamental dichotomy in dialogs with the victims. To the victims, the Zionists are monumental barbarians to be seen in the same dock someday as Eichmann in Jerusalem, with the front rows occupied by the new innocent victims who have as much right to succor and restitution as their victimizers were for their own Holocaust! And surely the new victims repeatedly, daily, hourly, every moment of their breadth, invoke the same curse uttered by the former victims "*and I still curse the killers, their accomplices, the indifferent spectators who knew and kept silent*". To them too, their plight must surely be an equal "*mystery whose parallel may only be the one of Sinai when something was revealed*". And despite this daily inhuman subjugation, they continue to make every attempt at civilized existence despite burying their children daily, barely escaping from under the roofs of demolished homes and the wrath of D9 bulldozers and F16s, and having to kiss their beloved child with his or her eyes

precisely blown out by an Israeli 25 year old sharp shooter as if he was "cockroach picking" and not go insane! In much vain and hollow rings the call of the Jewish moralists themselves:

"Although the Holocaust inflicted horrible injustice upon us, it did not grant us certificate of everlasting righteousness. The murderers were amoral; the victims were not made moral. To be moral you must behave ethically. The test of that is daily and constant."

One can read, hear, and see the Palestinian victims' scream in anguish and call for justice from the bespectating world in their own voices [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), ... just as few randomly chosen samples of how the Palestinians themselves view their own calamity and how the victims themselves perceive justice, but for the convenient ear plugs in well intentioned peoples' ears. Compare the victims own call for restitution to this articulation by Israeli Statesman Shimon Peres (the master of the art of "yes but no") [here](#), and examine the vested interests of all those who echo it in all its nuanced shades!

And one can further watch how these screams are continually dismissed in the West, especially in the United States of America, by well organized skills for the Apartheid State continuing to strew their own B grade quality of red herrings, considerably less abstruse in disguising their obviousness in their on going attempt to continually sew obfuscation any which way possible in order to continue to buy time for 'Der Judenstaat' in seeding new "impracticalities" to justice for their innocent victims. The following is only a random sample. The very first comment for this book on Amazon.com "[Refugees in Our Own Land : Chronicles from a Palestinian Refugee Camp in Bethlehem](#)" by a commentator whose well known affiliations are noted [here](#), and other generous red herring droppings noted [here](#), says the following:

" ... Had those things actually been perpetrated by Israel, I would be first in line to condemn them. But even the United Nations has concluded that Israel has not committed genocide, in Jenin, or anywhere else. As for murder, it seems that the only murder is taking place by Palestinians against Israeli civilians, and that whosoever amongst Palestinians has been killed has died either in battle, in the line of fire, or by accident, for which Israel has apologized. When, on the other hand, was the last time a Palestinian leader actually sought an end to suicide bombings, because they are evil, not because they are inexpedient. "

And concludes by saying:

"My biggest problem with this book is that for most of the events that Hamzeh reports, she relies on hearsay. There has been no scientific or objective attempt to verify the information, much less the veracity of the sources. Even that might be all right, had the reporter not assumed an hysterical tone. But Hamzeh is so

willing to believe everything nasty she hears about Israel or Israelis, or Jews for that matter, that nothing escapes unscathed. I want peace, but books like this one--filled with blame and outright hatred--do nothing to promote it."

Perhaps this commentator needs to be introduced to the "scientific or objective attempt to verify the information" standards adopted by the incumbent victimizers themselves to bring to the attention of the world what monumental crimes were once heaped upon them, or mandatorily be made to read the anguished words of Elie Wiesel in his own highly acclaimed "hysterical tone" of the calamity that is now a "mystery whose parallel may only be the one of Sinai when something was revealed" for their own innocent victims. A conscionable reader may perhaps inform the commentator, as well as all those allied with her (begin [here](#) and [here](#), then progress to [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#)) of this fact so that we may all endeavor together - for none of us is perfect and many of us are easily misled, sometimes by blind passion, sometimes by disinformation - to become human beings first!

It may be à propos to bring the late Edward W. Said's own rational words - one who was indeed from among the victims and deeply affiliated with their culture and civilization as both a spokesperson and an anguished exponent of his peoples cause - for summation away from my more emotional ones that synchronizes to the beat of Elie Wiesel perfectly but perhaps not as eloquently or credibly. Excerpted from Edward Said's essay "The Mirage of Peace", October 16, 1995 in The Nation:

"The deep tragedy of Palestine is that a whole people, their history and aspirations have been under comprehensive assault--not only by Israel (with the United States) but also by the Arab governments and, since Oslo, by Arafat....

I do not pretend to have any quick solutions for the situation now referred to as "the peace process," but I do know that for the vast majority of Palestinian refugees, day laborers, peasants and town and camp dwellers, those who cannot make a quick deal and those whose voices are never heard, for them the process has made matters far worse. Above all, they may have lost hope....

I have been particularly disheartened by the role played in all this by liberal Americans, Jewish and non-Jewish alike. Silence is not a response, and neither is some fairly tepid endorsement of a Palestinian state, with Israeli settlements and the army more or less still there, still in charge. The peace process must be demystified and spoken about plainly. Palestine/Israel is no ordinary bit of geography; it is more saturated in religious, historical and cultural significance than any place on earth. It is also now the place where two peoples, whether they like it or not, live together tied by history, war, daily contact and suffering. To speak only in geopolitical clichés (as the Clinton Administration does) or to speak about "separating" them (as Rabin does) is to call forth more violence and

degradation. These two communities must be seen as equal to each other in rights and expectations; only from such a beginning can justice then proceed."

And perhaps I may be allowed to offer my own much more modest rational conclusions, as seen from the eyes of an ordinary person, with my own personal biases and self-interests. Not being an intellectual, I am mercifully spared their burden of claims to deep thoughts, and can speak straightforwardly in ordinary human being first sense, the common man's sense, or commonsense. It is but a concatenation of obvious moral truisms for there isn't a whole lot to this summation beyond that.

All of the discussion in this article is the view from the victims, and/or from the civilizations sympathetic to the victims, and/or from the courageous conscionable peoples in all civilizations who are human beings first and can genuinely commiserate with the misery of other suffering human beings without putting their own self-interests above those of imperatives of morality, and what is fair and what is just, as amazingly and quintessentially delineated in the Biblical Golden Rule "*do unto others as you have others do unto you*". **The victimizers' and their exponents' view obviously is incongruent with this - another wholly truism!** But can there be no objectivity? How does a judge ever make a ruling in any case? Is it only with victors' justice? No, not among civilized conscionable peoples, and among rational and moral civilizations. In these times of ease of access to information, amazing search engines and document archives at finger tips, it may indeed be deemed a moral crime, by the victims at the very least, to feign ignorance of the state of the world, or to disingenuously claim a different world view. But then it does require considerable skills to disambiguate the spin doctoring and vested interests that surround the information, especially for well intentioned bespectating peoples removed from the conflicts themselves. How is one to discern fact from fiction? Unless one is the victim of course - then one needs no discernment! The victims know with certainty what crimes are visited upon them and what is their demand for restitution and compensation. Perhaps others might just ask the victims themselves? But that might just be too much commonsense, the good lord of hypocrisy, the ubermensch, forbid!

Do we need to define some standard agreed upon usage of words, i.e. definitions, that are then applied to all sides of the arguments, ab initio, in order to discern them unhyprocritically? How important is it to know the "*first cause*", and how appropriate is the principle of "*all the evil that follow*" to apportion the blame for all crimes stemming from the first cause? How far in history may one go? One year? Ten Years? Fifty Years? 100 Years? Three Thousand Years? Ten Thousand Years? To Adam? To Devil? To God? (To Big Bang in case one is atheistic)? What key principle standard was employed at the conclusion of World War II at the Nuremberg and Tokyo Trials to apportion blame for the heinous war crimes committed by both sides of bombing civilian centers and causing the deaths of up to 50 million peoples - irrespective of whatever may have been the weaknesses in the execution of these standards due to self-interests of the victors as some have argued? (And we don't want to use these possible

weaknesses in the execution of these standards as arguments to deflect our attention from the actual moral principles behind them which is the point of discussion - but do watch for it as some will surely try to distract attention from the actual moral principles themselves by bringing up various compromises and poor implementation of moral principles in the past as evidence for not following moral principles or not advocating justice based on moral principles - wonderfully smelly things, these red herrings, for some fishermen I am sure!)

Does the passage of time in the current epoch, as it blends into history, favor the status quo? Are we doomed to remain caught in this plight of the House of Zeus? Or is there a way to discern rationally, logically, fairly, to understand the "right thing to do" space? Once knowing that, it is always "impractical" to bring it about as the odds are always against the underdogs - the victims, and in favor of the topdogs - a truism. Arguing truisms like the 'impracticality' argument to justify not articulating 'the right thing to do' is called what?

(In case one does not know how to answer this question, one may try any of these for size and see which ones may fit: "hectoring hegemony", "self-interest", "sophistry", "hypocrisy", "double standards", "superpower's uncle tom", "a red herring manufacturing factory that supplies whole sale to the consciousness of their nation using the credibility of the power of their name", "intellectually aiding and abetting in the conspiracy to perpetuate a monumental crime through advocacy speech and actions not rooted in Moral-Activism and thus deliberately enabling the continued perpetuation of the crime and its concomitant new faits accomplis", et. al)

And the most obvious moral truism summation for last - the now visible elephant dancing on the newlywed's bed.

The most commonsensical solution that seems to be continually eluding the luminous West that supports the misconstruction of Israel as an apartheid state with various and sundry Western intellectuals sheepishly apologizing for it by cleverly not talking about it in all their fancy and refined punditry of high morality and responsibilities of intellectuals, is the one nation state for all its inhabitants. In that tight geography, two nations just cannot be constructed justly, the one with the guns will always dictate the terms. And it is truly no ordinary piece of geography. It is so steeped in the history and intermingling cultures of all three Abrahamic religions that try as the European Zionists may, to obliterate the vestiges of the other two, the history and its affiliations cannot be divorced from that geography. Abolishing apartheid and eliminating the racist Zionist philosophy and replacing it with a civil society and civil laws for all, is the only just solution. It is also the solution that the Palestinian peoples themselves demand. One nation of Muslims, Christians, and Jews, or stating it in another rational order, of Jews, Christians, and Muslims, living amicably together in the holy lands that all covet, equitably sharing the Land of Canaan. With the passage of time, in a peace seeded with justice, all wounds of the victims - the ones throwing the rocks and the stones at the tanks besieging their homes, and the ones going berserk in blowing themselves up in a last ditched attempt to get back to their tormentors

responsible for their insanity and their shattered tabula rasa - may be healed. The innocent Jewish victims of the Palestinians' struggle to live as free human beings on their own continuously inhabited ancestral lands against their inhuman oppressors, I hope will heal too - an innocent people traumatized by the first Holocaust, and then by the struggles against their own criminal oppression by another innocent peoples whom they gratuitously victimized, have a long and arduous self-healing process in front of them. It's time both sides were allowed to start the process by vehemently and righteously rejecting the insanely criminal and largely unexamined axioms, the anachronistic first cause celebra of their entire modern misery and the root cause of war mongering and suffering in the entire Middle East, from their midst. There is no reason, in the modernity of the 21st century, to have an Apartheid pariah state in our midst that has co-opted the very definition of justice from the lexicon of Western languages, and continues to create new innocent victims on a daily basis and has been doing so since its very inception in 1896, when its founder claimed along the banks of the Swiss Rhine: *"In Basle I founded the Jewish state ... Maybe in five years, certainly in fifty, everyone will realize it"*. And most assuredly, there is no reason for any people, be they well intentioned, or ideological, who may have supported it in the past, to continue doing so in the present, except with monumentally criminal intent of perpetuating crimes against a beleaguered humanity.

If an EU can transpire after killing each other for centuries and upon the ashes of 50 million dead just in the 20th century, with the determined will and singular focus to do so, a unified Palestine-Israel is a far more natural and historical reconstitution except for the relative newcomer European Zionism parasite that has hijacked the region, and continually prevents and distorts its reseeding with red herrings up the wazoo. It's time to finally endeavor creating the long cherished and elusive dream of a peaceful and fairer future for all of our children by the construction of a non-Apartheid equal and just state for all its inhabitants in Israel-Palestine.

Indeed a true *"Zion that will light up all the world"*, one that can finally claim to be the genuine moral inheritor of the Ten Commandments, and of the noble Prophet - whom all three faiths in the region honor and respect, sharing in the same Abrahamic moral traditions - who identified his flock as God's chosen peoples!

Thank you.

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Footnotes

[1] An editor of the website "Dissident Voice" challenged this quote with the following comment: "*i submit that you need a first-hand sourcing here; see <http://ngo-monitor.org/archives/news/122304-1.htm>". The full quote, that I checked on the microfiche in a local public library, where only the afternoon edition of the New York Times of 14 April 1983 was on the roll of microfiche, is as follows:*

'Jerusalem, April 13 - ... There is a widespread conviction among Palestinian Arabs that the Israelis want to make life miserable for them and thereby drive them out of the territories.

This was reinforced by reported remarks Tuesday by the outgoing Chief of Staff of the Israeli Army, Lieut. Gen. Rafael Eytan. Israeli radio, television and newspapers quoted him as telling the Parliament's Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee that for every incident of stone-throwing by Arab youths, 10 settlements should be built. "When we have settled the land," he was quoted as saying, "all the Arabs will be able to do about it will be to scurry around like drugged roaches in a bottle." (Emphasis added. New York Times, late edition, Thursday 14 April 1983, page A3, story by David K. Shipler, titled "Most West Bank Arabs Blaming U.S. for Impasse")

It is possible that the quote I have cited in the main text of the essay from the web, was originally from the morning edition, or was assembled from multiple stories as that edition contained many stories on Israel-Palestine. Also see Wikipedia at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rafael_Eitan, and the image at <http://uploaded.fresh.co.il/2004/11/28/27740072.jpg> for presumably a citation in original Hebrew. The similarity of wording and sentiments expressed in both, only prove the main theme of this essay - the endless trail of red herrings.

The "cockroach" peddler met his verminous fate of the Pharaoh as noted at http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/middle_east/4034765.stm. The BBC itself reported the quote in question in their own story as follows:

'Mr Eitan was politically right-wing and opposed the handing over of land to Palestinians as part of peace talks.

*He often used blunt language. He once said: "**When we have settled the land, all the Arabs will be able to do about it will be to scurry around like drugged cockroaches in a bottle.**"*

Mr Eitan was also criticised by the Kahan Commission, which investigated the massacre of Palestinian refugees by an Israeli-allied Christian militia during Israel's invasion of Lebanon in 1982.

The Commission said he should have anticipated the danger and opposed sending the Christians into the camp.' (Emphasis added. BBC News, Tuesday, 23 November, 2004, 10:07 GMT, "Former Israeli army chief drowns")

It made me intensely depressed to read-back to 24 years ago and to reflect that the goodly American nation has continually permitted a most monumental crime under its own watchful eyes with its full budgetary support, while its supposedly democratic peoples busily pursue their own "American Dreams". A genocide that can be so easily averted by the world is allowed to continue, it seems, only for the pleasure of future historians and moralists to make a good living peddling history books and pontificating morality. Here is an interesting quote from the same A3 page, just underneath the above article, that shows that the only thing that's changed on the playing field of fait accompli, is more faits accomplis, bigger holes in the swiss cheese Buntustans, and a generation further besieged, through the direct funding of a great populace democracy:

"Washington, April 13 - A House Foreign Affairs subcommittee has quietly increased the amount of military and economic grants for Israel by \$365 million over the amount request by the Reagan Administration for the 1984 fiscal year, committee members said today.

They said the Administration had requested \$785 million in economic grants and this was raised by \$65 million to \$850 million.

The Administration also had requested \$1.7 billion in military aid, of which \$550 million would be in the form of grants and the rest in loans. The committee, which is headed by Representative Lee H. Hamilton, Democrat of Indiana, decided to allow \$850 million to be in the form of grants - an increase of \$300 million - leaving just \$850 million to be repaid, instead of more than \$1.1 billion." (New York Times, late edition, Thursday 14 April 1983, page A3, story titled "Panel increases Grants for Israel")

[2] The distinguished Phyllis Bennis is in equally distinguished company here. Let's witness former American President Jimmy Carter selectively exercise his tender conscience with his serendipitous book "Palestine, Peace Not Apartheid". In his speech at George Washington University, as reported by the Associated Press and carried by Israeli newspaper Haaretz at <http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/834962.html>, he noted:

'He said he was not accusing Israel of racism nor referring to its treatment of Arabs within the country. "I defined apartheid very carefully as the forced segregation by one people of another on their own land," he said. ...

On the West Bank, Carter said, Palestinians were victims of oppression, their homes and land confiscated to make way for subsidized Israeli settlers.

"The life of Palestinians is almost intolerable," he said. "And even though Israel agreed to give up Gaza and remove Jewish settlers from the territory, there is no freedom for the people of Gaza and no access to the outside world."

"They have no real freedom of all," Carter said.

By apartheid, Carter said he meant the forced segregation of one people by another. He said Israel's policies in the territories are contrary to the tenets of the Jewish faith.

"There will be no peace until Israel agrees to withdraw from all occupied Palestinian territory," he said, while leaving room for some land swaps that would permit Jews to remain on part of the West Bank in exchange for other Israeli-held land to be taken over by Palestinians.

"Withdrawal would dramatically reduce any threat to Israel," he said.'

The distinguished President Carter noted the definition of "all occupied Palestinian territory" very carefully suggesting that 'he was not accusing Israel of racism nor referring to its treatment of Arabs within the country. "I defined apartheid very carefully as the forced segregation by one people of another on their own land," he said'. This might be forgivable oversight of memory or lack of geography knowledge for an ordinary mortal, but for a 39th former president of a superpower nation who is also a Nobel Peace Prize laureate, and who dares to speak out serendipitously in favor of a beleaguered peoples, but only goes part of the way as if some enormous invisible barrier is blocking him, it is entirely inexplicable.

Perhaps despite being a president who once had all the secrets of the State (and the world) at his finger tips, he hadn't rightly been informed by the '14 members of the Carter Center's advisory board' who resigned to protest his book, or by the 'Jewish groups and some fellow Democrats' from whom he 'drew fire', of the Jews own history of laments of the type disclosed in this essay, including this very poignant one:

"The state of Israel founded in 1948 following a war which the Israelis call the War of Independence, and the Palestinians call the Nakba - the catastrophe. A haunted, persecuted people sought to find a shelter and a state for itself, and did so at a horrible price to another people. During the war of 1948, more than half of the Palestinian population at the time - 1,380,000 people - were driven off their homeland by the Israeli army. Though Israel officially claimed that a majority of refugees fled and were not expelled, it still refused to allow them to return, as a UN resolution demanded shortly after 1948 war. Thus, the Israeli land was obtained through ethnic cleansing of the indigenous Palestinian inhabitants. This is not a process unfamiliar in history. Israel's actions remain incomparable to the massive ethnic cleansing of Native Americans by the settlers and government of the United states. Had Israel stopped there, in 1948, I could probably live with it. As an Israeli, I grew up believing that this primal sin our state was founded on may be forgiven one day, because the founder's generation was driven by the faith that this was the only way to save the Jewish people from the danger of another holocaust." (Tanya Reinhart: "Israel/Palestine - How to End the War of 1948", excerpt from very first page)

[3] There are obviously a minuscule number of "Kibbutz Zionists" living in Israel, perhaps less than 1% as I am advised, who love to live the Kibbutzim life style, toiling and soiling in a cooperative whereby the community helps raise each others' children. A vast majority of them supposedly are irreligious and "Leftist" by inclination, and are also largely portrayed by their exponents as non-violent peaceable peoples who settled in Palestine before 1948 (albeit the ones I know who have lived this life arrived in Galilee much after the construction of the Apartheid state). Noam Chomsky himself once noted on the public airwaves to Amy Goodman on her radio talk show Democracy Now, that he too lived there in the 1950s for a short period, and every time he would look out over the horizon, he would feel immensely saddened that another peoples had been forcibly and inhumanly deprived of their land in order to achieve Zion. He had noted on the airwaves, as I recall, that he couldn't morally take the incongruence of the situation and decided to return back to the United States. To this humble plebeian, it appears that these intellectual idealists, and others like them including those self-proclaimed "dissenters" who continually express deep remorse and anguish at what the Zionist founders perpetuated to create 'Der Judenstaat' in the midst of an already continuously inhabited peoples living there for millennia, must concede, if they indeed do not espouse a Nietzscheian morality, that they should be able to live together in equitably sharing the land of Canaan with all its indigenous peoples. Thus the word "Zionism", without any qualification, predominantly refers to the glaring monstrous elephant dancing on the newlywed's bed of racist murderous Zionism that was unleashed by Theodor Herzl in 1896 when he proclaimed "*In Basle I founded the Jewish state ... Maybe in five years, certainly in fifty, everyone will realize it.*", and which was subsequently

orchestrated to create an exclusive "Jews-Only" state with "Jews-Only-roads-and-suburbs-and-rights" in the heartland of Palestine. See Lenni Brenner's incredible online book "**Zionism in the Age of Dictators**" at <http://onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu/webbin/book/lookupid?key=olbp12752>.

Given the manifest reality of deliberate and endless red herrings on the ground, anyone not coming out loudly against Zionism itself as the world silently spectates its global power-play, and not demanding its immediate and outright dismantling and full restitution to its victims, is complicit in the on going murder and genocide of an innocent peoples, all their self-flagellation and words of remorse notwithstanding. Thus see for instance, "*The complete text of The Origin of the Palestine-Israel Conflict Published by Jews for Justice in the Middle East*" at: http://www.wrmea.com/jews_for_justice/index.html. Also examine the former American President, Jimmy Carter's anemic condemnation of Israel, and his restricting the critique in "*Palestine Peace not Apartheid*" to the still ill-conceived two-state solution space. A just and more forthright person might have produced a work titled "**Palestine, Justice not Apartheid**"!

[4] It is rather bizarre that President Carter in the spirited defense of his book against the Zionist exponents of Israel, should so circumspectly state that '*He said he was not accusing Israel of racism nor referring to its treatment of Arabs within the country.*' Not possessing the distinguished credentials of being a former President of the lone superpower country in the universe, and not having won any Nobel Peace prizes either, I must confess I cannot understand the tepidity or wisdom of President Carter. As a mere plebeian, I must rather straightforwardly ask him and the reader, why? Why is Jimmy Carter not accusing Israel of racism, nor referring to her treatment of Arabs within the country?

What is a courageous former President - guarded 24x7 by the Secret Service, and possessing all that he may ever desire in the world already in the back pockets of his accomplished and full life - so fearful of, that he should go out of his way to assert his definition of "Apartheid" in the title of his book to: "*I defined apartheid very carefully as the forced segregation by one people of another on their own land*", and deliberately restrain himself from not seeing the direct and immediate parallels with South Africa? Did he come by this arbitrary definition through whim, fear, or through some "ubermensch" principle of morality?

Please permit this rather plebeian scribe to have thechutzpah to remind a distinguished luminary-scholar-humanitarian-extraordinaire of the modern political world of the words of Haim Cohen, former judge of the Supreme Court of Israel (as noted by Tariq Ali in "**To be Intimidated is to be an Accomplice**" <http://www.counterpunch.org/ali03042004.html>):

' "The bitter irony of fate decreed that the same biological and racist argument extended by the Nazis, and which inspired the inflammatory laws of Nuremberg, serve as the basis for the official definition of Jewishness in the bosom of the state of Israel" (quoted in Joseph Badi, Fundamental Laws of the State of Israel NY, 1960, P.156)'

And all can easily glean the expansion of this statement by the former judge of the Supreme Court of Israel, in "**Zionism as Jewish National Socialism**":

"According to Halachah, classic Judaism's laws and customs, for example "compassion towards others" extends to Jews only. Murder or manslaughter is judged mildly when the perpetrator is Jewish and the victim a non-Jew. Also according to Halachah, it is accepted for a Jew to kill a non-Jew if he is laying claim to "eternal Jewish land". This is what the settlers' religious organisations are alleging. There is no corresponding law in Israel's judicial system but in effect it influences the system as punishment of such crimes is very mild. Israel's state terrorism, theft of land and occupation, demolition of houses, the building of the Wall etc including the so called 'extra-judicial killings' (assassinations), are seen by Zionists as legitimate defence of the Nation and therefore fall under international law - which Israel ignores [...] Buber criticised Nazism while commending the Jewish Religion (Hassidism) but keeping quiet about its dehumanising of non-Jews (goyim). These double standards act to increase Israel's chauvinism and hatred of all non-Jews." (Lasse Wilhelmson "Zionism as Jewish National Socialism" <http://www.israelshamir.net/Contributors/wilhelmson.htm>)

And we can trivially see empirical evidence of *"These double standards act to increase Israel's chauvinism and hatred of all non-Jews"* in despicable racist "ubermensch" statements like the following one by Moshe Katsav, former President of Israel, that inexplicably seem to remain incognizant among the powerful and distinguished critics' of Israel-Palestine blot on humanity, including the author of "Palestine, Peace not Apartheid":

"There is a huge gap between us (Jews) and our enemies not just in ability but in morality, culture, sanctity of life, and conscience. They are our neighbors here, but it seems as if at a distance of a few hundred meters away, they are people who do not belong to our continent, to our world, but actually belong to different galaxy." (Moshe Katsav, President of Israel, The Jerusalem Post, May 10, 2001)

It is incredible how powerful the lapses of some short term memories can be – perhaps Moshe Katsav has forgotten the Jewish Ghettos from New York to Poland that the Jews inhabited not too long ago themselves. Furthermore, this was their unfortunate 'state of being' when they were free and no military occupying power was constricting them to death. The beleaguered peoples whom the erstwhile former President of Israel finds so easy to belittle as *"not belong to our continent, to our world, but actually belong to different galaxy"* on the other hand are living under a brutal Israeli military occupation after they were already once evicted from their own lands when the Zionist state was first constructed in their peaceful midst and forced into the subsequently second whammy of military occupation of even that small parcel of land – generations have been wasted under the murderous occupiers watchful gun turrets. Shame! What has happened to the humanity of these Israelis? Why should the world take any sympathy on these peoples anymore for their holocaust? They are handing the same systematic genocide to another innocent peoples – only spread out across generations and in plain sight of the silently spectating world. Witness the following comments of an American President Harry S. Truman from his Diary July 21, 1947. Every word of it is reflected in the Zionist Jews' own merciless actions in Palestine since the founding of Israel in 1948:

"The Jews, I find are very, very selfish. They care not how many Estonians, Latvians, Finns, Poles, Yugoslavs or Greeks get murdered or mistreated as D[isplaced] P[ersons] as long as the Jews get special treatment. Yet when they have power, physical, financial or political neither Hitler nor Stalin has anything on them for cruelty or mistreatment to the under dog."

So upon which "ubermensch" principle of morality has the distinguished President Carter come up with his definition of Apartheid? Hasn't he even bothered to read the late Daniel Pearl's wife, Marriane Pearl's touching autobiographical book in memory of her murdered husband "**A Mighty Heart**", in which on page 15 she writes of the newest and latest DNA technologies being employed in Israel for the ultimate in racism and Apartheid that even far surpasses South Africa:

"Last October, at a film festival in Montreal, I won an award for a controversial documentary I made for French and German public television about Israel's use of genetic screening. Under Israel's Law of Return, almost any Jew has the right to return to the ancient homeland. But how do you make sure someone is actually Jewish? To determine who qualifies, Israeli authorities have used DNA testing to examine applicants' genetic makeup. My film explored the political and sociological implications of this process, which are confusing and disturbing."
(Marriane Pearl "A Mighty Heart" page 15)

I am only assuming that the former President Carter does not receive his daily briefings from the White House anymore, and therefore may not have kept up with the latest news in racism of Israel's innate makeup! Can some courageous reader put the afore asked questions before the former American President publicly where he is compelled to respond as the world continually fawns their oohs and aahs at just the thought of a former President of the United States of America even thinking of criticizing Israel?

I am sorry that I am less than impressed, credentials or no credentials. One does not need to be in possession of the title of "President" to see the difference between "good and evil" or to be "beyond" it, or indeed, does one? Seems like all the moralist thinking of people like Hannah Arendth in profound lamentary books such as "**Eichmann in Jerusalem - A Report on the Banality of Evil**" is mainly confined to the crimes committed against the mighty "ubermensch" themselves! Also see comment (the first one) on Time Magazine's 'The Middle East' blog in response to an amazing article by Phil Zabriskie titled "**Reading Between, Over, Around the Lines...**" March 8, 2007, at http://time-blog.com/middle_east/2007/03/between_over_around_the_lines.html, comment reproduced below:

' "There might well be a fair number of people who think that a state of conflict, marked often by violence and at times death, is the natural state of things here, that endless cycles of mutual antagonism, persecution, and victimization is how its supposed to be, a kind of prophecy foretold."

I am not an expert on prophesy, but certainly commonsense suggests that evil flourishes

because many good people choose to remain silent, and those who perpetuate it ["state of conflict"] are usually ordinary peoples - as noted by Hannah Arendth in "Eichmann in Jerusalem - A Report on the Banality of Evil". And when she observed the "ordinariness" of Adolph Eichmann, she was "reprimanded", putting it charitably. Because we always like to perceive that horrible crimes are only committed by super horrible peoples, and ordinary peoples have no role in being "good Germans".

I would like to draw your kind attention to "the endless trail of red herrings" on this topic that even conscionable and distinguished writers, in mainstream, as well as dissent-stream, keep perpetuating, unable to see past the mythologies and red herrings with their own good commonsense.

Please see my humble article on <http://www.humanbeingsfirst.org> with the above title.

I hope you do publish my comment - it is very difficult to have an ordinary person, a plebeian, have his voice heard - it's always the special interests who get the airwaves/mainstream to themselves. Perhaps Time can be courageous enough to change that - and run my article as their cover story? A plebeian can dream of a time when their own voices can inform the peoples, can't he?

Thank you

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[5] Noam Chomsky had written to me *'Furthermore, you are apparently unaware that I have, since childhood, been a very vocal advocate of a binational state as part of a broader federation. But I stress the word "advocate."*' while he continued to justify the two-state solution with "impracticality" and what appeared to me to be specious political expediency arguments. Thus I had informed him that I was going to let him respond publicly, and I eagerly look forward to him cogently explaining his positions "loud and clear" in the light of this essay in which I have, as a non-scholar, rather an ordinary plebeian, challenged his profound wisdom based upon the moral imperatives that I am compelled to humbly spell out in my essay **"Responsibility of Intellectuals – Redux"**.

I have to admit here of my own close sense of affinity to Noam Chomsky as his lifelong student once upon a time, and as his nondescript student at MIT while studying EECS, where I first learned about the "real" US Foreign Policies. And as one who has benefited from Chomsky's moral teachings and analytical techniques of news deconstruction tremendously, some of the lessons learned I hope are also exhibited in this essay. As I

wrote to Chomsky, and which I excerpt below, my humble effort to critically examine his positions in public is as much a matter of my own conscience as that which compels him to stand up to the tyranny of his own nation. I also have to admit that I remained a covetous reader of Noam Chomsky's books and essays throughout my life, until 2003, when new realizations dawned upon me and I stopped being impressed by other peoples' ideas, including Chomsky, and decided to start thinking for myself ab initio. Some of these realizations are also mentioned in my very detailed essay "**Dialog Among Civilizations: Whytalksfail? - Part1**" in the context of 911, wondering why, the two most notorious gadflies on the planet, Noam Chomsky and Robert Fisk, suddenly found new trust and faith in the Government's version of it. These essays are available at <http://www.humanbeingsfirst.org>, in a feeble plebeian effort once again to speak out against the new unprovoked impending war of "shock and awe" upon another defenseless nation - "**and I still curse the killers, their accomplices, the indifferent spectators who knew [or now know] and kept silent**".

"First let me genuinely once again acknowledge the debt of gratitude that I have for you being my teacher most of my adult life. We have a saying in Urdu, loosely translated, it says - 'the cat is the auntie of the lion'. It means the cat taught everything to the lion, except to climb the tree. Obviously to save its own skin. In our culture, as well as I am sure in other cultures, we often refer to experts and teachers and other specialists who hold things back from their students and under-studies, with similar phrases. Such a phrase, is entirely unjust for you. You have indeed never held anything back as far as teaching your mind to anyone and everyone who has wanted to learn. And for this, I am most grateful. And to some tiny extent, I am applying the skills learnt from you, to attempt to disarm you, and other Zionists like you, intellectually speaking. I am not an intellectual, nor an erudite scholar, but a mere ordinary person who is now a minor social worker [...] and a small time grass-roots justice activist. To the extent I succeed in checking you, it must surely make you happy that you taught well. To the extent I fail, it is my own shortcomings and a limitation of my own small mind."

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