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Shalom laYehudim, Shalom laBnai Noach, Shalom laGoyim. It's the evening of the 4th day, *kaf-alef beTammuz*, *tav-shin-ayin-beh*, *Parashas Pinchas*, the evening of the 3rd day, Tuesday, 7 July 2015, webcasting from the land of the People of the Book, the people who discovered the G-d of All Creation Who created this world with words.

Ten times in the opening verses of the People of the Book's Book, it is written, "And G-d said," let there be...a new creation. All He had to do was speak and everything that is materialized and came into being.

And how interesting that when He appeared at Mt. Sinai before the nation that He created, He gave them a book of words, which in fact went on to lead this nation and guide it; and from it came out other communities, Christendom and Islam and Mormons, each claiming to be in possession of its own holy book.

"People of the Book" was a nickname for us invented by the Arabs. Until they had their first book, the Koran, the Jews had been living by theirs for almost 2,000 years, and the Arabs' shift from polytheism to monotheism, from illiteracy to literacy was surely influenced by their amazement at the existence of the Jews who had their Book and how all of them could read it, when all of them -- the Arabs -- were uniformly illiterate.

In the 7th century, it was surely common among charismatic leaders around the world to be illiterate themselves but no matter. They had scribes and court recorders for whom literacy was a technical skill. Yet here was an entire people that could read and write and lived by what they made of the words in their Book.

Flash forward to the 20th century and the genius of George Orwell who saw the connection between the monstrous tyrannies in the Soviet Union and Nazi Germany and their bizarre perversion of language. The Nazis lived out a fantasy of lies, their hallucinatory perception of the Jews and how the world works, with the Jews behind the scenes manipulating everything. It was a language of lies.

The Soviet system destroyed language altogether. In Orwell's *1984*, he wrote of a regime for whom the slogans were: "War is Peace, Freedom is Slavery and Ignorance is Strength."

Orwell also perceived the essential similarity between Nazism and Communism in their shared, lunatic hatred of Jews. If you remember, in *1984* in the Ministry of Truth where the main character Winston Smith works, as in all government ministries the workers had a daily break called “Two Minutes of Hate” when they had to watch a film of “Goldstein, Public Enemy No. 1” whom they shouted at in hatred. He was modeled on Trotsky whom Stalin had murdered; the Jew as Public Enemy No. 1.

Orwell in his other famous work, an essay called “Politics and the English Language,” ruminated on the similar corruption of speech by socialists and other leftists that supported the Soviet system -- when he saw through it.

And here we saw last week video from Orwell’s country in which Prime Minister David Cameron on the BBC asked the BBC not to call ISIS ISIS but ISIL -- like Barack Obama, though I don’t think he noted the comparison, and I am not sure why.

In any case, I found his explanation bizarre. The first letter in both acronyms stands for the same word, “Islamic,” but he seems to think Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) is offensive to Muslims but the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) is not.

Well, leaving that aside, his purpose was clear: to defend Islam from those who dislike this religion. “I wish the BBC would stop calling it the Islamic State because it is not an Islamic state. What it is is an appalling, barbarous regime. It is a perversion of the religion of Islam, and you know, many Muslims listening to this program [he was being interviewed on the Beeb] will recoil every time they heard the words ‘Islamic State.’”

There are at least a couple of things here of minor and major importance. First of all, who is David Cameron to know what is or is not truly Islamic? I have never heard that he knows Arabic, that he has read the Qur’an, that he has lived in a Muslim country, that he has written articles and or books on the East.

It seems to me he ought to be someone with that kind of knowledge before pronouncing on what is or is not authentically Islamic.

Also, for starters, he as a national leader, might quickly scan the 56 countries officially and proudly Islamic and notice that there is maybe one in which the people govern themselves democratically.

Cameron in his interview called ISIL an existential threat because “what is happening here” – this was just after the massacre of 39 Brits in Tunisia – “is the perversion of a great religion and the creation of this poisonous death cult that is seducing too many young minds in Europe, in America, in the Middle East and elsewhere.”

But what I want to know is: how can anyone call a religion great when there is no freedom in its precincts, when so many of its devotees are illiterate and contribute nothing to the advancement of science and technology, medicine and the arts, the welfare of mankind?

What I found most striking and of major importance was Cameron here defending Islam in a way reminiscent of the words of Bat Ye’or, a true expert on Islam. You can check out her books on Amazon. Her birth name was Giselle Littman. She was born in Cairo in 1933 to an obviously Ashkenazic Jew, which was not all that uncommon in Egypt in that period in, principally in Cairo and Alexandria. Before 1882, there had been virtually no Jewish community in Egypt for centuries. That year, though, the British entered to take over the economy and manage the country; the locals practicing Cameron’s “great religion” had bankrupted the country despite the opening of the Suez Canal in 1869, which had been expected to save the country and the economy. But when the locals corrupted everything, the Canal’s European, principally French and British, creditors came in to take over, and following that, Jews from all over the Middle East went to Egypt under British rule to do business there.

In Lawrence Durrell’s famous 1950s *Alexandria Quartet* of novels, the Jewish community there plays a role.

In 1956, though, the Sinai Campaign, Israel's smashing victory, had the Jewish community there in terror, and Giselle Littman, age 22, fled with her family to England. Now (I think) she lives in Switzerland with her husband as she has researched the life of Jews and other infidels under Islam, writing under the pen-name Bat Ye'or which is Biblical Hebrew for "Daughter of the Nile," which she was when growing up in Cairo's most upscale island neighborhood called Zamalek. It is, coincidentally, where Edward Said also grew up. Maybe they were neighbors.

Well, Bat Ye'or has written a counter-narrative to the secular Zionist ignoramuses who thought life was better for Jews under Islam than in Christendom. To this day Ashkenazi Arabists write that only in the 20th century did European anti-Semitism penetrate Araby. This is technically true, but irrelevant. Anti-Jewism had other forms before the emergence of that vile, crackpot, 19th century theory. Bat Ye'or relies on primary sources to show that Jews suffered constantly under Islam, and worse. She invented the term *dhimmitude* to describe the state of mind of infidels oppressed by Muslims as a normal part of their lives. And worst of all, she sees Europeans turning into *dhimmi*, the so-called protected infidels in Islam, and that is what came to mind in David Cameron's words, his craven untruth of pandering to Muslims about what a great religion they have and that all this murder and mayhem done in the name of Islam is not the real, nice Islam. This is dhimmitude

Just like Obama after Ft. Hood.

Like Orwell's Big Brother commanding the people of England not to believe what they see. It is a life of denial.

"War is Peace and Freedom is Slavery and Ignorance is Strength" and I would add, "Islam is a great religion."

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So in his interview with John Humphreys, Prime Minister Cameron suggested that "so-called ISIL" is better than just ISIS, and Gatestone reported that later in the day in the Commons Cameron repeated his suggestion that the BBC and I guess really everyone stop calling the Islamic State the Islamic State, what it calls itself. And he was joined with a suggestion from Scottish MP Angus Robertson that everyone adopt the Arabic acronym *Daesh*, which is used for ISIL, and in fact, on 25 June, 100 MPs had sent a letter to the Beeb's director-general asking for that usage.

Interestingly enough, the letter was drafted by a Pakistan-born MP which said, "Islamic State, ISIS and ISIL give legitimacy to a terrorist organization that is not Islamic... which a vast majority of Muslims around the world find despicable for insulting their peaceful religion."

This is Orwell's language, is it not? War is peace, freedom is slavery, ignorance is strength, and Islam is a peaceful religion. It seems the preference for *Daesh* in this 100 MPs' letter is to cover up Islam and the role it plays in the horrors perpetrated by these monstrous Muslims.

It reminds yours truly of the greatest of sodomite victories in our time: getting society to stop calling them sodomites and use instead the word "gay." They are not sodomites; they are gay.

Interesting here too is the odd coincidence of Orwell's three phrases, which he used to satirize Soviet Communism, that today they are applicable to Islam and its nightmare culture. "War is peace" is true for the jihadis. They are at peace with themselves by doing Allah's bidding by murdering people who don't believe that Muhammad was his final and greatest messenger. Peace is living by Allah's will and in the Qur'an the slaughter of infidels is the peace of living by Allah's commands.

And as for "Freedom is slavery": for sure that is a contemporary Muslim belief. To listen to their spokesmen like Anjem Chaudhry with his native English, his fellow British non-Believers are enslaved to the immoral life style of the capitalist West. True freedom for him is living by the word of Allah and not as slaves to the commercialism and rampant sexuality of the West.

And as for ignorance being strength: for sure. Muslims when they pray press their foreheads to the ground, blind to their surroundings and in their enslavement to Allah and his Messenger, they become strong enough to slaughter infidels who refuse to admit that Islam is the correct religion.

Dhimmitude was Bat Ye'or's invention, and how prophetic she has turned out to be. For the war waged by Islam today against the West is not only for political domination but above all the minds of men and women. It is a war for a kind of mindwork at work when the President of the United States after 9-11 and really decades of horror perpetrated by maniacal Muslims says Ft. Hood had nothing to do with Islam.

This is like Orwell's society of slaves for whom Big Brother loves them all. Big Brother is all-knowing. Big Brother has enemies and with them followers of Big brother must be merciless.

I find it simply frightening that 100 MPs in the Mother of Parliaments, almost one-sixth of them, would vote to install the Arabic word Daesh which, despite its acronymic meaning, Islamic State, to the English ear covers up the idea of Islam. Thus, when Daesh orders children in old Palmyra/Tadmor to machine-gun to death 25 captured Syrian soldiers – that was a video last week -- the connection to Islam is covered up.

Islam's war is thus, before it is a material war, spiritual combat. It is the freedom of the mind in the West that drives these people crazy. One facet of this mindwork is known to us via the common Islamic-Arabic insistence that the Holocaust never happened. The Jews just made it up to make people feel guilty and bend them to the Jews' demand to be given Balesine after World War II.

Arabs, Muslims, are incapable of confronting their own worst feelings about Jews, and like other Jew-haters throughout history they project onto us all their own worst evil inclinations and sins. They cannot face the truth of the Holocaust because it reminds them of their own desire to kill us all, G-d forbid.

The battle over Israel is very much a battle for history, which Orwell well understood. His main character Winston Smith works at the Ministry of Truth and what does he do? He re-writes what was in the newspapers the day before and flushes the original down the Memory Hole, which is the name in the story for the vacuum tube system once common in modern offices in the early 20th century. Before email, one could place notes and other papers in capsules and pass them around in a building from department to department in these vacuum tubes.

Orwell was inspired also by the Soviet practice of touching up photographs of former leaders murdered by Stalin, photo-shopping them out before Photoshop was invented.

It was Winston Smith's job on a daily basis to re-write what had happened that is exactly what the invention of the phantom nation of Balesine has been all about. In the early 20th century, visitors to Mandatory Palestine were witness to Zionists, as the expression went, who were "making the desert bloom" by draining swamps, planting millions of trees each sapling by hand, making the brown desert green again.

But then after the Six-Day War, the Ministry of Truth administered by world antiJewry re-wrote history. Balesine was no desert before the Zionists. Palestine had been green and fertile and home to the Ancient Palestinian people who had been here for millennia minding their own business until after WWII when in came those racist, fascist, imperialist, colonist Zionists who stole their country from them.

Islam is not a great religion and I fear for civilization when such as the Prime Minister of England tells us that it is and pays no mind to the horrors perpetrated by these maniacs inspired by Islam's so-called holy book.

Obama, remember, has on more than one occasion called it "holy" and even said it was "revealed."

Michael Oren even quoted him saying this last week without noting the horror hiding beneath this idea.

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Speaking at the close of the last segment about Michael Oren: on the DPP blog last week, friend and listener JeffB12 posted an interview done by Daniel Pipes with Michael Oren. Oren is a mixed bag of goodness and shortcomings. It was good of him in his book to reveal how for seven months Obama negotiated with our mortal enemies in Teheran behind our backs but Oren does not use the word betrayal. He is right to expose how Obama broke the mutually agreed US-Israeli practice of no surprises and no daylight between positions. But again, as a diplomat, he does not use the word betrayal.

I can respect that, but not his other judgments which I find at best mistaken, at worst even cowardly. For example, he accepts at face value Obama's "passionate Christianity." To which I say, "Puh-leeze." Obama was "converted" by that famous Christian missionary Rev. Jeremiah Wright, that preacher of hate who according to one source was in the Black Muslims until he realized Louis Farrakhan had a lock on the organization, so he went off and became a Christian preacher of hate. Like Obama, like Al Sharpton, Wright is just another race hustler.

Obama has not, I think, been to church since he took office. Obama has repeatedly bashed Christendom for its sins, while praising Islam. Does Michael Oren really believe this chronic liar is a Christian just because he says so? My rule of thumb with this guy is that everything out of his mouth is lie.

Worse, Oren in the interview rightly cited the Cairo speech as "foundational" and even quoted verbatim Obama expressing his pleasure at being in the region where "the Holy Koran was revealed."

Excuse me, but a real Christian does not think the Koran was revealed. Official Catholic doctrine sees Islam as a heresy for its perverted misunderstanding of Jesus as a human prophet but not a divine god.

Moreover, in this interview, Oren the diplomat (even though now out of a job) insists that Obama is neither antisemitic nor anti-Israeli.

Again, I have to say, "Puh-leeze."

And maybe worst of all, he accepts that "the Palestinian people have an inalienable right to a state in what the Palestinians regard as their homeland." He is fine with that, he said. The problem was that they did not reciprocate with a parallel recognition of the Jewish people's rights.

And I am not fine with that at all. This attitude of his is in direct contradiction to the bedrock of the Zionist movement. All of the pioneers, regardless of ideology, left, right and center, did not see a century ago another nationality here (besides the Jews) with rights to statehood because there was no such nationality here at the time. Eretz Yisrael was a barren backwater in the decadent Turkish Empire, abandoned and neglected. To posit the existence of another nation with rights to statehood here, other than the Jewish nation, is the antithesis of Zionism.

In his defense, Oren is a textbook, secular Israeli, one of whose characteristic, materialist behaviors is not to argue over history but, like Shimon Peres, who says, "History is useless, history is wrong. Israel looks to the future." Israel wants to make a deal with the Balestinians, and what good can come from arguing over the past, their version versus ours?

This interview is also worthwhile for what it reveals of the otherwise estimable Daniel Pipes who asked Oren, "Does Obama have a grand strategy or is it all improvisation?" which tells yours truly that like Oren Pipes is blind to Obama's age-old hatred of Jews as the engine of his mindwork. Pipes even sees no Islamic influence in his decision-making, in reaction to Oren's armchair psychoanalysis of Obama's Muslim boyhood.

He is like other pundits today who think Obama is concerned for his legacy, which he is not, I say. They think he is bent on a deal with Iran at any price for that legacy.

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I disagree. Such pundits therefore see in him a normal president, when I don't think he gives a damn about his legacy or even an agreement with Iran. All he has ever cared about is sticking it to the Jews, and making sure Iran goes nuclear and all that that implies.

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