

Antisemitism Today in the Churches, Politics, Sciences, and Universities of England

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Preamble

In France and Germany in the late 19th century and the first half of the 20th century, Church, politics, science and philosophy were all intellectual authorities for antisemitism. Scientific antisemitism (anthropology, genetics, Social Darwinism, linguistics, etc.) fed off, and fed, the more traditional sources.

The Roman Catholic Church in Europe was complicit with Nazi Germany (and Fascist Italy and Spain) and Nazi academia, and it did not excommunicate Adolph Hitler. There was of course some brave intellectual resistance by some Christian and secular thinkers (such as the White Rose group), but resistance was the exception not the rule.

Hitler, having succeeded in getting the Catholic Church to appease him, also drew from the latent antisemitism in Protestantism. The antisemitic tract "On the Jews and Their Lies", by Martin Luther, the German founder of the Reformation, was a blueprint for the Holocaust, calling for the destruction and burning of all Jewry. An open copy of Luther's book was displayed in a glass case at the Nuremberg rallies (1923 to 1938) for the people (mainly Christians) to view as they filed past to worship their Führer: the master man (*Übermensch*) of the master race of the master nation: the Germanic High Priest: the glorious pinnacle and fulfilment of Germany's long and imperial Christian history.

Scientists justified antisemitism on, amongst other things, grounds of race (the French theory of "Aryanism") and psychological inferiority. Germans democratically convinced by National Socialism – in the interests of the many, not the few – were persuaded that Germany must lead the world, but first the nation needed to improve the German human condition and free it from moral depravity (especially of the Jews), physical disability, and homosexuality, and a host of other undesirable things. And because Germany's role was, through its master race, to bring the world into the millennial Third Holy Empire, measures needed to be taken to ensure that Germany remained pure from mixing with the other races.

Inconveniently for the Germans, science was becoming dominated by Jewish scientists, and so in the 1930s Nazi academia started to debunk *Jüdische Physik* (including the work of Albert Einstein) and replace it with *Deutsche Physik*. Similarly, in psychiatry, Nazi head of psychiatry Matthias Göring (cousin of Hermann) set out to ban Jewish psychiatry and to prove the inferiority of the psyche of all Jewish people. In the new sciences of psychiatry and psychology, all the pioneers were Jewish, apart from C.G. Jung (who was employed in the Nazi academia until 1939, reporting to Matthias Göring).

Apart from the scientific ideology, it was, of course, German scientists and engineers who invented the means that, it was hoped, would enable the genocide of all Europe's Jewry. And German scientists implemented a huge programme of extremely cruel scientific experiments on human beings, including children. None of this occurred because Germany was poor at theology, science and philosophy. Germany was, and had long been, the world-beating nation in all these intellectual domains.

Few antisemites today use recourse to scientific theories or experiments, and no-one can credibly claim that Jewish physics is inferior to German physics, or English physics, but this does not mean that scientists are necessarily absolved in the present resurgence of English antisemitism that is, for the first time in my lifetime (I was born in 1961), regularly making the headlines. In English science, eugenics is also becoming intellectually respectable again, through the new philosophical/scientific field called “transhumanism”. Transhumanist Professor Nick Bostrom, founding director of the “Future of Humanity Institute” at Oxford University, wants to rehabilitate discussions in eugenics (such as through embryo selection and genetic engineering).

The resurgence of antisemitism, history teaches us, does not begin with the mob. It begins with the intellectuals, clergy, scientists, journalists, politicians, student unions and conspiracy theorists long before it infects the mainstream and the mob. It seems to me that the “League of Antisemites” formed by the German journalist Wilhelm Marr in 1880 (with the goals of suppressing the Jewish spirit and of oppressing and banishing the Jews), is no different to the obsessively anti-Israel groups active in England today, such as “Jewish [sic] Voice for Labour”, “Palestinian Solidarity Campaign”, “Boycott, Divestments and Sanctions (BDS)”, and a disturbing plethora of others that would have seemed extreme a few years ago but are quickly gaining normality in English society.

The Mutating Virus of English Antisemitic Conspiracy Theories

Historically in England, the Church and monarchy generated the conspiracies theories, such as Jews’ poisoning the wells, and desecrating the host – the Church’s bread believed to be the *actual* body of Christ – which caused the great plagues and other epidemics and curses. For a time, antisemitism in England was much worse than in mainland Europe (where it was nevertheless perpetually bad). The myth of the “Wandering Jew”, the diabolical and malevolent Christ hater, originated in England. In 1218, the Archbishop of Canterbury Stephen Langton persuaded Henry III to proclaim the Edict of the Badge, a yellow badge of shame to identify the Jew. Annually, on Good Fridays, the clergy would encourage mobs to beat up or murder Jews. And In 1289, King Edward I issued the Edict of Expulsion, having been convinced of “blood libel” conspiracy (another English export, that began in Norwich). England remained free of Jews from the time of the Edict until the reign of Oliver Cromwell (who, as a millennialist who believed in an imminent Apocalypse, was persuaded that he needed to invite Jews back to England on theological grounds).

Despite the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s, Christianity is, and always has been institutionally antisemitic, and Christians from a young age learn that “the Jews” are the enemies of Jesus and of the Church. “Judas” on whom the betrayal/conspiracy narrative is centred, is the Greek for “Judah” meaning “Jew”. Antisemitic scripture (by any sensible definition of antisemitism, including of the IHRA) is heard in Sunday school and the churches: the Gospel of John alone has about seventy references to “the Jews”, (plural *Ioudaioi*, in the original Greek) many of which are in the Catholic and Protestant lectionaries and read out frequently in churches. (For example: “the Jews started to persecute Jesus”; “the Jews were looking for an opportunity to kill him” ...). These references are anachronistic, because Jesus and his Apostles were themselves “the Jews”, as were the other followers of Jesus. The Gospel of John was probably completed as late as the second century AD; before this there was not a distinctly different religious grouping called “Christianity” in the worship of God of Israel. The first generation of Christians were “the Jews” who worshipped alongside fellow Jews (including in the Jerusalem Temple). And all Jews, whether they followed Jesus as Messiah or not, were equally as likely to be crucified by the Romans in the first century.

Today in the Church of England, antisemitic ideas of conspiracy (generally targeted at the Jews in Israel or who support Israel) still exist, and often combine with conspiracy theories that have been

innate in Socialism since the advent of Socialism. But apart from these traditional sources of Jew hate and Jew baiting, it seems England today has given the world the most implausible and sinister theories of Jewish conspiracy theory known to history.

One of the best known of extreme English conspiracists is David Icke. Icke claims that the Moon is a hollow space station from which “Reptilians” control the human mind. He fills the lecture theatres in his tours of Britain and Australia and other nations to where he has exported his theories. Presumably, Icke’s audiences have abandoned all religious *and* scientific understanding and are seeking a new belief system based on Icke’s teaching that there is a way to escape into a higher reality, rather than live in the present one created by Lizards and Jews.



“**David Icke is dangerous**”, warned the Jewish Member of Parliament Luciana Berger last week. He is indeed, and yet he is popular in England, including amongst academics and students.

Last week, Luciana Berger, nearly 9 months pregnant, suffered what some senior members of the Parliamentary Labour Party called “antisemitic bullying” from her Constituency Labour Party: Liverpool, Wavertree, which raised a motion of no confidence in her. The chair of the CLP, it emerges, is an antisemite¹ called Dr. Alex Scott-Samuel, “senior lecturer in public health” at the University of Liverpool, a member of the so-called “Jewish Voice for Labour Group”. He has been a regular contributor to David Icke’s alternative-media channel since 2015. Journalists who, since last week, have trawled through the social media of the CLP staff have uncovered persistent antisemitism, including the claim that the “Israel Lobby” has manufactured Labour’s antisemitism crisis. The member who tabled the CLP motion against Luciana Berger is, it emerges, a 9/11 (“Israel did it”) conspiracy theorist and has accused the MP of being a “disruptive Zionist”.



David Icke’s original tweet, 5th February 2019.

Icke, like the obsessively anti-religious Oxford scientist Richard Dawkins (to whom we will come), delivers “sold out” lectures wherever he goes in the world.

One would think that with Englishmen such as Icke wandering the planet, corrupting the young by successfully exporting theories of a hollow Moon spaceship, the world would be Anglophobic, not antisemitic.

Gravity is the Word

I work in science, as a Technical Writer, in Manchester, England, for a Swiss-American science corporation. Outside of the day job I have, for over 25 years, been involved in interfaith dialogue and studies in philosophical theology. My faith community is the Church of England.

I am particularly interested in the interface of science and theology. As a private project, I am presently working on a book that explores what we really mean by the word “gravity”. (And of course I know enough about the regularities of gravity to know that the Moon cannot possibly be, and cannot have ever been, a hollow spaceship!)

Any study of gravity – or any science in fact – involves entering a very Jewish world. Although Jews comprise a mere fraction of one per cent (perhaps as little as 0.2%) of the world population, Jews (and people of Jewish descent who would have met the Nazi criteria for *Gelungsjuden*) have won almost 30% of Nobel Prizes in Physics. This includes of course the Jewish Berliner and gravitational physicist Albert Einstein, who left Nazi Germany in 1933. Less well known is the octogenarian Rainer Weiss (born 1932), who started life as a Jewish Berliner and whose family also fled Nazi Germany. Weiss won 50% of the 2017 Nobel Prize in Physics for revealing the evidence for gravitation waves: eternal waves that silently rumble across the whole cosmos and were predicted by Einstein a century ago.

[Gravitational waves, it was revealed in October 2017, are analogous to electromagnetic waves (or *light* in other words). This is interesting when you consider that mankind has modulated electromagnetic waves to carry the human voice and images (radio, television, and mobile phones for instance) theoretically throughout the cosmos, just as today we can ‘listen’ to the background electromagnetic radiation that gives us some clues to what might have happened at the “Big Bang” first moment of Creation. Electromagnetism is my main area of specialisation, in which I am presently employed, having started out as radar engineer in the Royal Air Force working on “stealth” technologies. I hate to think how many hours I have spent in the RAF’s Faraday cages, in electromagnetic quietness (away from the millions of omnipresent communications, radio and TV signals in which are all permanently immersed and that pass through us all), analysing waves and spectra, and occasionally being spooked by time-defying phenomena: signals that are received before they are sent. And it turns out that some of the antenna-geometry familiar to radar engineers is not so different to the differential geometry through which we have come to understand gravitational waves.]

No-one knows what gravity is (we only know only *some* of what it does, and what it creates in the cosmos) and yet, today, “the law of gravity” is our scientists’ and cosmologists’ favoured explanation of why there is *not nothing* in the cosmos. The English scientist Richard Dawkins, whilst he was Oxford University’s so-called “Professor for the Public Understanding of Science”, wrote:

“It does not make much sense to pray to the law of gravity.”

The God Delusion, Richard Dawkins, 2006

Dawkins seemed to come to believe that the role of the “Professor for the Public Understanding of Science” was to promote atheism, and prove the incompatibility of modern knowledge and religion. Dawkins has made it his mission to debunk religious faith (including if not especially faith in “God of the Old Testament”), which of course means debunking the many scientists, including

leaders in their field (Jews and Christians), who have religious faith. In Dawkins' own field for instance, the young pioneering biophysicist Jeremy England, at MIT, is an Orthodox Jew. And Francis Collins, former head of the Human Genome project, is devout Christian.

In a televised debate between Rabbi Lord Sacks and Richard Dawkins in 2012, the Rabbi described Dawkins' description of "Old Testament God" as "profoundly antisemitic". Dawkins was taken aback. Dawkins is not antisemitic (or at least I see no evidence that he is), and he seemed to be annoyed that Rabbi Sacks – then Chief Rabbi no less, and one of the most admired philosophical theologians in England – had dismissed Dawkins' best-selling pride and joy as antisemitic. Rabbi Sacks pointed out that Dawkins (who chose to be "confirmed" into the Church of England in his youth) is not just an atheist, but a Christian atheist:

"Richard... you are a Christian atheist, and you read the Bible in a Christian way. And Christianity has an adversarial way of reading what it calls the Old Testament. It has to, because it says, 'we've gone one better; we've got a New Testament'. You come prejudiced against what you call the 'Old Testament', and that is why I did not read the opening to chapter 2 in your book as a joke, I read it as a profoundly antisemitic passage".

Does Dawkins' work contribute to the antisemitism in England, and the wider world, today? It certainly doesn't help. In my observing Dawkins' social media followers, his anti-theism encourages hard-line and mobbish atheists to condemn Israel as a "religious anachronism".

Another celebrity scientist, the late Stephen Hawking, a gravitational physicist (of sorts), wrote:

Because there is a law [sic] such as gravity, the universe can and will create itself from nothing... Spontaneous creation [sic] is the reason [sic] there is something rather than nothing, why the universe exists, why we exist... It is not necessary to invoke God to light the blue touch paper and set the universe going.

The Grand Design, Stephen Hawking, 2010

Hawking did not win a Nobel Prize; his thinking, I hope to prove, was spurious and philosophically fallacious. His celebrity success was not despite his tragic disability, but because of it. This is obvious, because if one randomly asks a member of the British public to name a Nobel Laureate in Physics apart from Einstein, a name is rarely forthcoming, and yet everyone has heard of "Stephen Hawking".

Hawking made a point of joining the academic boycott of Israel (one the most potent forms of antisemitism in our times) despite Israel's prominent role in science and technology today. Paradoxically, Hawking's voice was generated by an Israeli microprocessor without which he would have been locked-in. As far as I know, he didn't change the microchip when he was made aware that it was from Israel's Silicon Valley. For some reason, Hawking seemed to lack the insight to know that Israel is the only nation in the Middle East where Hawking could have publicly expressed his many mocking thoughts on "God" and religion and religious people without having his head blown off or cut off.

We will come back to the boycotting of Israel, as we explore why Israel, the only free nation in the Middle East, and **the only Jewish nation** in the world, **is the only nation in the world that is subject to relentless boycotting** campaigns in English churches – particularly those linked to the World Council of Churches – universities, politics, and administrative councils. For instance, in November 2018, British Quakers petulantly announced that they are "the first church in the UK" to divest from Israeli companies, despite not having investments in Israeli companies in the first place.

My Increasing Awareness of Antisemitism in England

In recent years and months, I have dropped a number of friends – Christians in the main – due to their casual if not explicit antisemitism, in real life and in social media. I hadn't noticed this antisemitism until a couple of years ago. I have several explanations for my noticing now that antisemitism is becoming a serious and dangerous problem in England:

i. Whereas I was not aware of antisemitism in contemporary England a few years ago – apart from its obvious sources on the extreme Right, and Jihadist terrorism – antisemitism has suddenly increased. But this resurgence has not appeared from nowhere. I now realise that it was latent – just under the surface – in *all* sections of English society. (Despite being a keen golfer, having played the sport since my youth, I'm ashamed to admit that I only recently learned that English golf clubs have traditionally banned Jews from membership, and there are still English golf clubs that have a policy of not admitting Jews. I can only think that my ignorance of this is because, until I moved to live and work in Manchester, I have not lived in English towns or suburbs with Jewish communities.)

ii. Antisemitism is suddenly topical in the media, in large part because of the anti-Israel and pro-Hamas ideology of the incumbent leader of Her Majesty's Official Opposition, Jeremy Corbyn (patron and former chairman of the "Palestinian Solidarity Campaign").

iii. Through my own deeper dialogue with Jews, and through observing the antisemitism that high-profile Jews (and especially, it seems, Jewesses) receive on social media, I have become more aware of what English antisemitism is, and how poisonous and infectious it is.

iv. Through a deeper and more careful analysis of the sources of information and data that we in Britain receive about the Middle East (and through several visits to the State of Israel), I have come to realise that what, in England, is generally dismissed as "Israeli propaganda" generally turns out to be true.

v. Through a deeper and more careful analysis of what is reported about Israel in the world's media, and in various English churches (often tied into a sermon or an article that attempts to prove the superiority and supersession of the New covenant over the "Old" ones), I have come to realise that reports about Israel that are not *from* Israel are generally false and rooted in propaganda. And in this I include the BBC, and "Middle East correspondents" such as Jeremy Bowen, for whom the building of an Israeli housing estate east of the Green Line is hot news, but the smuggling of thousands of rockets and arms into the Gaza Strip and southern Lebanon is not news.

vi. I have come to realise that we, in Britain, are appeasing institutional antisemitism in the United Nations. One only has to look at the UN condemnatory country-specific resolutions of the UN General Assembly (UNGA) and the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC), *exclusively* pointed at Israel.

For example in 2015, the UNGA adopted 20 resolutions against Israel, and a total of only 3 resolutions for the rest of the world (one each for Syria, North Korea and Iran). In the same year, the Saudi Arabia ambassador was chosen to chair the UNHRC.

In 2016 and 2017 the UNGA figures were:

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Why *do* these nations so furiously rage together, against Israel? There are many reasons, some of them complex and theological that I have written about elsewhere. But a simple reason is the fact that there is only *one* Jewish state in the midst of many oil-rich Muslim ones, which are courted by the Christian and secular nations, and the recovering-Communist ones (such as Russia and China, which will not accept that Hamas is a terrorist organisation). The Muslim nations are a bloc vote, and the rest of the world is in pursuit of the petrodollar, and therefore will not tell the UN emperor that he has no clothes. (The United Arab Emirates for example, a nation which constitutionally does not accept that the State of Israel exists, is inevitably indulged by Europe because the UAE imports the world's largest fleet of Airbus A380s, and is signed up to large defence contracts with the UK.)

What the above figures tell us is that the international community thinks that Israel is three-time worse than every other nation put together, whereas we all know that Iran, China, Turkey, Russia, North Korea, Indonesia... and all the Arab nations are each manifestly worse than Israel.

vii. Through the work of the English journalist/author Lyn Julius (*cf. Uprooted*, Lyn Julius, 2018), I have come to learn that the Muslim nations of the world, which for a very long period of history harboured the Jews from Christian tyranny, are today experiencing the antisemitic dark age that was systematically exported from Nazi Germany into the Arab League and other Arab bodies aligned with Axis. Hitler's philosophy was propagated by the wartime de facto leader of the Arab world, Amin al-Husseini, to whom we will return. Today, every Muslim nation is theologically, if not constitutionally, committed to violently removing the Jewish state from Arab lands and taking back Jerusalem, believing this to be the will of God and an eschatological goal of Islam. The antisemitic propaganda that was exported to the Arab world (including by the French into the French colonies) is today being re-imported, including to English churches and universities, some of which seem all too eager to learn about novel ways of getting at the Jew (half of whom now conveniently now live in Israel). All this is cleverly repackaged to look respectable and morally imperative, but it has precisely the same goals as the original propaganda.

International Hatred of the World's Only Jewish Nation

When in Britain we hear things from our politicians and the media such as "the international community clearly condemns Israel for..." we need to be very careful, because it is obvious, through analysis of the United Nations' own statistics, that the world is hell-bent on undermining Israel: a mere 0.01% of the world's landmass, whose only remarkable resource is her people. Jeremy Corbyn loves to invoke "the international community" against Israel. And why wouldn't he? No nation in the world is subject to as much abuse by international propaganda as Israel. **No nation in the world is subject to as much obsessional, irrational, and international hate as Israel, the world's only Jewish nation.**

Perhaps, ultimately, all that really matters is: Does God of Israel love Israel?

Does God hate Israel and the Israelis as much as “the international community” hates Israel and the Israelis? I doubt it.

The world is obsessed with Israel because almost all the world’s monotheists accept that geographical Israel is the Holy Land, precisely because of the attachment to the land through Abraham, the first Jew, and the founding patriarch of the Jewish, Christian and Muslim faiths.

Half the world’s population worship God of Israel. Over 99% of these people are Christians or Muslims, with maximalist pretensions for making the Holy Land more Holy than it can possibly be under Jewish rule (although, to be fair, the Catholic Church modified this teaching post Vatican II).

The Key of the House of David

Within living memory, for the first time in almost 3000 years, the land of Israel became a self-determining nation under the government of the Jews, rather than subject to a Pagan empire, Christian empire, or Muslim empire/caliphate. Hebrew, the Holy Language, has been revived in the Holy Land as the living language (the only extinct language to be successfully resurrected anywhere). Today, Israel does not have an empire, and is not part of an empire, but is a tiny nation, the nation on which (Jews, Christians and Muslims accept) God of Israel set out His covenants with the Jews, with a plan to work out from the Jews to the holy destiny of all mankind and all nations.

Billions of people throughout the world today believe that God Almighty is, on Earth, God of Israel, largely thanks to the evangelism of Christianity and Islam. This is a good thing. Today the land of Israel is seen as the very centre of religious geography (with Jerusalem as the site of the Day of Judgement for the three great faiths). Israel inevitably attracts more attention than any other piece of land. But the Jews’ restoration of Israel is seen by many as an impediment to the traditional and puritanical Christian and Islamic visions of, respectively, Christian supersession and Islamic supersession. The idea that God is piloting the world into God through Israel and the People Israel humiliates all other ideas, such as that God is a Christian maximalist or Muslim maximalist.

“Israel” (and God of Israel) is also an impediment to the Socialist philosophy of government by the will of the Proletariat, or any kind of world federalism (or a secular “United Nations” in which man, not God, decides the destiny of the nations). The idea that the people own everything is, obviously, not compatible God’s warnings that God owns everything, and that man cannot, ultimately, defy God’s will for the world and the destiny of the nations. The very words “God of Israel” and “Israel” are anathema to those who are philosophically committed to Marx, Lenin and Trotsky. Karl Marx after all, a student of GWF Hegel, adapted Hegel’s theory of a monotheistic dialectical of “the Spirit” leading to the fulfilment of history and made it into an atheistic dialectic which nevertheless presupposed the monotheistic belief that history has some kind of transcendental goal. In *The History of Western Philosophy*, the atheist philosopher Bertrand Russell suggests that Marx's schema borrowed from the Christian one as follows:

God of Israel	>>	Dialectical Materialism
The Messiah	>>	Marx
The Elect	>>	The Proletariat
The Church	>>	The Communist Party
The Second Coming	>>	The Revolution
Hell	>>	Punishment of the Capitalists
The Millennium	>>	The Communist Commonwealth

The writing, public and private, of Karl Marx himself was often as antisemitic as that of Hitler (*cf. A History of the Jews*, Paul Johnson). This, it seems to me, is why everyone from Che Guevara to the Baader-Meinhof Gang to contemporary British Trade Union leaders to Jeremy Corbyn MP, and even the Green Party of England and Wales, are ostensibly interested in “Palestinian rights”, but show little interest in the other hundred-plus independence movements in the world. A thriving “Israel”, founded on the belief that there is no other God but God of Israel, is a humiliation of the Socialist vision and the Socialist pantheon, just as it was a humiliation to the Roman Empire and its Pagan pantheon. (The Jews were the only people to resist the edict of Emperor Caligula to have him worshipped as a god, and to have his statue erected in every temple in his Empire, largely thanks to the persuasive powers of the Jewish philosopher Philo of Alexandria.)

Today, there is no consistent intellectual/political voice for Buddhists’ persecutions of Muslims in Sri Lanka and Burma, nor Muslims’ persecutions of Christians, Jews, Yazidis and Druze in the Arab world, nor Pakistani Muslims’ persecutions of Christians, nor the Chinese government’s oppression of Muslim Uighurs and other minorities in China, nor Indonesia’s perpetration of genocide in Papua... There is no call for reparations for up to 10 million civilians (Chinese, Korean, Indonesian, Malayan, Singaporean, Indochinese, Filipino...) killed by the chillingly sadistic men (some still living) of imperial Japan between 1937 and 1945. There is no call for reparation for the 2 million Bengalis that Winston Churchill’s government allowed to starve to death in 1943. There is no international call for reparations for “Agent Orange”, and the birth defects it is still causing, and the huge tracts of Vietnam still suffering from dioxin contamination (not to mention the permanent damage wrought on the ecology of Vietnam). And, of course, there is no call from Western academics for the reparations of the dispossessed Jews forced out of every Arab nation in recent decades. But people, governments, churches (and the World Council of Churches), and political bodies, right and left and centre, everywhere seem to be peculiarly interested in expressing solidarity with “Palestinians”, and are peculiarly uncritical of Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, and Fatah.

Israelis surely have their faults in the eyes of God, as we surely all do, including we English. Everywhere the tares grow amongst the wheat. David Icke is English. Sir Jimmy Savile was English, who, as a devout Roman Catholic, received a Papal Knighthood as well as a British one. Israel has suffered from corruptions here and there, but so has every nation, including Britain. Few democratic nations have been as politically corrupt as France since the War for instance, but no-one in England has started concerted campaigns against France.

And consider Italy, the cradle of the world’s biggest religion: the Mafia is second only to the Roman Catholic Church in power and influence in Italy, and the Mafia are in general confessing Catholics. Pope Francis made a public proclamation that “the Mafia is the adoration of evil”, and that all who, in their life, choose this path of evil have automatically excommunicated themselves from God. No other Pope in the history of Italy has attempted definitively to cut off the Church from the Mafia, although in 1993 John Paul II, the first non-Italian pope for centuries, publicly issued some harsh anti-Mafia words in Sicily, which resulted in bombs being placed in two churches, and the murder of two Catholic priests. The Mafia has always worked, and still does work, hand in glove with the Church in running Italy and its banking interests. The Vatican Bank is the favoured bank for the Mafia to launder its profits from organised crime, and the faithful in the Mafia, cleaved to the Church’s sacraments, support local churches financially.

No-one can credibly deny that the Israelis (majority Jew, plus Muslims, Christians of many denominations, Druze, Baha'i, agnostics, atheists...) have, in remarkably little time, made a better

job of creating a free, dynamic, diverse, and morally-functioning nation than *any* Muslim nation in the world today.

And we have no good reason to believe that 'the' Church could do a better job of running the Holy Land. We have no good reason for thinking that Christians deserve to govern Israel and the Jews, when we look at what we have done to the Jews for almost 2000 years (or at least since the time when the Christian minority became the Christian majority, and the Jews became the minority). We Christians need to start being critically honest about our history, and we need to look at the schismatic tensions that have always existed between Christian denominations, which, in some cases, are getting worse. Only last year, a new major schism was created as the Russian Orthodox and Greek Orthodox split off from each other (and this exacerbates the tensions in Ukraine, which has created its own Orthodox Church in order to split off from the Russian Church).

We Christians are bound to accept that **we cannot be trusted with the keys of the Holy Land**. Indeed, an argument between Christian denominations over who should hold the keys of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem (and the other holy sites) was wholly the cause of the Crimean War (1853-1856). The keys of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre are, in fact, kept in the safe hands of two Muslim families, and have been since the 12th century when Saladin made the decision to keep them, in order to prevent Christians literally fighting over them. However, when the Muslims unlock the doors and let the Christians within, this does not prevent the monks and priests of one denomination regularly fighting monks and priests of another denomination, causing injury and frequent hospitalisation and even murder as, when a dispute flares up, men of the cloth bash each other with crosses and candlesticks and any other religious artefacts that can be utilised as weapons. (The worst year was perhaps 1846, when the Catholic and Orthodox Good Friday fell on the same day, and violence broke out as each sect raced to the altar: by time the Ottoman authorities waded in to break up the dispute, there were already 40 dead.) Almost 2000 years ago the Romans would round up the Christians and Jews of Jerusalem to be put to death in the circus for the delight of the crowds; today the Christians of Jerusalem have cut out the middleman and provide entertainment directly to the world via *YouTube*, where one can watch Christian monks hacking pieces out of other Christian monks at Christianity's holiest shrine on planet Earth.

Christian Antisemitism in England Today

In real life, and on Facebook and LinkedIn, I have, over the last couple of years (since the resurgence of English antisemitism, and since becoming more aware of the same), dropped perhaps 20 to 30 friends in the Church of England (clergy and laity) and the Roman Catholic Church, and the theology departments of English universities, on grounds of antisemitism.

On LinkedIn, I was for several years until recently one of a handful of "moderators" for a discussion group called "Anglican Communion" (with over 8000 members). Moderators were proposed and seconded and democratically elected. The other moderators were clergy and theologians. Contributors to the group were Anglican clergy and laity from around the world, but mainly the UK and the USA. On balance, I would say that the tenor of the regular contributors was, at best, casually antisemitic, and I'm afraid to say that the antisemitism got worse and more explicit, which is why I have now resigned from the group (the general quality of discourse became poor and often puerile in any case).

Antisemitism, and even various forms of Holocaust Denial, is becoming increasingly acceptable and mainstream in England. It needs pointing out, within and without the Church. As the celebrity

mathematician and English (atheist) Jewess Rachel Riley exclaims, it is time now to **#BeLouder**, lest history repeat itself. Antisemitism not only harms the world's Jews (half of whom now live in the State of Israel), it harms the world, including the antisemites themselves, be they Christian, Muslim, or Atheist.

There is a danger that antisemitism in the Church will gain momentum from the antisemitism that seems to have become virulent and unstoppable in the political group "Momentum". There is a danger that these ancient and modern streams will cross-pollinate, if they haven't already, and produce something even worse. Former Archbishop of Canterbury, George Carey, in a very good interview a fortnight ago, warned that, "Christians are to blame as well" for the resurgence of antisemitism in the UK. And I do know that, in the Church of England, action has been taken against antisemites in the ministry and the lay ministry, but not nearly enough is being done to stamp out antisemitism in the Church of England.

Of course, there is nothing new or surprising about antisemitism in the Church. I have mentioned that Christianity is, and always has been, institutionally antisemitic, and only a determined and conscious effort can prevent the Church's regressing to where it was for nearly 2000 years until the 1960s. And there is nothing new about antisemitism in the churches' teaming up with political antisemitism. In 19th-century and 20th-century Europe as antisemitism and Fascism entered the political mainstream, the Church in France, and then throughout Western Europe (Catholic and Protestant) and Hungary, aligned with, and fed, the Fascism: a position known as "Clerical Fascism" (which endured in Spain into the 1970s).

Today, in England, the churches are unlikely to align with Clerical Fascism, but increasingly they *are* aligning with the antisemitism that has infected the mainstream political left.

All British political parties have, and always have had, antisemitic individuals who emerge out of the woodwork from time to time, but today, for the first time in British history, an antisemite is leading Her Majesty's Official Opposition. As Rabbi Lord Sacks recently said on the situation, "I never thought I would see this in my lifetime. That is why I cannot stay silent. For it is not only Jews who are at risk". (*Rabbi Sacks, House of Lords, 13th September 2018, responding to a debate on antisemitism proposed by the Hindu Peer Lord Popat.*)

Jeremy Corbyn is an antisemite, who, despite being an atheist, is surprisingly well supported by some clergy and academics in the English churches. Perhaps the prophet Jeremiah was right: a leopard cannot change its spots, and many people in the churches (despite the reforms, contrition and teaching of Anglican leaders such as Archbishop William Temple and Archbishop Michael Ramsey, and the Popes John XXIII and John Paul II) will always remain attracted to antisemitism, whatever convenient intellectual and political forms it takes.

Naturally, Jewish MPs in the Labour Party have spoken out against the antisemitism of Corbyn, and have proved to be a thorn in his side, and so, naturally, the commissars of the Momentum movement want these MPs removed from the Party. The courageous Jewish Labour MP, Luciana Berger (now nearly 9 months pregnant), said last week, following motions of no confidence against her in her Constituency Labour Party in Liverpool: "Nothing will deter me from exposing the truth about the antisemitism allowed to fester on Jeremy Corbyn's watch". Her words remind me of a verse in *Isaiah* (42:14), in which, according to the prophet, God describes God as a woman in labour, whose cries have been silenced, until now. **#BeLouder**

The Roman Catholic Professor (in London)

One “Facebook friend” I dropped recently is a theologically-liberal Professor of Catholic Studies in London, with whom, since 2016, I had exchanged messages on everything from the meaning of pomegranates in Judaism and Marian art, to the poetry of W.B. Yeats. Leading up to the recent general elections, she put some effort into supporting Labour, but, as the antisemitism of Corbyn became increasingly exposed and evident, she seemed eager to excuse it, and in doing so posted links to several articles by Professor Norman Finkelstein. She insisted that Finkelstein's articles are a “must read”.

Professor Finkelstein is an American academic who has made a career out of accusing Jews of manufacturing a “Holocaust Industry”, in large part to justify the existence of a Jewish state. (Finkelstein, a Jew by birth, according to his biography on *Wikipedia* at the time of writing is a kind of anarcho-communist who self-describes as “an old-fashioned communist” who sees “no value whatsoever in states”.) One of Finkelstein’s “must read” articles defended Ken Livingstone’s outrageous defence of pre-War Hitler.

I pointed out, in the Facebook discussion, that it was a re-tweeting of Finkelstein that caused Labour MP Naz Shah to be suspended from the Labour Party on the grounds of antisemitism (a charge that became more obvious on further analysis of her social networking history). I suggested to the Professor of Catholic Studies – who speaks regularly on the BBC – that her university evidently sets the bar on antisemitism even lower than the Labour Party under Corbyn. She responded by asking her “Jewish friends on Facebook” to comment. Only one of her Jewish connections responded, a lady who backed up my complaint, and supplied statistics about the tens of thousands of rockets that in recent years the Palestinian government, Hamas, has fired into the Israel, explaining that the virulently antisemitic “Hamas Covenant” insists on taking the whole land, from the sea to the River Jordan, by “armed resistance”.

Several weeks later (in November 2018) the Catholic professor published on Facebook: “[Corbyn is] a man of impeccable integrity and truthfulness, and those are qualities which lay him open to ridicule and condemnation when politics have become nothing more than dissimulation and newspeak”.

In response to this ridiculous praise, I offered the words of Corbyn, recorded in 2009:

“Tomorrow evening it will be my pleasure and my honour to host an event in Parliament where our friends from Hezbollah will be speaking. I’ve also invited friends from Hamas to come and speak as well ... the idea that an organisation that is dedicated towards the good of the Palestinian people and bringing about long-term peace and social justice and political justice in the whole region should be labelled as a terrorist organisation by the British government is really a big, big historical mistake.”

The British Labour Party’s Support for the Mujahideen

If Corbyn becomes PM, God forbid, he will continue to support Hamas. He will need to, as he “immediately recognises a Palestinian state” as he takes office. Hamas has been democratically elected.

Everyone in English academia and clergy and politics who wants to express an opinion on either antisemitism or Israel, or Jeremy Corbyn and his anti-Zionism and pro-Palestinian solidarity, should first read the Hamas Covenant of the Palestinian government (both the 1988 version and

the 2017 version), easily available in the English language on the Internet. The covenant opens with two quotes, including: "Israel will continue to exist until Islam will obliterate it, just as it obliterated others before".

The Hamas Covenant (the covenant claims for itself), is sanctioned by the will of God in the name of Islam and "the Mujahideen".

Everyone in England who chants "Free Palestine" and waves the Palestinian flag should know what Hamas (and Fatah and Palestinian Islamic Jihad, or PIJ) mean by "free". Everyone in England who chants "Free Palestine" and waves the Palestinian flag should first visit a nation where the Mujahideen actually have usurped the incumbent regime.

Everyone in England who is an antisemite should vote for Corbyn.

Everyone in England who is literate and is not an antisemite, and doesn't want to sanction antisemitism, but who nevertheless intends to vote for Corbyn in a General Election, should first read about Corbyn's foreign policy, and about his membership of the "Palestinian Solidarity Campaign" (and many similar groups, some quite obscure, that are being exposed as the ghosts of Corbyn's antisemitic past return to haunt him). And apart from the Hamas Covenant of the de facto government of the Gaza Strip, the potential Corbyn voter might also research Hezbollah, determined to destroy Israel from the north and east, with matériel from the Islamic Republic of Iran.



FOR THE MANY, NOT THE JEW.

Labour Party Conference, Liverpool, September 2018. Hundreds of Labour Party members, attending a speech on Labour foreign policy, waved Palestinian flags and chanted Mujahideen slogans such as "From river to the sea, Palestine will be free". Little wonder that Jewish Labour MPs needed police protection, or avoided the conference altogether.

The "Progressive" Anglican Vicar (in Liverpool)

Another former friend of mine (in real life as well as social media), is a Church of England clergyman in Liverpool, formally educated in the Classics and philosophy, and former General Secretary of "Modern Church", which is a group of clergy and academics promoting liberal theology in British churches. Over the past two years, I have worshipped in his church occasionally, and discussed philosophical theology and politics with him in the pubs and restaurants of Liverpool. Recently, on his blog, however, he started writing a series of articles, with maps, about the extent of

Biblical Israel, implying that the State of Israel is not “Biblical” Israel. In one of his blog articles, as if to nail his colours to the mast, he even dropped in the antisemitic trope about Nathan Rothschild profiting from the Napoleonic wars. I challenged the vicar (in public on Facebook), to which he retorted that because I “seem to know everything”, I should know that “Progressives” [by default] oppose “political Israel”, (by which he means the State of Israel). I don’t know what made the vicar think that I am a “Progressive”, perhaps it was because we were both members of the Green Party.

Incidentally, I have since resigned my membership of the Green Party, because it too is becoming consistently, and ignorantly, anti-Israel and “pro Palestine”. This is ironic because it is largely the wisdom, knowledge and experience of Israel that has not only re-greened parts of Israel that had not seen a blade of grass for 2000 years, but has given the world ecological solutions for malaria (a subject I will write about in a future blog), energy-efficient water desalination, efficient “drip” irrigation, technology to target and use pesticides only when necessary on the crop-destroying pests, and technology to target and use fertilisers only where and when necessary. I accept that Green political ideas, ecological sciences, climate sciences, and urgent actions to conserve biodiversity (and beauty), are necessarily part of the healing mix, but as any theologian worth his or her salt knows, environmental degradation and pollution are symptoms of a deeper spiritual malaise (but this is the subject for another essay). Seek the Kingdom *first*.

There are obviously things wrong with Israel, just as there are obviously things wrong here in Britain. The big difference is that Britain is not the most hated and ostracised nation in the world (*cf.* the UN statistics I mentioned earlier), and is not under constant military and paramilitary attack on all its borders by nations who claim that the target nation has no right to exist, and which are heavily militarised and sponsored by the Islamic Republic of Iran. It seems to me that Israel’s existence, nay its ability to thrive amidst a sea of Mujahideen, is literally a miracle. The Arabs have many indoctrinated would-be Islamic martyrs queuing up to kill, and the Arab nations and their coalitions can afford to lose any number of wars, whereas Israel cannot afford to lose one.

Britain would not be nearly as restrained as Israel if we, the people of Britain, were subject to the same attacks and threats, and the thousands of incendiary kites and balloons that, in 2018, destroyed thousands of hectares of Israel’s farms, forests and nature reserves.

As for the question – often posed by divines and other intellectuals in the ivory towers of the Christian West – of where the Biblical borders of Israel should be drawn on the map, this is irrelevant today. Three thousand years ago the kingdom had to defend against slings and arrows and siege catapults. Today Israel must defend herself against supersonic missiles and aircraft (manned and unmanned), and powerful hand-held arms. Israel presently enjoys, and needs, a natural wall to the east – a mountain range – protecting her from Syria and the Levant, allowing a few precious minutes for the Israeli Air Force/IDF to detect invading aircraft and missiles, and shoot them down as close as possible to the point of launch (in case they have, God forbid, a radioactive, biological or chemical warhead). Furthermore, every Israeli anti-missile missile is a sophisticated scientific instrument with a huge financial cost (hundreds of thousands of dollars), and these missiles are not infallible, which means that until or unless the situation improves, Israel must pre-emptively strike every missile launch site (such as the increasing number of them in Syria and Lebanon sponsored by Iran) as she discovers their whereabouts. She has no choice.

But imagine what Israel, and her genius, could do for the world if the Christian and Muslim world loved her, rather than hated her, and freed her to direct her resource from defence to healing the world.

Hamas' Martyrs' Fund, or "Pay to Slay"

Last week, on 7th February, a 19-year-old Jewish girl, Ori Ansbacher, walking in a park in Jerusalem, was murdered by a 29-year-old Hamas terrorist called Arafat Irfaiya. He repeatedly stabbed the girl, and then disfigured her naked body. Arafat Irfaiya, and his family, will now be religiously "honoured", and receive about £200 a week, for life (compared to the Palestinian unemployment benefit of £50 a week) because he has killed a Jew. This is what Corbyn's friends in Hamas do, which is why Hamas is categorised as a terrorist organisation by the EU and the UK, and why Israel needs to attack missile launch sites in the Gaza Strip (even if these launch sites are cynically located by the terrorists within civilian populations). It is also why Israel must not abandon the Golan Heights, which offers scarcely enough protection from the various factions of murderous mujahideen and caliphaters now wreaking the destruction of neighbouring Syria. Israel is extremely difficult to defend as it is, and even though the Israeli Air Force is perhaps the world's best, it could not possibly defend pre-1967 borders; it needs a few extra precious miles and seconds to detect anything coming from the north and the east, and to counter any electronic counter measures. (I spent enough years working on radar stealth with the RAF to know that Israel could not possibly reduce her borders and defend them.)

Israel, a fraction of 1% of the landmass of the Middle East, is the only place in the Middle East today where Jews are allowed to live, thrive, and pray and display signs of their faith. Today, half of the world's Jews live in Israel, most of whom (or their ancestors) arrived in the nation dispossessed and desperate. More than half of the Jews of Israel today are refugees, or descendants of refugees, from the Arab nations (the Middle East and North Africa). And there are in Israel today about 125,000 Ethiopian Jews, who arrived as refugees or are descendants of refugees.

There are now no significant Jewish communities in the Arab world, and things are increasingly precarious for the Jews who remain in Iran and Turkey. "First they came for the Jews", and then the Druze, and then the Yazidis, and then Christians and the Baha'i. And now the Islamists are going after what they see as the wrong kind of Muslim, and what they see as religious backsliding. Today, as I write this, the mainstream media (left and right, from the *Mirror* to the *Mail*) report that a 6-year-old boy in Saudi Arabia, visiting a mosque, was snatched from his mother and beheaded (with broken glass for want of a sword) for being the wrong kind of Muslim.

Long-Suffering Muslims

I was born and bred in Bradford, Yorkshire, where church and mosque share the religious landscape. I have dialogued with many Muslims and Muslim scholars. We all worship the One God. I love the spiritual and intellectual depths of Islam. But the Muslim nations are now, collectively, experiencing a kind of dark age, not unlike the Dark Age of Christendom, in which the bishops of the Church insisted on doing the thinking for everyone, in a vain attempt to impose a uniformity of belief. A Sufi friend told me recently that the reason that Sufis are being persecuted in the Arab world is precisely because the Sufis are thinkers.

We must not start to think that the Arab world has always been like this. For much of the past 1500 years, Arabia was a more peaceful, wise, intellectual and godly place than Christendom/Europe. But the region caught the European disease of antisemitism: a fatal disease, that ultimately destroys everything. Antisemitism is not merely a prejudice, it is a kind of false religion offering false hopes that makes otherwise intelligent and wise people become stupid and evil and addicted to conspiracy theories and scapegoating.

What started as systematic antisemitism in Europe (particularly in France and Germany in the 19th century) destroyed Europe in the 20th century. And what started out as antisemitism in the Arab world during and after World War II, is now destroying the Arab world, and is hurting, above all, Muslims.

And yet throughout the Muslim world today, the nations persist with the scapegoating of Israel and the Jews, rather than taking responsibility for their own grave defects. This is why the Progressives and the Christian Intellectuals in the West who are indulging “Palestinian Solidarity” and all other forms of antisemitism, are making the situation worse for everyone, including the Palestinians, who have already suffered four generations of antisemitic brainwashing. As President Golda Meir famously said, the peace cannot begin until Palestinians start to love their children more than they hate Jews.

In Turkey, Holocaust denial and antisemitic conspiracy theories are now the mainstream, and published bestsellers. Every Arab nation, and Iran, Malaysia, Pakistan, Bangladesh... is now constitutionally anti-Zionist. And as Rabbi Lord Sacks explains in the video to which I have pointed at the end of this essay, “anti-Zionism is the antisemitism of our time”.

Malaysian PM Declares Pride in Antisemitism, and is then Welcomed by Students of Oxford University

The Prime Minister of Malaysia, Mahathir bin Mohamad, who was very recently invited by the Oxford Union to speak at the university, says, “I am glad to be labelled antisemitic”. He has consistently written about his antisemitic conspiracy theories, complaining that despite the fact that the majority of Europe’s Jews were murdered in the Holocaust, “Jews still rule the world by proxy”, but that “1.3 billion Muslims cannot be defeated by a few million Jews.” Speaking at the Organization of the Islamic Conference summit in 2003 in Kuala Lumpur, the Prime Minister said: “There must be a way. And we can only find a way if we stop to think, to assess our weaknesses and our strength, to plan, to strategize and then to counterattack...The Europeans killed six million Jews out of 12 million”.

In the meantime, a number of British universities have joined campaigns to “boycott Israel”, and have banned, or made it impossible for, Israeli academics to safely speak at some British universities. We must remember that it was the German Students Union that, in 1933, publicly burned the books of Einstein and Freud and all other “Jewish Intellectualism”.

Are the British student unions in 2018 as antisemitic as German student unions of the 1930s? Spiritually, I don’t see much difference. And as noted, with my exchanges with Roman Catholic and Anglican academics, the problem is not just with English student unions, but with the grownups doing the teaching.

It is not as though Israel needs academic help from Britain. Israel is by far the most innovative nation in the world per capita, and in her short history, has been educating the world in many things. The Jews have won an incredible 28% of Nobel Prizes in medicine. Since the Holocaust, the Jews have won 30% of all Nobel Prizes. That is incredible if you think about it. Imagine dividing the whole world population into groups of 500 people, with just one Jew in each group. You then randomly pick one person from each group, and every third time you find that you have picked the Jew. The odds of that are many billions-to-one, and no less probable than a monkey randomly pressing keys on a typewriter and producing a work of great literary merit.

One Jewish speaker I heard recently asked a German audience, “how many of you are from families who suffered as a result of the Holocaust?” A small number held up their hands. The speaker then asked, “How many of you are from families who have suffered from diseases such as Alzheimer’s or cancer?” The cure for Alzheimer’s and child cancers might well have been lost with the Jewish children murdered in Europe, whose potential genius the world was denied. Without doubt, God has gifted the Jews. One could be forgiven for thinking that God is raising up the Chosen People to become the light unto the nations. If the world – if we and our families – is to be healed of things such as Alzheimer’s, the healing is likely to come out of Israel, according to the reports from Israel, and confirmed in the world’s scientific and medical journals. And I have already noted Israel’s understanding of ecology, agriculture and re-greening deserts, scrubland, and malarial swamps... all things we need to heal the planet. If only we could allow Israel the space to beat her swords into plowshares, and (according to the first part of this prophecy that Christians habitually miss out) for the Word of God to speak from Mount Zion.

God Almighty is God of Israel, who always promised to pilot the world through His People Israel. Personally I believe that God’s covenants with the Jews and the land of Israel are eternal, not conditional, and not superseded by the Church or by Islam. (The main centre of Christianity is, in any case, in Italy, and the main centre of Islam is in Saudi Arabia.) I believe that the world can, and should, expect more of Israel, and should encourage her to give more. In view of the fact that today Israel and the Jews need to waste much intellectual and emotional and physical energy in defending Israel from the Arab world and Iran, and the World Council of Churches, and the Socialists and the Progressives in the West, imagine what she could achieve if the world freed her up, and encouraged her. Imagine what Israel could do if the world stopped hating her and, dare I say it, started to love her as God loves His Israel: His Bride.

The antisemitism of the now-godforsaken Middle East is in fact the antisemitism that was exported from the Christians of Europe. The Church has been institutionally antisemitic since at least since Constantine the Great (who was virulently antisemitic). Things only started to improve after the War under Pope John XXIII, who invoked the Second Vatican Council. But, as I have noted, there is now a resurgence of antisemitism in the Catholic Church, and in the Church of England. Let us hope that the Quakers are the first and *only* Church in the UK to abandon the Jewish nation and attempt to undermine her viability.

Whereas Christendom was the epicentre of antisemitism before the War, this antisemitism was systematically exported to Arab world. *Mein Kampf*, and other texts of Hitler, were published in Arabic, minus the bits in which Hitler says he despises Arabs as “half apes” and the religion of Islam. *Mein Kampf* is today a bestseller in Palestine and other Arab nations. And the “Protocols of the Elders of Zion” – a hoax publication, quoted in *Mein Kampf*, which purports to be the minutes of a meeting of Jewish elders planning to take over the world – is quoted from authority in the Hamas Covenant.

No solution or accord for peace is possible until, God willing, the Muslim nations come to their senses and the Palestinians come to see that Adolph Hitler is not a friend of the Arabs, and that the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion* was, all along, a Christian hoax. So long as governments of the Muslim nations – which generally have tight censorship – do not take steps to inform their people that *Protocols of the Elders of Zion* is a hoax, and so long as the censors allow widespread distribution of *Mein Kampf*, no-one can take the Arab governments seriously when they say they want “peace” with Israel. And until then, no-one should take the UN – with its Muslim bloc vote – seriously, especially with appeasing Western nations, and recovering Communist and Fascist nations, whose overriding aim is pursuit of the petrodollar.

Today, the Arab leaders of the Arab nations have achieved what even Hitler failed to achieve in Europe, to make the Middle East (apart from Israel) Jew free, or *Judenrein*. Where there had been continuous communities of Jews in the Arab lands (and Persia) for almost 3000 years, many of whom had to escape the antisemitism of Christendom (not least the Inquisition), during and after the War, Christian antisemitism was literally broadcast into the Arab world, that had been colonised by the imperial Christian powers (particularly French, but also British). The so-called Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, Amin al-Husseini, de facto leader of the Arab world, received huge funding from Hitler for antisemitic propaganda. The mufti established himself in Berlin, broadcasting on radio through a powerful short-wave transmitter to the whole of the Arab world, demanding, often, that “Arabs rise up and kill all Jews wherever they find them”.

The Arabs of the Arab nations are being brainwashed, and all the signs are that things are getting worse. Education is the key. Boycotting Israel, and other forms of antisemitism, are not.

As the Prime Minister of Malaysia has noted, the Muslim nations have well over 1000 million voices, against 6 million Israelis. And without doubt, whereas Christendom once exported antisemitism to the Muslim world, today the Muslim world is exporting antisemitism to Europe, including if not especially to gullible English universities.

Light Unto the Nations

A lot of people in the world are now shouting for the boycotting of Israel, thinking that this will destroy Israel. It won't. Furthermore, boycotting Israel is in fact impossible unless you are a hermit in a cave. Every time you pick up your mobile phone, or use a personal computer, or board an aircraft (and benefit from airport security), or visit your pharmacist, or benefit from cyber security, and even consume foodstuffs, including milk and (therapeutic) honey... you are immersed in the products and ideas of Israel.

Last week the antisemites were out in Manchester outside the BBC media centre campaigning for the boycott of Eurovision (to take place in Tel Aviv on May 18th). One of the protestors, called “Dave”, was happy to be filmed by a pro-Israel counter demonstration. He said that he had never been to Israel but he had “seen the documentaries”. Then he employed the antisemitic trope that has dominated 2000 years of Church teaching (in spite of Vatican II): “the Jews killed Christ”.

I don't really like Eurovision, or pop music, but I think I might become a fan of last year's winner, Netta Barzilai, who said on British TV few days ago: “If you boycott light, you spread darkness”.

Hallelujah!

ⁱ For the record, my definition of antisemites and contemporary antisemitism matches, and is indeed partly informed by, that which Rabbi Lord Sacks offers in this talk to the leaders of the European Union in 2016 (for which, encouragingly, he received a standing ovation):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uwN1WuDwlf0>

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