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*From Whence Came Zionism and The Old Testament?*

Today, I'm digging into the origins of Zionism and Christianity—hopefully not perceived as a heretic but someone with real questions. From whence came Zionism and why is the Old Testament perceived to be the 'Word of God'?

I'm going to ask some hard questions so fasten your seat belts. Researching Zionism, I was unaware that the philosophy of Zionism came about, not from a religious but from a secular base—built around constant expansion. Hence Israel has no established boundaries. A colonizing/pure-blood entity, always expanding, makes for hostile neighbors, necessitating conditions to further expand, behooving Zionism to elicit the support of God.

Attempting to separate Zionism from the Old Testament seems an exercise in futility. As for the Old Testament account wherein God gives, *the river to sea* to Jews, that account was allegedly written by imprisoned Jewish scribes. And much of the origins of Zionist philosophy purportedly the handwork of non-religious secular zealots? Given this possibility, would God (if we assume God), knowing Zionism to be exclusionary and colonial (and antithetical to reason), be God's choice to usher-in a 2nd-coming of his Son?

No sacrilege intended, but comparing New/Old Testament (each the word of God), did God go through therapy between the Old/New Testament?

Consider the Book of Joshua, the 6th Book of the Bible. The Book of

Joshua is a command to conduct genocide. Kill all in 7 nations—show no quarter. Don't drive them out, kill them. But, there's several translations. In one you conquer the city using goodwill—in the other, the sword. This made me reflect on my study of the works of Plato.

Just as great artists have works attributed to them that upon examination are works of students, many dialogues attributed to Plato are now seen as works of students. The core remains with Plato: *Republic, Symposium, Meno, Apology, Crito and the Phaedo*.

Is this the case with books of the Bible? Through the ages, politics and religion become intermingled such that we can no longer discern what belongs to God—and what to man. This last few years I encountered this with the idea of God bequeathing unto madman Netanyahu (predating Bibi), all those lands from the river to the sea. For that, I reasoned, that assuming God, God would not condone what is laid-out in the Book of Joshua, and would not allow God to be used as a rationale for Israeli genocide.

That got me thinking, suppose whoever combined the Old/New Testament has ulterior motives for having God be the author? Suppose, as with ascribing a painting, a Van Gogh or a dialogue, as Plato, there were other, more petty human concerns at play?

Think on Benjamin Netanyahu: what is his contribution to civilization—and would God be on his side? He has destroyed constitutional restraints on US war power. He's compromised the civil liberties of Americans. He's brought government censorship to academic freedom—and corporate censorship on what's left of our freedoms. With Netanyahu as a guide, Marco Rubio wants to return us to the age of colonialism—wherein any who fight for sovereignty and liberty are seen and attacked as socialists/communists—terrorists.

Our founding fathers were, maybe all, Christians. But were any of them

Old Testament Christians? I'm in the middle of the Federalist Papers and the Old Testament gets no play in 85 letters to ratify the Constitution.

Should Old Testament be abandoned? That's my question, but before branding me a heretic, give me some latitude. Jesus Christ, notwithstanding whether he is the Son of God, is, for me, a heroic figure, in human form, a model our founders had in mind when they addressed justice/liberty. Christ, a dominant historical figure, supported poor/weak, the little guy, inalienable rights—an impediment of government usurping mankind's inalienable rights.

The Old Testament is not that. And Zionism, presented as a cure for anti-Semitism (that existed through the millennia), purposely perpetuates a perception of ever-expanding anti-Semitism, even when it's obviously not the case—as a means to that end.

Following Netanyahu's lead, all of Islam is barbarian terrorists. We condemn Palestinians (in concentration camp since 1948), as people no one wants to deal with (my Palestinian renter was possibly the kindest person I ever met). This from my friend William: 'On my flights to Bombay we would layover in Cairo. Down in the main salon curious intellectuals who were Muslim would meet us for discussions on politics, philosophy and militarism. Too bad our politicians can't do the same with other nations and cultures. Thus, I will simply ditto your article. And say, again, there's no cure for stupid' Yeah, too bad. I've tried talking in airports with Israelis. Fo-get-about-it.

Iranians finally accepted reality, seeing their war with the Great Satan (Trump), as existential, for which there can be no negotiations. As Shia, they are willing to martyr themselves for sovereignty, causing Trump and hateful US Foreign Policy to lose. Middle East nations (including those like South Korea), stripped of their US defense will re-assess and maybe the number of US bases around the world will fall dramatically, along with the dollar.

As for the possibility of a draft in the US to fight Iran—no way. Polls show an unfavorable 75% of Americans against this war. With Trump's approval rating falling, he either brings home victory over Iran, such that he controls Venezuelan/Iranian oil or he faces a more just fate of obscurity/possible imprisonment. And something else: just Netanyahu had to spirit around the globe to avoid the fate of those who reside in Tel Aviv/Haifa, Trump may soon be an object of revenge for the father's of 170 little Iranian girls.

I can't begin to tell you how disgusted I am with Trump. Maybe foremost for appointing drunk Crusader, Hegseth as point man to trash Nuremberg/Geneva Convention, in exchange for lethality without the rules of human decency. Hegseth is an out and out war criminal—to be swept under the rug of history. Be that as it may—the buck stops with Trump.

US military commanders, framing this war as biblical/God on our side, bear no resemblance to our founding fathers, who, though Christians, kept their beliefs to themselves—so as to produce the 1st Amendment.

I'm wondering, did they see the 1st Commandment as a dictate to authority, and in response craft the 1st Amendment in support of inalienable human rights? Assuming God—would God support for the 1st Amendment?

Is there a good future for us? Is it possible that Israeli dollars (swaying only older voters), that un-elected our most important legislator, Thomas Massie, will backfire on them, and Massie will end up the US President?

I'm not alone out here—many of us have these same questions. If chaos is what you want, continue along with the elites, but if you want to learn, forsake their commentary/narrative and dig into original sources for yourself.

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