

liam Weld. Whitman is now the head of the Environmental Protection Agency. The RLC is the sister organization to Lieberman's "centrist" Democratic Leadership Council.

The RLC was established in 1997 by Edgar Bronfman, hedge fund operator Henry Kravis, and Eisenberg, who heads Granite Capital International. The RLC presents itself as having an "enlightened" Republican social agenda, but they are, in fact, outright imperialists and fervent supporters of Israel's Likudniks in their national-security and foreign-policy outlook.

Sources close to Eisenberg explained that he is extremely close with Benjamin Netanyahu, the former Likud party chairman and former Israeli Prime Minister, who has recently been even more violent in his attacks on the Palestinians and the Arabs than fellow Likudnik Ariel Sharon. The Eisenberg-Netanyahu ties are through Arthur Finkelstein, the right-wing Republican campaign consultant, who managed Netanyahu's successful 1996 campaign against Labor Party leader Shimon Peres, but who also has managed the Senate campaigns of Jesse Helms (R-N.C.).

## The Apocalyptic Plague Of Christian Zionism

by Nancy Spannaus

There is no group in the United States more committed to a Clash of Civilizations against the Muslim world, than the so-called Christian Zionists, or Christian fundamentalists, a constituency of an estimated 40-70 million Americans who follow the 19th-Century millenarian cultism of the British Rev. John Nelson Darby.

Darbyism took root primarily in the Southern Confederate regions of the United States, and continues to be financed today through British-linked and neo-conservative intelligence networks. It explicitly calls for instigating war around the al-Haram al-Sharif holy sites in Jerusalem (known by most Jews and Christians as the Temple Mount), as a trigger to the "final battle" of Armageddon, which will lead to the rapture and absorption into Heaven of the "chosen people." Leading adherents of this dangerous view dominate fundamentalist Christianity in the United States, as the popularity of such millenarians as Pat Robertson, Jerry Falwell, Ed McAteer, John Hagee, and Gary Bauer attests.

The Christian Zionists also form a major faction in the Republican Party, and they have mounted a relentless campaign to control the agenda of the George W. Bush Administration.

The irony of this grouping portraying itself as the great friends of Israel should not be lost on anyone. Not only are

the Christian Zionists among the most open anti-Semites in the United States, prone to raving against Jews as "Christ-killers," but their "program" of encouraging the seizure of the Muslim holy site to build the "Third Temple" of Solomon, is intended to unleash a conflagration that will *destroy* Israel, as an alleged precondition to the Second Coming of Christ.

Democratic Presidential pre-candidate Lyndon LaRouche pointed out this danger, and irony, back in the Fall of 2000, after Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon had begun his provocation against the Palestinians at the Temple Mount.<sup>1</sup> Unfortunately, not enough people listened. And, with the accession of President Bush to the White House, the Christian Zionist crowd went into a full-scale mobilization to get the White House to back their insane drive for religious war in the Middle East.

### Round One: Sanity Prevailed

Ariel Sharon took over the Israeli prime ministership in the Spring of 2001, with high hopes that his friends in the United States could win him full backing from George W. Bush, for his plans to pursue total war. When Bush did not initially go along, the Christian Zionists went into mobilization.

On July 30, 2001 the White House got a visit. In attendance were: the Religious Roundtable, represented by Ed McAteer; Pat Robertson's Christian Broadcasting Network, represented by Michael Little; Christian Friends of Israel leader Elwood McQuaid; Morton Klein, head of the rabidly anti-Arab Zionist Organization of America; the International Christian Embassy in Jerusalem; the Christians' Israel Public Action Committee, and Herb Zweibon, founder of Americans for a Safe Israel.

The representatives first held a planning meeting, and then had lunch at the Israeli Embassy. Then it was on to the White House.

Meeting with President Bush's religious community liaison Tim Goeglein, this delegation delivered a blunt message: If the President did not give Sharon an unequivocal "green light" for war against the Palestinians, this grouping would destroy the Bush Presidency, just as they had destroyed that of his father.

Specifically speaking for the campaign to destroy the al-Aqsa mosque, and "rebuild"



*Elwood McQuaid*

1. See Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., "The Bestiality of the Fundies," printed in "Who Is Sparking a Religious War in the Middle East?" *EIR Special Report*, December 2000. The full report presents a devastating exposé of the Temple Mount campaign of Christian Zionists and Israeli fanatics.



*When President Bush initially failed to give Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon (inset) a green light for war against the Palestinians, Christian fundamentalists such as Jerry Falwell joined Jewish supporters of Sharon's Likud party, in a mobilization to force the President to back down. Here, in November 1994, Falwell (at podium) meets with Anti-Defamation League National Director Abe Foxman (seated left); Rabbi James Rubin of the American Jewish Congress (seated right); and Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein, president of International Fellowship of Christians and Jews (standing left).*

the temple, was Elwood McQuaid. He was particularly annoyed that the Israeli police—under pressure from the Bush Administration—had moved on July 29, to prevent the laying of a foundation stone for the new temple.

The threat to destroy Bush had some credibility, given the groups' clout. Tens of thousands of Americans listen to what are called "televangelists" on the radio, or TV, every week. The groups represented are allied to the likes of Paul Weyrich, the political operative who helped found the Religious Roundtable, and enjoy the fruits of massive circulation of cultist Armageddon literature, such as that by TV evangelist Hal Lindsey, author of *The Late Great Planet Earth*, and Tim LeHaye.

But the irrationality of a call for bloody global war against 1.4 billion Muslims was obvious to the Bush Administration at that time. In the Summer of 2001, despite the public pressure, and the "inside" pressure of rabid Christian fundamentalist John Ashcroft and others, the Bush Administration said "no."

### **An Escalation**

As is well-known, the Bush Administration went ahead to do what no other American administration had done—call for the creation of a Palestinian state. The Christian Zionists had to escalate.

One of the key nodal points came on Nov. 7, 2001, when basically the same cast of characters came together under the

banner of the National Unity Coalition for Israel, in Washington, D.C. NUCI, founded in 1991, claims to be comprised of 200 organizations, representing 40 million Americans. This figure is vastly inflated. The group held a press conference which featured virulent attacks against Islam, and spokesmen urged the administration to back away from its adoption of a "two states" perspective.

Elwood McQuaid, who spoke against a Palestinian state at the press conference, gave an interview to *EIR* where he was explicit about his Clash of Civilizations perspective. He said: "This is a fight to the finish. It is a 'Clash of Civilizations,' and what the United States does not understand is that the Palestinian issue is an integral part of Islamic resolve to dominate this world, and do away with the civilization of the Western world."

The NUCI crowd drew few press, but some well-placed Capitol Hill figures, such as Sen. Sam Brownback (R-Kan.) and former Reagan Administration official Frank Gaffney. After the press event, the group trooped off to the halls of Congress, in order to deliver their threats.

### **Still Not Broken**

But the Bush Administration still resisted the drive. Through the end of the year, into April 2002, official statements from the administration continued to criticize the provocations by the Sharon government, including targeted assassinations, new Israeli settlements in Palestinian territory, and

the creation of hideous conditions for Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza. Diplomatic moves by the State Department, in particular, and by President Bush's personal emissary Anthony Zinni, indicated that the Administration wanted Sharon to make concessions along the lines of the Mitchell Report, which had called for Israel to end the settlements, and move toward compliance with the United Nations resolutions 242 and 338, which the Sharon government had consistently rejected.

When you set the Bush Administration rhetoric aside, however, the resistance of the administration to Sharon's increasing atrocities was getting more and more feeble. When the Israeli Defense Forces entered Ramallah in March, and laid siege to Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat's West Bank headquarters, President Bush gave a Rose Garden speech which urged the Israelis to withdraw—but with no deadline whatsoever. Sharon judged that he could ignore the President of the United States—and he did.

Meanwhile, the Christian Zionists, along with the Jewish Friends of the Likud (Sharon's political party) in the United States, ratcheted up their efforts to capture the President. This grouping had put together a \$200,000 war chest by Feb. 1, which it used for a series of ads attacking Arafat and demanding that President Bush put Arafat and the Palestinian Authority/Palestine Liberation Organization on the Foreign Terrorist Organizations list. One of the ads, co-sponsored by the Zionist Organization of America and the Religious Roundtable, went so far as to call Arafat and the Palestinian Authority "the Nazis of the modern era."

Thus, when President Bush announced that he was sending Secretary of State Colin Powell to the Middle East for meetings, including a meeting with President Arafat, these crusaders went wild. On April 11, the day Powell arrived in Jerusalem, Gary Bauer, Jerry Falwell, Rev. John Hagee, Marlin Maddoux, Ed McAteer, and Rev. Tim Timmons, all leading Darbyite Zionists, issued a letter to President Bush attacking the Powell mission. The letter, organized by Bauer, read in part:

"We believe the Bush Doctrine is in great jeopardy and the war on terrorism with it. We believe it is imperative for the United States to stand with our friend and ally Israel as they attempt to defeat the same forces of terrorism that we have been battling since Sept. 11, 2001. We would ask you to end pressure on Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon so that he has the time necessary to complete the mission he has undertaken—the elimination of terrorist cells and in-



*Gary Bauer*

frastructure from the West Bank territories. . . . Secretary Powell's current peace-making trip is sending a dangerous message."

According to news reports, the "faithful" responded with a flood of calls and e-mails into the White House, to the extent that, the next day, senior Presidential aides phoned Falwell to reassure him that Bush stood behind Sharon.

The mobilization was amplified by the televangelist and radio personality set, which took the President to task for allowing Powell to meet with Arafat, and claimed that the President's evangelical support was "wavering a little bit."

Powell's trip failed, of course, and Sharon continued to defy the United States government, adding to his occupation of Ramallah, the assault against the Jenin refugee camp, Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity, and untold other villages and towns in the West Bank. The U.S. government response was muted to non-existent, although it seemed clear that no green light was given to Sharon's desire to physically eliminate Arafat, as he publicly reiterated that he wished to do.

In other words, the Zionist Lobby had not yet achieved its goal.

## **The May Mobilization**

May was a month of major escalation, including the assets of the Zionists, evangelical and otherwise, in the Congress. Under the leadership of rabid Zionist, House Majority Whip Tom DeLay (R-Tex.), on May 2 the House of Representatives debated and passed a resolution calling for destruction of "Palestinian Terrorist Infrastructure." The vote was 352-21, with about 80 Congressmen voting "present" or against. DeLay worked closely with Zionist Lobby "Golem," Rep. Tom Lantos (D-Calif.). The two had introduced the resolution on April 18, 2002, condemning "Palestinian terrorism" in the strongest terms. Coming in the midst of the Israeli assault on the West Bank, the message of a "free pass" for Sharon's genocide was clear.

DeLay is a favorite of the Zionists. He was the most popular speaker at the American Israel Public Affairs Committee in early May. Then he delighted the Sharon crowd with his statement that all the Occupied Territories belong to Israel. In a May 1 interview with Chris Mathews, host of MSNBC's "Hardball" talk show, Republican House Majority Leader Dick Armey (Tex.) said that he agreed with DeLay, that all Palestinians in the West Bank should be transferred to other Arab lands. This is the same line as the most rabid Likudniks in Israel.

Armey was blunt: "I'm content to have Israel grab the entire West Bank. I'm also content to have the Palestinians have a homeland and even for that to be somewhere near Israel, but I'm not content to see Israel give up land for the purpose of peace to the Palestinians who will not accept it, and would not honor it. . . ."

"Where would you put the state?" Mathews asked.



*The Promise Keepers cult, one group among the estimated 40-70 million Americans who adhere to various brands of Christian fundamentalism. Many of these people are being deployed by oligarchical game-masters, in service of a global Clash of Civilizations—and specifically in support of Israeli fascist Ariel Sharon.*

Arney replied: “There are many Arab nations that have many hundreds of thousands of acres of land—and soil and property and opportunity to create a Palestinian state.”

Mathews replied: “So you would transport the Palestinians to somewhere else and call it their state?”

After some equivocation, Arney retorted: “I happen to believe that the Palestinians should leave.”

Mathews made sure Arney knew what he was saying: “Just to repeat, you believe that the Palestinians who are now living on the West Bank should get out of there?”

Congressman Arney: “Yes.”

(Interestingly, Arney and fellow Texan, Sen. Phil Gramm (R), have decided, for reasons likely linked to corporate corruption scandals, to leave the Congress this Fall. Who, one wonders, will take their place?)

But the mobilization was not just in Congress. On May 3, some 250 “Christian” leaders from across the United States gathered at the Israeli Embassy in Washington, reported the London *Daily Telegraph* of May 8. Gary Bauer addressed a meeting at the embassy, with the following message: “Some very interesting alliances are forming. Many evangelicals believe that the land of Israel is Covenant land that was promised by God to the Jewish people. I believe Israel and the United States have got a confluence of interest. We’re both democracies, and I see Israel, as I see Great Britain, as a defender of Western civilization.”

The next day, Ariel Sharon arrived to press his cause with the “softened-up” administration. While coming out with no criticism of Israeli, and increasingly strident attacks on Presi-

dent Arafat’s “failure” to stop suicide bombings, the administration still had not broken with Arafat.

The Christian Zionists had a new project in view, however, which was announced on May 29. Leading “Christians,” headed by Pat Robertson’s former close associate in the Christian Coalition, Ralph Reed, and Zionists, led by Rabbi Yehiel Eckstein, the president of the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews, proclaimed a new initiative called “Stand with Israel.” The avowed goal of the initiative is “mobilizing 100,000 churches and an estimated 1 million Christians in the United States to express solidarity with the State of Israel.” Until he founded the International Fellowship in 1983, Rabbi Eckstein had been the Anti-Defamation League of B’nai B’rith’s inter-religious liaison.

“Stand with Israel” has grand plans, including a “day of support” for Israel on Sept. 9, in all the evangelical churches in the United States. Both President Bush and leaders of the Republican Party are expected to participate in this grand event.

Meanwhile, Gary Bauer continues to take the point in mass mobilization. According to his own testimony, he has continued his mobilization of e-mails to the White House, with the message: “Mr. President, we pray for you every day. I believe God wanted you to be President. If you abandon Israel, you will never get my vote again.”

When President Bush, in June 24, finally declared that the United States considers the removal of Palestinian Authority President Arafat the precondition for peace in the region, Bauer, NUCI, and the whole Christian Zionist crew could

accurately call it their victory.

## Will the Real Christians Stand Up?

On July 1 Bauer made his first trip to Israel, where he delivered a letter to Sharon. Speaking in the name of “Christians” like Dr. James Dobson, Chuck Colson and Rev. Jerry Falwell, this letter pledges total support for the fascist policies of the current Israeli government.

In reality, as *EIR* has documented, the so-called Christian evangelicals do not speak for Christians in the United States. The major Christian denominations—Catholic, Episcopal, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Methodist—have all gone on record attacking the recent outrageous Israeli assaults on the Palestinians, and on the Church of the Nativity. The National Council of Churches has also raised its voice, as have the Christian Churches in the Occupied Territories.

Yet, the national news media of the United States have been dominated by the Christian Zionists, who, in their alliance with Israel’s right-wing Likud party, promote a violently pro-Israel line. The roots of this alliance go back to 1977, when Likud’s Menachem Begin took power, and powerful financiers, who promote both the Likud and the U.S. evangelicals, decided to foster it. A study was produced by the Institute of Contemporary Jewry at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in 1978, called “American Fundamentalism and Israel,” which obviously served as a guidebook to deepening the ties between the two.

Likud’s parody of Biblical themes—claiming that God gave the land occupied by the Palestinians exclusively to the Jews, and that the Jews have a divine right to settle anywhere in Eretz Israel—was opportunistically applauded by the Christian Zionists of various “dispensationalist” and “millennialist” strains, as consistent with their own distorted theology and Biblical interpretation. That reading is that the re-establishment of Biblical Israel is a fulfillment of prophecy, portending the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

When Likud came to power again in 1996 with Benjamin Netanyahu’s victory, Netanyahu moved quickly to mobilize the American Christian Right, including bringing evangelical and fundamentalist leaders to Israel for a tour and conference at which they pledged their support for the Likud agenda.

As of today, that agenda has been exposed for all with the will to see, as a program copied directly from the Nazis—of Warsaw Ghettos, mass expulsion, and destruction of a people. The next step would be the detonation of a wider war in the Middle East, which would expand into a worldwide religious war of unimaginable horror. Those who support that agenda, are no more “Christian” than Adolf Hitler.

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## Case Studies

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# When ‘War on Terror’ Supports Terrorism

While the Bush Administration has pronounced the “war on terrorism” to be the number-one issue since Sept. 11, on the agenda of all the world leaders, a careful review of how it has pursued that war reveals some dramatic cases of double-speak and hypocrisy, and, in Ibero-America, an outright capitulation to the very narco-terrorist forces that comprise the leading component of the irregular warfare apparatus stalking the planet today. Here are the cases where that hypocrisy presents the greatest danger.

- In the case of Saudi Arabia, the “moles” inside the Bush Administration, in league with several prominent Washington think-tanks and tax-exempt foundations, is promoting the very overthrow of the House of Saud that has been the stated goal of al-Qaeda and Osama bin Laden. Thus, the neo-conservatives, Christian Zionists, and Jabotinskyite agents in the administration and Washington think-tanks—led by the Hudson Institute—are working in league with the very “new international terrorist apparatus” that they pretend to be combatting.

- In Colombia and Peru, the Bush Administration has, so far, failed to reverse the disastrous policies of former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, and her allies on the Wall Street, who, during the Clinton Administration, abetted the narco-destabilizations of both Colombia and Peru. Albright boldly declared that there could be no effective war on narco-terrorism in Colombia, and she, therefore, embraced the idea of granting the narco-terrorist FARC a demilitarized zone, from which they waged a terror war against the Colombian people, and ran the biggest cocaine and heroin cartel in the hemisphere. Wall Street’s official endorsement of that policy came in the form of the infamous “investment embrace” between the chairman of the New York Stock Exchange and the financial leader of the FARC, which took place in the DMZ jungles in 1999.

Albright is an avowed proponent of George Soros’ Well-sian “Open Society.” In the case of Peru, Albright joined with Soros in promoting the overthrow of President Alberto Fujimori, installing Alejandro Toledo, a World Bank bureaucrat, as the President.

The brief case studies that follow are intended to supplement the profile of the Malthusian, Jabotinskyite, and Christian Zionist “mole hill” inside the Bush Administration, which must be purged, if there is to be any sanity reintroduced into American foreign and national security policy during the next three years.