Author's Preface to the 2026 Edition



Al-Azhar University Grand Imam Ahmed al-Tayeb, December 10, 2024, condemning "the Zionists" for allegedly "raping the lands of the region's countries," and demanding "international pressure" to "stop the expansion and spread of this cancer in the Arab body, one limb after another." [a]

"Ibn Arabi has said: 'All verses in the Qur'an advocating tolerance, clemency, and the avoidance of war with disbelievers have been abrogated by this 'verse of the sword' (Qur'an 9:5)." [b.]

—Al-Suyuti, d. 1505

"The support and cooperation that the Jews had manifested during this age, and which had helped them establish a country in Palestine is a temporary matter. This country (Israel) will not last long, but it will return to its Muslim people when they sincerely wage jihad and follow the precepts and teachings of their religion. Al Fakir al-Razi (the great Muslim theologian and Qur'anic scholar) mentioned the connection between this verse and that one that has come before it: the Almighty showed that those Jews begrudge and reject Muhammad's prophecy after providing evidence of its validity out of their envy, their love for money, prestige, and power. Then, the Almighty showed that after they preferred this world to eternity, it was no wonder that just as He- the Almighty-denied them the happiness of religion, He likewise denied them happiness in the world. His saying 'Every time they kindled the fire of war [against you], Allah extinguished it' means that whenever they waged a war against the Prophet (Muhammad) and the believers, and whenever they tried to sow the seeds of discord and animosity between them, Allah spoiled their plans, frustrated their cunningness, and cast horror in their hearts. The expression entailed in this honorable verse was driven from what was customary for Arabs at the time, namely, when they planned to wage a war on others, they would light a fire which they termed the fire of war. The expression is therefore a metaphor here. The Almighty likened wars to fire since wars entail devastation and human massacres and such calamities that are likely to ensue from a consuming, raging and devastating fire. His saying 'And they strive throughout the land [causing] corruption, and Allah does not like corrupters' is an appendix to confirm what had preceded concerning the despicable characteristics with which the Almighty had stamped the Jews. The general meaning is: these Jews save no effort to plot against Islam and its people, they surreptitiously strive to cause corruption throughout the land by inciting sedition, and strife and evoking animosity and envy among people. Allah Almighty does not like corruptors; He hates even loathes them for they prefer perversity and going astray to the right and straight path, and they like evil more than they like good...The verse also revealed some aspects of their vices and stubbornness. Likewise, it showed that the Almighty hates them for they corrupt the land rather than ameliorate and make it better." [c.]

—Gloss on Qur'an 5:64 by then Grand Mufti of Egypt, Muhammad Sayyed Tantawi, 1991

"Islamic polemics against Judaism and its adherents is a phenomenon as old as Islam itself, and the Qur'an is its very first source" [d.]

—Dr. Camilla Adang, 1999

"Jihad in the path of Allah is a virtue that binds Muslims at all times, and it is an obligation on everyone who is able to carry it out, and tens of Qur'anic verses narrate the virtue of Jihad in the path of Allah, as well as tens of prophetic Hadiths [traditions]…It is obligatory for the entire Ummah [global Islamic community]...to support them [the Palestinian Muslims] in their Jihad against what is called 'Israel.'" [e.]

—Then Al-Azhar University Grand Imam Muhammad Sayyed Tantawi, 2000

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Sixty-one years ago, in 1965, Yehoshafat Harkabi (d. 1994), chief of Israeli military intelligence from 1955-1959, and subsequently, Professor of International Relations and Middle East Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, made the following incredulous and rueful observations: [1]

> *"On the eve of Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) 5726 [Fall 1965], I published an article in the newspaper, Ma'ariv, entitled 'Arab Antisemitism." My purpose was to alert the Israeli public's attention to the fact that a large number of antisemitic books had been published in the Arab countries. Furthermore, what gave these books greater significance was that many of them were officially sponsored by governmental printing houses. Certain circles within the Israeli public were not pleased with this revelation and the reaction to the article was first and foremost anger. To me this seemed strange: it seemed that while antisemitism in a distant country is intolerable and Israelis protest against it bitterly, for some reason, in the Arab countries it is tolerable and to be passed over in silence. What was personally even more upsetting was to discover that in Israeli and Jewish circles there was a tendency to self-deception, to ignore Arab antisemitism as I described it, despite all the evidence I specified, and even to deny its very existence. I was especially upset since such a tendency to gloss over the Arab position involved, at least in my opinion, a distortion of the truth and of reality. I was also grieved to see how Israelis unwittingly abet Arab propaganda by such a stand."*

February 4, 2026, Yigal Carmon, director of the venerable Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI) delivered a jeremiad of condemnation in the Israeli Knesset (Parliament) directed at Israel's policy decisions that ostensibly facilitated Hamas's gruesome jihad carnage on October 7, 2023. Carmon alluded to an "Orwellian discourse" of denial which prevailed before the attacks regarding the central Islamic religious ideology—jihad terror and "martyrdom"—sanctioning Hamas's atrocities. [2.]

> *"One may ask: Could it have been predicted in advance that Hamas's murderers would commit atrocities so severe and cruel? Does their religion [Islam] permit these acts? The answer is yes. Their religion instructs, encourages and promises reward for such deeds—either victory in this world, or paradise in the next. The October 7th attacks were carried out in accordance with the same model of atrocities against Jews in the 7th century carried out by the followers of this religion and its prophet [Muhammad]."*

Circa October 2026, the perverse denial of Arab Muslim, more broadly Muslim antisemitism that Harkabi described in the fall of 1965, and Yigal Carmon in February, 2026 over six decades later, remains stubbornly persistent despite a disproportionate, objectively measured pandemic of this species of Jew-hatred.

Muslim Antisemitism (and Antisemitic Violence) By the Numbers—an emphasis on these phenomena in relation to October 7, 2023, and its aftermath

An Overview of the October 7, 2023 Jihad Carnage in Southern Israel

The carnage of October 7, 2023 in southern Israel was wrought by an unprovoked attack by the jihad terror organization Hamas, in conjunction with local Gazan Muslims. [3.] Launched during an ostensible "truce," the attack had apparently been planned since 2014 by Hamas leadership. [4.] Some 1200 Israelis were murdered, the victims being disproportionately (i.e., at least 70 percent) non-combatant children, women, men, and the elderly. [5.] Hamas' jihad carnage on October 7, 2023 was the largest mass killing terror attack, per capita (per 10,000 population), in over 50-years, and was ~2.6-fold more deadly (1.19/10,000 vs. 0.46/10,000) than the next most lethal attack. [6.] Moreover, atrocities committed against these largely non-

combatant Israelis included, mutilation, torture, beheadings, and mass rape, followed by burning, with documentation in the jihadists' own videos and oral testimony (of captured jihadists), surveillance camera videos, surviving eyewitness testimony of the victims, and forensic pathology evidence. [7.]

Sobering analyses of the similarities between the catastrophic Israeli military intelligence failures during the 1973 Yom Kippur War, and the Hamas October 7, 2023 jihad terror attacks, were provided by Drs. Uri Bar-Joseph, and Itai Shapira on January 26, 2024. [8.] Both emphasized the shared and fixed belief in 1973, and again in 2023, that Egypt, and Hamas, respectively, were allegedly "deterred." Dr. Shapira focused upon these specific features: [9.]

> *"(Israeli Military Intelligence) did not pressure strongly enough the fact that Hamas wants to destroy Israel, and it will never give up its policy & strategy to destroy Israel. It (Hamas) is based, all its existence is based on the destruction of Israel. And when you don't repeatedly say to the Prime Minister who wants to believe that Hamas doesn't want to destroy Israel, or you can tame Hamas by providing it with money from Qatar, then you provide the Prime Minister with an intel estimate that comes closer to his political needs, and at the same time you diminish the level of alertness that should be among intel analysts with regard to what Hamas intends to do."*

Dr. Bar-Joseph emphasized Hamas' ideological motivation—it's raw determination to destroy Israel—and the self-fulfilling willful blindness to this obsession by both intelligence analysts, and Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu: [10.]

> *"[L]ack of intel about enemy capabilities (i.e., underestimation) to understand adversary strategy...That was a failure in 1973, and it might also have been a failure now (10/7/2023)...From an intelligence policy perspective, if Israeli intelligence in 2023 would have said that Hamas is capable of conducting a surprise military attack against Israel, and is not only capable, but intends to do that, this means, or would have meant, that the Israeli Defense Forces operation in 2021, 'Guardian of the Walls,' was not effective. This would have meant that the Israeli policy (allowing) Qatar to bring money (to Hamas), and so forth is not effective. And giving such an intel assessment to military commanders and to politicians is problematic."*

Neither Dr. Shapira nor Dr. Bar Joseph, in the end, ever elucidated, even in summary, Hamas' (and the much broader Palestinian Muslim populace's) animating "sacralized" Islamic jihadism, and Jew-hatred, which clearly underpin these annihilationist obsessions. [11.] The remainder of this Preface will elaborate on those themes by reviewing hard polling data, and providing both authoritative (for e.g., Al-Azhar University) and "local" examples of contemporary Islamic pedagogy on the jihad against Israel, and the Jews.

Global and North American survey data confirm Hamas support, and ongoing, grossly disproportionate antisemitism—especially extreme antisemitism—among Muslim populations in the aftermath of 10/7/23, accompanied, perversely, by "unprecedented" levels of antisemitic attacks, even in the previously rather philosemitic United States

Polling data obtained from Palestinian Muslims shortly before, and after October 7, 2023, [12] a massive survey of Muslims in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) conducted after October 7, 2023, [13] and a survey with an oversample of American Muslims following October 7, 2023,[14] have all addressed sympathy with Hamas' jihad carnage. The extensive MENA survey further gauged Muslim willingness to recognize Israel's right to exist as a sovereign state in the aftermath of October 7, 2023.[14] An additional May 2026 Pew Poll queried Hamas "favorability" among U.S. Muslims vs. non-Muslims.[15]

Three months prior to October 7, 2023, Palestinian polling data obtained by the Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research, (PCPSR) Bir Zeit University, Research from face-to-face interviews of 1270 adults, June 7th to 11th, 2023, confirmed the public preference for Hamas over Fatah: Hamas polled 10% higher than Fatah on the question of "deserving to represent the people," while Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh was preferred by 23% more Palestinians than Fatah leader Mahmoud Abbas, to be President.[16]

A poll released Nov. 14, 2023 by the Arab World for Research & Development, surveyed 668 Palestinians polled (391 West Bank; 277 Gaza, asking: "How much do support the military operation carried out by the Palestinian resistance led by Hamas?" Seventy-five percent were extremely or somewhat supportive, 59.3% extremely; 15.7% somewhat. The survey also reported Hamas' favorability at 76%, but Palestinian Authority favorability was only 10%. Highest overall

favorability occurred among designated military/jihad terror organizations: Al Qassam Brigades 89%; Islamic Jihad 84%; Al Aqsa Brigades 80%.[17] A PCPSR poll released December 13, 2023, interviewed 1231 adults face to face, 750 in the West Bank, and 481 in the Gaza Strip. Seventy-two percent (82% in the West Bank/57% in Gaza) affirmed the October 7th jihadist attack was the "correct decision". Satisfaction with the role of Hamas was the highest—72% (85% West Bank/ 52% Gaza) followed by the role played by Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar 69% (81% West Bank/ 52% Gaza), vs. only 14% for the Palestinian Authority (10% West Bank/21% Gaza), and 11% for Palestinian Authority /Fatah leader Mahmoud Abbas (7% West Bank/ 17% Gaza). Fifty-four percent believed that Hamas was the most deserving of representing and leading the Palestinian people, while 13% believed that Fatah under the leadership of Abbas was more deserving. For the Arab regional actors, the highest level of satisfaction went to Houthi-dominated Yemen 80% (89% West Bank/ 68% Gaza), followed by Qatar, 56%. [18]

A population-based sample of 8000 MENA Muslims (from Mauritania, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Sudan, Yemen, Oman, Qatar, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, and the West Bank, Palestine [including Jerusalem]) were polled by the Doha, Qatar-based Arab Center for Research and Policy, between December 12, 2023, through January 5, 2024. The communities surveyed represented 95% of the population of MENA Muslims, including its far-flung regions, with 500 men and women sampled in each community. Eighty-nine percent of the respondents felt the October 7, 2023 jihad carnage by Hamas was "a legitimate resistance operation," 67%, unequivocally, 19%, believing the attack was "somewhat flawed, but legitimate," while 3% claimed the attack was "a legitimate resistance operation that involved criminal," even "heinous acts." Thus 89% overall supported Hamas's attack. An equivalent 89% of the sample refused to recognize Israel's right to exist as a sovereign state. [19]

Perversely, during the two-months immediately after the October 7th massacres, and accompanying atrocities, the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) documented an "unprecedented" increase in Jew-hating incidents within the United States, marking the *"highest number of incidents during any two-month period since ADL began tracking in 1979."* ADL recorded a total of 2,031 antisemitic incidents between 10/7/23 and 12/7/23, *"up from 465 incidents during the same period in 2022, representing a 337% increase year-over-year."* These incidents included 40 involving physical assault, 337 of vandalism, 749 of verbal or written harassment and *"905 rallies including antisemitic rhetoric, expressions of support for terrorism against the state of Israel and/or anti-Zionism."* ADL noted that on average, *"over the 61 days from 10/7/23/ to 12/11/23, Jews in America experienced nearly 34 antisemitic incidents per day."* Approximately 250 antisemitic incidents *"specifically targeted Jewish institutions such as synagogues and campus Hillels."* ADL further recorded a total of 400 antisemitic incidents on college and university campuses, compared to only 33 incidents during the same period in 2022. Of the total incidents, *"at least"* 1,411 *"could be clearly linked to the Israel-Hamas war."* ADL added, *"data includes one fatality that occurred at an anti-Israel protest in Los Angeles, where a Jewish man was killed after being hit in the head by a pro-Palestinian protester."* [20] What ADL failed to note was that the "pro-Palestinian protester," arrested and charged with involuntary manslaughter, was a devout Muslim Computer Science lecturer at California State University-Northridge, whose social media profile expressed support for Hamas jihadists. [21]

As discussed at length in the 2020 Author's Preface, [22] ADL has developed and validated simple questionnaires to gauge Jew-hatred, broadly, in population-based samples. Each iteration of the questionnaire was designed to capture the prevalence—occurrence, as a percentage—of extreme antisemitism, defined as agreement with at least six of the eleven of the antisemitic stereotypes queried. ADL's 2024 global survey again confirmed the unabated—indeed slight worsened—disproportionate pandemic of extreme Muslim Jew-hatred even in the aftermath of the October 7, 2023 atrocities. [23] The **19 most antisemitic countries in the world** were all predominantly, if not almost exclusively Muslim countries, both Arab and non-Arab Muslim societies, where the prevalence of extreme antisemitism ranged from 64 to 97 percent: Kuwait and Gaza/Judea-Samaria (The West Bank) each 97%; Indonesia 96%; Bahrain 95%; Oman 94%; Saudi Arabia 92%; Jordan 91%; United Arab Emirates 91%; Lebanon 86%; Egypt 84%; Tunisia 83%; Libya 82%; Algeria 81%; Turkey 79%; Iraq 77%; Malaysia 75%; Sudan 72%; Morocco 70%; Qatar 64%. For comparison, key Western European and North American countries exhibited a much lower prevalence of extreme antisemitism, ranging from 8 to 13 percent: France 13%; United Kingdom 12%; Germany 9%; United States 9%; Canada 8%.

Dr. Gunther Jikeli described unique United States ADL data from 2017 (collected in January to February of 2017) comparing the prevalence of Muslim and non-Muslim extreme antisemitism, which the ADL itself has never reported to the public. [24]

> *"Anzalone Liszt Grove conducted the survey in January and February of that year with a representative sample of the American general population of 3600 participants and a sample of American Muslims of 805 participants. The margin of error for the U.S. general population was 1.6%, and the margin of error for the U.S. Muslim population was 3%. A total of 6% of the U.S. general population and 38% of the Muslim population agreed with 6 or more of the 11 antisemitic statements."*

Thus U.S. Muslims were ~6.3-fold more likely to exhibit extreme antisemitism relative to U.S. non-Muslims.

Curiously, ADL's 22pp. summary report of its most recent focused survey of 6 Western and 4 Eastern European countries (published May, 2023), makes no mention of extreme Muslim Antisemitism, whatsoever. [25] Elsewhere, ADL's own raw 2023 tabulations of extreme Antisemitism for the only two countries where Muslim data are provided, i.e., France and Belgium, reveal the same nearly 20-year, repeated phenomenon: 62% of French Muslims exhibited extreme Antisemitism, vs. 15% of French Christians; for Belgium those numbers were 52% Muslims, 21% Christians. [26]

The disproportionate Muslim antisemitism evident in the ADL surveys, in particular after 10/7/23, has been validated by miscellaneous independent studies including, for example, among Canadian Muslims, and U.S. Muslim college students.

Brym [27] reported the results of a survey from a representative Canadian sample of 1121 non-Jewish adults, 1010 non-Jewish university students, 312 Muslim adults, 414 Jewish adults (total n=2857), surveyed during February 2024. Forty-eight percent of Muslim Canadian adults with an opinion agreed that "Jewish people are largely to blame for the negative consequences of globalization," vs. 5% of Canadian non-Jews. Regarding the statement that "Jewish people have too much power in our country today," for those with an opinion, 83% of Canadian non-Jews disagree with that statement, vs. just 34% of Muslim Canadian adults, a 49%-point difference. Forty-two percent of Canadian Muslims who offered an opinion felt homicide bombing targeting Israeli civilians is "justified," vs. 12% of Canadian non-Jews. Fifty-two percent of Canadian Muslims who offered an opinion did not believe Jews are entitled to a state in Israel, vs. 14% of Canadian non-Jews. Muslim Canadians were also harbored the highest mean negative attitudes toward Jews, and conversely Canadian Jews perceived Canadian Muslims (as well as Palestinians and Arabs) as conveying the most negative attitudes towards them.

Wright et al [28] analyzed survey data collected during the spring 2024 semester collected from 4,123 undergraduate students (including 313 Jewish students) at 60 U.S. colleges and universities (public and private; geographically varied) with sizable Jewish student populations. The non-Jewish respondents (3810) were asked whether they agreed or disagreed with nine unquestionably negative statements about Jews and Israel (very similar to the ADL survey questions), and the pattern of their responses was then evaluated. In their conclusions, Wright et al reported that although "a climate of universal anti-Jewish hatred" did not exist, Jewish student concerns about antisemitism were justified, and "driven by about a third of students who held distinct patterns of beliefs about Jews and Israel." Specifically, "Identifying as Muslim was significantly associated with being either hostile to Israel or hostile to Jews, even after controlling for other factors." Furthermore, compared to Christians, for example, Muslims were 2.6-fold more likely to harbor the most virulent antisemitism, namely, shared hostility to both Israel and Jews.

Koopmans et al [29] described both an excess Muslim baseline tendency to justify religious violence, and its "experimental" augmentation by Qur'anic legitimation. They implemented a survey experiment among 8,000 Christian, Muslim, and Jewish respondents in seven countries situated across North America, Europe, the Middle East, and Africa—the United States, Germany, Cyprus, Lebanon, Israel, Palestine, and Kenya. The experimental condition provided legitimized the use of lethal violence in the name of religion invoking two comparably worded ("isomorphic") scriptural verses found in the Bible and Torah, Deuteronomy (verses 17: 2–5), and in the Qur'an Surah 5, Al Mai'dah (verse 33). Respondents were "primed," in the treatment condition, with the following true statement: "According to the [Christian respondent: Bible Book Deuteronomy / Jewish respondent: Torah Book Deuteronomy / Muslim respondent: Quran, Surah 5, Al Ma'idah], those who cause mischief and do evil in the eyes of God should be killed." Individuals were not assigned any prime in the control condition. During both the treatment and control conditions individuals were then asked the following question:

"What do you personally think? Should people who cause mischief and do evil in the eyes of God be killed?" Muslims were 9.7-fold more likely at baseline (29%) to legitimate violence vs. Jews (3%). With textual priming, 47% of Muslims vs. 7% of Jews sanctioned violence, a 6.7-fold excess. Compared to Christians at baseline (9%), Muslims were 3.2-fold more inclined to legitimate violence. Following textual priming, this difference was 3.9-fold, i.e., Muslims 47% vs. 12% of Christians.

Consistent with the data from Koopmans et al, 2025 saw the greatest number of targeted antisemitic killings of diaspora (Australia, Europe, U.S.) Jews—20 deaths [30]—since the 1994 Asociacion Mutual Israelita Argentina– or AMIA bombing [31] in Buenos Aires. Muslims waging jihad were responsible for **18/20** Jewish diaspora deaths in 2025, and **all 67** Jews (of the 85 total deaths) killed in Buenos Aires in 1994 were murdered by Shiite Muslim jihadists from Hezbollah and the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps of Iran.

Salient Examples of Jew-Hatred and Jihad Against the Jews Sanctioned by Al-Azhar University and Ahmad al-Tayeb as Al-Azhar Grand Imam (2010-present), and Other Key Al-Azhar University Figures, Especially After October 7, 2023

Beginning mere hours after the October 7, 2023 attacks, Al-Azhar University—its Grand Imam al-Tayeb, leading ancillary clerics, and formal "Fatwa (religious edict) Committee"—sanctioned and celebrated Hamas' jihad carnage, on Al-Azhar's social media platforms. During October 7th itself, ignoring Hamas' precipitating murderous atrocities, which were not mentioned at all, and well before the Israel Defense Forces' counter-offensive in Gaza, Al-Azhar, with al-Tayeb's imprimatur, declared officially: [32]

> *"Al-Azhar salutes with utmost pride the resistance efforts of the proud Palestinian people...Al-Azhar supports the hearts and hands of the proud Palestinian people who have imbued us with spirit and faith and restored us to life, after we thought that would never happen, and prays that Allah grant them steadfastness, peace of mind and strength."*

Muhammad Omar Al-Qady, dean of the Faculty for Islamic and Arabic Studies at Al-Azhar University, addressed Hamas' October 7th attacks in posts on his personal Facebook account October 17 and 18, 2023. He praised the Hamas attackers and longed for the liquidation of the Jews, whom he called "the descendants of apes and pigs (Qur'an 5:60)." Al-Qady's October 17, 2023 post intoned: [33]

> *"[When I say] resistance I mean the jihad fighters in Palestine, who defend their honor and land, those who fight against their enemy and ours, namely the Jews… I ask Allah to strengthen His soldiers and His camp and grant our brothers in Gaza, in Palestine and in the rest of the Muslim countries victory over their enemy and ours, the enemy of Allah and humanity, the cursed descendants of apes and pigs [i.e., the Jews]."*

Referencing additional Qur'anic condemnations of Jews, Al-Qady wrote on October 18, 2023: [34]

> *"Allah, bring perdition upon the cursed (Qur'an 5:78) and treacherous (Jews), the murderers of prophets (Qur'an 2:61, 3:112)..."*

Abbas Shuman, current inspector general of Al-Azhar's Fatwa committees, at his Facebook account, October 7, 2023, expressed support for Hamas' terror attack earlier that day, and on October 18, 2023 "rejoiced" over "the demise of the descendants of apes and pigs." [35]

October 18-19, 2023, Al-Azhar's "Global Center for Online Fatwas" issued a formal religious ruling declaring that all Israelis, including non-combatants, were legitimate targets of jihad terror. Specifically, it claimed, "the term 'civilians' does not apply to the Zionist settlers of the occupied land." [36] This sentiment is entirely consistent with the Islamic legal logic of Al Azhar fatwas, or the resolutions of Al-Azhar Conference Proceedings, issued since immediately after the 1947 United Nations Partition Plan, during Israel's 1948 War of Independence, prior to the 1956 Sinai War, before the 1967 Six-

Day War, and at The Fourth Conference of the Academy of Islamic Research, September, 1968. [37] Al-Azhar's post-10/7/2023 fatwa further demonized the Jewish state of Israel as "a cancer in the heart of the Islamic Arab nation." [38]

November 29, 2024, representing Al-Azhar, on the 77th anniversary of the 11/29/1947 United Nations Partition Plan, al-Tayeb re-affirmed Al-Azhar's rejection of that early iteration of "The Two-State Solution." [39] And on 12/10/24, following the collapse of Syria into a jihadist morass, al-Tayeb denounced "Zionists/Zionism" (whom/which he routinely conflates with all Jews/Judaism) as a "cancer" that must be prevented from "spread" into "the Arab Muslim body...limb by limb." [40]

Jihad and Jew-Hatred Preached Openly in U.S Mosques (and on the Street) After October 7, 2023

Mansour Al-Hadj is a former Director of the Middle East Research Institute Project for Reform in the Arab and Muslim World. Despite his own apologetic interpretation of canonical Islam, after studying "hundreds of Friday mosque sermons" across the U.S. since October 7, 2023 he acknowledged, [41]

> *"...almost all the sermons seemed to share similar themes in their framing of the attack, amplifying a single narrative which justifies Hamas's attack as a legitimate act that is based on the command of Allah and the teachings of the prophet Muhammad. Therefore, they did not condemn or hold Hamas responsible for killing and abducting civilians, including children and the elderly, and sexually assaulting several women. They did not condemn Hamas for starting a war, miscalculating Israel's response, using the Gazans as human shields, or causing the death of thousands of Palestinians and the destruction of large areas of Gaza. Instead, in their sermons, these preachers and imams focused on highlighting the similarities between Hamas' attack and the wars fought by the prophet and his companions, demonizing Israel, narrating historical antisemitic stories attributed to the prophet Muhammad, founder of Islam, such as the hadith about the stones and the Gharqad Tree, and citing verses from the Qur'an that characterized Jews as corrupt, treacherous, untrustworthy, and the killers of prophets."*

Three examples of this preaching are presented in summary, and chronological order.

Gambian born Imam Alhagie Jallow, completed his memorization of the Qur'an while studying in Senegal, and later studied at the Islamic University of Imam Muhammad bin Saud in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. He became the Imam of the Masjid Us-Sunnah shortly after his visit to Madison, Wisconsin, in 2009. Less than a week after October 7th (on 10/13/23), he delivered this annihilationist diatribe during a sermon: [42]

> *"The only thing that can bring glory to this Islamic nation is the Jihad, which is mentioned in the Quran and the hadiths (traditions) of the Prophet Muhammad. The only thing that can bring honor and glory to this nation is Jihad… Oh Jews, you unjust, criminal, corrupt oppressors – stop! You will all most definitely be killed. The Jews, the aggressors, the evil… You describe them, what they do. By Allah, all of them [Jews] will be killed by Muslims. They all will be executed by Muslims. They will all be killed, this is a divine promise (likely referencing the hadith in the Hamas Covenant, article 7) that will inevitably be fulfilled. This is a promise from Allah and it is going to happen. They will all be killed. They will all be killed, and on that day, the believers will rejoice in Allah's victory."*

Imam Umar Mitchell of Masjid Umar Ibn Al-Khattab in Aurora, Colorado taught a Qur'anic lesson to primary school age children at the Colorado Muslims Community Center, October 22, 2023, outlining for his young audience central indelible, pejorative characteristics of the Jews as depicted in the Qur'an. He intoned that the Jews are inveterate liars (Qur'an 2:10; 3:75) who never abide their contracts and covenants (Q 2:61; 3:112; 4:155; 5:13), murdered their prophets (Q 2:61; 3:112; 3:181; 4:155), and even attempted to murder Jesus (actually "Isa," a decidedly non-Christian "Muslim

Jesus," Q 4:157). Imam Mitchell also recounted the Qur'anic story of Jewish fishermen who were allegedly transformed by Allah into "literal physical monkeys" for fishing on Saturday (2;65; but elaborated in 7:163 , 7:164; 7:165, 7:166; again, verse 5:60 refers to the Jews as "apes and pigs"). The good imam concluded that not all Jews are as despicable as their portrayal in the Qur'an but consistent with Qur'an 3:113, he asserted only *"a couple of them"* aren't. [43]

During a Friday sermon in suburban Dallas, Texas, on 12/29/23, Ghaith Arodaki, an entrepreneur and recent graduate of San Jose State University, serving as "guest imam," declared, [44]

> "Every single day, we recite the Al-Fatiha (opening) chapter of the Qur'an five times a day, and at the end (Qur'an 1:7), we recite: 'Guide us along the Straight Path, the Path of those You have blessed—not those who have incurred Your wrath, or those who were misguided.' The interpreters explained this verse to mean three categories of people: 'Those who You have blessed,' and they said it means the Muslims. ***'Those who have incurred Your wrath.' 'Those that You have cursed,' they said it [is] meant to be the Jews.*** 'Those who were misguided,' and it was said to be the Christians."

Arodaki's interpretation of Qur'an 1:7 is in accord with the gloss of Islam's prophet Muhammad, from a canonical tradition *(at-Tirmidhi, Vol. 5, Book 44, Hadith 2954),* and the formal exegeses of 90% of classical and modern authoritative Qur'anic commentaries, Sunni and Shiite alike. [45] (As the Fatiha is recited during all the subunits of the five daily Muslim prayers, it is recited 17-times daily by pious Muslims. [46])

Finally, an ominous threshold may have been crossed on Tuesday, February 18, 2025. On that evening, hordes of Muslims marched into the largest U.S. orthodox Jewish—not "Zionist" neighborhood—Boro Park Brooklyn, openly calling for Jew-annihilation targeting "Zionists," who in their parlance are interchangeable with Jews. In the middle of the street, a Muslim leader took to the microphone and bellowed: [47]

> *"Oh Allah, annihilate the plundering Zionists. Oh Allah, annihilate the criminal Zionists. Oh Allah, kill them one by one, count them one by one, and do not leave a single one of them."*

Conclusions

Prior to delivering a February 28, 2024 lecture at Saint Vincent College in Pennsylvania, Boston College Theology Professor Dr. Ruth Langer was asked by a local reporter to characterize the status of Jewish-Christian relations in the aftermath of Hamas' jihad carnage on 10/7/23 and the ensuing war in Gaza. [48] Despite the proliferation of anti-Jewish demonstrations and even violence on some U.S. campuses, [49] Langer observed that generally, "Catholic universities have been overall safe spaces for Jewish students." [50] She added that this outcome was a result of a "moral voice at the Catholic campuses," molded by decades of post-1965 Vatican II/ Nostre Aetate Catholic teaching. [51]

> *"Part of that moral voice is that antisemitism is a sin — so then you have to figure out what antisemitism is, that's a different matter — but it means that there are relationships built, there's those concepts, there's ideas, which led to overall a great sense of horror at the initial Hamas assault…"*

Some 14-months later, on May 8, 2025, Dr. Langer gave a sobering lecture in Chicago commemorating 60-years of progress since Vatican II/ Nostre Aetate, while emphasizing the "fragility" of the process considering the post-October 7, 2023 environment for Jews. She praised the tremendous strides made in authoritative Catholic and Christian religious teaching about Jews "shaped by Nostre (Nostra) Aetate," and resultant commonplace Christian religious perceptions of them: [52]

> *"Nostra Aetate…newly lifts up Paul's words (in Romans 9), and retrieves what it now acknowledges is factual history: that Jesus, his family, and his immediate followers were all Jews. In the past sixty years, this understanding has indeed become normal in Catholic and most Christian teachings about the Bible and Christian*

origins. My students at Boston College, products of one or two generations of revised textbooks, don't know that Jesus' Jewishness had been forgotten. They do not know that the Church taught that God had rejected the Jews and replaced them with Christians. Rather, their understandings are shaped by Nostra Aetate's teaching, that in spite of the Jewish rejection of Jesus, 'God holds the Jews most dear for the sake of their Fathers; He does not repent of the gifts He makes or of the calls He issues.' Consequently, 'Jews cannot be presented as rejected or accursed by God, as if this followed from Holy Scriptures.'"

But Langer also acknowledged her grave concerns post-October 7th, and the requirement for Catholics and Jews "to work together to buttress" what Nostre Aeate had accomplished: [53]

"The Jewish world, rocked still by the events of October 7 and the world-wide outbreak of antisemitism that followed, struggles to find its emotional balance and to discern the path to a viable peace in the face of the implacable and murderous enmity emanating from Iran and its allies (Hamas et al) …As an American Jew, I have never known this degree of pervasive fear. These last eighteen months have demonstrated the fragility of Nostra Aetate's gains. We need to work together to buttress what has been achieved."

Notwithstanding the openly conceded limitations of Nostre Aetate, now 66-years later, Islamdom at present appears stubbornly resistant to even initiating such a mea culpa-based confessional process. Consider the current mindset of Al-Azhar University and its Grand Imam Ahmed al-Tayeb. [53.] Ignoring his own public fulminations espousing blatant Jew-hatred, Ahmed al-Tayyeb, in 2018, denied the very existence of antisemitism**,** claiming, "the issue of antisemitism is a lie that continues to deceive nations to this day." The context of this denial was even more bitterly ironic. Al-Tayyeb's comments—reflecting the shared view of Al-Azhar—were made in concert with their vehement rejection of an appeal from French public intellectuals, following two brutal murders of elderly French Jewish women by Jew-hating French Muslims, that, [54]

"Qur'anic verses calling to kill and punish Jews, Christians and non-believers be declared obsolete by the theological authorities – just as the inconsistencies of the Bible and Catholic antisemitism were abolished by the Second Vatican Council (in 1962-1965) – so that no believer can rely on a sacred text to commit a crime."

There is a persistent corrosive symmetry to Al-Azhar's rejection of meaningful reform of the canonical Jew-hating Islamic doctrine it continues to espouse: Jewish leadership denial of the grossly disproportionate contemporary occurrence of extreme Muslim antisemitism. A striking example of the phenomenon of Jewish denial is the ADL's purging of its own 2015 to 2023 survey data demonstrating a 2- to 4-fold excess prevalence of extreme antisemitism among Western European Muslims vs. Christians/non-Muslims. [55] ADL has also chosen not to publish its very robust January to February 2017 U.S. survey data which revealed a 6-fold increased prevalence of extreme antisemitism among American Muslims vs. non-Muslims. [56]

Reiterating what I wrote in 2020, "we must still hope that non-Muslim religious and civic leaders, notably Jews, will redouble their efforts, overcome their timorous, stifling cultural relativism, and demand such a momentous Islamic initiative." [57] Perhaps Hamas's jihad carnage of 10/7/23 and the ongoing convulsions of Muslim Jew-hatred and anti-Jewish violence in its aftermath will at long last catalyze a vigorous Jewish response, absent till now.

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