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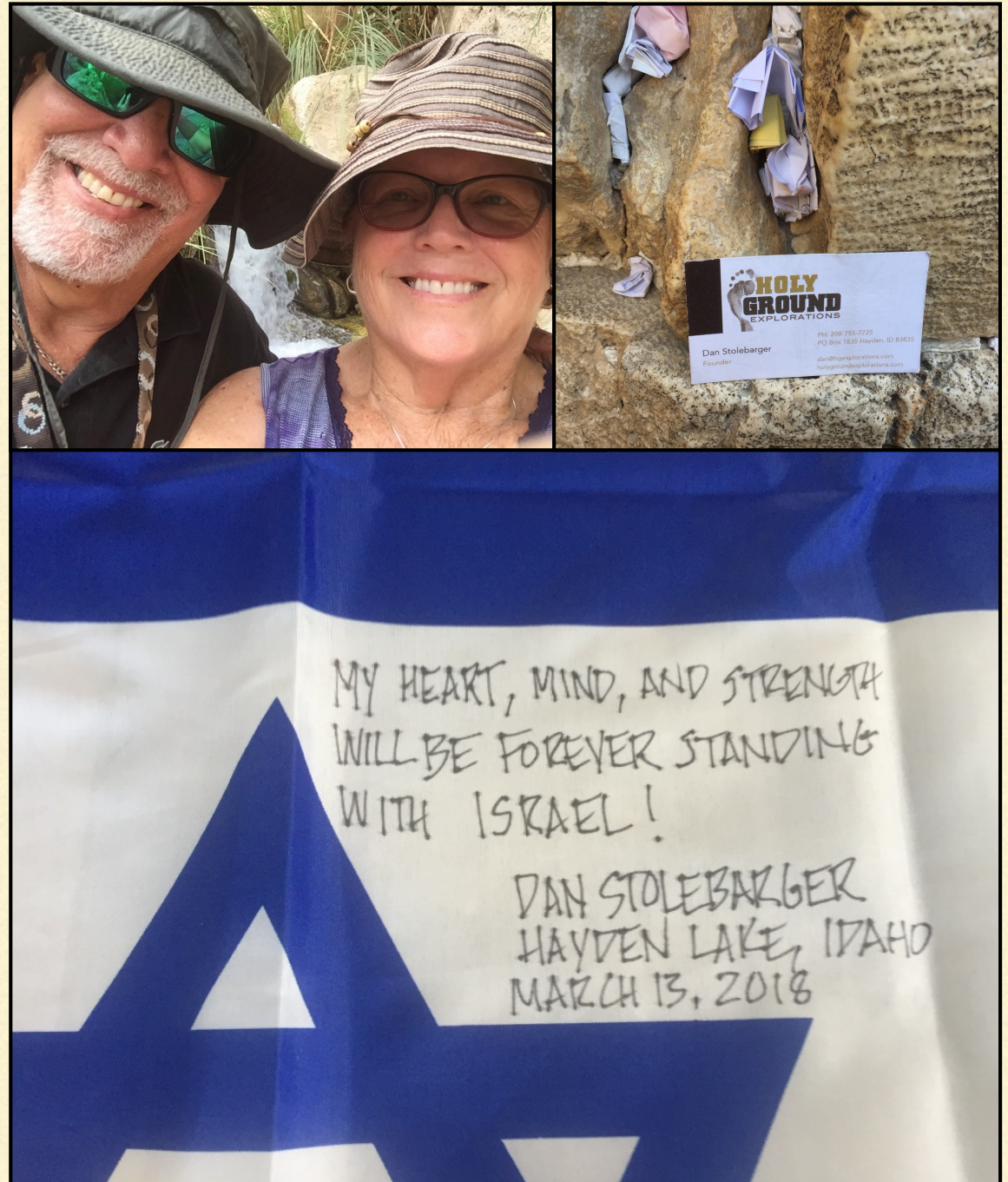
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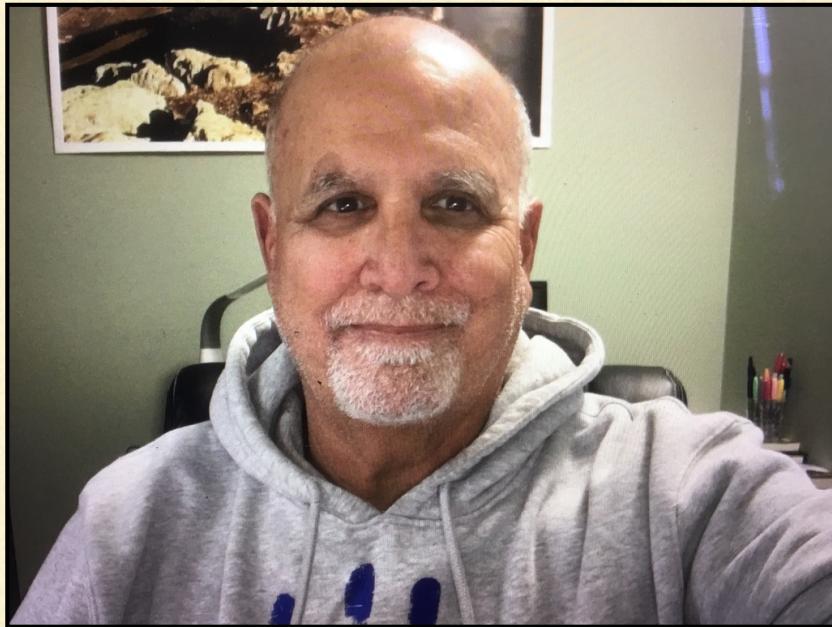
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# DAN'S MUSINGS



This week there just seems to be so much white noise when it comes Israel, Iran, Hamas, the PA and the good ol' USA and of course our weekly dose of Omar and Rliab! We have had Nabka day and are still waiting to see if anything happens in Israel regarding the Eurovision event. Each of these these things are a powder keg in and of themselves! All of this reminds me of what the Prophet Zechariah had to say about Jerusalem in the ladder days! *"Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, ... And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it."*





# NEWS BITES

## EDUCATION MAKES BETTER TERRORISTS!

Nine Islamic terrorists committed bloody attack in Sri Lanka! Most of them were highly educated from middle/upper class families! This dispels the myth that poverty and poor education is the root of Islamic terror!

ISLAMIC JIHAD: Big Attack on Israel Will Be in the Summer ... In a speech at the border area, senior Hamas official Fathi Hamad, known for his fiery rhetoric, warned Israel that "The day of your slaughter, extermination and demise is approaching.

Muslim groups apologize for video of children singing about decapitation "We are deeply saddened to have hurt our partners in the Jewish community and beyond," Philadelphia Muslim groups say, following backlash over video of children speaking in Arabic about beheading Jews and liberating Al-Aqsa Mosque.

A video uploaded to the group's Facebook page showed children dancing to a revolutionary anthem often used by Islamist groups, and two young girls reading from a prepared text. One said, "We will chop off their heads, and we will liberate ... Al-Aqsa Mosque."





# IRANIAN THREAT



Amid increasing tensions between the United States and Iran, U.S. President Donald Trump warned on Monday that Tehran will “suffer greatly” if “they do anything.”

“We’ll see what happens with Iran...If they do anything, they will suffer greatly,” Trump told reporters in the Oval Office in response to reports that two oil tankers owned by Saudi Arabia and two others, one owned by the United Arab Emirates and another by Norway, were sabotaged, possibly by Tehran.

“It’s going to be a bad problem for Iran if something happens. I can tell you that,” said Trump. “They’re not going to be happy. They’re not going to be happy people.”

The Pentagon has prepared a plan that envisions sending as many as 120,000 troops to the Middle East should Iran attack U.S. forces or accelerate work on nuclear weapons, the *New York Times* reports.





# IRAN, USA AND ISRAEL



Israel's Minister of Energy Yuval Steinitz said that Iran may attack Israel through its proxies, or even directly, in retaliation for the increased pressure brought on the Islamic Republic by the United States. Mr. Steinitz is a member of Israel's Security Cabinet.

Things are "heating up," Minister Steinitz said.

Most recently, the U.S. announced it was setting up Patriot missile batteries in the Mideast. Last week, the U.S. declared that its sending the USS Abraham Lincoln and a bomber squadron to the Mideast after it had received intelligence reports that Iran intended to attack U.S. forces in the region.





# CALMING FEELING



Tlaib told Yahoo News that the Holocaust gave her a “calming feeling” and “humbled” her because it reminded her that the suffering of the Palestinians had “provided” a safe haven to the Jews. Tlaib went on to assert that the Palestinians were innocent victims who had paid the price for European anti-Semitism.



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Most Democrats don’t share Tlaib’s support for BDS and her opposition to Israel’s existence. Still, their decision to stand behind her, even when she is guilty of trying to manipulate the memory of the Shoah to justify the delegitimization of Israel, is as ominous as it is outrageous. Tlaib’s ability to get support for Holocaust revisionism is one more piece of evidence that the Democrats are abandoning what’s left of what was once a bipartisan pro-Israel consensus.





# OMAR'S IGNORANCE



In a tweet following the rocket barrage, Omar justifies the double war crimes committed by terrorists who target Israeli civilians while using Palestinian civilians as human shields. She asks rhetorically, how many “rockets must be fired, and little kids must be killed until the endless cycle of violence ends?” This implies that these war crimes are justified by what she calls the “occupation and humanitarian crisis in Gaza.”



DOES OMAR not realize that Israel ended its occupation of Gaza in 2005 when it removed every soldier and settler from that area? Gaza could have become the Singapore of the Mediterranean, with its port and location. The Israelis left behind greenhouses and other facilities. Europe and Qatar poured money into the Gaza Strip.



But Hamas - which forcefully took over the area from the Palestinian Authority - decided to turn it instead into a large scale rocket launcher.





# YAD VASHEM OP ED



America needs to wake up to the truth about Rashida Tlaib! You won't even know where to start with the absurdity here. It is shocking that she said this AND was serious about it. The lies, the foolishness - when will it end? Her recent assertions regarding the Holocaust and the establishment of the State of Israel have no foundation in the historical record.

In this imagined version of history, after the Holocaust, the Jews were awarded a consolation prize – the establishment of Israel – at the expense of those already living there.

Asserting that Israel's creation was a direct response to the Holocaust overlooks the ancient and ceaseless connection of the Jewish people to Israel, as well as the modern Zionist enterprise that returned an exiled and oppressed people to their ancestral home.





# TLAIB BLOWBACK



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Perhaps most disingenuous of all, Tlaib wraps everything into a package of “Palestinian victimhood” – the classic technique of asserting that Palestinians are innocent martyrs who paid the price for European anti-Semitism. In truth, Palestinians are the perpetrators of their own suffering – not the victims of it. Yet Tlaib remains defiant, knowing that trumpeting these patently false statements is a way to confer a modicum of legitimacy and shift the public discourse. In the face of widespread criticism, Tlaib declared: “All of you who are trying to silence me will fail miserably.”

No, Rep. Tlaib. We will not remain silent. We will expose your words as gross distortions of history. We will hold Palestinians accountable when they are perpetrators of their own suffering – not the victims of it. And whether in the media, on Twitter, or the halls of Congress, we will call out anti-Semitism whenever we see it.





# NAKBA DAY



The Arabs mark Nakba Day on the date on which Israel declared its independence, a historic event they perceive as a “catastrophe.” The terror groups have called on millions to arrive at the fence, and have threatened Israel that they will attack it with rockets if Israel harms the rioters.



The possibility of human losses is high, and therefore the prospects of an attack on Israel grow. The probability of another violent attack on Israel from the Gaza Strip is growing, as tensions in the Persian Gulf between the US and Iran mount and as the Eurovision song contest’s finals near.



The Eurovision contest is slated to take place in Tel Aviv on Saturday night. Israel fears that Gaza-based terrorists will try to disturb the international event with a missile attack, and has deployed Iron Dome defense systems throughout the country.





# JIBRIL RAJOUR



Jibril Rajoub, one of the leading Palestinian figures fighting against the normalization of ties with Israel, is getting medical treatment in Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital for unspecified health problems.

That's despite the fact that the PA recently announced it would end all medical care for Palestinians in Israel and that Rajoub has a history of inciting bloodshed and boycotts.





# YOUNG ARABS



## Young Arabs Say Religion Plays Too Large a Role in the Middle East

– by **Simeon Kerr**: "Young Arabs say the rising cost of living and unemployment are the biggest issues facing the Middle East, according to the region's largest survey of youth opinion. Some 56 percent of respondents cited the cost of living and 45 percent chose joblessness as their top concern in the 2019 Arab Youth Survey..."



Two-thirds said religion played too large a role in the Middle East, while half said religious values were holding the region back." [[Ozy](#)]





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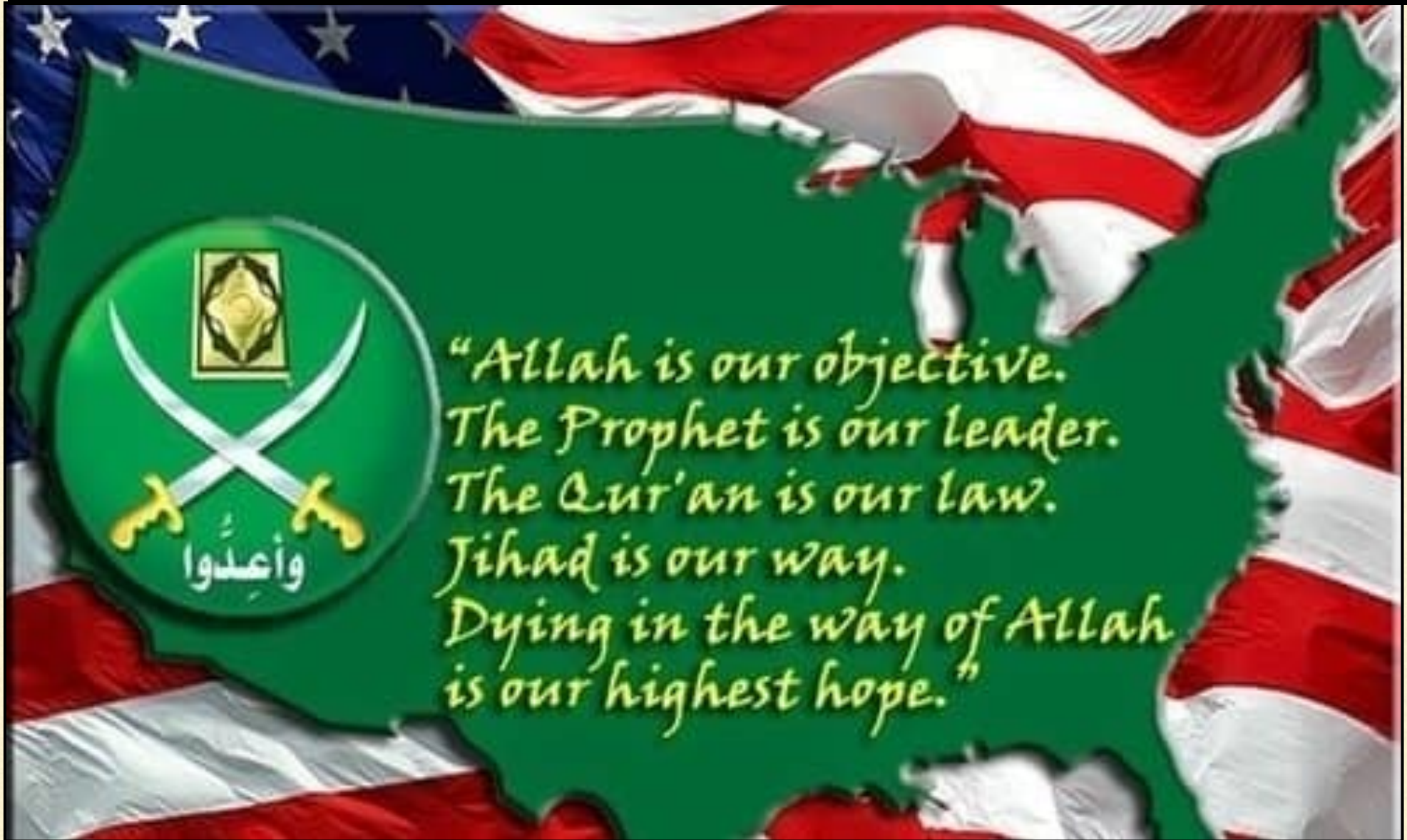
The Bible and the left (not liberalism, leftism) are as opposed as any two world-views can be. While there are people who claim to hold both a Bible-based worldview and left-wing views, these people are few in number.

For nearly all of American history, the Bible was the most important book in America. It is no longer. This is a moral and intellectual catastrophe.





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