

The Increase in Worldwide Anti-Semitism
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One of the common objections we hear from Jewish people when we speak about the Gospel is the lack of love shown to the Jews by the "Church" during the horrible period of the Holocaust in World War II. They also see a repetition of this indifference in today's world.

Imagine you and your family waiting for your oldest son, aged 17, to return home from school and football practice. It is getting late, and you get no answer when you call his cell phone. Finally, you decide to go ahead and serve dinner to the rest of your children. Suddenly there is knock on the door. A police official stands there and sadly informs you that your son is dead. You're shocked and in disbelief. Your wife screams and begins to weep, and your children join their mother in weeping. How could this be true? Your precious son, whom you love, is no more. You want to know what happened, so somehow you find the strength to ask the officer.

He explains that a group of young men kidnapped your son, tortured him, and finally beat him to death. They did this because they knew your son was a Christian. Your heart is broken that your beautiful, talented son died in this horrible way.

Now imagine you are an American teacher scheduled to lecture on American history at a British university. After making all your plans, you receive an e-mail informing you that the association of British university professors has decided not to have any academic cooperation with American lecturers. They did this because of the wall being built to stop illegal immigrants between Mexico and America, and the treatment of Native Americans. They call American behavior Apartheid and Nazism.

Again, imagine you and your family returning home from church to find your house defaced with anti-Christian remarks and slogans that mock Jesus. Later you learn your church has been desecrated with human feces and urine on the pew Bibles and pulpit.

The Jewish people don't have to imagine these situations. They are experiencing things like this in Europe, Australia, and even in America. The June 14, 2008, issue of the Philadelphia

newspaper *Jewish Exponent* published a story entitled "Europe Shows Its Darker Side." The article opens this way:

"A young French Jew is kidnapped, tortured and left to die by a band of Muslims."



Crowds protest the kidnapping and death of French Jew Ilan Halimi last year in Paris

"Arson badly damages Geneva's largest synagogue. A 13-year-old girl on a London bus is robbed and kicked unconscious after her attackers ask if she is 'Jewish or English.'

"Anti-Semitism in Western Europe is apparently out of control. That is the consensus of a dizzying array of recent reports, the latest of which was released last week at a conference combating discrimination under the auspices of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe." ¹

THE WAR ON BRITAIN'S JEWS

On July 9, a program aired on Channel 4 TV in Great Britain entitled, *The War on Britain's Jews?* The following is a quote from HonestReporting.com:

"Media commentator Richard Littlejohn is to be commended for tackling this subject in a Channel 4 documentary, *The War on Britain's Jews?* In the Daily Mail, Littlejohn writes:

'Opposition to the war [Iraq] and loathing of Israel has led the self-styled "anti-racist" Left to make

¹ To read rest of article see <http://www.jewishexponent.com/article/13276>

common cause with Islamo-nazis. And "anti-Zionism" soon tips over into straight-forward anti-Semitism."

A liberal feminist Jewish woman named Phyllis Chesler wrote a book called *The New Anti-Semitism*. Based on direct observation and study, she concludes that the left has embraced an irrational approach to Israel and has slipped over to classic anti-Semitism.

The British National Union of Journalists singles out Israel for boycott, even though it has the only free press in the Middle East. Lawyer Anthony Julius and law professor Alan Dershowitz argue that the British academic boycott of Israel by the university lecturers goes way beyond legitimate protest. The sheer ferocity and violence of the arguments is nothing more than naked anti-Semitism.

Under the guise of 'anti-Zionism', anti-Semitism is rife on British university campuses. But still the Government refuses to ban groups such as Hizb ut-Tahir, whose motto is, "Jews will be killed wherever they can be found." ²

EUROPEANS BELIEVE ISRAEL IS THE GREATEST THREAT TO WORLD PEACE

A recent poll in the European Union showed that the majority of people believe that Israel is the greatest threat to world peace. Yet, when is the last time you heard of Israeli suicide bombers blowing up subway trains in London, or driving bomb laden cars into airport terminals, or flying airplanes into buildings?

In Britain, some teachers are hesitant to include Holocaust material in their history classes for fear of offending Muslim students, whose religious leaders have taught that there was no Holocaust. (Holocaust material is still part of the official British school curriculum). Also, there has been a sharp increase of anti-Semitic violence, incidents, and statements throughout Europe, including the burning of synagogues. The world seems to have forgotten that Israel came into existence by a vote of nations at the U.N. They also seem to have forgotten that the nations surrounding Israel attacked this small fragile country in 1948 and many other times.

² http://www.honestreporting.co.uk:80/articles/critiques/Littlejohn_C4_Documentary_Takes_On_Anti-Semitism.asp

This is not to say that everything that Israel does is correct, but imagine being at war for almost 60 years.

"Between September 29, 2000, and May 1, 2006, there were a total of 7,844 casualties of terrorism in Israel. According to the Israel version of the Red Cross, the casualties were as follows: 999 killed, 642 severely injured, 940 moderately injured, and 5,263 lightly injured." ³

Presently, Israelis suffer from rockets fired from Gaza into the city of Sderot and other border areas. Men, women, and children are being killed and injured. When Israel defends itself, it is criticized in the media and the U.N. This shows the hypocrisy of the world and its unfair attitude towards the Jewish people.

SOME OF THE PEOPLE KILLED BY HAMAS IN SDEROT 2006-2007



Age 4



Age 4



Age 2



Age 49



Age 22



Age 17

There has been a recent exodus of French Jews to Israel because of the severe increase of anti-Semitism and physical attacks on Jewish people.

"A leading Swedish newspaper reported this week [August, 2009] that Israeli soldiers are abducting Palestinians in order to steal their organs, a claim that prompted furious

³ <http://www.mfa.gov.il/MFA/Terrorism-+Obstacle+to+Peace/Palestinian+terror+since+2000/Victims+of+Palestinian+Violence+and+Terrorism+sinc.htm>

condemnation and accusations of anti-Semitic blood libel from a rival publication. 'They plunder the organs of our sons,' read the headline in Sweden's largest daily newspaper, the left-leaning *Aftonbladet*, which devoted a double spread in its cultural section to the article." ⁴

When the Israeli government protested to the Swedish government, the Swedes refused to denounce the article. Sweden, since 1967, has developed into one of the most anti-Semitic countries in Europe.

The insanity of the article in *Aftonbladet* was echoed in articles in other European papers including *Infowars Ireland Newspaper*.⁵

Lest we think America is immune from this type of anti-Semitism, here are some examples. On July 28, 2006, *The Seattle Times* reported one dead and five wounded in the Jewish Federation shootings.⁶



Medical personnel remove a wounded victim at the Jewish Federation Building

"A woman was dead and five others were hospitalized this afternoon after a shooting at the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle building in downtown Seattle by a man who declared he was "angry with Israel.'"

Then he began shooting.

Were you aware of this terrorist attack on American soil against Jewish people in a major American city? This is only the tip of the iceberg of growing anti-Semitism in America. Under the guise

⁴ <http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/1108384.html>

⁵ <http://info-wars.org/2009/12/25/israel-admits-harvesting-palestinian-organs>

⁶ <http://archives.seattletimes.nwsourc.com/cgi-bin/taxis.cgi/web/vortex/display?slug=webbelltown28&date=20060728&query=Jewish+Federation+of+Greater+Seattle>

of anger at Israel, century-old satanic-inspired hatred of the Jewish people is growing in America.

Early this year a white supremacist anti-Semite shot at the Holocaust Museum in Washington D.C., killing a security guard. Also, earlier this year a bombing conspiracy to blow up synagogues in NYC was stopped. Locally, the Mt. Airy Jewish Community Center and Synagogue has had a series of anti-Semitic incidents. The Synagogue has been spray painted with Swastikas, broken glass was placed in the sandbox of the Synagogue's playground to injure little Jewish children, and there was a destructive arson fire. Pray the culprits can be caught before someone is killed.

UNIVERSITIES IN AMERICA ARE INFLUENCED BY ANTI-SEMITIC MIDDLE-EAST COURSES

Saudi Arabia is sponsoring a Middle East Studies Departments in American universities. They are pouring millions of dollars into the budgets of these universities and promoting their world views at the same time.⁷

In addition, there is an increasing anti-Zionism that evolves into anti-Semitism on American college campuses. Radical Jew-hating speakers are invited to campuses to promote their one-sided denouncement of Israel and those who support the only democracy in the Middle East. Yet speakers who support Israel are often physically prevented from giving a balanced perspective on the Israeli and Palestinian issues.

Through Saudi stipends some students have trained in activism overseas during the summer and returned to U.S. campuses to deploy their skills, creating an anti-American and anti-Israeli atmosphere. This has resulted in an increase in anti-Semitic attacks on college campuses. Some time ago, Jewish students at San Francisco State had to be escorted to safety by city police during a pro-Israel rally. At Concordia University, 1500 "students" showed up to create a riot and prevent former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu from speaking on terrorism. Ticket holders needed police escort off campus as well.⁸

What should be the church's role today in view of this increasing anti-Semitism? Will we be silently indifferent as the

⁷ <http://www.campus-watch.org/article/id/1260>

⁸ Ibid.

vast majority of German Christians were towards the Nazis hatred and oppression of Jews?

Here are some things you can do:

1. Pray for God to convert and protect the Jewish people.
2. Tell your Jewish friends of your concerns. Let them know that you are praying and also contacting congressmen and world leaders.
3. Ask pastors to raise this issue from the pulpit and regularly pray for the Jewish people.
4. Witness to your Jewish friends of the saving grace of Messiah Jesus.

Do all you can before God to speak out against anti-Semitism. Don't be complacent but recognize the urgency of the situation. Truly "love your neighbor as yourself."