

The Glaring Imbecility of Willful Ignorance

The *Celebration of Hamas as Symptomatic of Academic Gangrene* (2 Timothy 2:17)

For the reason that both academic leaders at the most prestigious institutions in America and the students seated under them embrace a **nazified** agenda by celebrating the atrocities aimed at **Israeli families on October 7, 2023**,¹ the posture of these “useful idiots” heightens the **urgency** to expose their folly with the light of redeeming truth. Their absurdity entails both *moral* and *rational* errors, the first of which is surely self-evident to all who continue dependent on the convicting power of morality² in their consciences, while the latter betrays the naivety of the protestors in that *actual* Hamas would surely target them all for death.³ Yet such nonsense as this is easily exposed by laying bare the following facts that **can be known with full conviction** to be “*the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth*.”⁴

1. Israelites have inhabited their present location in the Holy Land for the last about 3,500 years.⁵
2. In 136 CE Rome banished Israel (**IS**) from Jerusalem and out of spite renamed Judea, Palestine.⁶
3. Arabs only began settling in the Holy Land **after** the founding of the religion of Islam in 622 CE.⁷
4. After the close of WW 2, it was **not** Israel’s decision, but **the United Nations’ Balfour Declaration (UNBD)** to create **both** of the independent homelands of Israel and Palestine.⁸
5. The Holocaust happened in part with the encouragement of Muslim leaders to see Jews killed.⁹
6. On numerous occasions Egypt, Syria, and Jordan simultaneously declared war on Israel. Israel prevailed in every battle. Indeed insofar as IS could ensure its safety, in contrast to every other nation, they gave the spoils they rightfully won (land, oil, etc.) back to the avengers.¹⁰
7. In “Black September” of 1970, *Palestinians* living as refugees in Jordan under the independent fist of the *Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO)* **turned against their hosts by seeking to overthrow the Jordanian government**. Thousands of Palestinians killed each other in the clash.¹¹
8. In 2005 Israel “handed over the keys” to Palestinians to fully govern Gaza for themselves.¹²
9. While **Israel agrees to cooperate** with a Palestinian state, it is the firm goal of Hamas to utterly **annihilate Israel**.¹³ The discovered tunnels packed with armaments is *physical* proof that it is so.
10. That Hamas hides behind civilians as shields during conflict¹⁴ proves both that they don’t value their own children, and that the mounting **Palestinian casualties are the fault of Hamas alone**.

No Western nation except Cuba and Venezuela silences *defyers* of *fascism*. So, no one is forcing Leftists to blindly celebrate Hamas. Indeed, the 1st Amendment of our *Bill of Rights* says, “*Congress shall make no law...prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech.*”

¹ <https://www.cnn.com/2023/10/12/business/harvard-doxing-truck-israel-hamas-statement/index.html>

² <https://www.thoughtco.com/natural-law-definition-4776056>

³ <https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/2019/06/14/countries-where-being-gay-is-legally-punishable-by-death/39574685/>

⁴ Alan Dershowitz (**AD**). *The Case for Israel*. (Wiley, 2003) ch. 2. Since many of my footnotes are sourced to this book, notice that every chapter title is an accusatory question. They open with the “Accusation” by a hostile Palestinian, followed by “The Reality” and then AD’s legal “Proof.”

⁵ *Ibid*, ch. 2. “Did European Jews Displace Palestinians?” ** Explicit Jewish evidence in Egypt. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P2r2xXGzx4U>

⁶ <https://www.thejewishstar.com/stories/heres-how-the-palestinians-got-their-name,22410>

⁷ *Op.cit.* (5), pp. 26g. ** https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Early_Muslim_conquests

⁸ *Op.cit.* (5), ch. 8, “Was the U.N. Partition Plan Unfair to Palestinians?”

⁹ *Op.cit.* (5). Pp. 41f. “Haj Amin al Hussenri the grand mufti of Jerusalem ...urged Hitler to extend the final solution to the Jewish refugees who had reached Palestine, and he advised Hitler... – when it was known what was happening in Poland’s death camps, to send the Jews to Poland.”

¹⁰ <https://www.irishtimes.com/world/middle-east/2023/10/08/timeline-israels-conflicts-in-the-middle-east/>

¹¹ <https://www.thoughtco.com/black-september-jordanian-plo-civil-war-2353168>

¹² <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ISViiLUy0I>. Alan Dershowitz said, “Let’s ‘expose’ this ‘myth’ about Gaza being the most densely populated place.” He further notes that when Israel transferred governance over to the Palestinians, every Israeli citizen and soldier left, leaving Palestine vulnerable to being overthrown by Hamas. Consequently it is **Hamas who are the guards of the prison**. (November 2023, 1:07f).

¹³ *Op.cit.* (5). “It is impossible to make an understanding with [the Jews. Israel consequently] “will become a river of blood.” (p. 37).

¹⁴ <https://nypost.com/2023/11/01/opinion/hamas-officials-admit-its-strategy-is-to-use-palestinian-civilians-as-human-shields/>

There is clearly an “elephant in our room” (society) in regard to life’s most fundamental question, “What is wrong with our world?” In reply, many causes (poverty, ignorance, prejudice, finitude, etc.) are suggested **except for the most basic one**, which confronts our human proclivity with respect to truth.

*“We **punish** [people] for the very fact of being in ignorance **if** [they] seem **responsible** for their own ignorance. Hence the fine for offenses committed by drunks (since they can decide **not** to get drunk) and it is this that **causes** his ignorance. There is punishment too when [people] are in ignorance of a point of law that **should** be known and is **not** difficult to know...The same is true...when [they] appear to be in ignorance through carelessness; for **not** being in ignorance is equally within their power [since] they **can decide** to take care” (boldface and ellipses mine).*

The author of this quotation also labels such *dishonest* people, “*ignoramus*[es].” It may surprise you to know that these reflections are sourced **not** from a “right-wing bigot,” but came from history’s most noted *authority* on *rationality*, **Aristotle**.¹⁵ Interestingly, the Apostle Paul may have known about Aristotle’s¹⁶ essay around 300 years later when his *Letter to the Romans* decried the suppression of truth.

If Romans 1:18f has any bearing on the Bible’s warning of a final judgment by God, I strongly suspect, though I can’t prove, that the ploy of **evading displeasing facts** will be the leading **reason** why individuals stand before God with a “guilty” verdict.¹⁷ Romans 1:18 to 8:39 lays out the most extended exposition of the Christian message (both law and good news) in the Bible. It may surprise readers to know that the **very first sin Paul there referenced** (1:18f) pertains to neither sexual lust, nor profaning God’s name, nor committing murder; but to the **intellectual ploy of shutting out truths; both those that specifically support belief in God**, and also **truth in general** (1:20).¹⁸ Much ignorance abounds about the Bible’s definition of the “*unforgivable sin*” (**U.S.**). For that reason I urge you to read Matthew 12:31-32. Jesus defines U.S. as persistently shutting out “light” that is intended to open up people to “repentance” (“*meta/noia*” Gk). *Metanoia* calls us to change our mind in the face of compelling news. Although many think *biblical* repentance concerns our *emotions*, it instead awakens our *intellect* to the reality of God.

I am **not** naïvely imagining that Leftists fret over prospects of the judgment of God. Obviously, they are driven to side *with* science to the **exclusion** of “revelation.” Even so, their fidelity to science obligates them to other imperatives including, *rationality*, Plato’s dictum to “**follow the truth where it leads**,”¹⁹ and *empirically*, to **only** approach conclusions by way of firstly **scrutinizing** their hypothesis against the entire body of relevant evidence, and then evaluate the other competing views in order to determine which hypothesis is the strongest one. In any case Joe Biden’s maxim, “*follow the science*,” forbids all propensity to dismiss distasteful facts out-of-hand. These imperatives ought to elevate the awareness of every last one of us the we all fall short of every substantial target we seek to emulate! It is indeed this inclination that heightens the necessity of our diligence to search out truth.

Prof. John Ellis of U.C. Santa Cruz and university-level academic credentialing specialist across our nation, has sharpened my thinking about this matter by highlighting the critical distinction between two disparate modes of “education.” These include **classical inquiry (CI)** on the one hand (where opposing views are freely acknowledged, discussed, and exhaustively debated), and **political activism (PA)** on the other (the sole goal being to force their agenda onto students to, unthinkingly and blindly, swallow, for

¹⁵ Renford Bambrough, ed. *The Philosophy of Aristotle*. “Ethics.” (Mentor, 1963), pp. 324-5.

¹⁶ In a sermon the Apostle Paul preached to academic leaders in Athens, he indicated his familiarity with Greco-Roman intellectuals (Acts 17:28).

¹⁷ This judgment doesn’t necessarily mean they are damned. The Gospel promises salvation for all sinners who receives Jesus Christ (John 1:12).

¹⁸ Despite the fact that certain Catholic leaders opposed Galileo on the basis of Psalm 93:1, The Bible insists in Romans 1:18-20 that empirical observations be taken at face value as testimony to God’s existence. Indeed the Bible nowhere contradicts Aristotelian rationality. Obviously the Christian worldview differs from Aristotle’s in that the former, by having as its premise the existence of God, allows the potential miraculous intervention into nature by God. Yet although the two premises differ, the Bible assumes the logic that we credit to Aristotle is valid.

¹⁹ HDP Lee, tr., Plato: *The Republic*. (Penguin, 1955), #394.

example, Marxism.)²⁰ Ellis further states that not only do these two formational views differ; the PA tactic contradicts the *didactic* strategies of CI. The reason why is that the two have profoundly opposing goals. Leftists commonly seek to discredit traditional interpretations of history on allegation that they amount to nothing more than defensive coverups of *actual* corruption. Nevertheless that accusation can cut both ways. By what presumptions should Leftists' views be trusted to offer a more honest account of history? After all, it is classical inquiry alone, **in-contrast to political activism**, that scrutinizes the entire array (negative and positive) of evidence that is relevant to whatever question is on the table.

For so-called "academics" and wanna-be "scholars" (**SCAWbS**) to willfully align with Hamas and fellow gangsters, effectively demands a naïve **repudiation of everything academics and scholars down through time (until now) have always stood for**, including scientific methodology (**SM**), historical analytical reflection (**HAR**), intellectual curiosity (**IC**), and *commitment* to rational truth (**CRT**). This declaration is no exaggeration. Why? Firstly **SM** draws sharp distinctions between **empirical** facts (physical data that can be tested and measured) on the one hand and **subjective** thoughts and perceptions on the other. In addition, in its investigations it allows contradictory data to disprove its hypotheses.²¹ Secondly (**HAR**), similar to science, begins by gathering evidential data and framing it into a realistic picture as to what likely occurred, as opposed to forcing a prejudicial views paradigm (Marxist materialism) onto a populace. Christian historians too are obligated to appeal to trustworthy data to reconstruct a tentative portrait. Thirdly, belief from the Bible that "*God created the heavens and the earth*" (Genesis 1:1) 500 years ago gave birth to the disciplined study nature that we know as "science."²² Tragically however, natural curiosity (**IC**) about the world in our day, fourthly, is being overtaken by the desire to satisfy one's lusts. In the challenges entailed in our engaging with truth, several aspects are commonly overlooked including a sense of obligation both to obey its authority in the manner of Plato,²³ and to use its insights to serve humanity as opposed to manipulating its *fruits* for self-serving purposes.

In light of the ten examples I listed above on p. 1, SCAWbS insist (by logical inference) **against** the **overwhelming consensus of historians**, that Muslims preceded the Jews in settling in the Holy Land (pts. 1-3). Secondly, in **futile denial** of the United Nations Balfour Declaration, the SCAWbS identify with the nonsensical charge by Hamas that Israel stole its location as a national refuge for Jewish people (pt. 4). Thirdly, like Hamas, SCAWbS maintain their views by means of **ignoring** distasteful established historical facts (pts. 5,6). Fourthly, the "*Free-Gaza*" placard that SCAWbS parade perpetuates the lie that Gaza was in shambles when Palestinians moved in, when the opposite is true²⁴ (pt. 8). Fifthly, SCAWbS bewilderingly imagine Hamas (despite the latter's own explicit declarations) to be people of good will (pts. 9,10). Notice then that **every claim they share is utterly false**. And I repeat, by the signs they carry at protests, **SCAWbS appear foolish by identifying with a glaringly obvious caricature of Israel's history**. Worse still, the censure SCAWbSs rightly deserve by the rest of academia, is rarely voiced. How pitiful they are too!

Consequently I see absolutely no pathway extending out from the rotting cesspool of academic-*egotism*. That is because of the ubiquitous posture of antipathy to truth as it perverts one's ego. If we fail to concede that "sin" is **the** oppressive "elephant" of our time, there is **not a chance for harmony** to exist. However, this reality need not end in hopelessness. The first step in redemption demands our trust that seeking truths which can be known to be so, is the only sure path to liberation (John 8:58).

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²⁰ John M. Ellis. The Breakdown of Higher Education. (Encounter, 2020), p. 39.

²¹ A hypothesis is a tentative explanation of a body of phenomenal evidence that has yet to be tested.

²² My paper, "Mainstream Science De-Capacitates Atheism," at my website: www.christianityontheoffense.com/articles

²³ Op. Cit. (19).

²⁴ Op.cit. (12).