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**YOU SHOULD PAY MORE ATTENTION TO THE SAGE ADVICE OF
THAT OLD GREEK PHILOSOPHER, DIOGENES***

Some three years ago, Diogenes suggested that the only two-state solution that made sense in the Land of Israel was the Two-Jewish-State solution. Of course, it occasioned guffaws from many of my know-nothing acquaintances. But, we have seen the results of giving the local Arabs a state of their own. Unfortunately, too many Israelis cannot let go of their passionate embrace of Karl Marx, the Kremlin and Martin Buber which has warped their emotional intelligence. The same attitude, which has been well described as premature universalism, motivates a great many American Jews. It is worthwhile recognizing that some apparent “underdogs” are, in reality, vicious dogs. If Israel continues on this path advocated by Jewish wackos, the worst is yet to be.

Reread Diogenes’ proposal, and if you still have doubts about its validity, read the following article by the Jerusalem Post’s deputy managing editor, Caroline Glick. If you’re having qualms about Israel’s slide down the slippery slope of premature universalism, send this segment of The Diogenes Report to everyone who is concerned about the future of Israel.

Condi Rice is busy running around the Middle East wildly promoting the evil concept of a Palestinian state. By the way, what do you think she would say if Mexico was sending missiles instead of illegal aliens into this country? Unfortunately, since she represents the State Department one should not expect a rational answer, so she might say that since we conquered these land from Mexico, they have a right to fire missiles at Dallas, Houston, Phoenix and Albuquerque. You likely will get a vastly different answer from Congress and the Administration.

Call or e-mail your Senators and Representative and tell them to oppose this danger to American interests and to Israel.

AN ENDURING TWO-JEWISH-STATE-SOLUTION*
by Diogenes

A little over 100 years ago, a Jewish Hungarian by the name of Theodor Herzl, driven by a Jew-shaking event of his time—the Dreyfus Trial—grabbed an idea that was actively being pursued by others and ran with it. The idea was the re-creation of a Jewish state in

his day. Just about every Jewish leader—secular and religious—said that he was crazy. But Herzl correctly predicted that a Jewish state would be a reality in 50 years.

Herzl did not originate the idea, and he did not complete the process, but he had a powerful role in making it a reality.

Now, the events of our day—Arab/Muslim terror and fanaticism, the recrudescence of virulent Western/Christian Jew-hate and the attachment of many Jews to philosophies that are alien and dangerous to the welfare of the Jewish people—are motivating me to grab another noble idea and run with it.

An idea whose time has come again

I, also, did not originate this idea. It has a history of thousands of years. I did not revive it. Several hundred thousand Jews are already implementing it. But I am promoting it in a fresh context based on requirements generated by current developments in the land of Israel.

A popular mantra among Israel's many foes and few friends (including Jews) around the world is: "The Two State Solution." It has a nice ring to it even though it is completely senseless as most people envision it. As the formulation stands today, its supporters are either ignorant of the negative impact it will have on the State of Israel, or have an agenda which does not include the welfare of Israel, or place their personal goals above all else.

Let us take a clear-eyed view of the situation in Israel and not a politically correct view bereft of any connection to history, logic or human nature. The cry of the supporters of a Two-State Solution is for an Arab state and a Jewish state in the land of Israel. Their passionate claim is that the Arabs living in the land of Israel deserve a state of their own.

How about the Kurds

The claim that all people should have a state of their own is a fallacy today, and has been a fallacy throughout history. Nobody, but nobody, is jumping up and down demanding that the world's 15 million Kurds have a state of their own. This is particularly true of the Arabs and other Muslims, who deny this right to the Kurds but are demanding this right for the 2 million Arabs living in the land of Israel.

We might also ask, where are the humanitarian supporters of a "Palestinian" state on the issue of a state of their own for the Basques, the Irish Catholics in Northern Ireland, the Corsicans, the Sardinians, the Chechens, the Flemish, the Kashmiris, the Quebecois and even for northern Italians, among others?

It is instructive to take a look at American history on the issue of whether every people deserves a state. We all know when the slaver South wanted to establish their own nation—the Confederate States of America--President Lincoln and the majority of the

American people blocked it. Lincoln recognized that with their own state as a base, the slavers would redouble their efforts to spread their “peculiar institution” into the North, as well as into the West, which they were already trying to do. He knew that this evil practice would undermine the integrity of the American Republic.

Israel needs another Abraham—an Abe Lincoln

A similar situation holds among the Arabs who live in Judea and Samaria and are the candidates for the Arab half of the Two-State Solution. In their case it is not possible to separate the sin from the sinner. They are an evil people who imbue hatred in their children and send them into the streets to be sacrificed in battle—much like the ancient Canaanite inhabitants of that land who sacrificed their children in the fires of their God, Moloch. They were driven from the land because even the ancients recognized that evil would undermine a free society.

The Arabs living in Judea and Samaria have no historical or legal connection to this land. Nor, based on their behavior, do they have moral right to establish a state of their own.

I am well aware that my description of the Arabs in Judea and Samaria will outrage many left-wingers, Jew haters and liberal Jews-- but their thinking is of the kind that finds excuses for the behavior of Arafat, Saddam, Stalin, Mao, Castro and just about every axe murderer on death row. We know the drill—there are no evildoers, they are merely the victims of society. I believe that the people who see things as they are will triumph over those who imagine things as they would like them to be—and never will be.

While most Americans, Europeans and Israelis who are clamoring for another Arab state despite the evil record of its people, undoubtedly would have opposed the establishment of the slaver Confederacy in 1861. Perhaps this indicates something perfidious about their present agenda?

How to end Arab violence

While the State of Israel controls most of Judea and Samaria at the present time, the Israeli Government does not appear to want to integrate this area into the state—which they have every historical and legal right to do. But there are over 250,000 people who live in Judea and Samaria who have a long and deep historical and religious connection to this land and could turn it into the second half of an enduring Two-State Solution.

Judea, the name of the Jewish commonwealth that was destroyed by the Romans could be an appropriate name for the new Jewish State. But I am sure that its Jewish citizens will be fully capable of selecting a name.

It may surprise critics of this idea but a Jewish state in Judea and Samaria will bring about the end of Arab violence in this area. The strategies of the Israel Defense Forces help perpetuate violent Arab behavior. For international and left-wing political reasons,

the IDF does not deliver, or want to deliver a knockout blow to the Arab terrorists but merely administers harmless pinpricks.

Without the IDF, the Jewish pioneers in Judea and Samaria will pacify the region within a month. Arab intransigents will quickly get the message that violence does not pay. Those Arabs who do not like the message will be free to settle in Gaza or any other country in the Middle East. If they do not behave in Gaza, they should be strongly encouraged to use their tunnels to immigrate to Egypt.

Critics—particularly Jews—are certain to opine: “why do we need two Jewish states?” I’ll wager that not one of these people ever asks “why do we need 21 Arab states—or more to the point 22 Arab states?”

We also need two Jewish states because it will give Jews in the land of Israel a secure feeling to know that while the two states won’t always see eye to eye (after all they are Jewish states), they won’t be sending terrorist bombers to each other’s schools, cafes and homes.

While the current Jewish population of the proposed state of Judea is over a quarter of a million, I predict that within one or two years it will double with immigration from the State of Israel, as well as from overseas Jewish communities. It already is one of the fastest growing areas of Israel. Currently it is more populous than several nations that have joined the UN.

Not an impossible dream

Obviously, the proposed state will have to overcome the problems associated with a beginning—problems of infrastructure and finance. But the combination of Jewish creativity, energy and capabilities plus the assistance of members of the worldwide Jewish community, as well as that segment of the Christian community that has an attachment to the land where our forefathers lived, will help launch this new state.

I know that my idea will be labeled as an impossible dream by some and a nightmare by others but I firmly believe, that it can become a reality just as Herzl’s dream became a reality—and, I expect, that my “dream” will be fulfilled in much, much less than 50 years.

While a number of other proposals have recently been introduced on how to realign the land of Israel to achieve peace, my Two-Jewish-State Solution is the only one that does not require the participation and pressure of sometimes friends and oft-times foes. This process puts the future of the Jewish people in its own hands.

I call for people of good will from all nations and all faiths to help establish peace in the land of Israel and carry out this noble enterprise that will help restore a people to the actual land from which they made such lofty contributions to the world.

January 30, 2007
Welcome to Palestine
By Caroline Glick

In the world of international diplomacy few issues receive more wall-to-wall support than the notion that it is essential to establish a Palestinian state. Leaders worldwide are so busy speaking of how essential it is for a State of Palestine to be founded that none of them seems to have noticed that it already exists.

This state was officially founded in the summer of 2005, when Israel removed its military forces and civilian population from the Gaza Strip and so established the first wholly independent Palestinian state in history. Israel's destruction of four Israeli communities in Northern Samaria and curtailment of its military operations in the area set the conditions for statehood in that area as well.

And so it is that as statesmen and activists worldwide loudly proclaim their commitment to establishing the sovereign State of Palestine, they miss the fact that Palestine exists. And it is a nightmare.

In the State of Palestine 88 percent of the public feels insecure. Perhaps the other 12 percent are members of the multitude of regular and irregular militias. For in the State of Palestine the ratio of police/militiamen/men-under-arms to civilians is higher than in any other country on earth.

In the State of Palestine, two-year-olds are killed and no one cares. Children are woken up in the middle of the night and murdered in front of their parents. Worshipers in mosques are gunned down by terrorists who attend competing mosques. And no one cares. No international human rights groups publish reports calling for an end to the slaughter. No UN body condemns anyone or sends a fact-finding mission to investigate the murders.

In the State of Palestine, women are stripped naked and forced to march in the streets to humiliate their husbands. Ambulances are stopped on the way to hospitals and wounded are shot in cold blood. Terrorists enter operating rooms in hospitals and unplug patients from life-support machines.

In the State of Palestine, people are kidnapped from their homes in broad daylight and in front of the television cameras. This is the case because the kidnappers themselves are cameramen. Indeed, their commanders often run television stations. And because terror commanders run television stations in the State of Palestine, it should not be surprising that they bomb the competition's television stations.

SO IT WAS that last week, terrorists from this group or that group bombed Al Arabiya television station in Gaza. And so it is that Hamas attacks Fatah radio announcers and

closes down their radio station claiming that they use their microphones to incite murder. Because indeed, they are inciting murder. What would one expect for terrorists to do when placed in charge of a radio station?

And so it is that in the State of Palestine, journalists - whether members of terror groups or not - are part of the 88 percent of their public who are afraid. Sunday they protested outside the offices of one terror faction or another that controls the Palestinian Authority.

Speaking to The Jerusalem Post, reporter Ala Masharawi explained, "No one goes outside, no one moves without thinking twice. Gaza's streets have become terrible streets, especially at night. Gaza is a ghost town."

As the Post's Khaled Abu Toameh reported last week, in the State of Palestine, Christians are persecuted, robbed and beaten in what can only be viewed as a systematic campaign to end the Christian presence in places like Bethlehem. As Samir Qumsiyeh, owner of the Beit Sahur-based private Al-Mahd (Nativity) TV station lamented, "I believe that 15 years from now there will be no Christians left in Bethlehem. Then you will need a torch to find a Christian here."

MANY GOVERNMENT ministers and commentators seek strategic meaning in the strife in the State of Palestine. Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni, for instance, goes on and on about the need to strengthen the "moderates" - that is, the Fatah terror group - over the "extremists" - that is, the Hamas terror group.

Helping her to propound this nonsense is PA Chairman and Fatah chief Mahmoud Abbas. Abbas and his men tell Westerners how pro-Western they are at the same time as they name streets and schools financed by US aid after Saddam Hussein and build sports facilities on the American taxpayers' tab in memory of terrorists who killed American soldiers in Iraq.

For the umpteenth time, on Sunday Fatah spokesmen in PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas's office blamed Iran and Syria for the escalating violence in Gaza and Judea and Samaria that has killed 29 people, including two children, in four days. "Iran and Syria are encouraging Hamas to continue fighting against Fatah," they alleged.

Damra and his partner and fellow Fatah terrorist Mahmad Ramaha, who was arrested a month ago, were working under the instruction of Hizbullah - that is, under the direction of Iran. According to the Shin Bet, Hizbullah - that is, Iran - has taken over Fatah operations in Nablus. Since Israel's withdrawal from northern Samaria in August 2005, the Shin Bet has noted that, like Gaza, the Nablus area has become a mini-Afghanistan.

So not only are Hamas terrorists operating under Iranian and Syrian direction today, Fatah terrorists are as well. Yet this doesn't stop the US and Israel from pouring guns and money into the hands of Fatah terror chiefs. They fail to recognize that what you see is what you get.

These guns are not used to encourage moderation. These guns are used against Israelis and Palestinians alike in a turf battle between terror groups over money, guns and power that will never end. And it will never end because fighting and killing for money, guns and power is what terrorists do.

FOR THE past 13 years, since the Palestinian Authority was established in 1994, the contours of the State of Palestine have taken form in front of our eyes. Starting with Yasser Arafat's abrogation of the rule of law and murderous campaign against land dealers and journalists, with each passing year and with each move to further empower the PA, the situation has only grown worse. And yet, international pressure on Israel from Arabs, Europeans and the US to surrender more territory, curtail its authority, abrogate its claims to the areas set for Palestine, and finance the Fatah terror group have only grown in intensity.

And with each passing year, as the reality of Palestine has become clearer, the Israeli leadership's will to resist this pressure is increasingly eroded.

So it is that last week Defense Minister Amir Peretz announced that he supports negotiating with Hamas. Peretz laid out his "vision" for the reinstatement of the so-called peace process with the Palestinians, and stated that, to "empower" the Palestinians, he supports extending the ban on IDF operations from Gaza to Judea and Samaria. It should go without saying that such IDF operations are aimed at preventing massacres of Israeli civilians like the one that happened in Eilat Monday morning.

LIVNI, FOR her part, has become the international champion of Fatah. Gushing to an audience of international peace processors in Davos, Switzerland, last week, Livni said, "In order to achieve peace and in order to promote a process, we must stick to this vision of a two-state solution and examine what the best steps to take are."

Of course, neither Livni nor Peretz, who insist that Israel's most urgent priority is to establish Palestine, is willing to recognize that Palestine exists already. They refuse to acknowledge what we already know: Palestine is a terror state and an economic basket case fully funded by the international community. Indeed, over the past year since Hamas won the Palestinian elections, international assistance to the Palestinians has increased dramatically.

As Ibrahim Gambari, the UN under-secretary-general for political affairs, noted last Thursday, official Western aid to the Palestinians, not including Arab and Iranian support for Hamas and Fatah, increased by 10 percent in 2006 over 2005, and stood at \$1.2 billion.

The Palestinians, who receive more aid per capita than any people on earth, are needy not because they lack funds. They are poor because they prefer poverty, violence and war to prosperity, peace and moderation. So it is that 57 percent of Palestinians support terror attacks against Israel.

The multitude of protesters worldwide who demand an end to the so-called "occupation" and the establishment of Palestine should be made aware of the fact that Palestine already exists. The hordes of political leaders mindlessly squawking about "visions" and "two-state solutions" should know: This is Palestine. Enter at your own risk.

WAL-MART; LOW COST STORES; LOW CLASS MANAGEMENT AND SO IS THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE*

A story has been making the rounds about a management shake-up at the world's largest retailer, Wal-Mart. It's about a hot-shot marketing whiz from Chrysler—Julie Roehm—who was brought in to help 'modernize the tired Wal-Mart brand.' Ten months later she was fired in storm of nasty accusations. It's part Greek drama about people plus an insight into how mighty institutions can fall. A scenario we have witnessed from the production lines in Detroit to the smokestacks of Pittsburgh, as well as in the demise of dozens of retailing giants.

The 'official,' good excuse, reasons given for her firing was that she accepted gifts and gratuities from ad agencies she was doing business with and because she carried on a personal relationship with a subordinate. The original story didn't make much sense, and after you read Roehm's side (Business Week, 2/12/07), it makes even less. The sex charge is a knee-slapper when probably half of the retailer's management is screwing their sisters and the other half their nephews. Hey, don't be shocked, it's Arkansas! As far as the gratuities issue is concerned, Wal-Mart likely would have to fire ¾ of its buyers and merchandisers if the company bothered to examine their bank statements.

Corporate culture rules

Screwing around was not really the problem, but if you try to mess with their culture, the pink slip will arrive before you can say Sam Walton. Well why the hell, with her edgy reputation in marketing communications, did they entice her to come down to Bentonville, Arkansas? For sure, Wal-Mart is in need of some spiffing-up because its profits and sales are lagging and its image isn't the best. Wal-Mart needs to reinvent itself. At least, that's what those *outsiders* say—the investors, the security analysts and the financial newscaster.

So management moved to get the outsiders off its back. What's the best way for a stolid company to do that? Hire the marketer with one of the edgiest reputations in America. Now, the outsiders believe that Wal-Mart is on the right track—the needed makeover is in the works. I'm sure that top executives that hired her painted a rosy picture of all the wonderful things they expected her to accomplish. Unfortunately for her, she believed them and the large salary and benefit package also was very persuasive.

She should have stuck to repainting her office

Roehm notes that it probably was a mistake to paint her office chartreuse with chocolate brown trim. But if that were the only change on her agenda, the good folks at Bentonville wouldn't have gotten their collective noses out of joint. Apparently Roehm stopped listening after they told her at her interview that they wanted big changes at the company.

The low-price-merchandise-oriented management wasn't interested in hearing about consumer trends or about creative ad agencies or about anything else that could upgrade Wal-Mart's image. Roehm continued merrily on her way trying to bring about needed, and publicly promised, changes, but she was fired before she could do any "damage" to the culture. The creative ad agency that she hired was fired a couple of days later. It's a common story in many, many American companies.

When disappearing into the wallpaper really hurts

Of course, it's more common for the "reformer" not to make waves and to blend in with the existing culture. Not many people are willing to risk their jobs and its benefits to stand up for what they believe is right. This is not only a factor that leads to business disasters, but it has the same effect in government. A recent example of this involves Robert Gates, the new Secretary of Defense. As a member of the Iraq Study Commission, Gates signed off on the need to politically involve Iran and Syria in helping solve the problems in Iraq. Lo and behold, as a member of the President's cabinet, he has totally dropped this idea. The President didn't like the idea and Secretary Gates is not about to defy the administration's culture on this issue. If he believed in the commission's recommendation, why did he accept his new position? What does he believe in, if anything?

Unfortunately for America, what Gates does is more important than what Roehm does.

ISRAEL CAN SOLVE ALL OF THE WORLD'S PROBLEMS #2*

Ahmadinejad would become a moderate Muslim if, only, Israel retreated to its 1967 borders; better, to its 1949 borders; even better, to the 1945 borders.

OPEC would lower the price of a barrel of oil to \$15 if, only, Israel retreated to its 1967 borders; better, to its 1949 borders; even better, to the 1945 borders.

AN ETHICS TEST

This test has only one question, but it's a very important one.

By giving an honest answer you will be able to test where you stand morally

The test features an unlikely and completely fictional situation, where you will have to make a decision one way or the other

Remember that your answer needs to be honest, yet spontaneous.

You're in the Israel, at the Jordan River to be exact. There is great chaos going on around you, caused by an unpredicted hurricane and severe floods

There are huge masses of water all about you, you are a News Photographer and you are in the middle of this great disaster.

The situation is nearly hopeless. You're trying to shoot very impressive photos.

There are houses and people floating around you, disappearing into the river as it roars through a gorge.

Nature is showing all its destructive power and is ripping everything away with it.

Suddenly you see, fighting for their lives, clinging desperately to a branch, two men in the water - trying not to be taken away by the masses of water and mud.

You move closer.

Somehow the men look familiar.

Suddenly you know who they are... our Prime Minister and our Minister of Defense - Olmert and Peretz..

At the same time you realize that the raging waters are about to take them away, forever.

You have two options and no time to lose.

You can save them or you can take the best photo of your life.

You can't do both.

So you can save the life of these two ministers...or you can shoot a prize-winning photo, a unique photo displaying the death of the two.

And here's the question (please give an honest answer).

Would you select color film, or rather go with the simplicity of classic black and white?

HELPFUL HINTS FOR FREQUENT AND OCCASIONAL FLYERS

[If you are sitting next to someone who irritates you on a plane...](#)

[1. Quietly and calmly open up your laptop case.](#)

[2. Remove your laptop.](#)

[3. Boot it.](#)

[4. Make sure the guy who won't leave you alone can see the screen.](#)

[5. Open this message.](#)

[6. Close your eyes and tilt your head up to the sky.](#)

[7. Then hit this link:](#)

<http://tinyurl.com/e8efm>

HEADLINES AND COMMENTS*

Headlines from the world's press. Comments by Diogenes

Pressing Allies, President Warns Of Afghan Battle

Get off your high horse Mr. President and use the Diogenes Afghanistan strategy. #1. Pull out all American and NATO troops. #2. Send a fleet of missile carrying drones to the area and have them patrol Afghanistan. If their cameras spot a gathering of three or more Afghans, fire a missile at them. #3. Spread Agent Orange over all of the poppy fields (except those in Flanders). #4. Tell yourself (out loud) every morning that if it hadn't been for Robert Gates, your new Secretary of Defense, and the weapons he supplied to the Afghans, there wouldn't have been a Taliban or al Qaeda training camps there, and the Russians would still be mired in Afghanistan. #5. Take that \$12 billion you want for rebuilding Afghanistan and pump it into Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security.

Israelis Are Gone, But Gaza Rebuilding Is Slow

Except for the gun-running tunnels to and from Egypt.

Bribery Investigation In (Israeli) Defense Ministry

Remember, when you had to worry about using equipment from the low bidder?

Now you also have to worry about equipment from the crooked high bidder.

Italy Indicts 26, Many From C.I.A., In '03 Abduction

That's the same country that freed an Achille Lauro hijacker and murderer.

Bush Budget Pinches Domestic Spending

That's only in the U.S., he's not stinting on domestic spending in Iraq.

A year after DreamWorks was sold to Paramount, Steven Spielberg is fighting to retain control of his company's independence. (not a headline)

Isn't this called eating your cake and having it, too?

How To Explain To Children Arabs Uprooted Trees They Planted?

Explain by example: Uproot, from the land, the towelheads that uprooted the trees.

Terrorists Tunneling Towards Israeli Civilians

Exactly how difficult would it be to collapse the tunnels with the Arabs inside them?

Baghdad Day To Day: Librarian's Journal

He screamed, "Allah Akhbar," she said, "shhh.." Then the bomb went off!!

Iraqi Premier Admits Errors In Introducing Security Plan In Baghdad

Does he plan to go into rehab for his errors?

3rd Letter Bomb In Britain In 3 Days

The Brits always were great letter writers.

Suicide bomber Dies In Airport In Pakistan

I guess you can say he cancelled his own flight.

Iranian Diplomat Kidnapped By Iraqis In Baghdad

He didn't know he was in Iraq, his GPS wasn't working.

S.E.C. Is Looking At Stock Trading

What have they been doing up to now, looking out of the window?

Trial Starts For Officer Who Refused To Go To Iraq

Is he in the American Army or the Iraqi Army?

Ashkelon Hospital Treats Wounded From Gaza Civil War

Why?

Barak To Run For Labor

Even Kerry gave up.

Abbas: We Have Raised Our Rifles Against The Occupation (not a headline)

Is that what you do with gifts from the Israelis?

Mormon Candidate Braces For Religion As Issue

All he has to do is convince the delegates that he is a sure winner—by promising he'll get all of his wives and children, as well as the millions of dead Jews that the Mormons have "converted," to vote for him.

Child Pornography On Vienna Computer Prompts Worldwide Hunt

What are they hunting for—undiscovered child stars?

Astronaut's Arrest Spurs Review Of NASA Testing

She's just a Space Cadet.

Obama Proposes Candidates Limit General Election Spending

Hussein is short on funds.

**The Mayor Of San Francisco Plans To Make It up
To His Former Campaign Manager** (TV news headline)

Since the mayor slept with the manager's wife, he's going to let the manager sleep with his brother.

Zsa Zsa's Husband: I might Be Baby's Dad

Yes sir, that's my baby.

Obama Sees New Generation Of Leadership

Go for it Hussein!

Gates Seeks Pakistani Help For NATO Offensive

Very clever; asking the arsonist to help put out the fire.

Israeli PM Ehud Olmert To Travel To Turkey On Wednesday

The turkey is going to Turkey.

Anti-Bosnian Backlash Feared In Utah

Where was the concern about the Muslim anti-Mormon frontlash?

QUOTES I LIKE

Diogenes considers them clever and/or informative,
Not that he necessarily agrees with them. Not even with his own.

In a small house God has his corner, in a big house he has to stand in the hall.

- Swedish saying

Words should be weighed, not counted.

- Yiddish saying

It's easy to make a friend. What's hard is to make a stranger.

- Anonymous

Every form of addiction is bad, no matter whether the narcotic be alcohol or morphine or idealism.

- Carl Jung

An autobiography is an obituary in serial form with the last installment missing.

- Quentin Crisp
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Everybody favors free speech in those slack moments when no axes are being ground.

- Heywood Broun

The essence of science: ask an impertinent question, and you are underway to a pertinent answer.

- Jacob Bronowski

I have my anti-Darwinian metaphor: The CEO is the fraternity brother type who is great to have a drink with. He's a survivor and maybe not all that smart, but he works his way up the ladder in the corporation. And if you're a survivor you never have somebody beneath you who's smarter than you. So eventually you work your way to CEO. You have someone a little dumber than you underneath, and eventually we'll have morons running everything...which we're getting closer to.

- Carl Icahn

I'd like to see the government get out of war altogether and leave the whole field to private industry.

- Joseph Heller, originally
- Dick Cheney, more recently

So President Katzav may be indicted for rape. That's Theodor Herzl's dream isn't it, when a Jewish president is accused of raping a Jewish woman and is arrested by Jewish police in the Jewish state?

- Yisrael Campbell

To get back on your feet, miss two car payments.

- Anonymous

If women didn't exist, all the money in the world would have no meaning.

- Aristotle Onassis

The new AT&T: the old AT&T in sheep's clothing.

- Diogenes

You can no more win a war than you can win an earthquake.

- Jeannette Rankin

The following quotes from 1924-1935 are by a Zionist leader, newspaper editor and member of the Austrian parliament who was murdered by the Germans during the Holocaust. They illustrate how some things don't change with the passage of time.

Every assimilated Jew believes he is the exception.

No Jew is so poor that Rothschild's billions are not thrown up to him.

In beautiful Spain, which once tortured her Jews and burned them to death and expelled those that survived there has broken out an extraordinary rash of love—passionate love for those few Jews who have since returned. May God guard us from the late awakened passion of love.

There are people that declare that Zionism means the Hebrew language. This is not so. One can speak Hebrew fluently and be the worst Zionist.

Where the leader's strength fails, the strength—the irresistible strength—of the whole nation must be brought to bear.

The course of events in Palestine, especially the repeated riots, has proved that the Jews are only defended when they defend themselves.

How must we conduct this fight in order not to be defeated? Only on the front of the idea of a Jewish state! Not on the front of a bi-national Palestine and not on the front of a “spiritual” Zionism.

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