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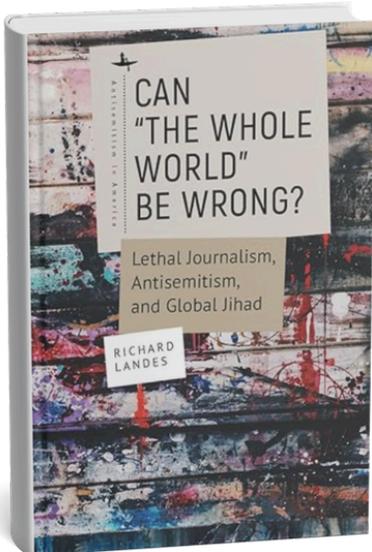
The Great Lethal Projection: Antizionism's Debt to the Protocols of the Elders of Zion

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About Dr. Richard Landes

Dr. Richard Landes was trained as a medievalist at Princeton University (MA 1979, PhD 1984). His work focused on apocalyptic beliefs and millennial movements (Heaven on Earth, 2011), initially around the year 1000 (Peace of God, 1986; Relics, Apocalypse and the Deceits of History, 1996; Apocalyptic Year 1000, 2003). He developed the concept of “demotic religiosity,” an orientation that prizes 1) equality before the law, 2) dignity of manual labor, 3) access to sacred texts for all believers, and 4) moral integrity over social honor.

But he increasingly focused on contemporary movements (Paranoid Apocalypse, 2006), especially Global Jihad, and the feckless response to its challenge, starting with the coverage of the “Al Aqsa Intifada” in late 2000. He made a series of documentaries in 2005/6 titled According to Palestinian Sources..., which document the extensive staging of footage (Pallywood), the staging of the Al Durah footage (Making of an Icon), and the impact of that fake, broadcast as “news” by Western news media (Icon of Hatred).

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Common Q&A's

What are the Protocols of the Elders of Zion and what role did they play in the Nazi genocide?

A forgery published by Tsarist secret police reporting the behind closed-door discussions at the first Zionist conference in Basel 1903. The Protocols depict the Jews plotting the enslavement of the goyim the world over, according to the Machiavellian principles. Despite being proven a forgery in court, the document gained traction after the crises of capitalism in the 1920s and 30s: the crash was part of the Jewish plan. Hitler successfully used the Protocols to accuse the Jews of his own ambitions (lethal projections), and Norman Cohn considered it the Nazi Warrant for Genocide.

What are Lethal Projections and what role do they play in Hamas' cognitive war strategy?

'Impute to our enemies exactly what we and our own party are planning to do' (aka, AiM Accusations in a Mirror). Hamas and its supporters makes it the core of its message to the world: Israel is guilty of deeds all of which reflect both the Palestinians own past deeds and what they would like to do could they (October 7). When Western "progressives" echo these projections – apartheid, imperialism, religious supremacism, genocide (all of which are alive and well in Islamic-majority countries) – they promote lethal hatreds.

Why does the legacy media take its cues from jihadis?

The Iranian Jihadi regime deliberately killed as many civilians in two days as died in two years of urban warfare in Gaza, by the standards applied to Israel, a far more heinous case of "genocide." Obviously, the jihadis do not want journalists to speak sympathetically of their victims (Iranians) nor unfavorably of them no matter what they do. Their first commandment to the media is: 'Thou shalt have no other suffering before mine.' But why would the Western "free" legacy media, as a pack, follow those instructions and downplay events in Iran, avoid comparisons, never use the word genocide. Why promote jihadi hatreds that post-war society had thought long-gone? Fear? Malice? Moral Schadenfreude? Death wish?

Key Takeaways

- ✓ The accusation of genocide against Israel is a projection of Palestinian Jihadi intent (including the secular PLO). Those infidels who adopt it, promote it, and pressure others to do so, are enabling the very genocide they claim to deplore.
- ✓ Antizionism is rooted in paranoid conspiracy theories that reveal the desires and goals of those who hate and fear the Jews for being too (all-)powerful. They say to themselves, 'If I were as powerful as they, this is what I would do.'
- ✓ Antizionism is the Trojan Horse whereby the jihadis have entered the democratic public sphere and whence they direct the Western infidel to commit cultural suicide. Right now, our antizionist-crippled leadership is just making it a slow suicide.

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