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ADDRESS THE HATE, THEN THE STATE

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There is a wise old saying attributed to Abraham Lincoln. "How many legs does a dog have if you call the tail a leg? Answer, four. Calling a tail a leg does not make it a leg."

Sometimes the simplicity of plain old rational logic is lost in our complicated world. This example of the dog can be very accurately applied to the present round of Middle East peace attempts, called the so-called "Road Map."

Let us rephrase old Abe's question. How can the Road Map bring peace between Israel and the so-called Palestinians? Answer, it cannot. Palestinians truly do not want to live in peace with Jews.

You can call the Road Map a way to bring peace, but this is like saying a tail is a leg. Simple plain logic shows it simply is not true, no matter how hard you want to believe the opposite.

The problem with the so-called Palestinians will not be solved with the creation of a Palestinian State. Such a state could have been created numerous times in the past, with Israeli leaders, ready to surrender almost everything. However, the Palestinians, as Abba Eban used to say, never miss an opportunity to miss an opportunity. Nothing has changed and nothing will change until we have the courage to address the real issue.

The real issue is that the most virulent forms of nazi like anti-semitism is still being taught daily in all Palestinian / Moslem schools. This problem has nothing to do with "land for peace." It is not limited to the Middle East. Indeed, in a recent article published in the New York Daily News, such racial hatred against Jews is taught in Islamic private schools right here in the U.S. within English language textbooks.

The problem is not one of "land for peace." The problem is one of hatred. Simply put: we must address the virile hatred of Jews swallowed whole in every corner of the Moslem world

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today. Fight the hate and kill it. Maybe when Moslems and Palestinians stop hating Jews they may accept living in peace side by side with us.

As long as the Palestinians and their Moslem brethren continue to hate the Jews, this entire planet will not be big enough to hold us both. Address the hate or we will ultimately have to face a global "shootout at the OK Corral," where only one side will come out alive. Address the hate, or WWIII is unavoidable.

For those of us who truly wish to live in a sincere peace, with all people everywhere, we must realize, accept and act upon the real problem. The problem is not one of land or statehood. Moslems worldwide are not trying to destroy America and Western Civilization because of Israel. The creation of a Palestinian State would not have prevented 9/11; not will it prevent the next horrific terror attack that we do not have a name for yet.

Old Abe already told us, a tail is not a leg regardless of what you say. The Road map will not bring peace, regardless of what you say. As sorry as it is, we Middle East watchers are ready to watch the next "season" of Middle East sitcom drama, the newest episodes in the continuing story of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Like an afternoon Soap Opera, the drama will continue, politicians will continue to talk, new secret schemes will be hatched, and Jews will continue to be murdered. On and on the story goes.

The Road Map plan is not worth the paper it is written on. More than this, I believe the politicians in Israel and around the world know this. They will nonetheless pursue the Road Map because it is the easiest path to follow.

It is easier to throw a dog a bone that to train it to behave.

It is easy to call a tail a leg, but it still does not make it so. It is easy to say the Road Map will bring peace. Time will prove that this will not be the case.

Mr. Sharon, like Ehud Barak, Shimon Peres, and Yitzhak Rabin will fail to bring peace to Israel simply because, like his predecessors, he is trying to cure a cancer with a Band-Aid.

The only way to remove a cancer is with serious intervention and surgery. The only way to remove the cancer of Palestinian / Moslem hatred of Jews and Western Civilization is with serious intervention and surgical strikes to remove its head. Strikes against Afghanistan and Iraq are a beginning, but there is a tremendous amount of work left to be done before the battle against global terrorism fired by the anger of racial / religious hatred is won.

Creating a Palestinian State now will only fire these flames of hatred and world terrorism. Do not call a tail a leg. At best, you are mistaken; at worst, you are a liar. First, address the hate, then the State.