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WHERE WILL THE INTERNATIONAL ROAD MAP TAKE US?

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The big news in Israel these days is the international "Road Map" plan for a comprehensive settlement of the problems between Israel and the so-called Palestinians.

Interesting though, no one seems to be too excited about this plan, not even the United States, United Europe, Russia or the UN is expressing any real positive spin to this Road Map. They seem to be very matter-of-fact about it and that is all.

Apparently, everyone knows that while you can impose a political solution on a geographical area, you can in no way make peace between warring peoples, and warring ideologies.

My primary concern is not that massive Arab armies will come like a tidal wave and overwhelm the tiny State of Israel and "throw all her Jews into the sea." I believe the destruction of the State of Israel will happen first internally, with the cessation of Israel being a Jewish State. Many politicians in Israel are already publicly backing a move to make Israel a State of "all her citizens" instead of being a "homeland for the Jews."

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has certainly fooled the nation not once but many times. The general opinion about him is that he is a strong "right-wing hawk," a man who will not compromise with terror or terrorists. We have seen how very untrue this is. Although Mr. Sharon has not publicly met with Yassar Arafat, he still maintains constant contact with him. The lines of communication are always open. Any expression of Mr. Sharon taking a hard line towards Arafat is merely for a domestic show, an act of entertainment for the Israeli public.

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The pot is boiling and the plot is thickening. As the Road Map marches forward, the patriotic members of Mr. Sharon's coalition, seeing the coming devastation soon to be unleashed on the Holy Land and the Holy People will resign. Clever as he is to the end, Mr. Sharon has already foreseen their future resignation and opposition.

It is only a matter of time before the Labor party marches back into Mr. Sharon's coalition. Together the fanatical left-wing Shinui party, Labor and Mr. Sharon's emasculated Likud will manipulate, twist and turn the Israel Knesset to make sure the international Road Map becomes reality just as the world powers have already ordained it to be.

At this point in time, it is all a done deal. The world body politic has already decided upon the future face of the Middle East. While it might include, at least for a short time a State of Israel, this State is not destined to remain a Jewish one. Prime Minister Sharon, Shimon Peres, and "Tommy" Lapid all know this and frankly seem not to care. Each of these Israeli politicians and those that support them have never made it a secret that they carry no love or respect for the religion of the Torah or for those who adhere to the faith.

In all due respect how can one define something as Jewish without having the Torah and Judaism as its basis? The whole reason why there is a State of Israel in a land called Israel and why there is such a thing as a Jewish people in the first place is specifically because these concepts, ideas and realities came forth from the Torah.

Remove the Torah from Israel and Israel will no longer be Israel. Indeed, Israel without Torah will become Palestine. Do not doubt that this is what the founders of the Road Map plan want. This is the shape and form of the new Holocaust. This new Holocaust will destroy all the Jews, not by killing our bodies as was done by the Nazis, but rather by killing our souls and our national identity.

Already some religious (Haredi) Rabbis in the United States are telling their congregants not to travel to Eretz Yisrael because it is too dangerous. I have heard this personally. Already the split of identity between religious Jews and the Land of Israel is beginning. The Road Map will further decay the relationship.

The aftermath of the Road Map will be a weakened State of Israel, with a continuing decaying Jewish identity, that will be a mere shadow of the Israel of the 67 war and of Entebbe. Jews in Israel will begin to seek "greener pastures" of safety and financial opportunity in Europe, the U.S. and elsewhere. These countries will welcome financially savvy Jews with open arms, knowing full well the economic advantage that they bring. As we all know, this has already been going on for years. The Road Map plan will make matters even worse, for Jews and Torah in the Holy Land.

The U.S. media has already announced that the implementation of the Road Map in Israel is in the hands of the C.I.A. This clandestine intelligence agency is world-renown to get it jobs done, not always with the "cleanest of hands." Settler groups in Israel and

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the National Religious camp in total are no match for the well funded, clandestinely placed C.I.A. agents spread throughout Israeli society.

Strange things are happening throughout Israel. The religious communities are also experiencing greater than their share of troubles, often coming from within their own ranks. After the Israeli media exposed that the Shin Bet secret service placed provocateurs into the religious community to incite the religious, one must question are there any such provocateurs among us today?

Religious fanatics of all type inundate both the Haredi camps and the National religious camps, creating all types of chaos. One has to wonder, how many of these modern day misguided zealots are truly mad, or are some of them actually just "mad as a fox."

Is it possible that we have provocateurs in our midst? Is it crazy to believe that the Israeli, American, European or Russian governments would send infiltrators into religious Jewish communities with the mission to destabilize them and to break their emotional, religious connection to the Holy Land? Is this the plot of some wild conspiracy theory or is it real?

Before Avishai Raviv, one could claim this to all be beyond possibility. Yet, after seeing how Raviv was a willing agent of the Israeli secret service the Shin Bet to infiltrate and demoralize the National Religious camp, one has to seriously wonder, who else out there can we really not trust?

Mind you, the presence of such Jewish infiltrators is nothing new in our nation's history. In the days following the destruction of the Second Temple, such infiltrators were so numerous that a special addition had to be made to the Amidah to place a curse upon them. To this very day, we recite, "AI HaMinim V'AI HaMalshinim AI Tihyeh Tikvah."

I do not want us to start worrying about who might be an infiltrator amongst us. Such suspicions are a sure way to destroy a community. Rather, we must seriously recognize the magnitude of the opposition against us. We must recognize and acknowledge that we know the world body politic cares not for religious Jews, all the more so for the religion of Judaism. They do not care if there remains a State of Israel. What they mind is whether that State is Jewish or Palestinian.

We know where world opinion lies. We know the powers that the founders of the Road Map plan will use to accomplish their goals. What can we religious Jews, who love the Land of Israel and believe in the coming of Mashiah do in the face of such overwhelming opposition? The same thing we have always done, we demonstrate, we work subtly in whatever political arenas we can, and most importantly, we pray.

Throughout history, although we suffered greatly at the hands of our numerous enemies, they ultimately fell, while we remained. This has been the one constant throughout history. We Jews survive, we always survive.

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We will survive the Road Map plan. We will survive the so-called Palestinians. We will survive all of our enemies, just like we always have in the past. G-d will see to this. He promised to redeem us from all of our enemies. This promise is recorded in the same Torah that promised us the Land in the first place.

Try as the nations of the world will, this new international Road Map plan will utterly fail. How? No one can tell for sure, but it is destined to "go down in flames." As for we religious Jews faithful to our covenant, our G-d, and our land, our enemies wish for us to also go up in flames. Yet, our enemies have never realized that we Jews are like the legendary bird the Phoenix (referred to in Job 29:18). Although we may go up in flames, we are always reborn out of their ashes; fresh, new, bright, and strong.

As it was in the past, so will it be again. Am Yisrael Hai. Ohd Avinu Hai.

Happy Yom HaAtzma'ut (Israel Independence Day)