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Early Foundations:

Our Alliance was originally established in England in 1925. During the Nazi era, some of our European affiliates were decimated. The remaining groups worked together to fund the escape of many fellow Jews.

This life saving work was officially recognized by Great Britain. Our earliest leaders were honored i.e. Sir Lawrence Levinson was knighted by royal decree and Harcourt Samuel was given the "Order of the British Empire" (OBE).

In 1976, the IMJA, in conjunction with two other founding charities established the Ebenezer Home in Haifa, Israel. This institution continues today and the IMJA annually helps fund its operation. It is home to 30 individuals, without regard to original nationality, race or religion. Food, clothing, medical care and transportation are provided. About a hundred people can be seen at some of its social events and there is always a waiting list to become a resident.

...if you do not believe that I am the one I claim to be, you will indeed die in your sins (John 8:24).

I am the way, the truth and the life. No mans comes to the Father, but through me (John 14:12).

Muslims believe Yeshua to have been a reliable prophet and not a deranged lunatic. Within their own system of thought, we can reasonably ask if a prophet would lie about who he is.

The destiny of the Middle East has been foretold. Does this mean we should write off all Islamists who are among the lost? If we want to be on the side of Israel, wouldn't a fifth column of Islamic converts really be helpful?

We can mistakenly think these views are contrived philosophical systems. They are actually the product of negative spiritual forces which hold people in bondage. Our Messiah freed us. What a privilege for us, if we can be instrumental in freeing others.

In Him,

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ISLAMIC DELUSION

Dear Fellow Workers,

Some people in Western societies and cultures seem to be content with a moral relativism, which implies that all philosophies are a matter of opinion. It is argued by some that one man's truth is another man's error. Acceptance of this idea now passes for "tolerance."

As Bible believers, we do not agree that every path will lead to eternal bliss. When we insist that the Holy Scriptures represent God's ideas, we are frequently described as arrogant for being so opinionated. It seems our planet is drowning in a sea of non-Biblical ideas, of which there are many. But none is more dangerous than the Koran.

ISLAM

Europe is emerging as a powerful force of 25 nations. With 455 million citizens, it is a trade giant and the third largest population on our planet. Now, the former Holy Roman Empire is losing its Judeo-Christian roots.

The native populations of the European Union (EU) are declining and aging. The entire continent is finding it difficult to support its elaborate social programs. This moral self-centeredness has embraced abortion and other forms of birth control to such an extent that it is now lacking sufficient laborers to support the economy.

Recently, there has been large migration of Moslems. Overall, European Islamic populations are approaching 6%. However, the former colonial countries of France and England have increased to an ever greater extent. The French now have an estimated 15% Islamic population. The British have now allowed Sharia Law to have their own legal system backed by the legitimacy of government enforcement.

What We Do

Israel Support:

- Home for the elderly
- Humanitarian aid of goods from local warehouses
- Unwed mothers and widows
- Civil Rights Defense for Messianic Jews in Israel
- Jerusalem Headquarters utilized by Ethiopian Jewish Believers

Among the nations:

- Fostering the growth of New Testament Messianic Congregations (now numbering 750, including 120 in Israel).
- Small Ministries—Poor Countries: In many countries fund raising is not a practical possibility, especially for Jewish work. These works are volunteer efforts where even small amounts go a long way. It is our fervent wish to do what we can to facilitate Jews and Gentiles worshipping our Lord together.

Witness:

- Jewish outreach and evangelism
- New Testament Jewish roots
- Jews & Gentiles in joint worship

National Alliances

- Argentina
- Australia
- Brazil
- Canada
- Colombia
- France
- Germany
- Great Britain
- Holland
- Israel
- Mexico
- New Zealand
- Russia
- South Africa
- Switzerland
- Ukraine
- United States
- Uruguay

Italy's population (58 million) is aging at an alarming rate and is an example of Europe's overall problem. The non-elderly, from birth to age 64, will decline by over 40% during the next 40 years. By that time, it will take 1.4 people to support each person over age 65. (For further information, contact the United Nations Secretariat in New York City.)

The entry of Turkey to the EU means 71 million more Moslems will add to the cultural decline. What politician would be willing to jeopardize his future against such a tide?

This is not the first time Europe is in danger of being overrun by Islamists. It happened during the 8th Century, when the Moors had conquered Syria, Egypt and all of Spain. They were stopped only by the French General Charles Martel at the Battle of Tours in 732 A.D. Christianity was narrowly saved. European religious backing stopped the onslaught. No such resistance operates today.

The Koran is especially intolerant of examining alternate ideas, and carries a variety of coercive penalties for disobedience. Even the word Islam means "submission."

Many comfort themselves by rationalizing that of the 1.2 billion followers of the Koran, only 10% are fundamentalist. That's an astounding 120 million people. Their book says those who do not agree with their doctrine are infidels, worthy of death. Internal sanctions within this religion forbid any questioning of the Koran and its precepts.

ANTIDOTE OF TRUTH

Western societies are trying to devise ways of dealing with terrorism. Can we spend enough money and adopt sufficient safeguards to ensure security?

Probably not. It is impossible to detect and control every person's motives and behavior.

So far, the governments of the Western world have tried to cope with the Islamic plague through political solutions. We who have a spiritual orientation can readily see that the problem is that of a religious war coming to an eventual climax.

Jews and Christians have historically been willing to seek proselytes and send missionaries to win adherents. Still, we have yet to confront Moslem believers with arguments as to why their ideas are faulty. We rarely argue our case with them.

We applaud those who overtly seek souls to be won among atheists, agnostics, or congregational attendees who do not profess any faith. But how many of us try to debate the Bible versus the Koran?

Sometimes when traveling overseas, there are long waits in-between flights. This presents opportunities to strike up religious conversations with Moslems, who can often be identified by their attire. I have found them unable to explain even the basic tenets of their faith. I ask them if their holy book contains fulfilled prophecy, as an evidence of its validity. They claim the Bible has been distorted, but cannot tell me when, where or how. I inquire if they chose their beliefs or is this just family loyalty?

OUR WINNING ARGUMENT

In my Bible, I now carry a list of Scriptures for evangelism. To Jewish people, I start with Old Testament prophecy. To Gentiles, and especially to the devout of other faiths, I read Biblical verses rather than talk about them. Isaiah 55:11 says, *so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.*

Perhaps, you would consider keeping them as a reference in your Bible. Yeshua said:

I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again (John 3:3).

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life (John 3:16).

Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him (John 3:36).

I tell you the truth; whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned... (John 5:24).

Foreign Translations

The Fig Tree Blossoms is a primary book about our Movement translated into Hebrew, Russian and now Spanish. It is a 30 year old classic and explains why accepting a Jewish Messiah, foretold by Jewish Prophets in a Jewish Land is a very Jewish thing to do. Distributions of the Holy Scriptures are available in 17 languages:

- Yiddish
- English
- Armenian
- Bulgarian
- German
- Greek
- Hungarian
- Italian
- Portuguese
- Romanian
- Russian
- Spanish
- Swedish
- Hebrew
- Ukranian

