***THE TWO ASPECTS OF THE ISRAEL-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT***

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**Two groups of humanity, in a lasting conflict which causes the break of the two fundamental laws of humanity; The sacredness of life and the dignity of life. What are the historical facts of this conflict and how do both sides see it.**

 **Historical background**

**Until 1919, The Ottoman empire ruled all the area, since 1516. Many Arab sheiks, especially from the Arabi Saudi peninsula, helped the British forces against the Ottoman empire. During the war. During the two years that followed the end of the war in 1918-1919 – and in accordance with the** [**Sykes-Picot Agreement**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sykes-Picot_Agreement) **that vast territory was divided into British –French influence and Mandate; the French in Syria and Lebanon, the British in Jordan and Israel of today. The British gave the Hashemite family who helped them the territory of nowadays Jordan. The Gaza Strip was under Egyptian rule.**

**When the U.S. Joined the British in 1917, President Woodrow Wilson declared self determination as the basic principle after world war 1.**

**Syria got its independence in April 1946. Lebanon and Jordan got their liberty from the British and French Mandates during the 1945-7 years. The U.N resolution of dividing the state into two entities between Israelis and Palestinians occurred in 1947. Israel recognized then the Palestinian state and agreed to the Partition U.N. resolution**

**Ancient Historical background**

**The Holy land area is an historical place of everlasting immigration, because of its Religious significance and also because if its geographical importance as a linking country between Africa and Asia. It is an arrid area, of some rivers but always waiting for rain.**

**1.When the Romans transferred the Israelite population after 70 AC. They could not transfer the whole nation, so pockets of population of thousands of people still remained,in Yabne, the new spiritual center, by agreement between Titus and Rabbi Yochanan Ben Zakai, in Safed, Tiberia, Zippory,Acre, Nablus,Ashkelon, Jaffa and Jericho Beer Sheba, and after the transfer They came back to Jerusalem..**

**2. In the 4th century exists in the Holy Land since the 4th century. Constantin Ceasar and the 325 Nicea gathering of Christian Bishops of that time, decreed that Christianity will dominate in the Roman Empire all Roman soldiers will receive the Christian Religion, therefore Christianity reigned officially in this area since the fourth century Except for Jesus and the Apostles time.**

**3. In the 7th century, there was the Moslem wars and long time reign in most of the middle East area. Then the Chalifats started to appear , in total domination or in conflicts.**

**4. In the 10th,11th century – the Christian crusades, during which the Hebrew population helped the Moslems against the crusaders, for example in Acre.**

**5. In the 15th century, 1492 – the exile of Jews from Spain and Portugal some arrived with Donna Grazia, a very rich lady who was rescued by the Sultan from Venice, in exchange for her ships, to Tiberia. Donna Grazia and followers founded some villages around Tiberia.**

**6. In 1516, there was the Ottoman Turkish Conquest of the area. The Turkish Rule lasted until 1919.**

**7. In the 17th century – a massive immigration of religious Jews to the Mystical center in Safed. Rabbi Luria and his pupil Haim vitali were the ones who made the Kabala(reception) mystical books open for everybody.**

**8. During all this period – before Ottoman Rule and also during with more difficulties, constant immigration of Christian religious people Who built monasteries and churches, from many Christian countries.**

**9. During the last centuries, Beduin Nomad tribes pass from Saudia,through the Sinai desert, Through Today's Jordan, the Holy land , Today's Syria and Lebanon and settle here and there. Most of Palestinians came from all the Middle East countries , Saudia, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, even Asian Moslem countries and settled. There were There are Palestinians who lived there for some generations, and there are others who immigrated to Palestine, especially at the end of the Ottoman Empire.**

**10. In the 19th century- the first wave of Jewish immigration from Eastern Europe, after the Pogroms. They settled and started cultivating the earth, Marsh earth and with the help of Jewish Bankers in Europe, bought Marsh land and Turkish owners' land who sold it.**

**11. 1839, 1840 – the massacre of the entire Jewish community in Nablus, and before that mobs attacked in Jerusalem. But in the following years, waves of Jewish Immigration from Europe , like Christian monks who kept coming, and like Palestinians who arrived from Saudi Arabia. Most settled in Jordan and received Jordanian citizenship – the only country in the Middle East.**

**12. After the Holocaust constant immigration of Jews .. In the meantime also Beduin tribes continue to wander in the area.**

**Palestinians**

**At first, Palestinians did not have one national entity. A large part saw themselves as Syrians, in the concept of Large Syria which wanted to include also the Galilee and Lebanon, to the sea. Others wanted to be independent – family tribes lived in villages, Gaza was under Egyptian rule and there were more affiliated to the Jordan kingdom. Palestinians and neighboring Arab countries did not agree to recognize Israel, and 5 Arab states attacked Israel in 1948, many Palestinians joined their armies, believing they would come back with the conquering armies.**

**Those Palestinians who remained are Israeli citizens, with a representation of 4 Arab parties in the Israeli Parliament.**

**The reason for the strong opposition to Israel was two-fold; Palestinians were afraid and suspicious (not all, seeing the energy of Israelis) . 2. The main stream of thought underlying this strong opposition was that Israel was perceived as another crusaders kingdom. The Middle East belongs to Moslems!! No foreign entity would be received.**

**Refugees**

**Israel**

**After the 1948 war about 950.000 palestinians (according to U.N. documents) fled to neighboring Arab countries, about the same number of Jewish refugees came to Israel, as mobs who were shocked by the results of the war attacked them and Jews were fleeing for their life..Israel was interested in those refugees and gave them immediate citizenship. Refugees came from Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Jordan and on later dates from all Magreb countries and Yemen. They were helped to escape by the Jewish Sochnut. The intellectual and rich people fled to France, mainly. Others came to Israel and had a hard time as there was no infrastructure for professional capabilities. Still the Governments invented work initiatives and helped them. Nowadays the second generation of refugees have positions in the highest places and are 47% of the population. People of different ethnic groups were intermarried.**

**On the 5th of July, 2000, President Clinton invited Yasser Arafaat and The Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak, for the continuation of peace talks at Camp David. Barak offered to form a** [**Palestinian State**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palestinian_State) **, including the Gaza Strip and the West Bank with a connecting road, which would expand in the coming years to a maximum of 94% of the West Bank. He offered to return large parts of eastern Jerusalem as the Capital of Palestinians and custodianship of the Moslem Holy places, As a result, Israel would have withdrawn from 63** [**settlements**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Israeli_settlement)**, but holding some security clusters, especially in the Entrance from Jordan. Barak also offered 30 milliard dollars as indemnities to Palestinian refugees. One of the main obstacles in this negociations was Arafaat's Insistence that 4-5 millions of Palestinian refugees would return to Israel (Which would undermine Israel's population, therefore Israel refused. Israel was ready to accept only 100.000, and the rest to receive civil rights in their places or partly settle in the west bank.) There were other items of disagreement too. The Saudi Prince Bandar who was one of the main drives to negociate, called Arafaat's behavior – "a crime against Palestinians"**

**An independent poll conducted in 2003 with the Palestinian populations of Gaza, West Bank, Jordan and Lebanon showed that the majority (54%) would accept a financial compensation and a place to live in West Bank/Gaza in place of returning to the exact place in modern-day Israel where they or their ancestors lived (this possibility of settlement is contemplated in the U.N. Resolution 194).**

**PALESTINIANS**

**Those Palestinians who fled into the neighbouring Arab countries, did not receive citizen's rights for 64 years, up to now. The reason for that was two-fold; The host countries were not interested in them, although the million were divided between 5-6 countries. Afterwards, more came. Many Palestinian refugees were not interested, as thus they would lose the U.N. monetary help for refugees. Those who could manage got out of the camps, but the rest remained in bad conditions refugee camps. The Religious leaders, the national leaders and the Host countries developed and increased the Saga of " the right to return" which remained a basic element in Palestinian policy. The host countries helped Palestinians with armament, but not with civil rights and taking care of their needs. The only country that gave them citizen's rights was Jordan.**

**However, the continuous bad conditions of Palestinians in those camps, The density of population in the Gaza Strip and especially cultural codes. One of the basic cultural codes of Islam is HONOR. Defeat, any kind of defeat is shame, and should be avenged. The refugee camps were Ideal places for Moslem religious authorities, Extreme nationalistic leaders and Hosting countries authorities- to brainwash youngsters into terror, especially when youngsters were promised benefits in the next world in Paradise. Educating children to be a SHAHID (saint who sacrifices himself) started and starts today in Kindergardens in the Hamas Governed Gaza Strip. In the West Bank school books do not include Israel in the Area.**

**The attitude of Palestinians towards Jews was also problematic. Judaism was already well established in Medina two centuries before Muhammad's birth. The Jews did not rule , but were under the protection of two large Arab tribes the Khazraj and the Aws Allah. Muhammad arrived in Medina in 622 believing the Jewish tribes would welcome him. However his relations with several of the Jewish tribes in Medina were antagonistic. At first Mohammad wanted to make a pact with all the clans, including the Jews, but the insistence on other clans to convert to Islam caused great resentment, also among non Jewish clans which the Jews were helping. Therefore the Moslem world saw the Jews as traitors to Mohammad. On the other hand The Jewish holy scriptures were accepted by Mohammad; " *We sent down the Torah, in which there is guidance and light, by which the Prophets who surrendered to God's will provided judgments for the Jewish peoplel* …. Whoever does not *judge by what God has sent down, they are indeed unbelievers. (Koran - 5:44)***

**Nowadays Palestinians were a rural society. They were used to spaces, to cultivating the land ( once for the Turks ) and having mostly fruit plantations. It was a tribal and family society – where extended families, sons, brothers etc. live in the same house (even in Israel today). It was difficult for them to live in narrow spaces, and also difficult to adjust to Modern High-story buildings. Their dream was to return to their once treasured homes, ignoring all the changes around them.**

**Terror and wars**

**All this vicious circle of the Palestinian – Israeli conflict was caused by non-stop terror and Army retaliations on small and larger scales.**

**Israelis**

**The Patish village in the south of the country was attacked by Fedayeen from the Gaza strip in 1950. Half of the wedding guests, including the bridegroom's family, were butchered. Ever-since Israelis did not have a moment of peace.**

**Even before the declaration of the state - In 1921, Haj Amin al-Husseini was appointed by the British to be the Mufti of Jerusalem. He turned to be Anti-British and anti-Jewish, the mufti was the important nationalist figure among Muslims. The mufti engineered the bloody riots against Jewish settlement in** [**1929**](http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/History/riots29.html) **and** [**1936**](http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/History/riots36.html)**. In 1929 the whole Jewish Nablus community was massacred.**

**In 1941,** [**Haj Amin al-Husseini**](http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/biography/mufti.html) **met with** [**Adolf Hitler**](http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/Holocaust/hitler.html)**,** [**Heinrich Himmler**](http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/Holocaust/himmler.html)**,** [**Joachim Von Ribbentro**](http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/biography/Ribbentrop.html)**p and other Nazi leaders. He wanted to persuade them to extend the Nazis’ anti-Jewish program to the Arab world. Many after war German Nazis scientist s found refuge in Arab countries.**

**THE 1967 OCCUPATION OF THE PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES WAS CAUSED BY THE ENDLESS TERROR FROM THESE AREAS. Israel, who had a lot of difficulties – social and financial at its beginnings, did not want to annex anything – it had enough problems of its own. The occupation, as well as the wars, were a result of an impossible situation of endless terror. The Palestinian West Bank, which was former Jordan goes deep inside Israel until 22 KM from the sea. There were hundreds of suicide bombers from the West Bank and Gaza during the 64 years who killed civilian population in Buses and streets. Terrible crimes were committed, including Children brains smashed on the wall in the Haran family in Naharia, holding girls in a school as hostages, beheading a captured soldier and sending the video to his family, the butchering of the stripped and bound with ropes 42 Israeli prisoners in Syria, and many more. All this lasted Until the Wall was built round the West Bank, which caused dismay to Palestinians as well as Israelis who fear the Getto Idea. The Wall reduced suicide bombers by 70 %. Israel conducts everlasting searches after armament in the West bank and maintains everywhere checkpoints, as many even ambulances carried explosives.**

**The Lebanon wars were also caused by terror. Arafaat and his gangs fled to Lebanon after the 1967 occupation, and continued his guerilla war from there. Long After his death the Hizballa became a threat, especially when they bombarded for 3 years the northern cities, by missiles sent by Iran. Sharon, Israel"s general and afterwards prime Minister, wanted to eradicate these organizations. In the first Lebanon War Sharon made an error, relying on the Falangas' Christian armed movement, - they went too far.**

**Israel has abandoned the Gaza Strip 7 years ago. They Unilaterally left Gaza' taking out all settlements. Gaza was a free territory, able to reconstruct itself with the many offers for Investment by European countries. Israel left all the industrial agricultural infrastructure for the Use of Palestinians.**

**Palestinians in the Gaza strip chose, after elections, the Hamas Shia movement, strongly – religiously and ideologically, connected with Iran. Instead of caring for the rehabilitation of the people, Iran sent armament through the sea and Sinai desert, by Beduins, through tunnels which were dug under the whole city infrastructure. The Hamas augmented the rate of Missiles sent to Israel, aimed at civil population. It was a non-stop bombardment through missiles, Israel responded by closing the armament shipments through a siege on Gaza, Sea and Land, although it allowed food and merchandize to pass to Gaza, provided they are checked for weapons.Until now Israel provides water and electricity to Gaza, inspite of the Hamas behavior. The War against Gaza was also caused by the everlasting missiles through the Tunnels , and kidnappings. In the last two years the Hamas sent long range missiles. Before that, the Lebanon Hizballa movement, who is also Shia, got armament and missiles from Iran through Syria, entering the country under the nose of U.N. soldiers. Nowadays Israel probably bombarded a very dangerous load of anti aircraft missiles which were sent from Syria to the Hizballa organization. The fear of Israel is that the Hizballa gets Chemical weapons after the regime in Syria shows signs of collapse. Israel is angry because nobody pays real attention and does anything to help the people butchered in Syria, but Israel is always to blame.**

**Seeing the Arab Spring around in Arab countries, Israel –on one hand- has some hope that more democratic values will be installed in governments around it. However, noticing that Extreme religious regimes come instead the older dictatorships, either military or tribal, Israel is on its toes because such regimes are a danger to its existence. The current visit of Achmedinajad to Moursi in Cairo is alarming.**

**Palestinians**

**Palestinians never abandon the Idea of overtaking Israel, either by Terror or Diplomatic means. In their conversations with the local Media they always point out that they will return to Jaffa and Acre and all cities in Israel. There is a great difference between the Gaza strip inhabitants and the Palestinians in the West Bank, which have even millionaires in their society and a much more developed Middle-class infrastructure. Fatach, in the west bank, and Hamas in the Gaza Strip are divided, even fought against each other, but now and then – also by the intervention of the Arab League, they try to reconcile. Abu Mazen tries to reach his goal through Diplomatic means, and has arrived to a partly recognition of a Palestinian state in the U.N. However, in the Past negociations with Israeli officials he never wanted to commit himself. Palestinians in the West Bank do not care so much for their brothers in the Gaza Strip, except for the Last war, in which they were roused. In the West Bank there are a lot of Hamas people and Hamas followers. They were hilarious when the Long range Missiles from the Gaza Strip reached Tel Aviv suburbs and Jerusalem.**

**Palestinians life is no life with the everlasting search for armament by soldiers. The checkpoints disturb their life, having to stand and wait for the searches. Sometimes tragedies occur if they have to wait too long.**

**Palestinians in the West Bank have a good University and Intelligentzia that have finished University in a variety of subjects. However they can not find work in the West Bank as the Socio-economic infrastructure is not yet mature, and is at the stage of developing. A lot of Palestinians work in Israel with permit, mostly in Construction or in Agriculture, but after closing the gates and leaving one gate only, for the fear of Hamas infiltrators from the west bank, Palestinian workers who have this single job in Israel have to wait for hours in order to enter. After the Oslo agreements there was a good will atmosphere from all sides, Palestinians studied Hebrew and Israeli studied Arabic, but the leaders did not want to commit themselves to anything. Before the latest development a lot of Palestinians worked in Israel and were able to feed their families. However there was only one Trade Union , among seven Palestinian trade unions, who really took care of the people, and it was the Communist trade union many years ago. All the others neglected the workers. Palestinians have a great resentment towards the settlements ( see further on). There are constant talks about a new Intifada.**

**The Gaza strip people live in a very dense surrounding. The youth there feel caught especially since the siege. Every now and then another terror and missile group rises, who wants to show Heroism- there are also other organizations in Gaza. The HaMAS either excites these organizations sending them to act, or sometimes has difficulties in restraining them. The Merchants resent the sole domination of the Hamas who provides the daily goods, which they receive through the tunnels and take extra money for them, they prefer the Israeli merchandise which flows through the gates, but the Hamas poses a lot of limitations in this respect. The Hamas keeps its armament and missiles in the tunnels but sometimes even in schools and mosques. Israel has developed a specific targeting of military chiefs from airplanes, but sometimes there are also civil casualties because of the density of people. People are desperate as since the missile story they have no work, as the Hamas authorities do not care enough for the socio-economic infrastructure. Its main concern is the military actions against Israel, forming new military groups and adapting the educational system towards this goal.**

**In one sense the Palestinian almost won the war and that is PROPAGANDA. Arab Oil countries invest a lot in Propaganda throughout Europe, the states and even the far East. The Palestinian problem became a main topic in the U.N. where there is a special committee for Palestinian issues. The UN has been working on the** [**question of Palestine**](http://unispal.un.org/unispal.nsf/home.htm) **since the first special session of the General Assembly in April 1947 and has established the COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, and Israel is furious that the U.N pays less attention to atrocities committed in other countries, in like Africa and Syriaand other countries, but brings up every year the same issues ignoring Israel's plight. Israel neither has the means or neglects this side of the story. Throughout Europe and the U.S. in Universities a lot of Arab propaganda and materials are spread – from this aspect Palestinians have won to raise world attention to their situation, until Abu Mazen was successful in creating a status for Palestinians in the U.N**

**Israel called the attention of western states about the threats of the Irani leaders to annihilate Israel, and in General – by its efforts to create an Atom Bomb, which might also be transferred to terror groups around the world. The negociations and sanctions, according to Israel, are not enough. Nowadays, when north Korea tries her own Atom Bombs (and also transfers a lot of knowledge to Iran) the West, and Japan and other neighboring countries, start realizing the threat..**

**Water Problems**

**The Middle East is an arid area. Everything is dependent on rain, even lakes, rivers and reservoirs. Syria has a very big problem of lack of water in the middle and south of the country. . The longest and most important river is the Euphrates, which represents more than 80 percent of Syria's water resources. Its main left-bank tributaries, the Balikh and the Khabur, are small perennial rivers that both rise in the Syro-Turkish side. Turkey is using a lot of the Euphrates waters.**

**This is why Syria has always tried to control the Lake of Galilee, which provides water to Israel and Jordan and probably to Palestinians in the future. The lake of Galilee is the only big source of water to these populations, which by means of reservoirs and pipes bring water to the desert, and through an Israeli invention of underground drop method, allows to grow even vegetables for export.**

**The 1967 war with Syria is called "The war for water". Afterwards Syria has tried to deviate the Yarmouch, one of the main water sources of the Jordan and lake of Galilee, for its own ends. Syria wants to get back the Golan for the purpose of being again at the side of the Lake of Galilee, which By international law gives the right to states on a river bank or lake to use its waters.**

**Settlements**

**Israeli**

**Settlements are the most critical issue which angers Palestinians and a lot of Israeli citizens. The settlement policy has two aspects;**

**Israelis have a right wing government together with religious factors. The current government has enlarged the settlement policy because of the reason that The west Bank goes so deep into Israel, and there are a lot of Hamas followers within the west bank population. On the Israeli side there is a nationalistic religious sector, who inhabit not all settlements, but create two factions of the "Hill youth" and the Tag Mechir extreme religious youngsters. The hill youth clashes with the Army – by building new barracks on empty hills, and the Army has all the time to evacuate them by Supreme court of law's order. The hill youth hit and curse Army soldiers that really protect their life, and the Army soldiers do not like them. The Tag Mechir extreme youngsters draw on Moslem places. Sometimes the feud becomes bloody, by Palestinians throwing stones and shooting passing by cars of the settlers thus hurting and killing them, and the terrible butchering of a quiet settlers family including the baby.. children, mother and babies.**

**On the Israeli side, Baruch Goldstein, who died, killed Moslems claiming an attack on a Jewish family. There are clashes between settlers and Palestinians. It is clear that such a policy has its harsh consequences.**

 **Regarding Israel , the settlement policy has two problematic aspects;**

**If Israel agrees to a Two states solution- nobody can vouch that a religious Moslem regime would not rise there, and therefore a terrible danger of missiles within Israel. If a Palestinian state is established, for Israel there would be no means of real control there and supervision on Armament delivery or another Army joining Palestinians. There was such a danger when Sadam Hussein was in Power.**

**If Israel wants one state solution (some Palestinians talk about it too). There is a danger that in one passing generation the Moslem families' birth rate ( similar to the Jewish religious one) will overpass the Jewish population, and as a democratic country Islam would raise into Power.**

**The settlements problem creates a break in Israeli Social consciousness. A lot of Israelis think that some Settlements are necessary for security reasons, but the rest are redundant and harmful to the Morality codes of the Population.**

**Palestinians**

**The settlement policy confirms Palestinians worst fears of Israel's expansion and the stealing of their lans. The haughty manner of some settlements people humiliate them. The Nablus settlers answer violence with fierce behavior. There was a law issued by Palestinian authorities, that every Palestinian who would sell his land to Jews would be considered a traitor.**

**Palestinians try to form counter settlements lately, but are prevented by the Army. A lot of left wing Israelis join them. Palestinians apply to the Israeli High Court of Justice, that ruled in their favor many times, and ordered the dismantling of Israeli Hill youth Settlements. The Army carries out the High Court dictates. However the settlement problem is a real Moral problem to Israelis too, and there are a lot who contradict the right wing government policies.**

**ON THE OTHER HAND Palestinians regard Haifa and Tel Aviv as their own territory, to be returned to. So this conflict remains unsolved. *The Palestinians do not realize that each violent act on their part gives new justification to the right wing government, and makes it reelected again and again.***

**The Palestinian- Israeli Conflict – Is it possible to find solutions???**

**There are several main obstacles on each side which prevents the reaching of a proper solution.**

**In Israel it is f e a r – The two thousand years of suffering , culminating in the holocaust have made even descendents of the Holocaust victims afraid for their life in the only home they have. This fear of extinction has its justification in the Threats of Extreme Islamic elements. Israelis will never give up the defense aspect and valid insurance for defense, by security spots etc.. In Israel too there are severe socio-economic problems because of the defense budgets and also because of a right wing government economic policy.**

**On the Palestinian side it is frustration, poverty, honor and vengeance. In spite of the multitude of Islamic states, Palestinians were terribly neglected in Arab states, and after two generations of brainwash Palestinians will not give up the "right of return" and the dream of the entire area.**

**On both sides the ones who are most to blame are the Religious extreme leaders and sects. The religious leaders and Nationlistic leaders as well as terror leaders. The Islamic world has not adapted yet democratic values, although the "spring" uprising in the Arab world starts showing the desire for more just regimes. Israel is a real and valued democracy, still by coalition considerations the religious world which is a minority in Israel, can help any coalition to survive, therefore they got more influence in politics. This time there are other parties that gained more parliament members, like "Yesh Atid – there is a future – who call for an even burden on all, as yeshiva religious boys do not serve in the Army and the general population is tired of feeing them without equal rights and equal duties.**

 **However, the religious authorities in each society form a theocratic , hierarchical form of governing forces, far from values of democracy. In Israel they are about 15%of the population, and about 15% more are religious but modern and all of them are literate. There is no illiteracy in Israel.Still, in the last 15 years people start having difficult economic problems especially the middle class and the weaker strata of society. In Arab and Moslem countries there are countries like Iran, dominated by extreme religious dictatorships, which is sometimes more dangerous than a simple dictatorship, as bad as it is. The people do not interest such regims, only total power and Glory of their religion.**

**Arab countries have been dominated by minorities or dictatorships supported by the army. There are also rulers that try to do well for their people, like the Jordanian king and some in the Magreb countries. In these countries there are millions suffering from poverty and lack of socio-economic infrastructure, which also should create employment. Therefore there are very large sections of society dominated by religious rulers and religious hierarchical thought. Therefore it is very easy to excite them by proper propaganda.**

**Religion , on both sides, looks at the glory of the past, sanctifies heroes and fathers and holy places.. Religion, with all its moral values is a setback in the efforts for finding a solution.**

**Maybe another aspect for the future.. which I really think is worthwhile thinking about , but can only be adapted in the far future….**

**Every nation in the world passes through generations a certain sort of transformation, depending on the degree of historical facts and brainwash by authorities in that period.**

**There are countries who arrived to a certain degree of Maturity. For example the European countries, which have been fighting amongst each other for generations, have come to the arrangement ( not always perfect and with a lot of national economical problems) of the EUROPEAN UNION.**

 **THE UNITED STATES, has the equilibrium between the FEDERAL GOVERNMENT and the governing bodies of the states, which have somewhat more freedom in their choices. Canada has also its own democratic and also social aware regime, both together and separate into zones. The North European countries have a long tradition of social values, which sometimes collides with the reality of economic problems, but the truth is that caring for people is a duty observed in a third of the world governments, with ups and downs. The rest of the world suffers from terrible poverty, and lack of socio-economic infrastructures, and governed by people who crave for power and simply not knowing how to deal with poverty.**

 **WHEN PEOPLE IN OUR AREA GROW UP AND BECOME MORE MATURE ( WHICH WILL TAKE SOME GENRATIONS, NOT IN THE CURRENT SITUATION IN WHICH WORLD TERROR IS RAISING ITS UGLY HEAD) I WOULD THINK THAT BECAUSE WE AND PALESTINIANS LIVE ONE WITHIN THE OTHER AND USE THE SAME POOR WATER SOURCES, THAT SOME SORT OF CONFEDERATION BETWEEN FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES WOULD ARISE. *Each free, but with an upper court of justice, to deviate the conflict from the hands of terror and military response, with a common water authority and with a court for work issues, as each one will work at the other's and in the surrounding countries. With an advisory committee for Religious and ethnic aspects, made of religious leaders, but only on an advisory basis.***

***HOWEVER THIS IS A FAR AWAY DREAM AND NEEDS MATURITY, AND GENERATIONS OF EDUCATING PEOPLE ABOUT THE SACREDNESS OF LIFE AND DIGNITY OF LIFE.***

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