

Letters from Palestine

2013-05-06 - Please seek the truth, because Israel is not attacking Syria or Palestine out of "self defense"

Dear Friends,

Does everyone agree with me that the decimation of Native American tribes was immoral? Does anyone think it was fair to take Africans from their homeland, sell them to slave owners, and whip them when they tried to escape? Does anyone still believe Bush's disgusting lie about WMD's which "justified" the US war in Iraq? Was it right or wrong for the Dutch to colonize South Africa and rule by apartheid there? But, at the time of the colonizing of the US, the enslaving of African Americans, the apartheid in South Africa, and the beginning of the Iraq war, did the ruling class and their followers justify their actions of aggression with a "self defense" argument? This pattern is being repeated in Israel, where the claim of "self-defense" is steam-rolling the Palestinians out of their homes, their farms, their culture, their livelihoods, their health, and thousands of their very lives. And is Syria next to be steam-rolled with the US blessing?

I am in tears as the internal tsunami wave of fear/anger/disbelief welling up in my body reaches my consciousness. Israel just bombed Syria twice in 48 hours. The headlines pronounce that US and UK leaders say Israel has the right to act in "self-defense." If you take some time to read the history of the Arab world, you will understand that Israel is not acting in self-defense as regards the Palestinians or the Syrians. Rather, for several decades Israel has been aligned with world powers. Israel's immense military has been primarily funded by \$3 billion per year from US taxpayers. Israel is aligned with those who waged war, justified as "self defense", on the Native Americans, the Africans, and the Iraqis, in addition to many others. As my knowledge of US history grows, I see that again and again, entire cultures have been eradicated under the advancement of the imperialist powers of my own country. Over and over, the US has used propaganda to promote this "self defense" argument which a mostly passive public has chosen to swallow without resistance.



I am tired of talking about this. I am boycotting a normal human life of a home and family because I refuse to live the US lifestyle which is dependent on war. I want so badly to see massive communities of people in the United States resist the forces which continue to direct US money towards war. Please, will you consider joining me and other wonderful people this work?

Most of you agree with me that a paradigm shift is needed in order to redirect the energies of destruction from having their way with the planet and its

peoples. But discussing/intellectualizing/celebrating a paradigm shift is too many degrees separated from the ground where the shift must happen. Part of my reason for coming to Palestine is that I hope to inspire others to regularly lift the wool up off of your eyes, keep track of what is truly happening—especially in regards to the US killing-of-foreigners policy--and act in direct opposition of it. I don't

know the specifics about what is best for you to do. I believe that if you are open to this work, opportunities will arise in which you can act out of love for peace, justice, a healthy human species, and the future of life on the whole planet.

Israel's claims of needing to take over the Palestinians' water supply, mow down their olive trees, bulldoze their houses and build immense, fortified settlements on the highest hills for the sake of self defense are ludicrous. And so is its claim that it must violently attack Syria out of a need to defend itself.

If you are not already consciously doing this work, please change your life so you have time to read, speak and act on the TRUTH.

Love,

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