

Why the Jews? Caroline Glick Explains the Roots of Genocidal Jew Hatred

Good morning everybody. It's certainly always a pleasure to come to restoration weekend and see so many great people to enjoy your company and to realize that none of us are alone, that we're a part of something great, and big, and powerful. And every time I come out of here I feel energized, and so thank you all for coming and energizing me, and making me feel like, Ok, Barack Obama doesn't have my back, but you do.

So umm, alright, the genocidal axis. I just want to look at it from...I was laughing with Eric, I'm sorry Mike, the title of our panel. It said, "Genocidal Axis." So, is this like a pro-con thing? Am I supposed to take the pro side, and Robert's going to be against it? Well, how exactly am I supposed to be looking at this? And so, but really I don't feel so much about talking specifically about the ideology of Islamic anti-semites, or genocidal Jew haters, or European or leftist people who want to destroy Jewish power and make us all needy and begging for our very lives with all of these wonderful commissars of the left.

What I wanted to [do] is to try to talk about what it is [that] all of the enemies of the Jewish people basically throughout the ages share, because one thing about the genocidal axis is that it's not new. It's been here throughout time. And the members of the genocidal axis may change their accents, they may change the books they read, they may change a million different things, the continents they live in, but one thing that they share across time is that—over and over and over again, the target of their genocidal bloodlust [is] the Jews. Always, always.

I remember [Benzion Netanyahu](#), BB's father, who passed away at the age of 102 about a year ago—he and I developed a friendship over the years, and, repeatedly—because he was 102 when he died, he said the same things over and over again, and um, one of the things he told me, over and over and over again, with the same impassioned anger was that he could not stand the fixation on the holocaust as some sort of singular moment in global history because there has been a holocaust of Jewry in every generation throughout the ages, that the same passions that inflamed the Germans and then spread out throughout Europe with this bloodlust of wanting to kill children like mine was due to a passion that moves through the ages, that there was nothing unique about that desire, to shoot lead into Jewish babies—nothing unique about it. It's been going on since the time of the Greeks, ancient Egyptians and Pharaoh, just read the Bible. What is he talking about? He wants to annihilate a people. It's not he wants to enslave them. He wants them gone. Out!

What's the difference between Pharaoh and Hitler? Technology? That's it. Now, we have to understand, what is that unifying force between [Pharaoh](#) and (Mahmoud) [Ahmadinejad](#) and (Hassan) [Rouhani](#) and yes, the international left that is the handmaiden of these monsters of the Islamic World, without which they could never, ever even march one step forward? It is the rejection, rejection of reason. Benedict the 16th talked about it in his speech in Regensburg that caused rioting throughout the Islamic world, and the murder of nuns and other unfortunate other non-jihadist that happened to find their way in the path of all of the angry Muslims who were angry because the Pope had talked about Islam's rejection of reason, which is, of course, hilarious, but not if you were in their path. And what is it really about—reason? And about choice? And about the notion of moral choice

and moral empowerment of individuals that stands at the root of the genocidal bloodlust against the Jews?

And the answer is that from time immemorial Judaism has been based, from the time that God forespoke to Abraham in Iraq and told him to leave his father's home after Abraham took down the idols in his father's store, broke 'em. Get me to the land that I have promised to you and your children. What was it about Abraham that God embraced at that time and about the Jews in every single generation since then that drives people bananas?

It is the idea of good and evil. It is the idea that we as human beings have the responsibility to make a discernment between good and evil and to choose good in our lifetimes. And it is to look to the forefathers of the Jewish people, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, who our forefathers—who we define ourselves as being their children in all of our prayers from time in from time immemorial until today, the choices that they made, the God that they define and believed in, that has defined us as a holy people, as a chosen people is because we accept, not divine salvation, but the notion of a life of hard choices, of constantly making that decision and loyalty to a notion that it is our responsibility to do so, and that drives people to genocidal bloodlust because at the root of this bloodlust is a rejection of reason. It's a rejection of individualism. It's a rejection of responsibility. It's a rejection of the notion that we have to be good, because that makes our lives a struggle. That makes our lives difficult.

And, I shared a podium several years ago—I had the honor of sharing a podium with [Robert Aumann](#), the Israeli Nobel Economics Laureate. And he described the passage in the Bible of Jacob struggling with the Angel of God. What Jacob did [was] he fought with him all night long and he injured him and the Angel wanted to go away and Jacob said, "You can't go until you bless me. I'm not letting you go, you bless me. You embrace me. You embrace my choice. You reject your choice. And until you do that, you can't go. I don't care how you're bloody, you're this. I'm holding on to you (punch). Bless me. And he did. And he blessed him.

And the idea was that he was forcing this angel as well to make that decision. People don't want to. Now what was it that made the United States the only country to date that didn't have the same genocidal Jew hatred at the root of its identity that we saw country after country in Europe, that we see in the Arab world, that was at the United States? Its forefathers had this idea that was based on the Torah (for further information, a great reference is *America's Prophet: Moses and the American Story*; Bruce Feiler). Of the rule of law. Of limited government. Of the responsibility of individuals to make that decision between good and evil, and to choose good, and to have the liberty from government to be able to make that choice.

You know, the whole concept of the modern state is based upon the philosophical works of men like [John Selden](#), and [John Locke](#), [Thomas Hobbes](#), who were Hebrew scholars, who based their whole concept of a modern state that these men put together on the rule of law, on divine law, meaning that men could not be a totalitarian because we are not God, meaning that there was no way that you could not question authority because men are imperfect. And therefore, if you have a man who is your ruler, he cannot be perfect because he's not God. And that was the whole concept of limited Government, the whole concept of a modern state was based on the Hebrew Bible, and it was transported from the British enlightenment to the New World through the American forefathers, founding fathers. And it was the basis of all the institutions of checks and balances, of limited

government and this country and communalism, as opposed to a central church, a hierarchical church.

And what do we see today? Why is it that we see more and more and more Jew hatred and attacks on Jews in U.S. universities, in the political circles on the left? Because the left in the United States is introducing an ideology that is fundamentally un-American, that is based upon a totalitarian idea of a governing power that is absolute, that knows better—better, than an individual, what's good for him or her. And if you know better than I do, what's good for me, what's good for my children, then you're an absolute power. Right? And if you are an absolute power, you have to reject Jews, because absolute powers must reject Jews, who understand that there is no such thing except God, and by the way, you're not him.

Now, I don't know the fact that Eric is, like, tearing pieces of paper, and kinda sending those vibes, but I'm just going to umm..I know this, I have peripheral vision, I do. I'm a mom. I could probably see you back there if you were doing something.

But, uh, to conclude, we are faced with this wave because the strength of people in this room, unfortunately, outside this room seems to be waning. And the wave that is rising throughout the world is a wave of hatred, of bloodlust, of totalitarianism, and again, this is familiar; this is known, we understand what we're dealing with. The new thing in this generation is that we see Americans confused for the first time about what side they're supposed to be on. We see that there is a question about: Is Israel evil for standing up for existing? For being different? From all this unaesthetic, misogynistic, totalitarian neighbors? Are we bad for being loyal to everything we've stood for for 4,000 years?

How can you question that? Because Americans are beginning to question what it means to be an American or not even understand that. And that is why, that at the end of the day, fundamentally, the issues of health care, and of welfare in general, that are being discussed in the Democratic forums and panels that have been going on here throughout this country are integrally linked with the panels about foreign policy and Iran and the Palestinians that we hear on this weekend and throughout, at least in conservative circles today.

Because it's all about a question of what it's about to be a human being, and if you come down on that question, understanding that to be a human being is to be a moral agent, not an object, then you're with the Jews, and you're opposing totalitarianism, and you're opposing hatred, and you're opposing genocide. And if you come down on that question with, "I want someone else to tell me what to do." "I don't know." "I'm too weak, I'm too lazy, I'm too uneducated, I'm too ignorant (to recognize the meaning of freedom)", then you're slaves. You don't care, or you can run around saying, "Liberate Palestine." And that's the question.

So, I wanted to hock my book that's coming out on March 4th because Mike mentioned that I should always do that because I'm going to want it to be a best seller, but it basically aligns with a lot of the things that I've been talking about this morning, that I talk about every day. It's called *the Israeli Solution* and it's directed toward the American audience, and it basically comes out and says, "You want a foreign policy that's coherent, that's going to advance American values and interests, stand with Israel. You want to figure out how America is safe, stand with Israel."