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Surat Al-Kahf (‘The Cave’) 18:23-24

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“He thanked Stephen for his courageous and important work in the Middle East and for his encouragement to his own church in Beirut.”

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The Balfour Project

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Britain’s historic responsibilities for the Israel-Palestine conflict: starting an honest conversation

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“The hand of the Lord was on me and He brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of the West Bank – Bethlehem, Qalqilya and Jenin and Salvit and Nablus and Ramallah – it was full of bones ... He asked me, ‘Son of Man, can these bones live? Can the Palestinian people live?’”
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Genesis 12:1-3

Acts 1:6-8

Conclusion

On today's Bible Answer Man broadcast, Hank interviews Dr. John Burroughs, professor of New Testament at Wheaton College & Graduate School and chair of the department of Bible and Theology. Dr. Burroughs discusses the current state of Israel and how Christians, and especially believers, should understand these things in light of Scripture.
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A Christian Response to
‘A Common Word Between Us and You’

In the name of the Infinitely Good God whom we should love with all our Being

Preamble

As members of the worldwide Christian community, we were deeply encouraged and challenged by the recent historic open letter signed by 138 leading Muslim scholars, clerics, and intellectuals from around the world. A Common Word Between Us and You identifies some core common ground between Christianity and Islam which lies at the heart of our respective faiths as well as at the heart of the most ancient Abrahamic faith, Judaism. Jesus Christ’s call to love God and neighbor was rooted in the divine revelation to the people of Israel embodied in the Torah (Deuteronomy 6:5; Leviticus 19:18). We receive the open letter as a Muslim hand of conviviality and cooperation extended to Christians worldwide. In this response we extend our own Christian hand in return, so that together with all other human beings we may live in peace and justice as we seek to love God and our neighbors.
“Say: ‘People of the Book! Come to a word common between us and you: that we shall serve none but Allah and shall associate none with Him in His divinity and that some of us will not take others as lords beside Allah.’ And if they turn their backs (from accepting this call), tell them: ‘Bear witness that we are the ones who have submitted ourselves exclusively to Allah.’” Qur’an (Surah Ali Imran 3:64)
Speakers at the Checkpoint conference who have signed the Christian Response to ‘A Common Word’
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A word of faith, hope and love from the heart of the Palestinian suffering.

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“the Israeli occupation of Palestinian land is a sin against God” (2.5)

“The aggression against the Palestinian people, which is the Israeli occupation ... is an evil and a sin that must be resisted and removed” (4.2.1)
Naim Ateek (Sabeel)

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“Kairos Palestine is the ‘Letter from a Birmingham Jail’ of our time.” Carol Hylkema, Moderator, Israel/Palestine Mission Network of the PC(USA)
Call to Action

U.S. Response to the Kairos Palestine Document

Hope is the capacity to see God in the midst of trouble, and to be co-workers with the Holy Spirit who is dwelling in us.

“A Moment of Truth” Kairos Palestine document, 2009

A Word of Confession and Faith from Christians in the United States

Kairos USA
“We begin with a confession of sin to Palestinians in the State of Israel, the West Bank, Gaza, East Jerusalem, the diaspora and in refugee camps in Gaza, the West Bank, Lebanon, Jordan and Syria. As U.S. Christians we bear responsibility for failing to say ‘Enough!’ when our nation’s ally, the State of Israel, violates international law.”
Signatories

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Mark Braverman, Ph.D., Kairos USA program director

Dr. Mark Braverman is a Jewish American with deep roots in the United States. Mark was reared in the Jewish tradition, studying Jewish history and culture in his youth. Trained in clinical psychology and mental health, Mark has worked with individuals and organizations understanding the complexities of human behavior and mental health issues.

Traveling to Israel and Palestine in 2006, Mark was struck by the occupation of Palestine and the encounters with Palestinian leaders from the Muslim, Christian and Jewish communities. He decided to devote himself full-time to writing, speaking and action in support of Palestine.

In his work, Mark focuses on the role of religious discourse and the function of interfaith relations in the resolution of the conflict. Mark serves on the advisory board of SabeelNorth America and on the board of the Israeli Demolitions USA. He is a co-founder of Friends of the Sabeel, a nonprofit dedicated to supporting Palestinian land and human rights. Mark consults to and writes for the Israeli-Palestine Mission Network of the Presbyterian Church. He is also a charter member of the consultative board of the Palestinian Center for Christian Studies.

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“This morning I’ll be back in East Jerusalem with the good people of Sabeel ... While at Sabeel, it was a pleasure and honor to finally meet Naim Ateek, whose work and writings I have long admired from a distance. Naim is a Palestinian signatory to an important statement called the Kairos Document created by Christian leaders across denominational lines across Palestine. You can add your name to it, as I have.”

28 January 2010
Brian McLaren tour of the UK, Nov-Dec 2012
Religious leaders call on Congress to reevaluate military aid to Israel

October 9, 2012

(JTA) -- Fifteen leaders of U.S. churches and other faith-based organizations have asked Congress to reevaluate U.S. military aid to Israel.

The religious leaders sent a letter to Congress members on Monday, calling for an investigation into possible violations by Israel of the U.S. Foreign Assistance Act and the U.S. Arms Export Control Act, which would make Israel ineligible for U.S. military aid.

"As Christian leaders in the United States, it is our moral responsibility to question the continuation of unconditional U.S. financial assistance to the government of Israel. Realizing a just and lasting peace will require this accountability, as continued U.S. military assistance to Israel -- offered without conditions or accountability -- will only serve to sustain the status quo and Israel’s military occupation of the Palestinian territories," the letter, signed by leaders of the Lutheran, Methodist, UCC churches, and the National Council of Churches, said.
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Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions... against Israel
“in support of ... Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS).”
Justice requires action for Palestinians

By Desmond Tutu, special to the Times
In Print: Tuesday, May 1, 2012

A quarter-century ago I barnstormed around the United States encouraging Americans, particularly students, to press for divestment from South Africa. Today, regrettably, the time has come for similar action to force an end to Israel’s long-standing occupation of Palestinian territory and refusal to extend equal rights to Palestinian citizens who suffer from some 35 discriminatory laws.
VIDEO: Archbishop Desmond Tutu endorses PennBDS

Nobel Prize winner Archbishop Desmond Tutu sends his greetings to us from South Africa. He weighs in on the role of BDS in the South African anti-apartheid struggle and offers his encouragement to the organizers and participants of the PennBDS Conference. CLICK PHOTO TO WATCH

To the editor of the NYT
150+ professors ask the Editor of the New York Times to join them in condemning a hateful advertisement run by the newspaper on April 24, 2012. The ad, paid for by the David Horowitz Freedom Center, targets and smears academics who have voiced their support for the BDS call.
Alice Walker declines request to publish Israeli edition of The Color Purple

Pulitzer prize-winning author cites 'apartheid and persecution of the Palestinian people' in letter to Yedioth Books
“Israel is guilty of apartheid and persecution of the Palestinian people”

“Israel is guilty of apartheid also in the Occupied Territories. The testimony is devastating. I grew up under American apartheid and determined that Israel is guilty of apartheid in my country also.”

“I am part of the BDS (Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions) movement, of which I am part, will have enough of an impact on Israeli civilian society to change the situation.”
‘Statement on Israeli Settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory’
(Central Committee of WCC, Geneva 2009)

Call for “an international boycott of goods produced in the illegal Israeli settlements in the occupied territories.”
Presbyterian Church Rejects Divestment; Passes Boycott Motion

Date: 6 July 2012

Presbyterian Church USA/Israel-Palestine Mission Network

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July 6, 2012

Presbyterian General Assembly Passes Boycott Motion

Following last night’s vote by the plenary of the 220th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) on a motion to divest from three companies whose products are used in non-peaceful pursuits in the occupied Palestinian territories, the plenary has voted in favor of a separate resolution to boycott products made in Israeli settlements in the occupied territories, including Ahava Dead Sea beauty products and dates grown by Israeli cooperative Hadiklaim.

Although the plenary failed to pass the divestment motion, its approval of the boycott resolution sends a strong signal nonetheless that the Presbyterian Church (USA) supports those Palestinians who are using peaceful means to secure their freedom and human rights in the face of Israel’s 45-year-old military occupation and colonization of their lands. The Israel/Palestine Mission Network of the Presbyterian Church (USA) believes this is a positive step and hopes the church will continue to support Palestinians who are struggling nonviolently to achieve freedom and self-determination.
Chicago, IL, Conference, September 2013
Start: September 20, 2013
End: September 21, 2013

San Diego, CA Conference, April 13, 2013
Start: April 13, 2013
End: April 14, 2013

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Join Sabeel in celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Palestinian Liberation Theology

Together we will look at the emerging Theological Landscape where local and international theologians reflect on The Bible and the Palestine-Israel Conflict.
United Methodists Call for Boycott of “products made by Israeli companies operating in occupied Palestinian territories”

Posted on May 3, 2012 by Palestinian BDS National Committee

Adopting the “Kairos Palestine” document, Methodists Elevate Palestinian Rights and Israel Divestment to Mainstream Prominence

“Every worthwhile accomplishment, big or little, has its stages of drudgery and triumph; a beginning, a struggle and a victory.” —Gandhi

Occupied Palestine, 3 May 2012 — The General Conference of the United Methodist Church decided yesterday to call for an explicit boycott of all Israeli companies “operating in the occupied Palestinian territories,” knowing that this constitutes the absolute majority of Israeli corporations. This and the overwhelming support for the “Kairos Palestine” document and its call “for an end to military occupation and human rights violations through nonviolent actions,” which include boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS), will pave the way forward for further action by the Church to hold Israel accountable for its colonial and apartheid regime.
The United Church of Canada's Israel Boycott

August 17, 2012 By Stephen Brown

At its general council meeting in Ottawa last Wednesday, the left-wing United Church of Canada demonstrated once again why predictions of its eventual disappearance are not to be dismissed. Instead of focusing on spiritual issues, as one would expect a church body to do, the council used its national assembly as a platform to engage in the decidedly less friendly religious activity of Israel bashing.
Edinburgh (September 2012)
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“At ten o’clock the boycott has started ... it is going to happen as hard and fast as possible”
Conclusion
World Wide Web of Christian Palestinianism
A Dragnet Approach
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A Response to the Second ‘Christ at the Checkpoint’ Conference in Bethlehem, 3-9 March 2012

Paul Wilkinson

“Prophets Who Prophesy Lies In My Name”

Christian Palestinianism and the anti-Israel Crusade

Paul Wilkinson
The Jerusalem Consultation
5-8 November 2012
“Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, ‘He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd keeps his flock.’”

Jeremiah 31:10
Here Am I – Send Me

Here am I, send me!
I will journey over land and sea.
Here I stand, Hineini.
O Lord, send me;
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Behold His glory.
Robed in majesty;
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