

# Ahmadinejad Sends the World a Warning

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The world must face squarely the challenge posed by the inflammatory "Review of the Holocaust: Global Vision" conference staged by Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in Tehran, Dec. 11-12.

Ahmadinejad's own apocalyptic vision for Israel is no secret. He has described the Holocaust as a "myth" and has denigrated Israel as a "tumor" that should be "wiped off the map."

Mohammad-Ali Ramin, the president-appointed secretary-general of the conference and Ahmadinejad's own key advisor, made his views clear while speaking to a group of Iranian university students last June, as reported in the Daily Rooz: "So long as Israel exists in the region ... there will never be peace and security in the Middle East. So the resolution of the Holocaust issue will end in the destruction of Israel."

In the opening statement from the conference's call for papers, the Holocaust is described as "the most important propaganda tool used to politically justify the support for the Jewish People in the 20th century."

The conference, then, aimed at undercutting support for Jews. Ahmadinejad may have wished in hosting this event to lay a kind of claim to leadership of the Muslim Middle East. But these Muslims were not the main audience for the message of the "global vision" of this conference for the simple reason that they do not need to be persuaded to deny the reality of the Holocaust.

## The Audience

As Ayaan Hirsi Ali, a Somali immigrant turned politician and Islam critic now living in the Netherlands, points out in an opinion piece in the LA Times, "For the majority of Muslims in the world, the Holocaust is not a major historical event that they deny. We simply do not know it ever happened because we were never informed of it."

Of course, there are also many in the Islamic world who have heard of the Holocaust. "Like you and millions of people in the world—among whom, alas, are innumerable Palestinians and Arabs—I was also convinced that the Jews exaggerated and lied about the Holocaust," wrote Palestinian militant Mahmoud Al-Safadi, recently freed after 18 years in an Israeli prison, in an open letter to Ahmadinejad published in Le Monde. Al-Safadi says he understood Holocaust accounts were true after reading "books and articles that our ideology and social norms made inaccessible to us outside the prison."

Most Arabs in the Middle East have either never heard of the Holocaust,

or already regard it as untrue and part of a Jewish plot. So who really was the main propaganda target of the Ahmadinejad's conference? We were.

Ahmadinejad invited a posse of westerners to his event so he could bill it as an "international conference attended by 67 intellectuals and researchers from 30 countries"—as was dutifully repeated in most of the major Muslim media.

The Western media generally pointed out the obvious, that the foreigners in attendance were some of the most notorious Holocaust-deniers, many of whom had been prosecuted in France, Germany, or Austria, where denying the Holocaust is a crime. Rounding out the guest list was former Louisiana Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke and representatives of an all-but-excommunicated ultra-orthodox Jewish sect that believes the establishment of the state of Israel runs against Talmudic teachings. Naturally the democratic press took the bait. How could we not?

Ahmadinejad knew that by inviting the most despised racists and Holocaust deniers, he would get the strongest knee-jerk reaction in the West, and thus extensive coverage for his macabre farce of an academic enterprise. Also, he knew that the U.S. and Israel, along with other "enemies of Islam," would expressly denounce the conference.

## A Lesson from Goebbels

The victims, the rhetoric, the audacity, and the hatred are all hauntingly reminiscent of Nazi Germany.

There one finds part of the rationale for the outrage perpetrated by Ahmadinejad.

Nazi propaganda mastermind Joseph Goebbels once wrote in his diary: "Contrary to expectations, my article 'The War and the Jews' had a big impact in neutral countries. I expected that the Jews would attempt to kill it by silence. That did not happen. It has been cited to an astonishing extent. Either the Jews are dumb enough to give the article broad circulation, or else there are concealed opponents of the Jews in the editorial offices who are glad to make use of my anti-Semitic arguments."

Reading through the archives of Nazi propaganda makes it easy to understand how powerful the effect of exposure to propaganda can be. If a population is exposed to steady doses of venom, they're eventually poisoned by it, including the victims, in the form of shame. Of course, we could see through the twisted perversions of reality the Nazis presented as logical, objective truths. But after reading enough of it, something unwanted rubs off—no matter how strong your resistance.

We, the authors, are fully aware that we too are falling into Ahmadinejad's trap by reporting his ludicrous demagoguery, but that's the catch-22: Hateful speech demands a response, and condemning the hateful speech necessarily spreads it.

## Setting the Stage?

But this conference poses an even more difficult challenge. If denying the Holocaust is acceptable, then

hatred of the Jews is acceptable. As Ramin said, "the resolution of the Holocaust issue will end in the destruction of Israel." Clear words have clear consequences. If the response to Ahmadinejad is not sufficient, the West will be seen as countenancing the genocide of the Jews in Israel.

Strong words have been spoken opposing this conference: by the White House, Tony Blair, the U.N.'s new secretary-general Ban Ki-moon, and others. But strong words are not enough.

Ahmadinejad is deeply committed to his mad beliefs, perhaps even to the point of having a messianic, apocalyptic mission. He believes a halo appeared about him as he spoke last at the U.N. General Assembly, leaving world leaders transfixed.

Charles Johnson's blog Little Green Footballs reports Ahmadinejad saying in a speech to a stadium crowd broadcast on Iranian state television, "I hereby declare that this sinister regime [Israel] is the banner of Satan ... The Iranian people are the standard-bearer of this awakening for all the peoples. As we can see, from the southernmost point in South America to the easternmost point in Asia, all the people are shouting a single cry. With placards in their hands and clenched fists, they shout: 'Death to Israel.'" According to Little Green Footballs, the broadcast showed the approving masses responding in kind, "Death to Israel."

And some analysts think that Iran is on the verge of developing the bomb.

In the face of Ahmadinejad's mad hatred, strong actions are urgently needed. But where are the states withdrawing their ambassadors to Iran? And is a threat of expelling Iran from the U.N., for openly campaigning for the obliteration of a member state, even being considered?

The Holocaust conference in Tehran was a warning. Let's not make the mistake of ignoring Ahmadinejad's words; let's avoid a repeat of what Ahmadinejad wishes to deny.

## THE READER'S TURN

### 'We Are All Connected'

As for the Chinese Communist party, when I first read about the legal cannibalism that took place in China during the 1960s ("Nine Commentaries on the Communist Party"), I was disgusted and pained, but not surprised. And I wouldn't be surprised if it continues to date but is kept quiet and unreported. The slaughtering methods were (are?) quite similar to those used in slaughterhouses where non-human animals are butchered. Several years ago, upon learning about the torture and murder of Falun Dafa practitioners in China and more recently the brutal murder of these innocents in order to remove and sell their organs, I felt and still feel deep pain, anger, sadness, and disgust, but not surprise. No, I was not shocked. The "Nine Commentaries" certainly exposes the CCP's depravities and hopefully this will result in its downfall.

The human species is an often dark enigma. It is capable of great beauty as well as despicable ugliness and cruelty. Human animals are for the most part an arrogant and brutal species. They kill for

the taste of it, the pleasure of it, and the thrill of it. And it doesn't matter if the victims are members of their own species or other animal species. The latter, on the other hand, kill mostly for survival, not for the fun of it. For example, when two male wolves are fighting for supremacy, the victor will spare the life of the defeated one if the latter exposes his neck, which symbolizes surrender. Once he does so the victor emits a loud, victorious growl and walks away.

I've resided on this poor, abused planet for a long time and this I know: We are all animals and we are all connected. "We" are human animals; "they" are non-human animals, a.k.a. other animals, a.k.a. animals of other species. Only when we stop brutalizing them for their flesh and skins and our entertainment (circuses, zoos, bull fights, dog and horse racing, and so on.) will we humans become a gentler and more compassionate species. Only then will we stop brutalizing and murdering each other.

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## End Game for the Communist Party

### Epoch Times Serializes the 'Nine Commentaries'

Since *The Epoch Times* began publishing the "Nine Commentaries on the Communist Party" in November 2004, over **16.8 million** Chinese have renounced all ties with the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). People inside and outside China are coming to understand better than ever before the true nature of the Communist Party, and as a result the Party is dissolving. The "Nine Commentaries" has played an important role in this. *The Epoch Times* is now serializing this important book, with one short excerpt in each edition. This excerpt continues Commentary Seven. The entire "Nine Commentaries" may be read at <http://ninecommentaries.com>

### Commentary 7 (Cont.)

On the Chinese Communist Party's History of Killing

One university lecturer had a happy family, but his family encour-



tered a disaster during the process of redressing the rightists. At the time of the Anti-Rightist Movement, the woman who would become the University lecturer's wife was dating someone who was labeled a rightist. Her lover was later sent to a remote area and suffered greatly. Because she, as a young girl, could not go along, she gave her lover up and married the lecturer instead. When her beloved one finally came back to her hometown, she, now a mother of several children, had no other way to repent her betrayal in the past. She insisted on divorcing her husband in order to redeem her guilty conscience. By this time, the lecturer was over 50-years old; he could not accept the sudden change and went insane. He stripped off all his clothes and ran all over to look for a place to start a new life. Finally, his wife left him and their children. The painful separations decreed by the Party are a problem that can't be solved. They are an incurable social disease that could only replace one separation with another separation.

Family is the basic unit of the Chinese society. It is also the traditional culture's last defense against the Party culture. For this reason, the cruelest element in the CCP's history of killing is the damage to the family. Because the CCP monopolizes

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all social resources, when a person is classified as being on the opposing side of the dictatorship, he or she will immediately face a crisis in livelihood, be accused by everyone in society, and stripped of his or her dignity. Because they are treated unjustly, the family is the only safe haven for these innocent people to be consoled. But the CCP's policy of implication kept family members from comforting each other; otherwise, they too risked being labeled opponents of the dictatorship. Zhang

Zhixin, for instance, was forced to divorce. For many people, family members' betrayal—reporting on, fighting, publicly criticizing, or denouncing them—is the last straw that breaks their spirit. Many people have committed suicide as a result.

### VI. The Patterns and Consequences of Killing

#### The CCP's Ideology of Killing

The CCP has always touted itself as being talented and creative in its development of Marxism-Leninism, but in reality the CCP creatively developed an evil the likes of which had never been witnessed in any time or place. It uses the communist ideology of social unity to deceive the public and intellectuals. As science and technology undermine religious belief, the CCP seizes the opportunity to promote complete atheism. It uses communism to deny private ownership, and uses Lenin's theory and practice of violent revolution to rule the country. At the same time, it combines and further reinforces the most evil part of Chinese culture that deviates from mainstream Chinese traditions.

The CCP invented a complete the-

ory and framework of "revolution" and "continuous revolution" under the dictatorship of the proletariat; it used this system to change society and ensure the Party dictatorship. Its theory has two parts—economic base and superstructure under the dictatorship of the proletariat, in which the economic base determines the superstructure, while the superstructure in turn acts on the economic base. In order to strengthen the superstructure, especially the Party's power, it must first start the revolution from the economic base, which includes:

(1) Killing the landowners to solve the relations of production' in the countryside, and (2) killing the capitalists to solve relations of production in the cities.

'One of the three tools (means of production, modes of production and relations of production) that Marx used to analyze social class. Relations of production refers to the relationship between the people who own productive tools and those who do not, e.g., the relationship between landlord and tiller or the relationship between capitalist and worker.