REBUTTAL TO: "THE ORIGINAL SATANIC VERSES"

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The document entitled <u>The Original Satanic Verses</u> starting on page 7 was submitted to me by Pitman Buck, Jr. (pitman@wt.net) and is of unknown authorship. It was accompanied by an inflammatory email and anti-Semitic remarks and a request to stop discussing or promoting Christianity. It makes some serious and flawed but common allegations about Christianity which we shall attempt to address in this rebutted version. Mr. Buck is a tax researcher who appears to have some serious misgivings about Christianity. He claims to believe in some kind of Creator or Higher God, but not in the God of Christianity. While it is perfectly permissible and a person's right to do so, it is not his <u>right</u> to spread slanderous unrebutted falsehoods about the Christian faith. Hence this document. The motivation behind this rebuttal derives from the Bible, which tells us:

"He that rebuketh a man afterwards shall find more favour than he that flattereth with the tongue." Prov. 28:23

"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. But shun profane babblings for they will increase to more ungodliness. And their message will spread like cancer." [in 2 Timothy 2:15-17:]

The key to the above requirement by God on Christians is that if we don't learn how to combat deceptive rhetoric about Christianity by misinformed persons the likes of Mr. Buck, it will spread like a cancer and destroy our faith and its relevancy and effectiveness in accomplishing God's goals stated in the Bible. This document will therefore expose the rhetoric and misinformation (called "profane babblings" above) about Christianity propagated by its misinformed or misguided opponents to demonstrate many of the more common means of deception and the means by which God's Holy word is twisted, perverted, and distorted in order to make it a target of public ridicule and propaganda. We then present a seasoned and well-researched response to the rhetoric and misinformation to teach you by example how to respond effectively and keep the interaction focused on the *truth and how to explain and expose the deliberate deception and misinformation that is being propagated*. Those who know the truth *can't* be deceived, and that is the main purpose of this rebuttal: to reveal the truth and thereby protect you from harm, exploitation, and deception by the opponents of your Christian faith.

Our rebuttal will use the very truth of God's word in the Bible to condemn the rantings of the author of this document. We don't need to condemn this man, he condemns himself in what he speaks:

"He that hideth hatred [with] lying lips, and he that uttereth a slander, [is] a **fool**." [Prov. 10:18, Bible, NKJV]

The scriptures below describe our approach throughout this rebuttal:

"My zeal has consumed me,

Because my enemies have forgotten Your words [or perhaps they never really learned them to begin with].

Your word is very pure;

Therefore Your servant loves it.

I am small and despised,

Yet I do not forget Your precepts.

Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness,

And Your law is truth.

Trouble and anguish have overtaken me.

Yet Your commandments are my delights.

The righteousness of Your testimonies is everlasting.

Give me understanding, and I shall live." [Bible, Psalms 119:139-144]

"O Lord, revive me according to Your justice.

They draw near who follow after wickedness;

They are far from Your law.

You are near, O Lord,

And all Your commandments are truth.

Concerning Your testimonies,

I have known of old that You have founded them forever.

Consider my affliction and deliver me,

For I do not forget Your law.

Plead my cause and redeem me;

Revive me according to Your word.

Salvation is far from the wicked,

For they do not seek Your statutes.

Great are Your tender mercies, O Lord;

Revive me according to Your judgments.

Many are my persecutors and my enemies,

Yet I do not turn from Your testimonies.

I see the treacherous, and am disgusted,

Because they do not keep Your word.

Consider how I love Your precepts:

Revive me, O Lord, according to Your lovingkindness.

The entirety of Your word is truth,

And every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever."

[Psalms 119:149-160, Bible, NKJV]

We will therefore look at how the author of this document has forgotten or distorted the word of God for his own selfish ends, and how such unrighteousness using the illuminating power of God's word condemns itself as sinful.

"36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned. "
[Matt. 12:36-37, Bible, NKJV]

This paper includes a rebuttal to selected questions prepared by:

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The original text of *The Original Satanic Verses* is in black Garamond font

and our response is in red Garamond font surrounded by an enclosing box and located blow the immediate text or paragraph or section being commented on.

We encourage you to send a copy of this document to persons you know who have used the original document to slander the Christian faith or religion in general.

Should you have any questions or comments relating to this report, then please direct them to the individual above. Before you ask any questions, we insist that you visit our website and download and read our entire book entitled "Family Constitution". This book should answer most of your questions about the Christian faith, its implications, its foundations, and much of the information appearing in this rebuttal. You can find this book at the address below:

Family Constitution

http://famguardian.org/Publications/FamilyConst/FamilyConst.htm

Thanks for taking the time to consider BOTH sides of the arguments and sift through the lies, myths, and downred deceptions that those of no faith or warped faith have evolved over the years as a self-serving justification for their ragainst and disobedience the one and only true God, Jesus Christ. Finally, if you have any errata or corrections or to make in this rebuttal, please send your comments to the above email address.	rebellior

GENERAL COMMENTS ABOUT THE REBUTTED DOCUMENT

- 1. First of all, notice that the author of the document refused to identify himself. Could it be that he feels so ashamed by his racist rantings that he doesn't want to be held personally responsible or accountable for them, because he might be prosecuted for a "hate crime"?
- 2. The author focuses on inflammatory and derogatory language that he never defines the meaning of, and in some cases, abuses definitions to turn his speech into propaganda. Below are examples of the emotionalistic and propagandistic language he uses which has a negative spin and which is entirely unnecessary to prove his point:
 - 2.1. "atrocious, heinous"
 - 2.2. "sick or brainwashed mind"
 - 2.3. "barbaric, monstrous immorality"
 - 2.4. "utter blasphemy"
 - 2.5. "heinous, inhuman activity"
 - 2.6. "ethnic or racial discrimination"
 - 2.7. "Zionism"
 - 2.8. "kill, kill, kill"
- 3. Let's therefore define a few important terms <u>before</u> we begin our rebuttal. We focus on important words the author uses himself either uses or references but does <u>not</u> define. The below definitions will become the basis of our analysis of his claims:
 - 3.1. <u>morality</u>: "1. a: a moral discourse, statement, or lesson b: a literary or other imaginative work teaching a moral lesson 2 a: a doctrine or system of moral conduct b pl: particular moral principles or rules of conduct 3: conformity to ideals of right human conduct 4: moral conduct: VIRTUE."
 - 3.2. <u>moral</u>: "1 a: of or relating to principles right and wrong in behavior: ETHICAL b: expressing or teaching a conception of right behavior c: conforming to a standard of right behavior d: sanctioned by or operative on one's conscience or ethical judgment e: capable of right and wrong action 2: probably though not proved: VIRTUAL 3: having effects of such on the mind, confidence, or will. syn MORAL, ETHICAL, VIRTUOUS, RIGHTEOUS, NOBLE mean conforming to a standard of what is right and good. MORAL implies conformity to established sanctioned codes or accepted notions of right and wrong; ETHICAL may suggest the involvement of more difficult subtle questions of rightness, fairness, or equity; VIRTUOUS implies the possession or manifestation of moral excellence in character; RIGHEOUS stresses guiltlessness and blamelessness and often suggests the sanctimonious; NOBLE implies moral eminence and freedom from anything petty, mean, or dubious in conduct and character."²
 - 3.3. <u>kill</u>: "1. to deprive of life b: (1): to slaughter (as a hog) for food (2): to convert a food animal into (as port) by slaughtering 2 a: to put an end to b: DEFEAT, VETO c: to mark for omission 3 a: to destroy the vital or essential quality of b: to cause to stop c: to check the flow of current through 4: to make a markedly favorable impression on 5: to cause to elapse 6 a: to cause extreme pain extreme pain to b: to tire almost to the point of collapse"
 - 3.4. <u>murder</u>: "1: the crime of unlawfully killing a person esp. with malice aforethought 2 a: something very difficult or dangerous b: something outrageous or blameworthy"
- 4. The author misquotes scripture. For instance, he imputes that the bible says we shouldn't "kill" but doesn't identify where in the bible he drew such an inference from. Could it be that he doesn't want us to look it up and find out that he is deceiving us? After all, when he talks about allegedly "satanic verses", he quotes them literally. In fact, the biblical mandate about what he calls "killing" more specifically says:

"Though shalt not <u>murder</u>." [Exodus 20:13, Bible, NKJV]

¹ Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary, Webster, Inc.; ISBN 0-87779-508-6, 1983, page 771.

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Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary, Webster, Inc.; ISBN 0-87779-508-6, 1983, page 661.

⁴ Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary, Webster, Inc.; ISBN 0-87779-508-6, 1983, page 780.

Note that "murder" and "killing" are <u>entirely different words</u>. By examining and comparing the two definitions, the difference between killing and murder is that murder involves an illegal, planned, deliberate act of malice of one human being toward another, often involving anger and a personal and selfish agenda. Killing is simply ending a life and does not address the psychology or motives or reasons or legality behind the act of ending such a life. In particular, the Bible <u>does not</u> say we shouldn't <u>kill</u>, the bible says we shouldn't <u>murder</u>. Because anger is at the heart of why people kill to begin with, the Bible also says we shouldn't be <u>angry</u> at our brother either:

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"Cease from anger, and forsake wrath;
Do not fret—it only causes harm."
[Psalms 37:8, Bible, NKJV]

"He who is slow to wrath has great understanding,
But he who is impulsive exalts folly."
[Prov. 14:29, Bible, NKJV]

"A wrathful man stirs up strife,
But he who is slow to anger allays contention."
[Prov. 15:18, Bible, NKJV]

"He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty. And he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city."
[Prov. 16:32, Bible, NKJV]

"Whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment"
[Matt. 5:22, Bible, KJV]
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We all know that Jesus said, "Whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment" (Matt. 5:22,KJV). But how many of us know that the phrase "without a cause," was added by the medieval scholar Erasmus? The Revised Standard Version and the New International Version of the Bible do not include the phrase. Erasmus was so desirous of justifying certain forms of anger that he was willing to change the words of Jesus in order to make his case. Jesus is harder on anger than Erasmus was, or, for that matter, than most of us might be. Jesus put anger in the same category as murder. If that seems harsh, just consider the consequences of anger in the lives of people and in the history of the world. Anger causes murder, provokes torture, leads to wars and a host of other cruel and diabolical crimes too ugly to mention. Anger stimulates spiteful actions that go far beyond retributive justice and usually result in the suffering of innocent people. It knows no limits as it leads to vengeance.

Consequently, the deceitful dogma of anger and hate propagated by the likes of the author is more responsible for violence and injustice and wrong in our world than the simple passing of educational materials that are not dogmatic at all that provoked the hateful response.

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"Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him."
[1 John 3:15, Bible, NKJV]

"Ye are of [your] father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

[John 8:44, Bible, KJV]
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We're still wondering WHO your God is. Obviously, he's not a God of love, if he takes after you. Our God says hateful rhetoric of the sort you slander people with is murder. Who are you to then condemn and judge children of God for doing the opposite of hate, which is love? HYPOCRITE!

"Love... does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in TRUTH."

5. The author reproaches and condemns God Himself, and thereby commits blasphemy: He challenges the sovereignty of his Maker by questioning the wisdom of His commands to the Israelites as their military commander in chief. Such blasphemy, the Bible says, is <u>unforgivable and will be rewarded with eternal condemnation</u>:

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"Assuredly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they will utter; but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is subject to eternal condemnation."

[Mark 3:28-29, Bible, NKJV]
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6. <u>The author is closed-minded</u>. For instance, did you see even one place in his document where he invited comments or corrections on the accuracy of anything he claims? We did so in this document. Here is what the word of God says about this:

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"Wisdom rests in the heart of him who has understanding,
But what is in the heart of fools is made known."
[Prov. 14:33, Bible, NKJV]
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Did he invite a dialog and discourse and rebuttal and offer space in his document to rebut his arguments, such that we could all learn from each other and bless each other, or was he just trying to denigrate and isolate and condemn himself by his very words? What sane man would willingly isolate himself with such hateful and vain rhetoric except a jingoistic, racist, war-mongering, Hitler-ite?:

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"A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire; he rages against all wise judgment."

[Prov. 18:1, Bible, NKJV]

"He who despises his neighbor sins."

[Prov. 14:21, Bible, NKJV]

"He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind: and the fool [shall be] servant to the wise of heart."

[Prov. 11:29, Bible, NKJV]
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The Original Satanic Verses (otherwise known as) The Commands of Endearment from the Jewish Book of Love (otherwise known as) The Old Hebrew Testament

Apparently, myself and millions of others on this planet have concepts about God that differ from that of Christianity regarding the nature and character of the Supreme Being and Creator of the Universes, in Whom I certainly believe. However, if my Maker told me - as that of Christians is reported in the Bible to have told Moses, David, Joshua, et. al., - to kill men, women and children, my NATURAL instincts and COMMON SENSE would tell me that I was worshipping the wrong God. He'd just have to get somebody else to do his dirty work.

Apparently, the author doesn't understand the distinction between a <u>lawless gang</u> and a <u>military</u>. People in the military kill, and they do it <u>lawfully</u>, without malice aforethought, and often with the blessing and encouragement of their fellow countrymen! People in gangs kill with <u>malice and unlawfully</u>. Does the author believe that we shouldn't have a military, because the military not only kills, but it kills in <u>his</u> defense? I hope he doesn't believe in defense spending and I hope he hasn't served in the military, because if he had done either, he is financing and endorsing and advocating <u>institutionalized killing</u>. Since the author states

"He'd just have to get somebody else to do his dirty work"

then does that mean he would be a draft dodger if his own country called him to serve in the military and thereby directly or indirectly kill people, and would the rest of society look favorably on such actions in a time of war and national emergency? I think not?

There are other valid reasons for society to kill. For instance, the death penalty for committing murder is an example of society as a whole killing someone as a punishment for murder. Does the author endorse the death penalty? If he doesn't, then he ought to be held *personally responsible* for paying the \$50,000 per year that it takes to house, feed, clothe, and entertain murderers in our state prisons who the states are reluctant or unwilling to execute. I certainly don't think justice would be served by allowing murderers to accomplish *additional harm* to society after their crime by burdening innocent law abiding citizens with the oppressive taxes collected at the point of a gun to support them until they serve their life sentence in prison and expire naturally. Is that justice? Please explain.

In his ignorance and disregard of the of the Truth, the author consigns the Israelites of the bible to the category of a <u>lawless and oppressive gang of murderers led by an angry and wrathful God</u>, when in fact, the Bible describes clearly that they were killing but never uses the word "murder". In fact, the bible describes God's command to the Israelites to kill, and these commands are no different than the commands of our very own President and Commander in Chief to our military. The Israelites described in the early portions of the Old Testament had a <u>Theocracy: a government where God was their President or King</u> and their Commander in Chief. If our very own President can give a command to his military to <u>kill</u> in defense of our country, why then cannot a people who choose to make <u>God</u> their Commander in Chief kill with just as much moral authority? It is pure hypocrisy, dogmatism, and blasphemy for one type of killing to be morally justified without the other being <u>equally</u> acceptable.

The Royal Law clearly stated in the Bible is for <u>all men</u> (including those who believe in a Christian God and those who invent their own Gods and thereby commit idolatry) to "love their neighbor" found in James 2:8 and Matt. 22:36-40. Love is *without hypocrisy*:

"But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, [and] easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy."

[James 3:17, Bible, NKJV]

And yet this man's hypocrisy just jumps out of the page at you when you read his hateful words. My God is first and foremost a God of *love*, not of hate. Satan is a God of hate, and the author is hateful:

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"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God."
[1 John 4:7, Bible, NKJV]
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After you peruse this article, <u>The Original Satanic Verses</u>, please tell me and the others (to whom you sent your "Natural Order") if the God of Moses in the "Old Testament" who supposedly commanded these horrible, unspeakable acts is the very same God that Christians worship. If so, please tell us how Christians reconcile these biblical commands to kill, kill, with the biblical command, "Thou shall not kill." ???

While we are talking about "horrible, unspeakable acts", lets also talk about slander. Here is what the Bible says about slander:

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"Whoso privily [secretly] slandereth his neighbor, him will I cut off: him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer."
[Psalm 101:5., Bible, NKJV]
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"And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?"
[Matt. 7:3, Bible, NKJV]

"He who goes about as a talebearer reveals secrets; Therefore do not associate with one who flatters with his lips."

[Prov. 20:19, Bible, NKJV]

"Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice" [Eph. 4:31, Bible, NKJV]

"Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge."

[James 4:11, Bible, NKJV]

When the author sent the Satanic Verses document out in response to one of our emails, he sent it to a long laundry list of persons on our emailing list FIRST, and <u>deliberately excluded</u> us in his reply, as if to publicly slander those who would spread the truth of God's word among friends and not give them the opportunity to respond to the accusations. There was no attempt in the document we sent out that prompted his response to say anything about him personally. The document to which he responded had scripture references and quotes in it an nothing else, and the subject wasn't even religion, but taxes. How such a person can take an impersonal emailing and respond with a <u>personal attack</u> is beyond explanation, except to say that the author clearly has an aversion to the word or authority or sovereignty of God. This very aversion and the rebellious pride that it emanates from was precisely the original sin of Satan and Adam and Eve. Satan was a fallen angel because he pridefully rebelled against God's authority. Adam and Even were thrown out of the Garden of Eden because they rebelled against God's authority by refusing to obey His command not to eat the fruit. The author demonstrates more of the same kind of prideful rebellion in the way that he responds to the word of God. Here is what the Bible says about such arrogant and divisive people:

"The <u>wicked in his pride persecutes the poor</u> [including the mentally deficient and those Christians who may not have the intellectual capital to defend their beliefs];

Let them be caught in the plots which they have devised.

For the wicked boasts of his heart's desire;

He blesses the greedy and renounces the Lord.

The wicked in his <u>proud countenance</u> does not seek God;

God is non of his thoughts.

His ways are always prospering;

Your judgments are far above, out of his sight;

As for his enemies, he sneers at them.

He has said in his heart, 'I shall not be moved;

I shall never be in adversity.'

His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and oppression;

Under his tongue is trouble and iniquity.

He sits in the lurking places of the villages;

In the secret places he murders the innocent [and slanders their character]

He lies in wait secretly, as a lion on in his den;

He lies in wait to catch the poor;

He catches the poor when he draws him into his net.

So he crouches, he lies low,

That the helpless may fall by his strength.

He has said in his hear.

God has forgotten;

He hides His face;

He will never see."

[Psalms 10:2-11, Bible, KJV]

And here is how the Bible says we should treat such divisive persons as yourself:

"He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed."

[Pro. 13:20, Bible, NKJV]

- "5 <u>Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.</u>
- 6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.
- 7 For we brought nothing into [this] world, [and it is] certain we can carry nothing out.
- 8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.
- 9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and [into] many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.
- 10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.
- 11 <u>But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.</u>
- 12 <u>Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called</u>, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses."
 [1 Timothy 6:5-12, Bible, NKJV]

Unfortunately, there are still believers who take such atrocious, henious commands in the Old Testament as the "Word of God" and go about in the Middle East killing all who differ of their belief that God has preferential views concerning real estate in that part of the world.

If the Bible <u>isn't</u> the inspired and Holy word of God, then what, might we ask <u>IS</u>? And what is the name of <u>your</u> God? Is his name "self" or "me"? Or do you in self-serving vanity just as Satan did, invent your <u>own</u> counterfeit rendition or conception of what you <u>think</u> God is? Is the Internal Revenue Code your inspired word of God since you repeatedly demand that we maintain the focus on taxes and not on spiritual issues? If that is the case, then you have Satan for your God, because the real God you are serving is money:

"The love of money is the root of all evil." [1 Tim. 6:10, Bible, NKJV]

Now if you think God is whatever <u>you</u> define Him to be, then he ceases to be God, because God is <u>not</u> a human creation, nor can we any government by legislation or edict declare or define what He is, nor does his character or identity ever change as our knowledge and wisdom grows. If your definition of God now is different than it was ten years ago, for instance, then you have demonstrated your own vanity and moral bankruptcy, because God doesn't change. We can't define or change the nature of God any more than we can define or change the Law of Gravity. It simply exists, and His character and His sovereignty are manifested clearly in the concepts of Natural Law and Natural Order and most importantly, in the Holy Bible.

As the author lists the scriptures below, ask yourself:

"Did he really read and try to understand the context of the cases of killing, and whether there was a justifiable basis for it related to a military or defensive action?...or was he simply looking for a springboard for his vain and hateful rhetoric?"

After each verse or group of verses, we will list the context of the verse to show why the command of God in that instance was justified, and not an act of murder, which the Bible condemns.

Ezekiel 9:5 "And I heard God say to the other men, 'Follow him through the city and kill. Spare no one."

Verse 6 "Kill the old men, young men, young women, mothers and children."

<u>Verse 7</u> "God said to them, 'Defile the Temple. Fill its courtyards with corpses. Get to work!' So they began to kill the people in the city."

Verse 11 "Then the man wearing linen clothes returned and reported to the Lord, 'I have carried out your orders."

CONTEXT FOR WHY GOD COMMANDED THE KILLING IN THE ABOVE FOUR VERSES:

Ezekiel 8:17: "Have you seen this, O son of man? Is it a trivial thing to the house of Judah to commit the <u>abominations</u> which they commit here? For <u>they have filled the land with violence</u>; then they have returned to provoke Me to anger. Indeed they put the branch to their nose. Therefore I also will act in fury. My eye will not spare nor will I have pity: and though they cry in My ears with a loud voice, I will not hear them."

The people were:

- Committing acts of violence (Ezekiel 8:17)
- Worshipping idols (Eze. 8:10-12)
- Women were weeping for an idol called Tammuz (Ezekiel 8:14)
- Priests were worshipping the sun God. (Ezekiel 8:16)

The killing was God's judgment and wrath <u>against His own people</u>, not those of other races in a Zionist plot. God disciplined his own children in this case for violating the greatest and the first of the ten commandments found in Exodus 20:3-11, where God says:

"You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to

thousands to those who love Me and keep My commandments."

God simply fulfilled justice by punishing his own people for violating the first commandment and committing idolatry. If he hadn't done this, he would not have maintained the sanctity of His children at the time (His family now includes everyone, not just Israel) or allowed the truth of His word, recorded in their writings, to be passed down through the generations so we could enjoy it today. The greater good was thereby accomplished, because God through the Israelites allowed His word and His truth to be revealed to us in what later became the Bible. No other culture or race has been able, through so many generations, to record the history and divine intervention of God in the lives of men better or in a more inspiring way than the writings of the Jews about God, and God apparently wanted to protect this, or His message of truth to us, and His love letter to the world, the Holy Bible, would be lost forever if he allowed His messenger, the Israelites, to be corrupted and to renounce their heritage and their history and the writings of the Bible they authored.

"As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent." [Rev. 3:19, Bible, NKJV]

<u>Judges 20:23</u> "Then the Israelites went to the place of worship and mourned in the presence of the Lord until evening. They asked him, 'Should we go again against our brothers the Benjaminites?' The Lord answered, 'Yes."'

<u>Verse 48</u> "The Israelites turned back against the rest of the Benjaminites and killed them all, men, women and children, and animals as well. They burned every town in the area."

CONTEXT FOR WHY GOD COMMANDED THE KILLING IN THE ABOVE TWO VERSES:

"And the men of Gibeah rose against me, and surrounded the house at night because of me. They intended to kill me but instead ravished my concubine so that she died."

[Jud. 20:5, Bible, NKJV]

"the children of Benjamin gathered together from their cities to Gibeah, to go to battle against the children of Israel."
[Judges 20:14, Bible, NKJV]

The killing of the Benjaminites was commanded by God because of the following acts on their part:

- Murder, rape, and conspiracy (Judges 20:5).
- Wickedness (Judges 20:12)
- Sexual perversion (20:13)

These acts in today's society are acts of Treason, and even in our own society today, Treason is punishable by death. Before the killing occurred, the Benjaminites were offered an opportunity but took up arms against Israel (See Judges 20:5), and therefore they had to be annihilated.

<u>Deuteronomy 23:1, 2</u> "No man who has been castrated or whose penis has been cut off may be included among the Lord's people. No one born out of wedlock or any descendant of such a person, even to the tenth generation, may be included among the Lord's people." (A Jew whose gonads have been removed or whose penis has been surgically cut off to protect the rest of his body from cancer loses his citizenship among God's "chosen people." In Israel today, any illegitimate child born of Jewish parents is not permitted to marry there. The fanatic, rabbinical courts in Israel are supported in part by United States foreign aid tax dollars despite the United States Constitution's mandate for the separation of religion and state, and these religious courts control Israel's marriage laws.)

CONTEXT FOR WHY GOD COMMANDED THE KILLING IN THE ABOVE FOUR VERSES:

Such remarks are inconsistent with the message of the New Testament. What the Jews choose to do with that message within the sovereignty of their own country is up to them, nor do we believe that U.S. tax dollars ought to

be subsidizing religious or ethnic discrimination. However, the word of God plainly states:

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the **Jew** first, and also to the **Greek**." [Rom. 1:16, Bible, NKJV]

"For there is no difference between the **Jew** and the **Greek**: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him." [Rom. 10:12, Bible, NKJV]

"Where there is neither **Greek** nor **Jew**, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond [nor] free: but Christ [is] all, and in all. "
[Col. 3:11, Bible, NKJV]

The author, in what he state, commits the very same type of bias and discrimination that he condemns the Jews for by quoting scriptures out of context, ignoring the message of the Grace of God in the New Testament, and portraying the Jews as wacko extremists. None of these characterizations are evident in the Word of God, but by association, the Word of God and God Himself, are mocked by his hypocritical slander, lies, and propaganda.

<u>Deuteronomy 23:19, 20</u> "When you lend money or food or anything else to a fellow Israelite, do not charge him interest. You may charge interest on what you lend to a foreigner, but not on what you lend to a fellow Israelite." (This doctrine espoused by Israel's radical rabbis holding that Israelis may charge usury to a Gentile but not to another Jew is blatant, economic discrimination based upon religious prejudice. By contrast, U.S. taxpayers have given to Israel billions of dollars interest-free. See "The Cost of Israel to U.S. Taxpayers," in The Washington Report on Middle East Affairs, April/May, '93, p.17.)

REBUTTAL:

Our very own nation in America was designed by our founding fathers so that the expenses involved in maintaining our federal government would be paid entirely by taxes on imports paid by foreigners. Download our Great IRS Hoax: Why We Don't Owe Income Tax available from http://famguardian.org/Publications/GreatIRSHoax/GreatIRSHoax.htm. Look in section 1.9.3, where we use the following words to describe our own taxing scheme:

An interesting fact for us Christians is that the concept of only taxing foreigners as the United States tax law requires is something the founding fathers got right out of the Bible! The federal taxing scheme is and always has been:

Citizens abroad and foreigners here at home.

If you are going to criticize the Jews for "blatant, economic discrimination based upon religious prejudice" then you ought to be equally critical of your own government. If you aren't, then you're quite plainly a hypocrite. Most other countries are not Christian, and so our tax laws discriminate against non-Christian foreigners importing good into our country. If you don't approve of discrimination against foreigners, then we have to assume that you approve of direct taxes or else our government couldn't keep the lights on. I don't think anyone wants to be directly taxed, which is why so many people hate the income tax. However, taxing imports and foreign commerce is a voluntary act, because foreigners are under no obligation to trade with us or sell goods in our market. They must do so as a privilege, and the election to exercise privileges must always be voluntary. Those who don't want to be discriminated against can choose not to trade with us, and the result of them not trading with us is that our employment situation here improves because there are fewer job losses to foreign corporations. It all works out, if you take time to analyze how things work.

<u>Deuteronomy 25:11, 12</u> "If two men are having a fight and the wife of one tries to help her husband by grabbing hold of the other man's genitals, show her no mercy, cut off her hand." (This is comparable to the Islamic law that a thief s hand be cut off.)

REBUTTAL:

Nothing wrong with that. The people in a country are perfectly entitled to define the law anyway they like. So long as the citizens approve of the law generally, no harm is done.

<u>Deuteronomy 25:19</u> "So then, when the Lord your God has given you the land and made you safe from all your enemies who live around you, <u>be sure to kill</u> all the Amalekites, so that no one will remember them any longer. Do not forget!" (And, they haven't forgotten. As most Israelis and some other Jews are quick to remind Gentiles, Jews have long memories [some of their memories stretch back further than anybody can remember]. Rabbi Meir Kahane of recent past and Rabbi Levinger, among many other Zionists, refer to present-day Palestinians as Amalekites and preach that the Palestinians should be exterminated like cockroaches or at the very least deported from their ancient homeland, Palestine.)

CONTEXT FOR WHY GOD COMMANDED THE KILLING IN THE ABOVE FOUR VERSES:

This is a misquote for apparently selfish reasons. The actual scripture in our New King James version says to "blot out the remembrance of Amalek", not to "kill" the Amalekites:

"Therefore it shall be, when the Lord your God has given you rest from your enemies all around, in the land which the Lord your God is giving you possess as an inheritance, that you will blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven. You shall not forget"
[Deuteronomy 2:19, Bible, NKJV]

More lies on the part of the author to promote his own selfish agenda.

<u>1 Chronicles 20:3</u> "And he [King David, a man after the Jewish god's own heart] brought out the people that were in it, and <u>cut them with saws, and with harrows of iron, and with axes</u>. Even so dealt David with all the cities of the children of Ammon."

REBUTTAL:

Another misquote for apparently selfish reasons. Here is the scripture:

"And he brought out the people who were in it, and put them to work with saws, with iron picks, and with axes. So David Did to all the cities of the people of Ammon. Then David and all the people returned to Jerusalem."

[1 Chr. 20:3, Bible, NKJV]

Do you see anything in the above about murder or barbarism. We don't. Lier!

Exodus 22:18 "Put to death any woman who practices magic." (The author of this command no doubt was a man, probably a rabbi.)

CONTEXT FOR WHY GOD COMMANDED THE KILLING IN THE ABOVE VERSE:

The New King James version of this scripture says:

"You shall not permit a sorceress to live." [Exodus 22:18, Bible, NKJV]

This scripture has the same basis in the First Commandment as we pointed out for Eze. 9:5-11, where we pointed out that idolatry is the gravest sin a person can commit against a jealous God. I don't believe any sane person, Christian or not, would endorse killing anyone for sorcery, unless they were commanded by God to do so directly. Remember, we are now in the Age of Grace, not of the Law. That was the message that Jesus brought us in the New Testament. Now that we have God's word in our midst, the requirement for a sanctified Jewish population

not infiltrated with sorcerers and idolatry in order that we can learn God's truth is reduced.

<u>1 Samuel 27:8-11</u> "During that time David [the man after the Jewish god's own heart] and his men would attack the people of Geshur, Girzi, and Amalek, who had been living in the region a very long time. He would raid their land as far as Shur, all the way down to Egypt, *killing all the men and women and taking the sheep, cattle, donkeys, camels, and even the clothes.* Then he would come back to Achish, who would ask him, 'Where did you go on a raid this time?' And David would tell him that he had gone to the southern part of Judah or to the territory of the tribe of Jerahmeel or to the territory where the Kenites lived. David would kill everyone, men and women, so that no one could go back to Gath and report what he and his men had really done." (The question that arises here is, if all this killing was indeed done at the command of God, why would He seek to leave just the Jews as witnesses to this mayhem, only to reverse Himself later by revealing this mayhem to all of mankind in "holy" manuscripts written by Jews?)

CONTEXT FOR WHY GOD COMMANDED THE KILLING IN THE ABOVE FOUR VERSES:

The context above was a military war, and there is no indication that David was commanded by God to do what he did. Furthermore, our Bible has a note at the bottom of the page relating to this verse that says:

"David was actually attacking the enemies of Judah while leading Achish to believe the opposite. The Bible reports the deception without approving it. On the destruction of innocent people (vv. 9,11), see not on Josh 6:21." ⁵

Here is the note on Josh. 6:21:

"The Canaanites were evidently so sinful that their survival threatened God's plan for a holy nation through which the Savior of the world would come. No alternative existed, therefore, but to destroy them."

So we can see that this military action probably occurred as a punishment for the sinfulness of the people who were its victims, not unlike what is happening with the Taliban in Afganistan now.

<u>1 Samuel 15:1-3</u> "Now listen to what the Lord Almighty says, Go and attack the Amalekites and completely destroy everything they have. Don't leave a thing; kill all the men, women, and children, and babies; the cattle, sheep, camels, and donkeys." (Israel's invasion of Lebanon in 1982 and its attendant massacre of innocents in the Palestinian refugee camps of Sabra and Chatila are mournful reminders of this dastardly command. Israel's Defence Minister Ariel Sharon took a leading role in the Israeli invasion of Lebanon in 1982. An official Israeli committee found General Ariel Sharon to be partly responsible for the massacre of hundreds of Palestinians in Beirut's Sabra and Chatila refugee camps. This massmurderer and terrorist, Ariel Sharon, was afterwards elected prime minister of Israel and was enthusiastically welcomed in the White House by the President George W. Bush in the United States' so-called war against terrorism!)

CONTEXT FOR WHY GOD COMMANDED THE KILLING IN THE ABOVE FOUR VERSES:

The command of God to kill the Amalekites in this case was because:

- It was a punishment for ambushing Israel on their way up from Egypt (1 Sm. 5:2).
- The ambushing of the Israelites and the murder of them by the Amalekites occurred in Numbers 14:40-45.
- Another battle and killing of the Israelites by the Amalekites occurred in Judges 6.

Clearly, then, the decision to go to war against the Amalekites was a military action in self-defense and based on the past misdeeds of the Amalekites. It was just as justified as any of the wars our country has had based on the history of the Amalekites as described in the Bible.

<u>Joshua 10:28</u> "Joshua attacked and captured Makkedah and its king that day. He put everyone in the city to death; no one was left alive. He did to the king of Makkedah what he had done to the king of Jerico."

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⁵ <u>The Open Bible, New King James Version</u>, Red Letter Edition; Thomas Nelson Publishing, 1997; page 312.

<u>Joshua 10:29, 30</u> "After this, Joshua and his army went on from Makkedah to Libnah and attacked it. The Lord also gave the Israelites victory over this city and its king. They spared no one, but killed every person in it. They did to the king what they had done to the king of Jerico."

<u>Verses 31, 32</u> "After this, Joshua and his army went on from Libnah to Lachish, surrounded it and attacked it. The Lord gave the Israelites victory over Lachish on the second day of the battle. Just as they had done at Libnah, they spared no one, but killed every person in the city."

<u>Verse 33</u> "King Horum of Gezer came to the aid of Lachish, but Joshua defeated him and his army and left none of them alive." (Note: no prisoners of war allowed under this barbaric policy.)

<u>Verses 34, 35</u> "Next, Joshua and his army went on from Lachish to Eglon, surrounded it and attacked it. They captured it the same day and put everyone there to death, just as they had done at Lachish."

<u>Verse 36</u> "After this, Joshua and his army went from Eglon up into the hills to Hebron, attacked it and captured it. They killed the king and every person in the city as well as in the nearby towns. Joshua condemned the city to total destruction, just as he had done to Eglon. No one in it was left alive."

<u>Verses 38, 39</u> "Then Joshua and his army turned back to Debir and attacked it. He captured it, with its king and all the nearby towns. They put everyone there to death. Joshua did to Debir and its king what he had done to Hebron and to Libnah and its king." (Modern day Hebron is still under holy siege.)

<u>Verse 40</u> "Joshua conquered the whole land. He defeated the kings of the hill country, the eastern slopes, and the western foothills, as well as those of the dry country in the south. He spared no one; everyone was put to death. This was what the Lord commanded."

<u>Joshua 11:12</u> "Joshua captured all these cities and their kings, putting everyone to death, just as Moses, the Lord's servant had commanded."

<u>Verse 15</u> "The Lord had given his commands to his servant Moses, Moses had given them to Joshua, and Joshua obeyed them. He did everything that the Lord had commanded Moses." (Joshua had the perfect excuse; like any good soldier, he followed orders handed down through the chain of command.)

<u>Joshua 8:24-26</u> "The Israelites killed everyone of the enemy in the barren country where they had chased them. Then they went back to Ai and killed everyone there. Joshua kept his spear pointed at Ai and did not put it down until every person there had been killed. The whole population of Ai was killed that day, twelve thousand men and women." (Does anyone still wonder where the modern day Serbs, the late David Koresh and the Israeli ethnic cleansers, religious nuts and bigots got their crackpot mentality?)

CONTEXT FOR THE KILLING IN THE ABOVE VERSES:

The series of verses quoted above, once again, is a *military campaign*, not a campaign of *lawless murder by individuals or gangs*. No authority or command of God is cited for these military campaigns. This portion of the Bible is simply history, not unlike today's newspapers. To impute that the actions documented have the blessings and sanction of God is presumptuous at best, and downright wrong at worst. However, there is ample evidence that the war was in self defense, because on at least one occasion prior to the incident cited above, kings in the surrounding cities gathered together to plan a war against Joshua:

• "Therefore the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon, gathered together and went up, they and all the armies and camped before Gibeon and made war against it."

[Josh. 10:5, Bible, NKJV]

2 Kings 15:16 "As Menahem [then king of Israel, who had assassinated his predecessor] was on his way from Tirzah, he completely destroyed the city of Tappuah, its inhabitants, and the surrounding territory, because the city did not surrender to him. He even ripped open the bellies of all the pregnant women." (In more recent times [on April 9, 1948] Menachem

Begin, who later was elected prime minister of the only alleged democracy in the Middle East, Israel, commanded a terrorist gang that attacked the small Palestinian village of Deir Yassin. Subsequent investigation by the International Red Cross discovered that 254 Arab men, women and children had been slaughtered and that several pregnant women had their stomachs ripped open. In 1978, Menachem Begin was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, an event that ought to be featured in Ripley's "Believe it or Not!")

CONTEXT FOR WHY THE KILLING IN THE ABOVE VERSE:

The Book of Kings chronicles the political history of a nation over hundreds of years. It is more of a history book than a divinely inspired work. Nations have both good rulers and bad rulers, and Menahem was obviously en example of a bad ruler who we make no apologies for. There is <u>no evidence</u> in the above context, however, imputing that <u>God commanded</u> that such barbarous acts were His will or His command. Very few people, Jews or Christians alike, would endorse such actions.

<u>Numbers 31:13-15</u> "Moses, Eleazer, and all the other leaders of the community went out of the camp to meet the army. Moses became angry with the officers, the commanders of battalions and companies, who had returned from the war. He asked, 'Why have you kept all the women alive?" (After all, the Lord's command was to kill everybody! Or so the Book says.)

<u>Verse 17</u> "So now kill every boy and kill every woman who has had sexual intercourse but keep alive for yourselves all the girls and all the women who are virgins." (Does anyone still wonder where David Koresh got his despicable ideas about religion and sex?)

<u>Numbers 33:51-52</u> "On the steppes of Moab beside the Jordan at Jericho the Lord said to Moses, "Speak to the Israelites, and say to them, 'When you cross the Jordan into the land of Canaan, you must drive all the inhabitants of the land out of your way...."

<u>Verse 55</u> "But if you do not drive the inhabitants of the land out of your way ...I will treat you as I intended to treat them." (In his article, "Bible Diplomacy," I. F. Stone commented on these horrific verses in Numbers 33: "If the Jews do not drive out the Canaanites, God will drive out the Jews. This is the harsh theology of depopulating a land to make room for one's own." *Washington Post*, August 19, 1977.)

CONTEXT FOR WHY GOD COMMANDED THE KILLING IN THE ABOVE FOUR VERSES:

The context was that God was trying to purify Israel and keep them a sanctified nation. He was trying to ensure that they were pure so that they could be worship their God without being drawn into idolatroy by alien customs and religions. Here is the way our Bible describes it:

"Moses had assumed that they would kill all the males and adult women. This would ensure that the Israelites would not again be corrupted by the Midianites. The command was severe, but necessary in light of the morally depraved Midianite customs and the Hebrew tendency to adapt to other religions, thus adulterating the worship of God. On the killing of innocent children (v. 17) see note on 16:27. Perhaps the virgin women were spared (v. 18) because in some cultures a woman who had sexual relations was considered to have been first impregnated by the god. In the Israeelite's eyes such a woman was thus profaned; the virgin was not."

⁶ <u>The Open Bible, New King James Version</u>, Red Letter Edition; Thomas Nelson Publishing, 1997; page 239.

COMPILER'S COMMENT

Only a sick or brainwashed mind can believe that a loving creator commanded such barbaric, monstrous immorality as described in the "Holy Bible." The claim that these and other such acts of terrorism, murder, rape and general mayhem were authored by the Supreme Being is utter blasphemy. This sordid, obscene literature is better suited for Penthouse and Playboy magazines. At least the editors of such promiscuous magazines have not had the chutzpah or audacity to ascribe the authorship of their literary works to God, the Creator or the Force.

In view of the above, it is not difficult to understand how this nation, millions of whose citizens believe that such barbaric commands are God-given, ranks above all other nations in murder, rape and other heinous, inhuman activity. The biblical belief-system of Zionists, of the proZionist members in Congress and of other biblical zealots and fundamentalists helps to explain United States political and monetary support for Israel with its Zionist, genocidal war against the Palestinians.

The Chosen People concept of Zionism is repugnant not only to Reason but to the universal concept of the dignity and equality of mankind. Moreover, Christianity and other religions of the world reject the Chosen People concept as based upon ethnicity and the Apostle Paul rebuked the Apostle Peter for his hypocrisy on this matter of ethnic or racial discrimination. The Chosen People concept is the bedrock of Jewish nationalism promulgated by modern Zionists under color of -- and the supposed protection of -- religion. Historically, the concept has acted to deter the unity of mankind and the peace of nations.

If the President and Congress are serious about balancing the national budget, they can start with stopping all foreign aid, including the obscene loans with forgiven interest, the huge outright grants and loan guarantees to Israel that have cost American taxpayers over \$100 billions -- that's over \$100 billions!

In 1961, the Jewish philosopher Martin Buber wrote to his fellow Jews in the publication *Thud's Ner*, issue of January-February, as follows:

Only an internal revolution can have the power to heal our people of their murderous sickness of causeless hatred (for the Arabs). It is bound to bring complete ruin upon us. Only then will the old and young in our land realize how great was our responsibility to those miserable Arab refugees in whose towns we have settled Jews who were brought from afar; whose homes we have inherited, whose fields we now sow and harvest; the fruit of whose gardens, orchards and vineyards we gather; and in whose cities that we robbed, we put up houses of education, charity, and prayer while we babble and rave about being 'the people of the book' and the 'light of the nations!'

JUNE 8, 1967 - A Day of Infamy - A Day of Remembrance!

On June 8, 1967, Israeli aircraft and torpedo boats deliberately attacked the USS *Liberty* in international waters and killed 34 Americans and wounded another 171. When it appeared that the *Liberty* might sink, its Captain William McGonagle ordered life rafts overboard for *Liberty's* survivors. Whereupon the Israeli torpedo boats machine gunned the life rafts, rendering them useless. True to its political allegiance to Israel, the U.S. Congress never investigated this wanton Israeli attack upon an American naval vessel!

The Pledge of Allegiance of U.S. Politicians

I pledge allegiance to Israel and to the cash of her political action committees, and to the favors for which they pay -- one giant loophole, \$4 billions of economic and military grants annually, unvetoable, with privileges not open to all.

Note: This pledge is reputed to be taken by 99 percent of all members of Congress immediately upon taking office. Its author is thought to be that illustrious U.S. statesman, Senator Henry (Scoop) Jackson, who gave new meaning to the word "obscene" by kissing Israel's ass.

This whole inflammatory document is an attempt to teach as doctrines the commandments of men. It is pure, Satanic blasphemy.

"But in vain they do worship me, teaching [for] doctrines the commandments of men."
[Matt. 15:9, Bible, NKJV]

Do not be deceived by this message of hate and murder:

"Let no man deceive you with **vain** words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. "
[Eph. 5:6, Bible, KJV]

"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ." [Col. 2:8, Bible, KJV]

"If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion [is] vain. "
[James 1:26, Bible, KJV]