

Good construed as evil, and its reversal

[By hidden reality underlying the reversal.]

Ester (Esther) 3.8

וַיֹּאמֶר הָמָן לְמֶלֶךְ אַחַשְׁוֵרוֹשׁ⁸
Ahasuerus, unto king Haman And said

יֵשְׁנוּ עִם־ אֶחָד מִפְּזֹר
scattered abroad certain a people There is

וּמִפְּרֶדֶת בֵּין הָעַמִּים בְּכֹל
in all the people among and dispersed

מְדִינֹת מְלִכּוֹתֶיךָ וְדַתֵּיהֶם
and their laws thy kingdom; the provinces of

שְׁנוֹת מְכֹל־ עַם וְאֵת־
people; from all diverse are

דַּתִּי הַמֶּלֶךְ אֵינָם
neither the king's therefore laws:

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Reversal. They were a blessing because they did so.

Yermiyahu/Jer 29.4-7 “Here is what Adonai-Tzva’ot, the God of Isra’el, says to all those in exile, whom I have caused to be carried off captive from Yerushalayim to Bavel: ‘Build yourselves houses, and live in them. Plant gardens, and eat what they produce. Choose women to marry, and have sons and daughters...Seek the welfare of the city to which I have caused you to go in exile, and pray to Adoni on its behalf; for your welfare is bound up in its welfare.’

Kohelet/Eccles 8.2-4 **Keep the king’s command because of the oath before God. Don’t be quick to leave his presence, and don’t persist in doing what is wrong, for he does whatever he pleases. After all, his word is final; who can challenge him, “Why are you doing that?”**

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Yeshayahu/Is 5.20-21 **Oy to those who call evil good and good evil, who present darkness as light and light as darkness, who present bitter as sweet, and sweet as bitter! Oy to those who are wise in their own eyes, and clever in their own sight!**

Benefits of following Tanakh

- **Literacy** ^{Ro 3.1-2} Then what is the advantage of being Jewish? Or what is the benefit of circumcision? Much in every way. First of all, they were entrusted with very words of God.

Benefits of following Tanakh

- **Compassion** [hospitals, educ.]
- **Hope** >> visible distress “For everything written in the past was written to teach us, so that with the encouragement of the *Tanakh* we might patiently hold on to our hope.” ^{Ro 15.4}

In an 1808 letter, President John Adams expressed his respect for ancient Jewry. Adams wrote of Voltaire, "How is it possible [that he] should represent the Hebrews in such a contemptible light? They are the most glorious nation that ever inhabited this Earth.

The Romans and their Empire were but a Bauble in comparison of the Jews. They have given religion to three quarters of the Globe and have influenced the affairs of Mankind more, and more happily, than any other Nation ancient or modern."

[http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/president-john-adams-embraces-a-jewish-homeland-1819-2 Learned today from David Barton that the Declaration of Independence was actually a collection of sermon topics! Preachers of the day would bring Bible truth to apply to the headlines.]

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[I'm going to make what may be controversial applications of this.]

^{2 Cor.11.4-15} **Satan masquerades as an angel of light.** It is no great thing therefore if his servants also masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be according to their deeds.

[Satanic light pretends to be Divine light.

Humanistic righteousness pretends to be G-d's righteousness.

Purim time. Lots of masquerades.

I'm going to comment on the headlines of the day. Like our founding fathers, many preachers!]

We have a world of moral terminology reversals.

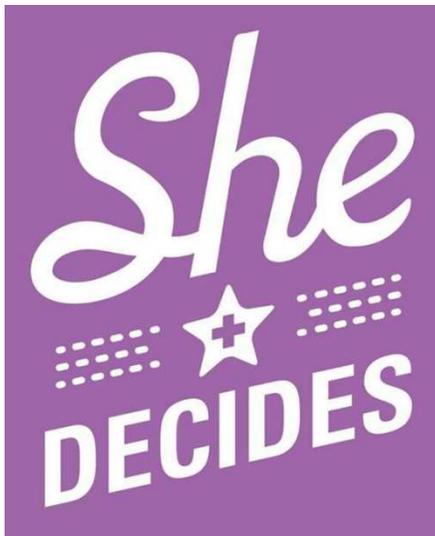
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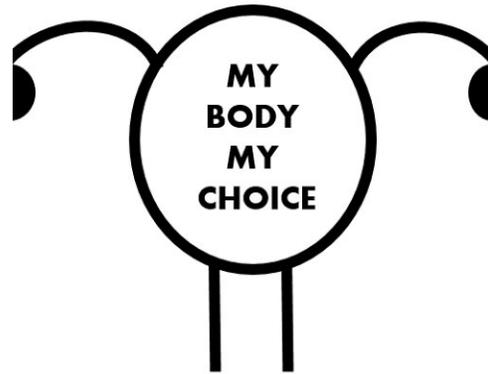
Really:

Pro-life or pro-abortion

[Makes anti-abortionists look like negativists. Against choice.]



*[<https://www.pinterest.com/explore/good-slogans/>
Seems reasonable]*



*Female body.
Really??*



[G-d chose the unborn.]

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[The Women's March^h was a worldwide protest on January 21, 2017, to advocate legislation and policies regarding human rights and other issues. Huge media coverage. 500k https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2017_Women's_March

The March for Life is an annual rally protesting abortion, held in Washington, D.C., on or around the anniversary of the United States Supreme Court's decision legalizing abortion in the case Roe v. Wade... The March for Life has received relatively little media attention over the years. The typical coverage

consists of a “story with a tiny little comment from one individual marcher”, Gray has said. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/March_for_Life_\(Washington,_D.C.\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/March_for_Life_(Washington,_D.C.))]

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[Good construed as evil. Whatever you may think of Pres. Trump’s immigration policies...]

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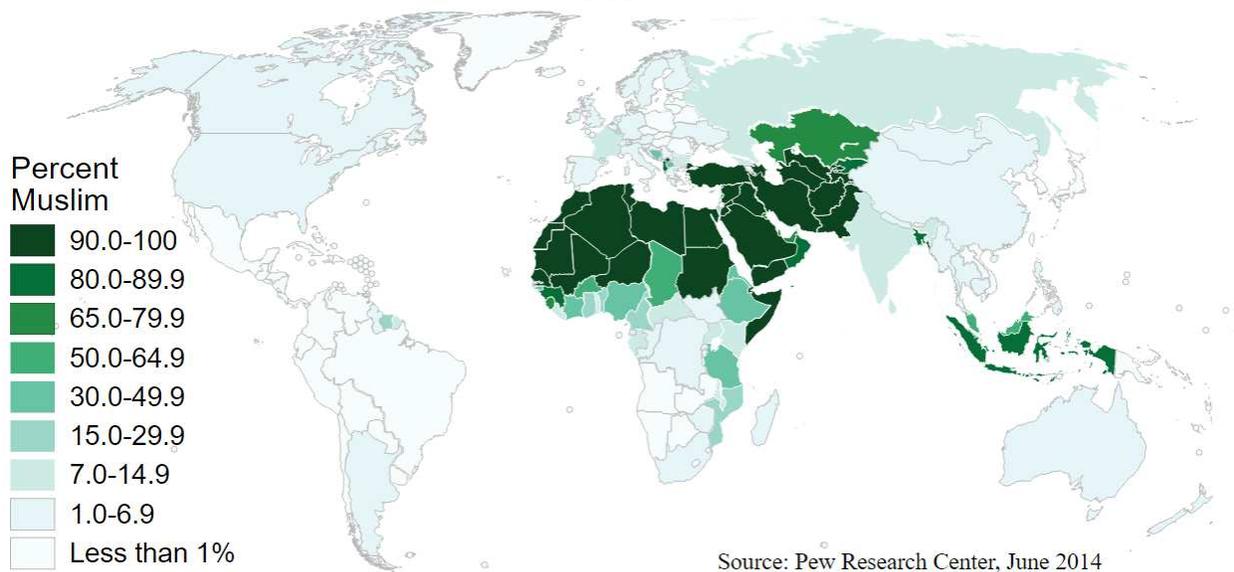
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[Truth construed as a lie. Good construed as evil.]

Muslim Population

2014



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Muslim_world#Islamic_states]

Islamic states have adopted Islam as the ideological foundation of state and constitution.

-  Afghanistan^[137]
-  Iran^[138]
-  Mauritania^[139]

29 nations

-  Oman^[140]
-  Saudi Arabia^[141]
-  Yemen^[142]

State religion [edit]

The following Muslim-majority nation-states have endorsed Islam as their state religion.

-  Algeria^[143]
-  Bahrain^[144]
-  Brunei^[145]
-  Comoros^[146]
-  Djibouti^[147]
-  Egypt^[148]
-  Iraq^[149]
-  Jordan^[150]
-  Kuwait^[151]
-  Libya^[152]

-  Maldives^[153]
-  Malaysia^[154]
-  Morocco^[155]
-  Pakistan^[156]
-  Qatar^[157]
-  Sahrawi Republic^[158]
-  Somalia^[159]
-  Tunisia^[160]
-  United Arab Emirates^[161]

Unclear / No Declaration [edit]

These are neutral states where the constitutional or official announcement regarding status of religion is not clear or unstated.

-  Bangladesh^[162]
-  Indonesia^[163]

-  Lebanon^[164]
-  Syria^[165]

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TRUMP'S TEMPORARY TRAVEL BAN



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[Headlines IMPLY prejudice, unreasonable policy.]

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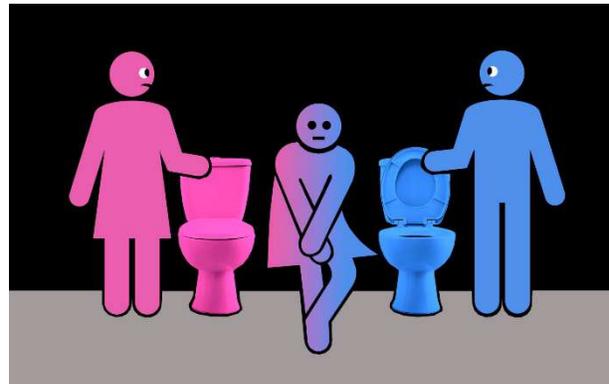
Transgender rights

Really:

Gender privacy protection



["Protect transgender people" Seems reasonable.]



[Hard to find a good illustration that wasn't obscene. I am pretty regularly in a locker room at the J. The standard attire... Women in there who think they are guys!! Note: Seat up or seat down.]

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[Headline makes for a policy bias. Transgender rights? Safety.]

Frequent media wording:

Israeli settlements causing terrorism, intifada

Rather:

Palestinian refusal, incitement causing terrorism, intifada

In December 2000, Israeli and Palestinian negotiators were brought to Washington. And on December 23, President Clinton presented a new plan to them. The Palestinians would get 97 percent of the West Bank, Arab neighborhoods in East Jerusalem would become the capital of the new Palestinian state, refugees would be allowed to return to Palestine but not Israel, and a \$30 billion fund would be established to compensate refugees. This was the final offer: The separated cantons were gone and a land link to Gaza was included. After Clinton left the meeting, Dennis Ross stayed behind to make certain the Palestinian negotiators had gotten "every single word." They had. A footnote: Ross insists the Palestinian negotiators were ready to accept the offer.

They "understood this was the best they were ever going to get. They wanted [Arafat] to accept it." He refused. Why? Ross believes Arafat simply didn't want to end the conflict with Israel. His career was governed by struggle and leaving his options open. "For him to end the conflict is to end himself," Ross said.

[<http://www.weeklystandard.com/myths-of-the-intifada/article/2461>]

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[*One more...*]

Frequent media wording:

Anti-Islam

Really:

Anti-Islamist

In Western media usage the term tends to refer to groups who aim to establish a sharia-based Islamic state, often with implication of violent tactics and human rights violations, and has acquired connotations of political extremism.

[<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Islamism>

Islamism is dangerous. Islam is not, per se. Can be poetic. Sufi mystics. Poem

The Rubaiyat By Omar Khayyam

A Jug of Wine, a Loaf of Bread--and Thou

Beside me singing in the Wilderness--

Oh, Wilderness were Paradise enow!

Similar truth reversal though not headlines, private:]

End of life lies:

Thillim /Ps 116.15 NAS **Precious in the sight of Adoni Is the death of His godly ones.**

2 Cor. 5.6-7 **So we are always confident — we know that so long as we are at home in the body, we are away from our home with the Lord; for we live by trust, not by what we see. We are confident, then, and would much prefer to leave our home in the body and come to our home with the Lord.**

End of life lies of the enemy:

Ps 73.3-4 NIV **For I envied the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. They have no struggles at death; their bodies are healthy and strong.**

[*End of life Satanic attack: accusations, condemnation. Encourage resting in Yeshua, trusting in His Blood Atonement, mercy!!*]

So, how do we

- discern truth
- restore truth
- live in truth?

Know that whenever truth is reversed, it's NEVER 100% reversed. First, realize:

- Resisting Transgender rights is NOT rejecting & rudeness to transgender people.

- Resisting Islamism is NOT lack of love to Muslims.

The BEST of actions and principles can be tainted with bad attitudes: hostility, pride, anger.

The WORST behaviors and principles can have loving attitudes.

[Always a bit of mixture that seems to undermine clear thinking and differentiation.]

Ro. 11.20 You stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but fear.

1. People who are wrong are not usually 100% wrong. Listen and learn with humility. *[Consider someone who irritates you. Try to respect and learn from them. Don't cut people off. Don't reject people!]*
2. When you are doing right, it's usually not 100% right. *[When you are doing right, and being corrected, don't resent it. Learn and do better!]*

T'hilim/Ps.139.1-4 Adoni, You searched me and know me. Whenever I sit down or stand up, You know it. You discern my thinking from afar. You observe my journeying and my resting and You are familiar with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, Adoni, You know all about it.

Mes. Jews/Heb.4.12-13 See, the Word of God is alive! It is at work and is sharper than any double-edged sword — it cuts right through to where soul meets spirit and joints meet marrow, and it is quick to judge the inner reflections and attitudes of the heart. Before God, nothing created is hidden, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of him to whom we must render an account.

Use the Purim method
Supernatural Reversal
וְנִהְפֹךְ הוּא v' nahafokh hu
 = On the contrary; the reverse is true

בַּיּוֹם אֲשֶׁר שָׂבְרוּ אֹיְבֵי הַיְהוּדִים לְשַׁלוֹט בָּהֶם, וְנִהְפֹךְ הוּא, אֲשֶׁר יִשְׁלֹטוּ הַיְהוּדִים
 הַמָּה בְּשִׁנְאֵיהֶם

On the day when the enemies of the Jews hoped to overpower them. But, as it turned out, the opposite took place — the Jews overpowered those who hated them.

- The Scroll of Ester is about a Hidden miracle, a reversal based on hidden power.
- The word Ester in Persian means star, in Hebrew is הַסְתֵּר related to secret, hiding, concealing

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- The Book of Ester has NO mention of any of the names of G-d
- Costumes are about hidden identity

וְאַנְכִי, הַסְתֵּר אֶסְתִּיר פְּנֵי בַיּוֹם הַהוּא (Devarim 31:18):

" V'anokhi haster asteer...",

I am Adoni who will surely conceal my face... ”

”aster” ” I will hide, is composed of the same letters as the name Ester.

So, the name Ester carries in it the meaning of: hiding/concealing - holding a secret.

[<http://www.ulpanor.com/>]

Mtt.6.6 When you pray, go into your inner room; and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father, who sees in secret, shall reward you.

[How is it that Akhashverosh couldn't sleep that particular night, and the journal he had read was about the incident with Mordekhi?

Hidden power!

Some of us did a three day fast, or three day diminution of eating. I can fast fine until bedtime. Just get a feeding frenzy then.]

Acts 26.18 I am sending you, to open their eyes—so they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of satan to God, that they may receive release from sins as well as a place among those who are made holy through trusting in Me.' *[Concerning the modern threat of Iran, the same nation as ancient Persia, developing N weapons, threatening Israel, sponsoring 80% of Israels terrorism threats, according to Benj Netanyahu. Some encouraging hidden possible huge breakthroughs...]*

Unpublicized, hidden impending disaster in Persia / Iran.

May soon fall as precipitously as did the evil empire, the Soviet Union.

The mullahs now ruling Iran were able to hijack the revolution that sacked the U.S.-backed Shah regime back in February 1979. However, the 38-year report card left by the mullahs has only raised extreme anger throughout the Iranian society.

Numbers are very vivid in revealing the undeniable atrocities caused by the mullahs' disastrous policies.

- The daily trend of continuous executions in Iran has raised anger amongst the international community for years. Iran is considered the number one executioner per capita.
- Suicides are also on the rise, especially amongst women, ranking Iran first in the Middle East and third in the world. There are also reports of a growing number of teenagers committing suicide.
- Drug addiction is yet another disastrous result of the mullahs' rule in Iran. The amount of drugs spreading amongst women and teenagers is skyrocketing and state-run media are citing experts estimating at least 8 million Iranians are suffering from this dreadful phenomenon.
- Iran's roads are even considered very dangerous, as the mullahs refuse to allocate the necessary budget to provide safe passages. 20,000 people die each year in Iran and 300,000 injured (150% more than the global average). Iran's annual road accident casualty statistics are even compared to an all-out war.
- Poverty has increased to an extent that many Iranians have resorted to gathering recyclable products, food stuffs and other trash to make ends meet, and the homeless sleeping in pre-dug graves.

- All the while Iran is a country sitting on a vast sea of crude oil and natural gas, with new reports of 2 billion barrels of shell oil discovered in western Iran. *[2 billion x \$50 = \$100 billion]*
- The country's economy, however, has nosedived to such an extent that more than 50% of the industrial units have gone bankrupt or are on the verge of bankruptcy.
- Unemployment is now a critical and increasing crisis. Nearly 15 million people are unemployed in Iran, according to an Iranian economy expert.
- The mullahs' policies have literally destroyed the entire "middle class" in Iran, leaving the population divided between a small percentage with massive riches, and a high percentage living in poverty.
- "30% of the country's population is hungry and have no bread to eat," said Ali Akbar Sayari, Deputy Health Minister in the cabinet of Iranian President Hassan Rouhani.
- Financial corruption is spreading throughout society like cancer. The numbers have become massive and even unimaginable. Above all is the apparatus linked to Iranian Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei, whose riches value at \$95 billion.
- Iran's environment is also on the verge of complete annihilation. "If the water crisis in Iran continues, the country will soon become very similar to Somalia and 50 million Iranians will be forced to leave the country," said Isa Kalantari, Rouhani's advisor in water and agricultural matters. *[Israelis used to maintain the water system in the days of the Shah.]*
- Even the workplace is considered unsafe under the mullahs' rule, as Iran ranks first in the world in workplace incidents. "Iran is the world record holder in construction accidents," said Akbar Shokat, head of the Construction Workers' Guild Center in an interview with the state-run ISNA news agency.
- Illiteracy is plaguing millions of Iranian children, depriving them of education due to their family's economic and social problems. Iran has a population of 10 million illiterates and 10 million low-literates, according to Rouhani's Deputy Education Minister.
- Yet another repulsive custom rendered from the mullahs' regime has been child marriages. Poverty forces families to give off their young daughters, leaving them to face unthinkable spiritual and physical damages from arranged marriages. "43,000 girls between the ages of 10 to 15 are currently married in Iran," according to regime officials.

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