

Is Political Zionism Another Form of Ideological Fundamentalism?

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The Political Zionist doctrine of the Netanyahu government that claims the whole of former Palestine as being a 'gift from God' is essentially ideological fundamentalism i.e. a ritualistic reading of scripture and a reliance upon dogma - a position also known as 'extremism'.

It is this fundamentalist ideology that gives the state of Israel its sole claim to the West Bank and East Jerusalem - which position it relies upon exclusively in its assertion that its policy that has persuaded half a million of its citizens to settle on Palestinian land is legitimate when the entire international community has branded it a violation of international law.

The paradox in the status quo established by the Likud government to back-up its claim to the occupied Palestinian Territories, is that Israel actually claims to be a secular state. This means that its claim to the West Bank and East Jerusalem is merely a fabricated position used to justify that which is unjustifiable.

Political or religious extremism is unacceptable to the democratic nations of the world in the 21st century, and the UN Security Council should pass a resolution to that effect. In the event that any UNSC member would use its veto against such a resolution then it will be clear to all as to where the illegality lies; who supports and fuels the conflict and who it is that ensures the continuity of the illegal settlements and the dispossession of the oldest continuous indigenous people of the region, the Palestinian Arabs who have farmed and lived on the land for over a thousand years.

Fundamentalism either in Paris, London, Jerusalem or Hebron needs to be dealt with in an appropriate manner by democratic governments. We have all seen the damaging violence that such extremist beliefs can bring to the community of free nations.

Action is needed now to root-out fundamentalism wherever it rears its head - regardless of the attitude of any state or party that overtly, or covertly, supports such violence.

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