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## 1.2 Ancient and Medieval Geography

### P. 6 Geography in the Ancient World, credits

Thales of Miletus (ca. 624-546 b.c.) who applied principles of geometry to measuring land area; Anaximander (610 - ca. 546 b.c.) a student of Thales, who made a world map based on information from sailors.

**CORRECTION:** Reference is made about the contributions of Ancient Chinese in the fifth century, but nothing about the Ancient Israelites from 6000 bce, whose greatest contribution to mankind, the Bible, included The Table of Nations, Genesis 10. Notable geographically are Noah's three sons and their offspring who became the nations of the world. The Table is the only record we have of the dispersion of the nation after the Deluge.

### P. 7 Geography in the Middle Ages

In the first millennium a.d., Muhammad al-Idrisi (1100-ca. 1165), a Muslim geographer who prepared a world map, and Geography in the Age of Exploration, Martin Waldseemuller (ca. 1470-ca. 1521) German cartographer credited with first map to use "America"

**CORRECTION:** A brass astrolabe inscribed in Hebrew and other nautical instruments, such as the quadrant, used in conjunction with astronomical tables, and the first maps of a globular world, were largely the product of and attest to the reliable overseas voyages of Judaic navigators. Jews were among the most notable cartographers. In fact, Waldseemuller, in 1507, must have had an ancient map, a prototype, drawn before the natural strait closed in Panama, confirmed by scientists.

Columbus was sailing with René of Anjou, Guillaume of Casenove Coulon and George Bissipat, and everything points to his having had access to ancient maps on which the New World was drawn, besides other pieces of information probably made available to him by the House of Anjou and the Jewish cartographers.

## 3.9 Attitudes Towards Immigrants

### P 75 Attitudes of US Citizens Towards Immigrants

"Opposition to immigration also intensified into the twentieth century when the majority of immigrants no longer came from northern and western Europe."

**CORRECTION:** Immigrants from England, Scotland, Ireland, Germany, France, and some from Scandinavia, were soon replaced by immigrants from Eastern Europe, and were less welcoming to those they considered *untermenschen*.

"More recently, public support for tighter immigration controls increased after the September 11, 2001 attacks on the world Trade Center and Pentagon."

**CORRECTION:** Because this section refers to immigrants, the perpetrators of the "attacks" warrants clarification. It also explains why certain immigrants have come to

the US to assimilate and become citizens and why these immigrants have not. This could be addressed when discussing the motivation of people who emigrate.

#### P.76 Key Questions: Why do people migrate?

The chapter addresses economical: job opportunities.

**CORRECTION:** Economic opportunity has always been a major force driving immigration. As the new state of Israel was being established, and job opportunities were available in building the new state, many workers came from the neighboring Arab states.

**CORRECTION:** Discuss environmental and political reasons, including the abundant Muslim migration to bring their culture and religion to the Western World – a jihad strategy.

### 4.1 Elements of Folk and Popular Culture

#### 4.5 Folk and Popular Food Preferences

P. 88 Food taboos: “The Biblical food taboos were established in part to set the Hebrew people apart from others. That Christians’ ignoring the Biblical food injunctions reflected their desire to distinguish themselves from Jews, beginning 2,000 years ago. Furthermore, as a universalizing religion, Christianity was less tied to taboos that originated in the Middle East (see Ch.6)”

**CORRECTION:** If this is to be considered a textbook for the purpose of enlightening the students, it is sorely lacking in complete information in almost every section. The author chose to mention food taboos over the Ten Commandments, but sparsely and incorrectly.

**CORRECTION:** Food taboos are part of the Torah and are believed to be divinely ordained, not to set Hebrews apart in an elitist sense (this offensive accusation seems to be a focus for the author), although they felt their observance would usher in the Messiah. In fact, anyone was welcome to abide by the laws, but the choice was theirs alone to make. There are many laws in America. Do those who choose to follow traffic laws, or pay back debts, or avoid gossiping, or tell the truth in a courtroom do so because of an elitism or to set themselves apart? Nonsense! It is because they have accepted a responsibility to follow the laws in their society, a sense of duty or obligation, a sense of morality and one that lends order to their world.

The following is a brief overview: Biblically prohibited foods are specified in Leviticus 11:3–8 and Deuteronomy 14:3–21), specifying and explaining the requirements of mammals and birds, and kosher slaughter. All invertebrates, reptiles and amphibians are forbidden (non-kosher), as are certain fats, the sciatic nerve, limbs or living creatures, untithed food, new fruits, grains, and mixing milk with meat. There are also rabbinically prohibited foods.

**CORRECTION:** Jesus said, “For the kingdom of God Is not meat and drink, but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit (Romans 14:17). The apostle Paul told the Corinthian Gentiles it was legal for them to eat food that Jews would have considered an abomination. With every new culture, comes new rules.

### 6.4 Origins of Religions

Islam: “Muslims believe that Muhammad received his first revelation from God, through the Angel Gabriel, at age 40 while he was engaged in a meditative retreat. The Quran, the holiest

book in Islam, is a record of God's words, as revealed to the Prophet Muhammad through Gabriel.

**CORRECTION:** (indoctrinal statement) Should read "believed to be a record of Allah's words by Muhammad" Using God suggests it might be the God also of the Jews and Christians, which is erroneous; therefore, use Allah for Islam.

"As he began to preach the truth that God had revealed to him, Muhammad suffered persecution, and in 622 he was commanded by God to emigrate to the city of Yathrib (renamed Madinah, from the Arabic for 'The City of the Prophet'), an event known as the Hijra...

**CORRECTION:** As he began to preach of his revelation (not truth, not God revealed)...

Muhammad was persecuted by his fellow-Arabs. When after 13 years of proselytizing to Jews and Christians he was still ignored, he beheaded the men, enslaved or killed the women and children, and declared Mecca holy, thereafter restricted to Muslims only. He proceeded to Medinah, where he also slaughtered all the unconverted inhabitants, and declared that city holy.

## 6.5 Diffusion of Universalizing Religions (where religions are distributed)

P. 132 - **Diffusion of Christianity** – through migration and expansion.

Missionaries (individuals who help to transmit); Contagion diffusion: daily contact with believers and non-believers; Hierarchical diffusion: acceptance of religion by empire's key figures

### **Diffusion of Buddhism**

Emperor Asoka's son led a mission of conversion; Missionaries; Merchants along the trading routes.

**Diffusion of Islam:** Muhammad's successors became armies of conquest and forced conversion in Palestine, the Persian Empire, and much of India; Muslims captured North Africa, western Europe/Spain, southwestern Europe and Turkey; also diffused through Arab traders.

**CORRECTION:** Explain methods of conquest: and forced conversion: beheadings, rapes, bloodshed and looting of booty wherever they went. Forced conversions also replenished their armies.

## 6.6 Holy Places in Universalizing Religions

P. 134 – **Christian Churches** – definition of church, shaped for public assembly (basilicas), raised altar; Eastern Orthodox – ornate Byzantine; Protestant churches – austere.

**Muslim Holy Cities** – Cities associated with life of Mohammed – Meccah, his birthplace, and Madinah, where he received his first support and where he is buried. Organized around a central courtyard.

**CORRECTION:** "First support" should be defined as Muhammed's first conquest by slaughtering the unconverted.

**CORRECTION:** When Muhammad could not sell his religion to Meccans, he fled with his 150 followers and formed an army to return eight years later. He transformed a highly tolerant, religiously pluralistic city into one of only two cities (Madinah) where only Muslims are permitted entry. Meccans were mostly polytheists who generated commerce and income from hosting an annual four-month religious pilgrimage; Jews and Christians also worshipped there. The residents were peaceful, permitted Muhammad's preaching, only asking for mutual tolerance. After 13 years, he insulted the local religions, causing

great offense, and threatened the residents' livelihood. Muslims were the first to draw blood; one death was recorded in the Sira, and Muhammad's presence was still tolerated. Within two years, Muhammad occupied Meccah, destroyed the idols and temples of other tribes as far away as Yemen, and decapitated all the Jewish men and killed or enslaved women and children, making the city one of the most oppressive and intolerant on earth. For the story of Muhammad's violent expulsion of non-Muslims from their own city, see ibn Jshaq/Hisham 920-923. Survivors embraced Islam or were burned alive (Bukhan 11:626). To this day, Muslims insist that others have the right to convert to Islam, while no Muslim has the right to leave on penalty of death.

**CORRECTION:** For consistency, if the book titles Prophet Mohammed, it should also title Jesus Christ and Moses, Moische Rabeinu.

### 6.7 Ethnic Religions and the Landscape

P.136**The Calendar in Judaism** – based on the changing of the seasons because of agricultural cycles. Uses a lunar calendar. Intentionally simplistic and dismissive.

**CORRECTION:** The book misses the most logical entry, that the calendar is based on the Biblical date of Creation, giving the time of the first new moon of Year 1 to correspond to October 7, 3761 BCE, in the Julian calendar. Therefore, Wednesday, September 4, 2013, will be the start of the Hebrew year 5774. The textbook's omission is the denial of "Divine Creation," determined to avoid identifying the age of Judaism and the existence of the Jewish people in the Land of Israel.

**CORRECTION:** As a month is defined from one new moon to the next, the length of a month is taken as 29 days, 12 hours, 793 halakhim (one 1080<sup>th</sup> of an hour). Jewish holiday dates do not change from year to year, and are celebrated on the same day of the Jewish calendar each year, but because the Jewish year is not equal in length as a solar year on the western world's Gregorian calendar, the calendar adds an extra 7 months each 19 years. The textbook's omission is another way of avoiding having to identify the age of Judaism and the existence of the Jewish people in Israel.

**CORRECTION:** The Torah describes two cycles of festivals: the three pilgrimages (Pesach, Shavuot/Festival of Weeks, Sukkot/Tabernacles) and High Holidays (Rosh Hashanah/New Year and Yom Kippur/Day of Atonement), and Simchat Torah/Rejoicing of the Torah. Minor Festivals include the miraculous salvation of the Jewish people: Purim in the Biblical Book of Esther, and Chanukah in the apocryphal books of the Maccabees. Fast Days include Yom Kippur and Ta'anit Esther, four public fast days commemorating the destruction of the first Temple. There are other special, commemorative days on the calendar. Therefore, for the textbook to refer all holidays to agricultural celebrations is a way of deconstructing the Jewish people to farmers.

### 6.9 Religious Conflicts: The Middle East

P. 140 **Judaism.** As an ethnic religion, Judaism makes a special claim to the territory it calls the Promised Land. The major events in the development of Judaism took place there, and the major religion's customs and rituals acquire meaning from the agricultural life of the ancient Hebrew tribe.

**CORRECTION:** The "Promised Land" was deeded to the Jewish People in the Holy Bible. The land area is very specific and verifies that Israel is not colonialist or opportunistic.

**CORRECTION:** Judaism has its roots in the country since the Creation, shown in the Hebrew calendar to be 5774 years ago; 3671 years before the advent of Christianity and about 4361 years before Islam. From a pastoral society, it became a kingdom with an ancestral religion – the first people to reject idolatry, sacrifice and polytheism, and to re-introduce monotheism and moral codes (Commandments) with features of logic and order, such as property rights (a cornerstone of liberty in our Constitution), bearing false witness and swearing oaths in vain (as in testimony in lawsuits), and purpose: the right and wrong ways to conduct their lives; purity in religious observances and rejection of polytheistic practices. They preserved their culture by making ethics central (in contrast to other contemporary religions), recording the tenets of their morals, accessible to all and affirming the importance of the individual in religious, moral, and social order – while denying the divine right of kings. The Ancient Hebrews gave us the principle of dignity of humankind, and rights that are inalienable, even before the authority of a king. It is from Judaism that Christianity inherited this view. In the other contemporary religions, rituals were the end purpose (separate from ethics), thereby encompassing temple prostitution and child sacrifice.

**P. 140 Christianity.** Palestine is the Holy Land and Jerusalem the Holy City because the major events in Jesus's life, death, and Resurrection were concentrated there.

**CORRECTION:** The author confabulates where he does no research before writing his whims. The land referenced and Jerusalem are considered holy by Christians and Jews because most of the major events of the Old Testament occurred there.

**CORRECTION:** The name of the land is NOT Palestine, but Israel; Palestine was the name given by King Hadrian in an attempt to de-Judaize the province of Judea. In fact, Judea is the root of the word Jew, further strengthening the the Jewish links to the land. "Palestine" is never mentioned in the Bible; "Holy Land" occurs once (Zech 2:12), and "Israel" occurs 2,787 times (2,469 in the OT, 228 in Deuterocanonicals, 70 in NT), and there is no entity of Palestine today. The children of Israel entered the Promised Land under the leadership of Joshua, and there the great Kingdom of Israel was established under King David, with Jerusalem its capital. In the New Testament, Jesus' native land is still called the "land of Israel" (cf. Mt 2:20-21) or "Israel" (cf. Luk 7:9), and Jesus' people, the Jews, are the "people of Israel" (cf. Acts 4:10), the "House of Israel" (cf. Mat 15:24) or simply "Israel" (cf. John 1:31; Acts 1:6). (it is inaccurate to refer to Jesus' homeland as "Palestine," as that name wasn't applied until 132. Further, God Himself is "God of Israel" (203 times in the Bible) and "King of Israel"; Jesus is also called "King of Israel" in NT (John 1:49; 12:13).

**Islam.** Jerusalem is their third holy city, after Makkah and Madinah, because it is the place from which Muhammad is thought to have ascended to heaven.

**CORRECTION:** Jerusalem is mentioned not once in the Qur'an, although Muslims claim Jerusalem is referred to by innocuous words "city" or "town." Nevertheless, Arabs are staking a claim on Jerusalem by adding this tale of ascent to heaven to counterfeit their history to support their cause of world domination. Lima Nabil's "Jerusalem: 5,000 Years of Arab History," a translation from the Jordanian Arabic daily *Al-Ra'i*, were Jebusites.

6.9 Palestine was incorporated into a succession of empires, culminating with the British after WW I. In 1947, the UN partitioned Palestine into:

- \* A Jewish-controlled state of Israel
- \* Arab-Muslim-controlled territories turned over to Jordan and Egypt,
- \* Jerusalem to be controlled by the United Nations.

**CORRECTION:** Britain and the League of Nations created the Palestine mandate as the Jewish national Home in part because of the growing number of Jews and their achievements in the pre-WW I period, when the Jewish population rose to 83,000. They built thriving farms, created villages and towns and social institutions, introduced innovations like socialist communes, and revived Hebrew and created a rich culture. During the Mandate, Zionists continued to purchase and restore land, often using innovative agricultural techniques. They developed industry, power plants, urban life, and social institutions such as labor unions, political parties, hospitals, universities and a national orchestra. An estimated 37% of immigrants to pre-state Israel were Arabs. *“Those good Jews brought ... prosperity over Palestine without damage to anyone or taking anything by force.”* – Syrian Alawi’s notable letter to French Prime Minister, June 1936.

**CORRECTION:** Arab leaders instigated many mob attacks against the Jews, leading the British to violate their British Mandate obligations. By 1947, Zionist achievements earned the UN’s recommended partitioning the mandate into a Jewish state alongside an Arab state. The UN allotted a significant area for the Jewish majority. Over 70% of the land for the Jewish portion belonged to the British Mandate.

The entire original British Mandate Territory was earmarked for a Jewish homeland, but a lion’s share of 80% was then sliced off in 1922 and given to the Arabs, named Transjordan, and intended as a homeland for the area’s Arabs. Of the remaining sliver of land, another 22%, called the West Bank and Gaza Strip, was given to the Arabs. And still they’re determined to take the other 78%. The truth is, that the Palestinian State was established in 1922, when the UN created Transjordan.

P. 141. **Palestinian Perspectives.** Palestinians see repeated efforts by Jewish settlers to increase the territory under their control. Hostility increased after the 1967 war, when Israel occupied portions of neighboring countries, and then permitted some of its citizens to build settlements in the occupied territories.

**CORRECTION:** The statement is completely fallacious and distorts history. The British Mandate ended; the State of Israel was established on May 14, 1948, and armies from Egypt, Syria, Transjordan, Lebanon, and Iraq immediately invaded Israel. Israel defeated her enemies after 15 months of war, losing 1% of her population. This was followed by Fedayeen death raids, Egypt’s blocking Israel’s port against international law, Arafat’s continued guerilla warfare, the PLO operations, and Israel’s need to defend herself against the constant attacks. Israel preempted a full-scale invasion and re-captured West Bank from Jordan, Gaza and the Sinai Peninsula from Egypt, and the Golan Heights from Syria. Another Six-Day War of 1967 begun by Egypt lasted three years, when Israel won back land, which was followed by continuous suicide bombings and terrorist attacks. After Israel completely withdrew from Gaza in 2005, terrorist groups Hamas and Hezbollah unleashed a constant barrage of attacks against Israel from

this new “launching pad”; Israel retaliates but “the settlements” have nothing to do with what could be future Palestinian land.

**CORRECTION:** The book uses the propaganda term “occupied,” referring to Israel’s military administration of the West Bank and Gaza, from Israel’s defensive war of 1967 war to the Oslo Peace Accords. Israel turned civil administration of the Territories over to the new Palestinian Authority in 1993, but radical Palestinian groups and this author continue to call all of Israel “Occupied Territory.” Arabs refuse to accept the Jewish State’s right to exist and Israel has offered to exchange land for peace, but no Arab leaders have come forth in peace. Since 2005, Israel uprooted Jewish communities from land claimed by Palestinians, to create a self-governing Palestinian state, but violent aggression continues.

**CORRECTION:** The book never uses the word “occupied” for all the countries that were once non-Islamic but were occupied and conquered. Occupation may now be seen in cities throughout [Europe](#) and in Dearborn, Michigan

**Facts about Israeli Administration of the Territories:**

- The Territories became the world’s 4<sup>th</sup>-fastest-growing economy in the 1970s.
- West Bank per capita income rose 80% between 1967 and 1973.
- Unemployment in Gaza plummeted to 2%.
- Infant mortality fell from 60 to 15 per 1,000 births between 1968 and 2000.
- Israel disbursed millions of dollars to improve refugee camps.
- The number of Palestinian school children rose 102% and illiteracy dropped to 14% for adults over age 15.

**Pg. 141 Israeli Perspective**

Repeated attacks by its neighbors and by Palestinians have led Israel to construct a barrier near its borders. The barrier is controversial because it places on Israel’s side around 10% of the West bank, home to 49,400 Palestinians... The Israeli Supreme Court has twice declared portions of the route illegal because some Palestinians could not reach their fields, water sources, and places of work. Israeli statistics show that it has drastically reduced suicide bombings and other attacks on Israeli civilians. As a result, the barrier has strong support among the Israeli public.

**CORRECTION:** The barrier has been a strategy used by Palestinians to turn public opinion against Israel. Nevertheless, since the barrier’s construction, the number of attacks has declined by more than 90%, the number of Israelis murdered decreased by 70% and wounded by 85%. Palestinian terrorists admitted the separation fence is an obstacle to their destructive activities; If not for the barrier, there would be chaos. The quiet brought an upsurge in economic activity to the Arab towns.

Most of the area within the fence is expected to be Israel in any peace agreement, to minimize security risk to Israel and maximize the number of Jews in the state. The court’s attempt to minimize a negative impact for Palestinians should be noted, when they stop their violence and negotiate in good faith. Palestinians are also learning there is a price to pay for sponsoring terrorism (13,000 rockets, mortars and missiles fired at Israel over ten years). Israel’s accommodations include 70 agricultural passageways to allow farmers to cultivate their lands and allow easy movement for people and goods. Despite the high cost of such security, property owners are offered compensation for the use of their land.

The fence saves lives. Israeli deaths by terror are permanent; Palestinian inconveniences are temporary and reversible.

P.141 Israel sees itself as very small country – 20000 square kilometers (8,000 square miles) – with a Jewish majority surrounded by a region of hostile Muslim Arabs encompassing more than 25 million square kilometers (10 million square miles).

**CORRECTION** How odd to say “Israel sees itself...” how else could this size differential be seen? In point of fact, it should be noted that this is the only country on Earth that is meant for Jews to live in freedom and peace from worldwide hostility, and then compare it with the numerous Muslim countries, and other countries to which Muslims have invaded to set down roots and spread their way of life. The textbook should also note that while Muslims expect Israel to return land it won from the attacking Arabs, Arabs have never returned land they conquered from the numerous cultures that they conquered and annihilated forever.

### 610 Jerusalem: Contested Space

P.142 After Israel captured the entire city of Jerusalem during the 1967 Six-Day War, it removed the barriers that had prevented Jews from visiting and living in the Old City of Jerusalem, including the Western Wall.

**CORRECTION:** Muslims had erected barriers around the Old City of Jerusalem including the Western Wall. The Arabs’ attack of Jerusalem in what became known as the 1967 Six-Day War resulted in Israel’s victory, the reunification of Jerusalem and recapture of the Temple Mount, including the Old City from Jordan. Moshe Dayan, commander of the Israeli forces, promised Muslim leaders that they would retain administrative control of Islamic holy sites, including the Temple Mount. Muslims do not return the courtesies. **Note:** although Muslims decry the barrier erected by Israel to protect her citizens, Muslims also had dividing barriers that kept Jews away from their holiest sites.

**CORRECTION:** When Muslim ruler Abd el-Malik won Jerusalem from the Jews, they built their Dome of the Rock over the ruins of the Temple (688-691), never permitting the Jews access to the remaining wall for prayer. Now that the Israelis won back the site, they permitted the Muslims access to their Mosque, and constructed a complex arrangement of ramps and passages for easy access to both areas for both people. Unlike the Muslims, Jews permit complete religious freedom to everyone in Jerusalem.

**CORRECTION:** If by Islamic reasoning, they are entitled to take Jerusalem, would it be also reasonable for the Jews to take Medinah?

**CORRECTION:** It is interesting to note how many photographs there are of Muslims in prayer through the books.

p. 144 Islam seems strange and threatening to some people in predominantly Christian countries. To what extent is this attitude shaped by knowledge of the teachings of Muhammad and the Quran, and to what extent is it based on lack of knowledge of the religion?

**CORRECTION:** The statement implies that the attitude in predominantly Christian countries is formed by ignorance, rather than the obvious signs of force, cruelty, bloodshed, and imposition of will (civilizational jihad). By all means, information about Islam should be taught but not indoctrinated, and include the truth about its adherents and their un-whitewashed activities in the world.

**CORRECTION:** The foregoing is a question to be posed by the teacher; therefore, to what extent are the teachings of Muhammad and the Quran to be taught? I have noted no information within the textbooks about the Quran, Muhammad's practices of conquest, and what the jihadists do to threaten the general public. Will the instructor also review the extreme levels of atrocities performed by Bedouin tribes on Eritrean Christians, or what Muslims are doing to Christian Copts, the slavery in Mauritania, punishment by caning in Indonesia, hanging of homosexuals from cranes in Iran, the majority of journalists imprisoned in Turkey, the denial of freedom to women in Saudi Arabia, the 60,000 British Muslim women who were genitally mutilated and 20,000 in immediate danger of the same, or the persistent attacks against Jews by the new "Brown Shirts" of Europe and in American and Canadian Universities?

## 7.6 Combining and Dividing Ethnicities

P. 158 deals with Peace in combining ethnicities: **The United Kingdom.**

**CORRECTION:** A half page simplifies the ethnicities of England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland, with no references to the influx of Muslims from various countries of the Middle East, which now causes dissent in the UK, including Muslims' bombings and marches with hate signs, countered by the anti-Islamists movement.. Native British are now encountering difficulty when trying to buy meat that has not been slaughtered in Halal fashion (complete with curse). Authorities (schools, hospitals, prisons) have simplified their shopping problems by clandestinely serving only Halal meat, thereby forcing non-Muslims to unknowingly be Sharia-compliant.

Other problems include boycotts against Israeli books and products by three of the UK countries, England, Ireland, and Scotland.

**CORRECTION:** The book does not address the Muslim invasion into Europe, 60 million Muslims among 800 million people, with the Muslims destined to become the majority voters in many democratic European countries, although Islam is incompatible with democracy. The Muslim population is diverse and a majority in Albania (70%), Bosnia, Kosovo (91%), Macedonia (99%), Turkey (93%), Azerbaijan (93%), and Kazakhstan (57%), Montenegro (20%), Moscow (1.5 million). Although a minority in France, the UK, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Belgium, the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden. They are having a decided impact in the host countries, forcing changes in culture and accommodations, unrest, violence, citizens emigrating. Muslims are about 25% in Marseilles, France; Rotterdam, Netherlands, and Malmo, Sweden.

**CORRECTION:** Because Israel is always wrongly accused of being apartheid, the issue is worthy of inclusion in this section. The Jewish State has 8+ million inhabitants – 75+% Jews and 20+% Arabs. The Jews are divided into religious and secular coming from various immigrant cultural communities worldwide; Arabs are divided into Moslems, Christians, and Druze. Small ethnic religious groups are the Circassians and Samaritans, and Christian communities include the German Beit El community. Since the establishment of the Jewish state, the general population has increased tenfold due to Jewish immigration from around the world. People live equally, serving in all walks of life – no apartheid.

## 8.7 Boundaries

P. 182 Two pages are devoted to boundaries to indicate how a state organizes the separation from its neighbor. Boundaries are physical (desert, mountain, water), cultural (geometric and ethnic), and frontiers (uninhabited).

**CORRECTION:** As broad a topic as this is, it warrants only two pages, another sign of the inadequacy of information per topic. It becomes more apparent that these books are not meant to teach for the sake of enlightenment and thought process, but to lessen the human footprint on the Earth and create a labor society.

I am also reminded that the barrier between Israel and the Palestinians earned a full page in Cultural Landscape.

### 8.11 Terrorism by individuals and Organizations

P.190 Terrorism is described as “the systematic use of violence by a group in order to intimidate a population or coerce a government into granting its demands... They attempt to achieve their objectives through organized acts that spread fear and anxiety among the population, such as bombing, kidnapping, hijacking, taking of hostages, and assassination. They consider violence necessary as a means of bringing widespread publicity to goals and grievances that are not being addressed through peaceful means.”

**CORRECTION:** The terrorism used throughout the world by Muslims is never explained, so it is best to go to the source. In the Qur’an, the purpose is to invade and conquer the new host country and convert the “infidels” to Islam. The terrorism used against Americans, Israelis, the European countries, African and Asian countries is the same terrorism with the same purpose; the precise methods may differ according to the weaponry at their disposal and the strategy they believe will work in each instance. The textbook does not deal honestly with terrorism. The 9//11 attack on America was the Islamic way to usher in a caliphate mosque on Ground Zero and do in America what it is doing worldwide – paving a way for complete control. Other attacks are meant to terrorize, frighten, force people to capitulate in order to avoid war – but they are involved in war whether or not they acknowledge the term.

P. 190. “Distinguishing terrorism from other acts of political violence can be difficult. For example, if a Palestinian suicide bomber kills several dozen Israeli teenagers in a Jerusalem restaurant, is that an act of terrorism or wartime retaliation against Israeli government policies and army actions? Competing arguments are made: Israel’s sympathizers denounce the act as a terrorist threat to the country’s existence, whereas advocates of the Palestinian cause argue that long-standing injustices and Israeli army attacks on Palestinian civilians provoked the act.”

**CORRECTION:** This statement is subtle Jew-hatred, as the author provides justification for killing Jewish children! Elsewhere the brutality in the world is terrorism, but in Israel it is “wartime retaliation against government policies.” This might be a time also to discuss Israel’s policies, but truthfully. People of all backgrounds live peacefully in democratic Israel; the Palestinians outside of Israel are violent and warrant retaliation against the carnage and years of firing rockets and missiles into civilian Jewish neighborhoods. It is also time to clarify that Palestinians have declared they want land, not peace. Israel time and again has offered to negotiate for peace and was rejected.

**CORRECTION:** The “long-standing injustices” are an untrue Palestinian narrative. Muslims attacked and killed Jews long before the establishment of the Jewish state (since Muhammad’s time – see Mecca and Medina), and records show that considerate Arab leaders first welcomed new immigrant Jews to build up the barren land

and spread work and wellbeing to the Arabs. With the birth of Israel, Israel invited Arabs to stay and live as free citizens, but seven Arab states/armies attacked and forced their people into camps. Injustice was of their own making. The Arabs who chose to stay in Israel, enjoy the freedoms of and as Israeli citizens.

**CORRECTION:** This book attempts to justify the murder of Jewish children by providing a “legitimate” principle for Islam’s violent nature, but calls the 9/11 attacks acts of terrorism. Since 627 AD, when Muhammad committed an atrocity against the last remaining major tribe of Jews, the Qurayza in Medina, beheading the men and pubescent boys and enslaving women and children, Muslims have emulated their prophet. Should not the purpose of a textbook be full disclosure and straightforward analysis about early Islam and the continuing wave of atrocities committed worldwide through 14 centuries? Islam is at war with the Western world in its goal of global conquest; its methods are numerous and must be recognized as such. In each country, Muslims establish a narrative, a contrived *cause celebre*, and use a story of victimhood as a way of gaining acceptance by ignorant multiculturalists and anti-Semites of the West. This textbook must not perpetuate the narratives and further victimize Islam’s prey.

**CORRECTIONS:**

**Islam is at war with America:** Hostage held for 89 days during Carter’s weak administration; Hezbollah killed 220 marines (1983) in Beirut, Lebanon, and 8 Israelis (2 kidnapped) soldiers; 1993 WTC attacked; US Embassy attacked in Tanzania (killing 190, wounding 5,000, in 1998); USS Cole attacked in 2000; 9/11 and 3,000 killed in WTC; United Airlines Flight 93 attacked; American Airlines Flight 77 (Pentagon) attacked. Were these horrific acts justified?

**Islam is at war with England:** Bombs exploded on underground trains (2005); arrest of 24 Islamists who planned to blow up planes; Totally committed Muslim women willing to explode their young children for their twisted cause. Muslims killed 32 at the British consulate and bank in Istanbul (2003). Wikipedia provides a substantial list of terrorist acts in Great Britain, primarily by Muslims. Are these to be excused as politically warranted?

**Islam is at war with France:** Islamist youths set fires in France; march with signs “Death to Jews”; killed a Rabbi with young children. (These warped warriors choose children in many situations)

**Islam is at war with Canada:** Islamists arrested with three times the explosives used in the Oklahoma bombing – to capture and behead the Prime Minister.

**Islam is at war with Spain:** Bombs exploded on three trains in Spain (2004), killing 201, injuring 1,400. Islamists told Spain to remove troops from Iraq; Spain acquiesced.

**Russia and China join Islamic Iraq in war against the US and Israel:** The axis of three powers are developing a nuclear center.

**North Korea at war sides with Islamic fascists against America and Israel:** Testing nuclear power in 2006.

**Islam is at war with Jews,** and is responsible for 32 dead in synagogues in Istanbul (2003), for 60 in three American hotels in Amman (2005), for 88 in hotels in Egypt (2005), for 35 bombed in Riyadh (2005), for 11 at the Austrian embassy in Jakarta (2004), for 23 at the Marriott hotel in Jakarta (2003), for 202 in a nightclub and 23 in a food court in Bali (2002), for dancers and Israeli tourists in Kenya (2002). Israel must not be made the guilty exception; Islam is at war with all non-Muslim countries.

**Islam is at war with Bosnians:** Terrorist Muslim Serbs torched and killed 3,166 Bosnians around Srebrenica in 1992; they expelled 25,000 Bosnians, raped women and girls, systematically killed 8,000 men and boys, killed 1600 Sarajevo children. The book does not defend these Muslims as it did Palestinian Muslims or justify these deaths.

**Islam is at war with Christians:** Thirty people were killed (29 Christian children and 13 teachers) in a jihad attack on a northeastern Nigeria boarding school, shooting some children and burning others alive, following an attack a month earlier, killing 16 children and two teachers (2013). Boko Haram said they would target youths, and is responsible for 3,600 Christian deaths. Is this another justifiable killing of children or terrorism by a savage culture.

P. 191 **Al-Qaeda** is held responsible for most of the anti-US terrorism. “For many Muslims, the challenge has been to express disagreement with the policies of governments in the US and Europe, yet disavow the use of terrorism. For many Americans and Europeans, the challenge has been to distinguish between the peaceful but unfamiliar principles and practices of the world’s 1.3 billion Muslims and the misuse and abuse of Islam by a handful of terrorists.

**CORRECTION:** A “handful” of Muslims could not possibly be responsible for all the terror, death, and destruction in the entire world – [21,259](#) reported deadly Islamic attacks worldwide since 9/11. Common Core hides the true nature of Islam. Muslims are guided by the life of Muhammad and the Qur’an; there is no moderate Qur’an. Most of the Qur’an is devoted to subjugating and killing infidels. The book mandates violence in order to conquer. If there are moderate Muslims, it is only because they do not fully understand the Qur’an; once they do, and become devoted, they are forbidden to live in peace with their neighbors. The non-violent are carrying out a stealth, civilizational jihad by quietly taking over cities, engaging in governmental changes (lawfare), and infecting our schools and textbooks with material that will turn our children into the next generation of jihadists. Once their number increases sufficiently in the host country, the moderates join the violent. The Muslim Brotherhood (1922) realized and dictated that jihad may be carried out without bloodshed if that method works best for a particular situation (including overwhelmingly large populations).

### 8.12 State support for Terrorism

P. 192 and 193 cite the countries known to provide sanctuary for terrorists, such as Afghanistan and Pakistan, also referencing Al-Qaeda and the Taliban. Libya is a state that sponsors terrorist attacks, with a list of noteworthy attacks.

**CORRECTION:** The Palestinians are the leading producer of suicide bombers. The information given now conflicts with the aforementioned “handful.”

## 9 Development

Pages 198 through 208 concern the Human Development Index, standard of living, access to knowledge, health indicators, gender-related development and paths to development (through both self-sufficiency and international trade).

**CORRECTION:** Of all the countries mentioned, I was surprised to note that Israel was omitted, considering that the country was desolate and deserted for 1300 years until the arrival of the European Jews (1867) who restored the land with hard labor and ingenuity. Israel, the 100<sup>th</sup> smallest country with less than 1/1000<sup>th</sup> of the world’s population, has

made an astounding number of advances in almost every field within a few short years – a major player in high-tech, leading the world in scientists and technicians; leading in the fields of conquering water shortage, global warming, space travel, anti-virus, anti-smallpox, blood pressure, solar power, paralysis, diabetes, DNA research, and a leader in conquering blindness. Highest average living standards and per-capita income, exceeding the UK; the largest immigrant-absorbing nation on earth. No. 2 in venture capital and in entrepreneurial successes. Israel has led the way in helping countries in dire emergencies, and in helping underdeveloped countries in Africa to improve their irrigation and food production (stopped by Muslim aggression). Israel's "occupation" of the Palestinian territory (ceased 2005) brought Palestinians longer life expectancy, higher standard of living, higher birth survival rates, and more. Israel is the only democracy in the Middle East with freedom of religion. And perhaps the small State of Israel has been ignored because she is, indeed, leaving an impressive footprint on the Earth.