



~ By Sarah Weiner

Have you heard it said that THE JEWS CONTROL THE MEDIA?

Have you heard that THE JEWS CONTROL THE WORLD ECONOMIC SYSTEM?

What do you think? Do you think there may be some truth in this? You may know that these are false accusations, but not know they originate within a dangerous forged document that has fueled distrust and hatred of Jewish People for over 100 years.

The *Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion* is an inflammatory, anti-Semitic publication that has found wide distribution among vastly diverse organizations and people groups since its creation. Common themes connect these otherwise divergent groups—hatred of the Jews, and a penchant to disseminate literature that will incite society against them.

A proven fabrication, the *Protocols* allege to be the written account detailing an elaborate and evil Jewish conspiracy to attain world dominion as planned by an elite, covert group of Jews.

Referring to the *Protocols*, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Elie Wiesel said: “If ever a piece of writing could produce mass hatred, it is this one ... This book is about lies and slander.”

Mass hatred is exactly what it has produced for over 100 years—from Russia to the U.S., to the Middle East—even though it has been proven to be a forgery. It continues to be published and distributed today—with even wider distribution due to the Internet. In recent years, Arab television producers have adapted it for a dramatized mini-series. Broadcast

via satellite, it is now watched around the world—including the U.S.

The Lie is Born

The *Protocols* first appeared in 1903 in the Russian newspaper, *Znamya, The Banner*, as a series of articles. It was represented as a record, in 24 chapters (or *protocols*), of the minutes of secret, conspiratorial meetings between a group of very powerful Jewish leaders (called *the Learned Elders of Zion*) documenting their plans to dominate the world economically, manipulate the media, and create religious conflict toward their evil ends.

Russian writer and mystic Sergei Nilus published them again in 1905 as part of his book, *The Great and the Small: The Coming of the Anti-Christ and the Rule of Satan on Earth*. This is the earliest version printed in its entirety. This early printing has been translated into dozens of languages.

The Russian printing achieved the desired results, adding fuel to the fire of an already dangerously anti-Semitic situation. The pogroms against the helpless Jews living in the small “shtetls” (tiny villages) grew increasingly more violent, causing a huge wave of Jewish

emigration fleeing from Russia to America in the early part of the 20th Century with little more than the clothes on their backs.

The Lie Marches On

Life in America meant a better world for the Jews from Russia, but by 1920, it was no longer half a world away from the *Protocols* and the hateful sentiment that keeps it alive.

In 1920, *The Dearborn Independent*, auto manufacturer Henry Ford’s newspaper, began running a series of articles about the Jew taken from the *Protocols* and sponsored a printing of 500,000 copies. He also published a book that included the series, entitled *The International Jew: The World’s Foremost Problem*, which was translated into more than a dozen languages, and is available today on Amazon.com.

Adolf Hitler and Joseph Goebbels later praised Ford for “his literary achievement in exposing *The International Jew*.”

After the Russian Revolution, the *Protocols* were used to perpetrate hatred and violence against the Jews by tying the Bolshevik movement into a Jewish conspiracy for world domination. All it took was pointing out that

some top Bolsheviks, such as Leon Trotsky, were Jews, and the *Protocols* found a new worldwide audience.

Obvious Fraud

In 1921, the *London Times* presented undeniable proof that the *Protocols* was nothing more than a “clumsy plagiarism” of other works not even associated with the Jews. The *Times* demonstrated that much of the *Protocols* had been directly plagiarized from an 1864 pamphlet by a French political satirist that never mentioned Jews—Maurice Joly’s *The Dialogue in Hell Between Machiavelli and Montesquieu* (1864).

Another proven “inspiration” is the Prussian novel, *Biarritz* (1868), by Hermann Goedsche. In the chapter, *The Jewish Cemetery in Prague and the Council of Representatives of the Twelve Tribes of Israel*, Goedsche wrote about a nocturnal meeting between members of a mysterious rabbinical cabal, describing how at midnight, the Devil appears before those who have gathered on behalf of the Twelve Tribes of Israel to plan a “Jewish conspiracy.” In 1871, the story was being presented in France as serious history. In 1872, the chapter was translated into Russian and appeared in St. Petersburg as a separate pamphlet of purported non-fiction.

A Nazi Standard

Adolph Hitler used the *Protocols* extensively, exploiting the myths of Jewish domination. On one hand, the Jews were called subhuman; on the other hand, they brilliantly and covertly ruled the world! It was an obvious dichotomy, but Eastern Europe bought the lie—just as the Arab nations and those that are hostile to Israel and the Jewish People do today.

The *Protocols* were a perfect primer to build fear and promote hate against the Jewish People. During the 1920s and 1930s, the *Protocols* were powerful weapons in the Nazis’ propaganda arsenal, which published at least 23 editions. After 1933, when the Nazis came to power, schools used the *Protocols* to indoctrinate students.

Protocols on Trial

A Swiss court found the *Protocols* “obvious forgeries” and “libelous” in 1935, after two Nazi leaders were arrested for circulating a German-language edition of the *Protocols* in Bern, Switzerland.

The U.S. Senate issued a report in 1964 declaring that the *Protocols* were “fabricated,” the contents “gibberish” and criticized those who “peddled” the *Protocols* for using the same propaganda technique as Hitler.

The Protocols Today

According to the U.S. 2003 Report on Global Anti-Semitism: “*The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, a text debunked many years ago as a fraud ... continue to appear in the Middle East media, not as a hoax, but as established fact. Government-sponsored television in Syria ran lengthy serials based on the *Protocols*. The presentations emphasized blood libel and the alleged control by the Jewish community of international finance. The clear purpose of the programs was to incite hatred of Jews and of Israel.”

In the United States and Europe, neo-Nazis, white supremacists, and Holocaust deniers endorse and circulate the *Protocols*. Books based on the *Protocols* are available worldwide, even in countries with hardly any Jews, such as Japan.

School textbooks throughout the Arab world teach the *Protocols* as fact. Countless political speeches, editorials, and even children’s cartoons are derived from the *Protocols*.

The Internet dramatically increased access to the *Protocols*, and despite many websites that expose the work as a fraud, the Web makes it easy to spread these lies born of a devil drive to destroy the Jewish People.

The *Protocols* is available today on Amazon.com, although Amazon offers this disclaimer: “Amazon.com obviously does not endorse *The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion*. This book is one of the most infamous, and tragically influential, examples of racist propaganda ever written. It may be useful to some as a tool in the teaching of the history

of anti-Semitism, but it’s unquestionably propaganda.”

Filmmaker Marc Levin produced a film called “Protocols of Zion” (2006) exploring the resurgence of anti-Semitism in the wake of September 11 after hearing the too-oft-made claim “the Jews were warned not to go to work on 9/11” from his taxi driver, who further explained that “*It’s all in the book*—The Protocols of Zion.” Levin was shocked to find this book widely available from Wal-Mart (now removed), Amazon.com, and on the streets of New York, influencing Arabs in America.

Truth is Inconvenient

Despite these repeated exposures of the *Protocols* as a fraud, it remains the most influential anti-Semitic text of the past 100 years, and it continues to appeal to a variety of anti-Semitic individuals and organizations, forming a commonality between groups that otherwise have nothing in common.

One of the emphatic hawkers of today’s *Protocols* is Texe Marrs. Previously known in Christian circles for exposing New Age teachings, he now has a complete line of materials blaming America’s woes on the Jews and U.S. support of Israel, casting vast lurid aspersions against the Jews and selling the *Protocols* as an essential truth: “Henry Ford believed it to be legitimate. So, too, did famous aviator Charles Lindbergh and many others. Read and study it for yourself; *but hurry: at any moment, this book may be declared illegal by opponents of Free Speech!*” (www.texemarrs.com)

How many millions of Jews have been injured—or will be injured—by this spiteful amalgam of lies? We are to be ever on guard against the forces of darkness that seek to destroy, combatting them with truth and praying for those who have been so deceived by the enemy.

Yeshua answered them, “And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.” (Matt. 24:4–5 KJV)

Deception is not new. Yeshua warned us that many—not few—would come, acknowledging that He is the Messiah and yet lead many astray. Being warned, we are aware and need not lose heart. Test all things against the Word and hold fast to the truth—even if it is not popular. For in Him is our truth. “*He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation [Yeshua] of our God.*” (Psalm 98:3 KJV)

