

Inquiring Minds topic – 20 July 2018

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Antisemitism

According to the Southern Poverty Law Center the FBI reported a 20% increase in anti-Jewish crimes in..2016 compared to the previous year. The Center described Trump's victory and inauguration as electrifying and setting white supremacists in a frenzy. Do you agree with the fact of changing demographics and politics as buoying the movement.?

Why do whiteness and traditional Christian religion appear to be on the rise particularly in some parts of Eastern Europe?

Does such a rise spell trouble for the Jews in these countries?

Whatever our faith identities should they or can they be separated from our strategic dealings with Israel in the hurly burly which is the Middle East. As a friend of Israel how can we deal in a balanced way with stubborn issues like the West Bank and Jerusalem.?

Hate groups sometimes rely on the loaded charge that Jews are Christ killers. While it is true that the apostle Paul explained the death of Jesus as flowing from decisions of Jewish authorities (under the heel of Roman power). he also presented the gospel in numerous synagogues on his missionary journeys and loved Jews who saw Jesus as the Messiah. .Should Christians,who see themselves as a reason for Jesus death on the cross. try to neutralize the harsh stereotype. If so, how?

The topic paper follows . . .