Introduction

They deem him their worst enemy, who tells them the truth.

Plato, The Republic, c. 380 BC

If some Jewish people wish to believe they were chosen by a non-existent god who helped with an Israelite Exodus from Egypt that never occurred and allegedly promised them the land of Canaan, then such religious beliefs, even if unfounded, still qualify as an acceptable human right. That right, however, does not come with a carte blanche authorisation for the use of fictional biblical narratives — as justification for the barbaric ethnic cleansing of Palestinian people including a heinous and deliberate targeting of children — so that a Zionist Apartheid Jewish State can claim exclusive rights to a "Promised Land" disingenuously described as "a land without a people for a people without a land."

Israel's perversely persistent persecution of the indigenous Palestinian population and denial of its culture, history, existence, and human rights — for more than seventy years — has been largely misrepresented if not totally ignored by unprincipled mainstream media prostitutes; catastrophically tolerated by a world drenched in xenophobic thoughts, attitudes, and actions; unconscionably financed by an inherently racist, degenerate, and declining US where democracy is suffocating and the "American Dream" has become a horrifying nightmare; and facilitated by the double moral standards of a spineless EU which like the US is also subservient to the pernicious and predatory lobbying of powerful and cash-rich pro-Israel groups relentless in pursuit of Zionist objectives which are presented as conscientious concern — with the bogus claim of preventing another Holocaust — for the wellbeing and safety of all Jews.

Preventing another genocide of the Jewish people, however, can hardly be either achieved, or morally justified, by having Jewish people exterminate another ethnic group in a deliberately calculated, viciously cruel, and sadistic manner. Zionist objectives are therefore actually destroying the moral principles — including justice, healing the world, charity and kindness to others, and the importance of the sanctity of human life that includes the concept of "saving a life" (Pikuach Nefesh), which is an obligation for all Jews — of the religion it claims to be protecting while with ruthless relish perpetrating the abominable crime of genocide against the Palestinian people.

The term does not necessarily signify mass killings . . . more often [genocide] refers to a coordinated plan aimed at destruction of the essential foundations of the life of national groups so that these groups wither and die like plants that have suffered a blight. The end may be accomplished by the forced disintegration of political and social institutions, of the culture of the people, of their language, their national feelings and their religion. It may be accomplished by wiping out all basis of personal security, liberty, health and dignity. When these means fail the machine gun can always be utilised as a last resort. Genocide is directed against a national group as an entity and the attack on individuals is only secondary to the annihilation of the national group to which they belong.

Raphael Lemkin (1900-1959), Polish-Jewish jurist, who in his book *Axis Rule in Occupied Europe*, coined the word "genocide" and subsequently served with the team of Americans working to prepare the Nuremberg trials.

Yes, It's Israeli Apartheid. Even Without Annexation . . . In other words, apartheid is a regime that, using all the tools at its disposal — law, policy, practice — creates the superiority of one group and imposes inferiority on another, usually manifested in institutional discrimination regarding rights and resources. Contrary to popular belief, in international law, a racial group is defined in accordance with sociopolitical classifications, not biological-genetic ones, thus the definition encompasses national or ethnic origin. It's not enough to impose inferiority on such a group; a condition for committing the crime is that the superiority is not temporary but meant to be permanent.

Hence, international law criminalises "inhumane acts" committed against the inferior group with the aim of preserving the superior group's control over it. You'd have to turn out the lights, plug your ears and close the shutters to evade the conclusion that the Israeli regime in the West Bank is an apartheid regime and that annexation would only deepen and expand it

Michael Sfard, expert Israeli attorney on international humanitarian law and international human rights law, in *Haaretz*, July 9, 2020

... So, apartheid is today accepted as an international crime defined as the commission of inhumane acts by one racial group against another racial group for the purpose of maintaining domination over that group and systematically oppressing it. The ICC is today considering the commission of this crime by Israel, resulting from its establishment of an Israeli settler regime in occupied Palestine and its policies of forcible removals of Palestinians from their land, home demolitions, torture, arbitrary imprisonment, denial of free movement and more. There is very little doubt among international law jurists that Israel's actions in occupied Palestine meet the requirements for the crime of apartheid...

Professor John Dugard, eminent South African human rights lawyer, October, 2020

Apartheid is a crime against humanity. Israel has deprived millions of Palestinians of their liberty and property. It has perpetrated a system of gross racial discrimination and inequality. It has systematically incarcerated and tortured thousands of Palestinians, contrary to international law. It has, in particular, waged a war against a civilian population, in particular children.

Nelson Mandela (1918-2013)