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THE SANHEDRIN'S DECISION REGARDING THE HOLY TEMPLE, THE TEMPLE MOUNT, AND JERUSALEM

June 8, 2005 The Temple Institute reported: "The Sanhedrin calls upon all groups who work in the area of Temple and Temple Mount-related research and activity, to begin to prepare detailed architectural plans for the construction of the Holy Temple, towards the goal of its establishment in its proper place.

The Sanhedrin will establish a forum of architects and engineers whose goal will be to implement this decision, so that detailed working plans are effectively brought to an operational stage.

The Sanhedrin calls upon the Jewish people to contribute towards the acquisition of materials for the purpose of rebuilding the Holy Temple; the gathering and preparation of prefabricated, disassembled portions of this building to be stored and ready for rapid assembly, in the manner of King David. These contributions will be considered "chulin," i.e., non-sacred, for the purpose of the planning and construction of the Temple."

PA'S ABBAS BLAMES ISRAEL FOR UNREST ON TEMPLE MOUNT



June 6, 2005 Haaretz.com reported: "Palestinian Authority Chairman Mahmoud Abbas accused Israel of bearing responsibility for violent clashes between police and Arab worshippers on the Temple Mount on Monday. Abbas said the Jews - who visited the site to mark Jerusalem Day - should not have been allowed into the mosque compound. "The Israeli government and the international community must stop these unjustified and dangerous violations. They are to prevent any friction with bad results," he said during a tour of a Palestinian high school in the West Bank town of Ramallah.

Jordan on Monday denounced the violent confrontation at the Temple Mount, and urged the international community to help end "violations" against the sanctity of the Muslim holy shrine. Religious Affairs Minister Abdul-Salam al-Abadi said the police actions and the visit of Jewish visitors "represent a flagrant and an unacceptable defiance which are part of repeated attempts by Zionist settlers to assault and harm the blessed al Aqsa Mosque."

Al-Abadi told the official Petra news agency that he had told workers at Al Aqsa to be "cautious and prevent the (Israeli) extremists from executing their threats which aim at harming Al Aqsa Mosque."

Israeli police rushed into the Temple Mount compound and faced down hundreds of stone-throwing Palestinians outside the Al Aqsa mosque on Monday as Jews visited the site on the anniversary of the capture of the Old City and East Jerusalem during the 1967 war.

A police spokesman said forces moved onto the compound, sacred to Jews as the site of the ancient Temples and to Muslims as the site from which Mohammed ascended to heaven, after several hundred Palestinians threw stones at Jewish visitors near the shrine. He said two Jews were injured..."

JAPAN UNVEILS "ROBOT SUIT" THAT ENHANCES HUMAN POWER

June 8, 2005 Agency France-Press reported: "Japan has taken a step into the science-fiction world with the release of a "robot suit" that can help workers lift heavy loads or assist people with disabilities climb stairs

"Humans may be able to mutate into supermen in the near future," said Yoshiyuki Sankai, professor and engineer at Tsukuba University who led the project. The 15-kilogram (33-pound) battery-powered suit, code-named HAL-5, detects muscle movements through electrical-signal flows on the skin surface and then amplifies them. It can also move on its own accord, enabling it to help elderly or handicapped people walk, developers said.

The prototype suit will be displayed at the World Exposition that is currently taking place in Aichi prefecture, central Japan.

Japan has seen a growing market for technology geared toward the elderly, who are making up an increasing chunk of the population as fewer younger Japanese choose to start families..."

US CONCERNED ABOUT EU CRISIS

June 6, 2005 EUobserver reported: "The US is concerned about the effects of the current political crisis on further enlargement of the EU. The news came after a meeting on Tuesday (7 June) between German foreign minister Joschka Fischer and US chief security advisor Stephen Hadley.

According to Mr Fischer, Washington is worried that the paralysis following the double rejection of the EU constitution in France and the Netherlands last week could affect Turkey's membership bid and the bloc's engagement in the Balkans. There is great concern that the stabilising effect of the EU on the Balkans could decrease and that there could be set-backs on the issue of Turkey coming closer [to the bloc], said Mr Fischer, according to Spiegel Online.

Speaking specifically about the Balkans, the German minister said "Europe cannot afford to take time out from its obligations on the world stage". He added that the whole strategy in the Balkans is based on having a European perspective as an "anchor" - and that applies to Romania and Bulgaria as well. The comments come as speculation increases about the possible effects of the double rejection of the EU Charter.

Washington has never made a secret about its support for Turkey joining the EU, but part of the reason for rejection of the constitution, in France particularly, was due to fears about Turkey's eventual membership..."

STEM CELL ADVANCES MAY MAKE MORAL ISSUE MOOT

June 6, 2005 The Washington Post reported: "If only human embryonic stem cells could sprout anew from something other than a human embryo. Researchers could harvest them and perhaps harness their great biomedical potential without destroying what some consider to be a budding human life. But like a low-calorie banana split or the proverbial free lunch, there is no such thing as an embryo-free embryonic stem cell. Or is there?"



In recent months, a number of researchers have begun to assemble intriguing evidence that it is possible to generate embryonic stem cells without having to create or destroy new human embryos. The research is still young and largely unpublished, and in some cases it is limited to animal cells. Scientists doing the work also emphasize their desire to have continued access to human embryos for now. It is largely by analyzing how nature makes stem cells, deep inside days-old embryos, that these researchers are learning how to make the cells themselves.

Yet the gathering consensus among biologists is that embryonic stem cells are made, not born -- and that embryos are not an essential ingredient. That means that today's heated debates over embryo rights could fade in the aftermath of technical advances allowing scientists to convert ordinary cells into embryonic stem cells.

"That would really get around all the moral and ethical concerns," said James F. Battey, chief of the stem cell task force at the National Institutes of Health. The techniques under study qualify for federal grant support because embryos are not harmed, he noted. And eventually the work could boost the number of stem cell colonies, or lines, available for study by taxpayer-supported researchers.

The transformation of ordinary body cells into extraordinary stem cells is not a matter of alchemy but molecular biology. All human cells, be they stem or otherwise, have the same basic complement of genes. What is different about stem cells -- and what gives them their remarkable capacity to proliferate and morph into whatever kind of cell the body may need -- is the specific pattern of activity of their genes. It is all about which genes are working and which are dormant..."

GCC STATES CITED AS WORST TRAFFICKERS

June 6, 2005 Middle East Newsline reported: "Four Gulf Arab states have been deemed as among the worst human traffickers in the world. The United States has determined that Kuwait, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia tolerate what the State Department termed involuntary servitude, or slavery. The four Gulf Cooperation Council states could face U.S. sanctions unless they improve their record by September 2005.

The State Department said Saudi Arabia has failed to outlaw human trafficking or protect domestic workers. The kingdom also ignored the lion's share of complaints by foreign workers..."

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