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Peace in the Middle-East?

Now that there has been a peace agreement negotiated between Israel and the Lebanon Hizbollah, do any of you think that this will be a lasting forever peace? Not I. And I would bet my bottom that you think likewise. What then is the answer to mid-east peace? Can there be a permanent peace in the middle east? Only if.....and, they must show some dedication to make it work. In other words prove your intentions are real. Why can't you live and let live?

A bit of history can shed some light of this eternal battleground.

In 1948, Jewish Community in Israel under the leadership of David Ben-Gurion reestablished sovereignty over their ancient homeland. [Declaration of independence](#) of the modern State of Israel was announced on the day that the last British forces left Israel (May 14, 1948). The concise, yet comprehensive history of the region can be digested at <http://www.science.co.il/>.

"Israel, which comprises some 10,000 square miles, compared with Arab countries that total over five million square miles — not including Iran — has shown itself to be a model of democracy and decency. Over one million Arabs live in Israel with full rights of citizenship, they vote and serve in Israel's parliament." Now that sounds like a tolerant and inclusive country willing to live and let live. Bill Bennett has a great article over at: http://www.townhall.com/columnists/BillBennett/2006/08/11/why_israel_fights%e2%80%a6

According to Wikipedia, at the end of 2003 of Israel's 6.7 million people, 76.7% were Jewish by religion), 15.8% were Muslim, 2.1% were Christian, 1.6% were Druze, and the remaining 3.7% (mainly Former Soviet Union immigrants) were not classified by religion.

Now on to the Muslim, or Islamic terrorists, or to be more politically correct, the insurgents, the militants in Lebanon who are mostly not from Lebanon, but from other Muslim nations to again start anew this battle in the middle-east which has been a sore spot since writings were done on clay and a camel was outside every tent. What will these people do to insure the peace? Most of us think it will just give them time to regroup, stockpile more weapons, train more "insurgents" for another aggressive terrorist campaign against Israel sometime for sure. Now what they could do is for the clerics of Islam, the Imams of Islam, whoever you are, to step forward and forcefully proclaim to the entire Muslim world that upon further introspection, it is now their desire to live and let live. That Allah would be pleased to have peace. That a permanent peace would give the children of Islam a chance of a good long life to please Allah by the life they live, that to live in peace with ones neighbor is admirable and a tribute to the faith of Muslims around the world. The Muslim population would increase dramatically.

Will the powerful influential voices within the Muslim community be heard in such a way? Fat chance, but now is their time to prove it. Otherwise there will only be continuous fighting over the Jewish rights to Israel. I believe the Jewish state of Israel has already proven that they are willing to live and let live as they have allowed Muslim Arabs to live with full rights of citizenship within their borders. Now it's the turn for Lebanon, Syria, Iran, and other