

the new one. I even have some old letters with the heading “Kuwait—Arabian Lands—Persian Gulf” and no one objected at that time.

The second reason for his suspension concerns the translation of a book by two American authors and one of the authors has dual Israeli-American citizenship. If you object to a book, shouldn't it be based on its subject matter rather than the author? It's a medical book, so I can't believe the content is the point of contention. Is it merely this author's religion or nationality that makes you view him as your enemy? If that's the case, then know your “enemy” by reading everything he writes. I recall what the author Youssef Ziedan wrote in his book "The Whirlpool of Religiosity" that we fight with the Jews without knowing their religion. Who of us has actually read the Talmud or knows any of its teachings? Ziedan quoted some excerpts from the Talmud—the only time I have ever seen portions of it translated into Arabic—and offers examples of beliefs and behaviors which would be unacceptable according to Western principles, but is taught in the Talmud nonetheless. Frankly, after finishing that book I understood why their causes always seem to succeed over us; we don't read, and if we do, we only read what we are allowed to read.

I conclude that the prevailing policy of petty criticism does not create a competitive work environment, but actually kills all creativity and leads to an unnecessary administrative and political paranoia.

I can say nothing but, Bu-Sara, “your flag is white.” (This phrase is used to praise someone for their innocence.)