

## **Palestine, Religious and Political Schisms**

**One God, common ancestry and much analogy in Jewish, Christian and Islamic doctrine and belief has not lessened the differences and now little hope for reconciliation exists. The crucible is Palestine for Israel and the Palestinians. And, of course, the war on terror finding its essence in Iraq but vigilance elsewhere discovered a new terror plot using liquid explosives targeting US commercial air flying from Britain. Could this recent breakout of hostilities between Israel and Hezbollah terrorists be equated to the vague but quasi-real strategy of the US-'a war on terrorists and those that harbor them'? Perhaps!**

**In my mind's eye I see General Aerial Sharon - a victor in many battles with the Arabs conceptualize a quick and dirty war: an envelopment of the main Hezbollah defenses by sea and air perhaps at Tyre together with a massive fire concentration from air and ground frontally towards the Litani River with sufficient force to stun and overwhelm the enemy. A warning for inhabitants to clear the area beyond the Litani River to Beirut or further north. Tactical air would orbit the battle areas to discern missile locales and hit them before they move. Easy for me to say as General Sharon sleeps perhaps never to wake. Hind-sight is always a godsend in war.**

**Intelligence should have warned Israel of the intricacies of the Hezbollah defenses, the embedded mobile missiles in civilian enclaves and the potential fighting spirit- unlike many Arab fighters before. In-**

**decision seems to haunt the once vaunted Israelis. A UN ceasefire has been approved and recognizes the plan to be effective must include a major neutralizing force...as the battle goes on. Litani River seems to be the goal of the Israeli military at the moment .**