



# MARTYR BASEL AL-ARAJ ON ZIONISM, US IMPERIALISM & CHANGING AMERIKAN CONSCIENCE

**"IN AMERICA, THE SOLIDARITY MOVEMENT WITH THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE IS MOSTLY CONDITIONAL UPON THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF THE ZIONIST ENTITY. THOSE AMERICANS WHO FULLY SUPPORT OUR CAUSE AND OPPOSE THE ZIONIST ENTITY AND ITS EXISTENCE INHERENTLY OPPOSE THE IDEA OF AMERICA ITSELF.**

**THE ENEMY STATE IS ALMOST A CARBON COPY OF AMERICA, EXCEPT THAT THE ZIONIST PROJECT WAS FULLY AWARE OF ITS IDENTITY FROM THE START. THEREFORE, DON'T EXHAUST YOURSELVES BY TRYING TO EVOKE THE EMOTIONS OF AMERICANS AND BEGGING FOR THEIR TEARS FOR YOUR WOUNDED SELVES. THE BETTER AND MORE IMPORTANT APPROACH IS TO DISMANTLE THE IDEA OF AMERICA IN THEIR MINDS AS A GATEWAY TO ENSURING THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF OUR CAUSE AND RIGHTS. ANY OTHER EFFORT WILL, LIKE FOAM, VANISH AND ULTIMATELY DISSIPATE. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO WIN OVER AN AMERICAN TO OUR SIDE WITHOUT THEM OPPOSING THE IDEA OF AMERICA."**

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**MARTYR BASEL AL-ARAJ:** "YOU WANT TO BE AN INTELLECTUAL? THEN YOU MUST RESIST. OTHERWISE YOU AND YOUR EDUCATION ARE USELESS..."

"WE WHO ARE BROTHERS, COMRADES, AND FOLLOWERS OF THESE MARTYRS, **THESE MARTYRS MUST ALWAYS REMAIN PRESENT IN OUR MINDS, IN OUR THOUGHTS, IN OUR HEARTS, IN OUR WILL, IN OUR CONSCIOUSNESS, IN OUR THOUGHT, IN OUR CULTURE, IN OUR LITERATURE, AND IN OUR DISCOURSE.** THEREFORE, THEIR IMAGES, NAMES, EXPERIENCES, AND MEMORIES MUST REMAIN..."

**"THE BEGINNING OF EVERY REVOLUTION IS AN EXIT, AN EXIT FROM THE SOCIAL ORDER THAT POWER HAS ENSHRINED IN THE NAME OF LAW, STABILITY, PUBLIC INTEREST, AND THE GREATER GOOD.** EVERY SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC AUTHORITY NECESSARILY INTERSECTS WITH AND IS AN EXTENSION OF POLITICAL AUTHORITY. THIS IS HOW THESE HEROIC FIGURES CAN BE UNDERSTOOD AND APPRECIATED BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC, WHO ARE OVERPOWERED, AS THOUGH BY INSTINCT. FROM THERE, WE UNDERSTAND THE HOSTILITY OF SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND POLITICAL AUTHORITY TOWARDS THESE FIGURES, AND ITS USE OF THE LAW AS A TOOL TO TARNISH THEIR IMAGE AND CRIMINALIZE THEM. **WE THEREFORE ALSO UNDERSTAND THE SMOOTH TRANSITION FROM THE OUTLAW INTO THE REVOLUTIONARY—THE ONE WHO RESISTS...**"

KHALED ODETALAH, IN MOURNING BASIL, SAID: **"BASIL DID NOT CALL ON US TO BE RESISTANCE FIGHTERS. NOR DID HE CALL ON US TO BE REVOLUTIONARIES. BASIL TOLD US TO BE TRUE; THAT IS ALL. IF YOU ARE TRUE, YOU WILL BE REVOLUTIONARIES AND RESISTANCE FIGHTERS."**

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