somehow transferred to the contemporaryperiod;thatis, thegovernmentofIsraelisendowedwiththesamesanctity that the people of Israel had. "Another factor is geography. Geographyalsohasatheological interpretation. Israel's geography, according to their theology, is the geography of the Promised Land. French philosopher Roger Garaudy saysthattheGodofIsraelhas transformedintothegovernment, and the Promised Land hasbecomethelandofIsrael. Even the Exodus from Egypt and the events of the journey fromExodustomigrationtolsraelbecomesacredandfinda holyaspect.Let'signorethatin Zionistandevangelicalinterpretations of Christianity, the story becomes entangled in

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Armageddon, and this matter is crucial for them.

So, Israel is the only earthly governmentthatadherestoa kindofsacredhistory, sacred geographyspecialpeople,and a sacred government. These fourpillarsareexactlyinconflictwiththeprinciplesofthe nation-state; that is, the four pillarsofpeople,land,government, and sovereignty. When we talk about the concept of the state in the modern era, these four pillars, except for thepeople'saspect, areamong the most obvious principles. These four principles do not exist in Israel, so it cannot be anation-statebecausewhenit comestothepeople,thereisno inclusivity. In a nation-state, people can be Jewish or have another religion, but Israelis

in crisis over shaping a contemporary national identity andlooksentirelyideological. **So,Israelisneithersecularnor** a nation-state; Israel has an ideological political system. But how has Israel formed a theological system? Part of it goesback to how Israel's politics is. There is a text known as the `Protocols of the Eldersof Zion', famous among Zionist scholars, which they call a hoax;thatis,alieattributedto them.Insidetheseprotocols, theyhaveplannedeverything; the economy, cinema, and so on, and its basis is that Zionism musttakeovertheworld.But unfortunately,thepolicies that Israel implements are based on this hoax.

Twobookscanhelpclarifythis discussion. One is a book by

FrenchtheoristJacquesAttali called 'TheEconomicHistory oftheJewishPeople'Thisbook explainswhatJewshavedone throughouthistory.Theissue goesbacktoseveralhundred years, from the Middle-Ages to this day. They somehow shapeeconomicandbanking systemsinthemedievalperiod,andfromacertainpointon, all kings have been indebted to Jews. Another book is 'An EmpireofTheirOwn:Howthe Jews Invented Hollywood'by Neal Gabler.

In conclusion, I think it is very wrong to say that Israelisaseculargovernmentor has created democracy. At least based on political theology, this cannot be accepted. Hegel said history repeats itself. Marx said, "He forgot to add: the first time as tragedy, the second time as farce." Žižek also addressedthisissueinabook called 'Firstas Tragedy, Then as Farce'. This proposition is

worth discussing. In the second time when historyrepeatsitselfasafarce,it isactuallymoreterriblethan the first tragedy. The irony of history is righthere; the first timeitsnameistragedy,butit isnotasterribleasitscomedy state. My assumption is that thegovernmentofIsraelhas launchedafarcicalandhorrifyingshowbyrepeatinghistoryandexclusivity.Thelevelof violence is also much higher than what is claimed. Horrific accounts are recorded, such as tearing the stomach of a pregnant woman or taking the head of a fetus. Susan

Sontag says only a dogmatic religious foundation can do such things.

IsraeliterroristgroupslikeHaganah, Irgun, and Etzelare all madeupofradicalextremist individuals. "We do the same thing with Palestinians that David did with Nabal," they say to those who lie in front of bulldozers and say you mustn't destroy Palestinian homes and those who fight against the government of Israel,askingwhyareyouusing liveammunitionagainstPalestinians.Thatstory is atwisted and erotic one that is not expressiblehere.Thesegroups come from a dogmatic theology known as the Iron Fist, which is why talking about the existing secular order is laughable.

