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Subject: DON'T BE SO DAMN PROUD!

**"Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel."
-- Samuel Johnson**

Dear Ones,

During the past few weeks I have received several prideful "patriotic" emails from Iranians, Jews, Muslims, Zoroastrians, Assyrians, etc., some of which are full of blatant lies and fabrications meant to bolster national/ethnic/religious/gender pride. I have assembled a few of these emails for you below. Reading the outlandish claims made in these emails reminded me of the anecdote about a spiritual Master who one day caught his top students engaged in a heated argument over whose ancestors had discovered "Zero." The Master shook his head and said: "It is not important whose ancestors discovered Zero... what's important is that you have all stayed at zero!"

It has been said that "**Pride is the mother of all sins.**" Of course there is no harm in humbly enjoying and appreciating your own or your culture's great achievements, as long as you also acknowledge and enjoy the achievements of other people as well. But as the saying goes, "**Pride goeth before the Fall...**" and for most of us ethnic pride most often leads to egotistical narcissism and ethnic prejudice. So how do we know if our pride has made us fall into egocentric narcissism? Here are a few clues. You have fallen into prideful narcissism if:

- You love hearing about the great things you or "your people" have achieved, but hate to hear anything about the terrible things you or "your people" have also committed.
- You are unable to see the good and the bad in self and others and are ever ready to kill the critic with angry outbursts or deadly weapons.
- You believe that everything awful that has ever happened to you or to "your people" is someone else's fault, and you are unwilling to look at your own part in what's happened, be it the failure of a business, a

- marriage, a friendship, or the demise of a political regime, defeat at the hands of the enemy and other such painful disasters.
- You maintain your “innocence” at all costs and cannot learn from suffering and failure.
 - You are only concerned with the pain and suffering of yourself and “your people” and show no concern with the suffering of others. After all, “your people” are the Noble Ones, the Chosen Ones, the Superior Race, and why should you concern yourself with the circumstances of the lowly people?!
 - You don’t care if other people or nations are threatened with total destruction, but God forbid if someone should threaten to annihilate “your people”!
 - You are offended by other people identifying with and taking pride in their heritage while you are yourself totally identified with and take pride in your own heritage.

So, my dear friend, if you see any of these signs in yourself, please help save us all from more ethnic wars and bloodshed by looking in the mirror once every day and saying to yourself: ***DON’T BE SO DAMN PROUD!***

Let us not stay at zero.

Cheers,

Mitra

PS. Now amuse yourself with the entertaining “Prideful” emails below.

Subject: FW: Proud to Be an Assyrian

Watch, learn, and be proud!

Let everyone know that many of the great things the Iranians, the Jews and the Zoroastrianis claim belongs to their culture come from our Assyrian heritage!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fFaVD5MzThk>

From: Moobed A.

Subject: Changing the Nationality of Persian Scientists in Paris!

Ba sepas az Kadban P.

Dear All

Some weeks ago there was an exhibition entitled "Golden Age of the Arab Science" in the "Institute of Arab World", Paris.

The organizer was the former Culture Minister of Algeria.

In this exhibition many Persian scientists introduced as Arab scientists.

Here is my report about this event which was published this morning in the Persian daily "Shargh" in Tehran:

<http://sharghnewspaper.com/850226/html/city.htm#s413340>

Special thanks to "Persian Speakers Society" and its director Ms. Jaleh Daftarian for their efforts on this matter.

Best Regards

www.artistswithoutfrontiers.com/pakbarzadeh

Subject: PROUD TO BE A PERSIAN WOMAN...



I am proud to be a Persian woman. Two-thirds of the 2 million college students in Iran are women.

I speak Persian, not Arabic.

Iran (Persia) is pronounced "EERAAN" and not "I - ran" (it's not track & field).

The Persians gave some of the best poetry, algebra, medicine, ethics, the first pony express, and the federal government, to the world.

There are: Persian garden, Persian lamb, Persian carpet, Persian cat, Persian Caviar, Persimmons, Persian Lilac, Persian violetŠ..

The word "paradise" is Persian.

News flash: Iran (Persia) and Iraq are two different countries, the former ten thousand years in the making; Middle East is a politically fabricated name of the region and NOT a continent nor a country.

Each time you play a game of chess to improve your intellect, keep in mind that it was Persians who gave you your game almost 10,000 years ago.

Persian women are just as outspoken (if not more) and liberal as the European or American women, as exemplified by the recent Noble Laureate attorney Shirin Ebadi.

And what is the word "soccer"? We also call it Football like every one else in the world(except Americans).

Iran (Persia) is the first country on earth to have a lion (male) and a sun (female) as its emblem

symbol; and its flag colors are red, white, and green.

Iran (Persia) still harbors the largest Jewish Community in the entire Middle East after Israel. The Persian king, Cyrus, liberated Jews and established religious freedom some 2,500 years before the United Nations existed.

Iran (Persia) has given 2 millions of its brightest to the West including half a million to the USA alone.

Iran (Persia) has the largest number of internet bloggers after the USA.

Publications of the Persian scientists have shown the largest growth rate in 2004 compared to any other country in the world.

Iran (Persia) is the land of Zarathustra, the prophet of Truth and Light.

The word "paradise" is Persian.

Iran (Persia) , the beautiful country may be run by the wrong people but still one of the best countries on Earth with noble people.

So, allow me to introduce myself:

I am an Iranian woman and my name is Scheherazade. I am so famous that the famous Russian composer, Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov, composed a symphony about me. Listen to it and you will understand why I am proud to be a Persian woman!

Subject: WHY WE ARE SO PROUD TO BE JEWISH!!!

This is why I LOVE being JEWISH

WE HAVE NEVER BEEN BETTER OFF!

It's only TV and the media
That make people think
That the end of our world is coming.

Only 68+ years ago,
They were leading Jews to their death
Like sheep to the slaughter!
No Country, No Army. 60 years ago!

Seven Arab countries declared war
On the small Jewish State,
Only a few hours old!

We were then 650,000 Jews!
Against the rest of the Arab world!
No IDF [Israel Defense Force].
No mighty Air Force,
Just tough people
With nowhere to go.

Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Jordan, Egypt, Libya, Saudi Arabia, attacked all at once.

The country the UN 'gave us'
Was 65% desert.
The country started from scratch!

41 years ago! We fought
The three strongest armies in the Middle East,
And wiped them out in six days

We fought against
Different coalitions of Arab countries,
With modern armies,
And masses of Soviet Russian weapons,
And we still won!

We have today
A country,
An army,
A strong Air Force,
A Hi-Tech Economy, exporting millions.

Intel - Microsoft - IBM develop their stuff here.

Our doctors win world prizes for medical developments.

We made the desert flourish,
Selling oranges and vegetables to the world.

Israel has sent its own satellite into Space!
Three satellites all together!
We sit proudly,
With the US, with 250 million people,
With Russia, with 200 million people,
With China, with 1.1 billion people,
With the Europeans -- France, England, Germany, with
350 million people,

The only countries in the world
To shoot something into space!

Israel is today in the world nuclear power family
With the US, Russia, China, India, France, and England.

[We don't admit it, but every one knows...]

To think that only 68+ years ago,
We were led,
Shameful,
With no hope,
To our death!

We crawled out of the burning ashes of Europe,
We won our wars here with less than nothing
We built an 'empire' out of nothing.

We celebrate Passover
Let's not forget what the story is all about.
We overcame Pharaoh,
We overcame the Greeks,
We overcame the Romans,
We overcame the Inquisition in Spain,
We overcame the Pogroms in Russia,
We overcame Hitler,
We overcame the Germans,
We overcame the Holocaust,
We overcame the armies of the seven Arab countries,
We overcame Saddam.

Take it easy, folks,
We will overcome
The present enemies too.

No matter which part of human history you try!
Think of it,
For us,
The Jewish people,
Our situation has never been better!
So,
Let's Lift our Heads High,
Let's Remember:
Any nation or culture
That tried to mess around with us
Was destroyed -- while we kept going!

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Egypt?
Anyone know where their empire disappeared to?
Greeks?
Alexander of Macedonia?
The Romans?
Does anyone today speak Latin?
The Third Reich?
Anyone heard any news about it lately?

And look at us,
The Nation from the Bible,
>From Slavery in Egypt,
We are still here,
Speaking the same language!
Right here, right now.

The Arabs don't know it yet,
But, they will learn that there is one God.

As long as we keep our identity,
We are eternal.

So, sorry for not worrying,
Not bitching,
Not crying,
Not being scared.
Things are O.K. here.
They surely can be better,

But still:
They won't tell you
That there are festivals going on,
That people keep on living,
That people are going out,
That people are seeing friends.

Yes, our morale is low,
So what?
It's only because we weep for our dead
While they enjoy the blood.

This is the same reason why,
We will win, after all.
Forward this e- mail to the whole Jewish community,
And to people throughout the world.

Subject: Why We Iranians should be proud of ourselves

We should be proud and remind ourselves of who the Iranians are

Dec 18, 2007

Reza Vatandoust - Persian Journal

Iranian.ws

We should be proud and remind ourselves of who the Iranians are:

Twelve thousand years ago, they invented irrigated farming.
They invented writing.

They figured out how to tell time.

They founded modern mathematics.

In the Code of Hammurabi, they invented the first legal system that protects the weak, the widow and the orphan.

Five thousand years ago, they had philosophers who attempted to list every known thing in the world.

They were using Pythagoras' theorem 1,700 years before Pythagoras.

They invented artificial building materials, some kind of pre-fab-concrete stuff used to construct high-rise towers.

Northern Iran, is assumed to be the place we're all descended from.

They were the first people to build cities and live in them.

For thousands of years, they wrote the greatest poetry, history and "sagas" in the world and they still do.

Because they were great horse breeders, they invented the cavalry in war, Knights of the King originate in Ancient [Persia](#), and they invented other things like the Game of Polo (Cho-gun).

They invented the postal system

Emperor Darius the conqueror invented and built the Suez Canal giving access to the Persian Navy to the Mediterranean Sea (Infact that is precisely how the Moslem armies went as far as Spain some thousand years later).

The Iranian Museum in Tehran contains some of the most outstanding stone, metal and clay sculptures and inscriptions created in the history of the world. Some of them are more than 7,000 years old. If a bomb hits this place, art lovers around the world will go into mourning.

The first school for astronomers was established by Persians. This is how the "wise men" got to be so wise. They knew how to follow the stars.

Beginning around 200 A.D., the Iranians founded universities that exported teachers throughout the civilized world to teach medicine, mathematics, philosophy, theology, literature and poetry inter alia...

Abraham, the father of Israel, was from [Persia](#).

Abraham, the father of [Islam](#), was from [Persia](#) (Which means Abraham was Persian)

Abraham, the father and "model" of [Christian](#) faith, was from [Persia](#).

Some 60 Years ago the name [Persia](#) was changed to Iran by the then king Reza Shah Pahlavi.

We should always remind ourselves that the stage we are today in all fields whether Scientific, Artistic, Philosophic, Legalistic, [Poetic](#) etc.

Were founded by the Persians who infact are modern Iranians.

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Subject: Proud Jewish Statistic

**The Global Islamic population is approximately
1,200,000,000**

ONE BILLION TWO HUNDRED MILLION.

or 20% of the world's population.

They have received the following Nobel Prizes:

Literature:

1988 - Najib Mahfooz

Peace:

1978 - Mohamed Anwar El-Sadat

1994 - Yaser Arafat:

1990 - Elias James Corey

1999 - Ahmed Zewai

Economics: (zero)

Physics: (zero)

Medicine:

1960 - Peter Brian Medawar

1998 - Ferid Mourad

TOTAL: 7 SEVEN

**The Global Jewish population is approximately 14,000,000
FOURTEEN MILLION**

Or about 0.02% of the world's population.

They have received the following Nobel Prizes:

Literature:

**1910 - Paul Heyse
1927 - Henri Bergson
1958 - Boris Pasternak
1966 - Shmuel Yosef Agnon
1966 - Nelly Sachs
1976 - Saul Bellow
1978 - Isaac Bashevis Singer
1981 - Elias Canetti
1987 - Joseph Brodsky
1991 - Nadine Gordimer World**

Peace:

**1911 - Alfred Fried
1911 - Tobias Michael Carel Asser
1968 - Rene Cassin
1973 - Henry Kissinger
1978 - Menachem Begin
1986 - Elie Wiesel
1994 - Shimon Peres
1994 - Yitzhak Rabin**

Physics:

**1905 - Adolph Von Baeyer
1906 - Henri Moissan
1907 - Albert Abraham Michelson
1908 - Gabriel Lippmann
1910 - Otto Wallach
1915 - Richard Willstaetter
1918 - Fritz Haber
1921 - Albert Einstein
1922 - Niels Bohr
1925 - James Franck
1925 - Gustav Hertz
1943 - Gustav Stern
1943 - George Charles de Hevesy
1944 - Isidor Issac Rabi
1952 - Felix Bloch
1954 - Max Born
1958 - Igor Tamm**

1959 - Emilio Segre
1960 - Donald A. Glaser
1961 - Robert Hofstadter
1961 - Melvin Calvin
1962 - Lev Davidovich Landau
1962 - Max Ferdinand Perutz
1965 - Richard Phillips Feynman
1965 - Julian Schwinger
1969 - Murray Gell-Mann
1971 - Dennis Gabor
1972 - William Howard Stein
1973 - Brian David Josephson
1975 - Benjamin Mottleson
1976 - Burton Richter
1977 - Ilya Prigogine
1978 - Arno Allan Penzias
1978 - Peter L Kapitza
1979 - Stephen Weinberg
1979 - Sheldon Glashow
1979 - Herbert Charles Brown
1980 - Paul Berg
1980 - Walter Gilbert
1981 - Roald Hoffmann
1982 - Aaron Klug
1985 - Albert A. Hauptman
1985 - Jerome Karle
1986 - Dudley R. Herschbach
1988 - Robert Huber
1988 - Leon Lederman
1988 - Melvin Schwartz
1988 - Jack Steinberger
1989 - Sidney Altman
1990 - Jerome Friedman
1992 - Rudolph Marcus
1995 - Martin Perl
2000 - Alan J. Heeger

Economics:

1970 - Paul Anthony Samuelson
1971 - Simon Kuznets
1972 - Kenneth Joseph Arrow
1975 - Leonid Kantorovich
1976 - Milton Friedman
1978 - Herbert A. Simon
1980 - Lawrence Robert Klein

1985 - Franco Modigliani
1987 - Robert M. Solow
1990 - Harry Markowitz
1990 - Merton Miller
1992 - Gary Becker
1993 - Robert Fogel

Medicine:

1908 - Elie Metchnikoff
1908 - Paul Erlich
1914 - Robert Barany
1922 - Otto Meyerhof
1930 - Karl Landsteiner
1931 - Otto Warburg
1936 - Otto Loewi
1944 - Joseph Erlanger
1944 - Herbert Spencer Gasser
1945 - Ernst Boris Chain
1946 - Hermann Joseph Muller
1950 - Tadeus Reichstein
1952 - Selman Abraham Waksman
1953 - Hans Krebs
1953 - Fritz Albert Lipmann
1958 - Joshua Lederberg
1959 - Arthur Kornberg
1964 - Konrad Bloch
1965 - Francois Jacob
1965 - Andre Lwoff
1967 - George Wald
1968 - Marshall W. Nirenberg
1969 - Salvador Luria
1970 - Julius Axelrod
1970 - Sir Bernard Katz
1972 - Gerald Maurice Edelman
1975 - Howard Martin Temin
1976 - Baruch S. Blumberg
1977 - Roselyn Sussman Yalow
1978 - Daniel Nathans
1980 - Baruj Benacerraf
1984 - Cesar Milstein
1985 - Michael Stuart Brown
1985 - Joseph L. Goldstein
1986 - Stanley Cohen [& Rita Levi-Montalcini]
1988 - Gertrude Elion
1989 - Harold Varmus

1991 - Erwin Neher
1991 - Bert Sakmann
1993 - Richard J. Roberts
1993 - Phillip Sharp
1994 - Alfred Gilman
1995 - Edward B. Lewis

TOTAL: 1 2 9 ONE HUNDRED TWENTY NINE !

The Jews are not promoting brain washing the children in military training camps, teaching them how to blow themselves up and cause maximum deaths of Jews and other non Muslims!

The Jews don't hijack planes, nor kill athletes at the Olympics or blow themselves up in German restaurants. There is not a single Jew that has destroyed a church. There is not a single Jew that protests by killing people.

The Jews don't traffic slaves, nor have leaders calling for Jihad and death to all the Infidels.

Perhaps the world's Muslims should consider investing more in standard education and less in blaming the Jews for all their problems.

Muslims must ask "what can they do for humankind" before they demand that humankind respects them!!

Regardless of your feelings about the crisis between Israel and the Palestinians and Arab neighbors, even if you believe there is more culpability on Israel 's part, the following two sentences really say it all:

"If the Arabs put down their weapons today, there would be no more violence. If the Jews put down their weapons today, there would be no more Israel" - BB. (Benjamin Netanyahu)

Subject: Three Iranians among top 100 living geniuses

Dear Friends and Family

It is good to know 3 Iranians are ranked as top 100 living geniuses of the world.

Top 100 living geniuses

Dr. Ali Javan from MIT is ranked 12.

Dr. Nima Arkani-Hamed (Canadian Iranian) from Harvard University is listed as Canadian and is ranked 32.

Dr. Pardis Saberi from Broad Institute Director Eric Lander's laboratory is ranked 49

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2007/10/28/geniustable128.xml>

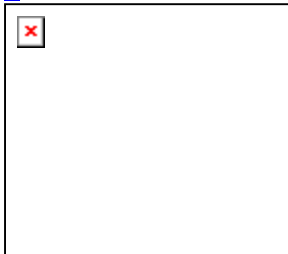
The top 100 living geniuses were compiled by a panel of six experts in creativity and innovation from Creators Synectics, a global consultants firm. Each genius was then awarded scores out of ten against criteria which included: paradigm shifting; popular acclaim; intellectual power; achievement and cultural importance. So:

It is with honor that two Iranians are listed here: they are Professor Ali Javan, currently the Wight Davis Professor Emeritus of Physics at MIT, founder of first major research center in the field of lasers? Ranked 12 and Dr. Pardis Sabeti, Biological anthropologist, Ranked 49.

Subject: I am a Proud Persian

An Open Letter

I am a Proud Persian



Dear Friends:

Many Westerners especially Americans, have a wrong attitude about Iranian (Persian) people and mix us with Arabs. Therefore, it is our responsibility to make them have a better understanding from us.

Here's a simple letter containing some simple facts aimed to some Westerners who are illiterate about our country. Forward it to as many of your American friends as you can.

Regards, Farrokh (Frank) Javid
Sent by Sion Ebrahimi, Woodland Hills, California, USA
www.Khorsheed.com - Daily Edition, 29 Jul 2007
Any comments? editorial@khorsheed.com

P.S. You will hear the Persian translation of this letter in my daily radio show.

I am neither a terrorist nor a wife beater, I don't live in a tent and in the desert and camels are not our ways of transportation.

I speak Farsi, not Arabic.

Iran is pronounced "EERAUN" and not "I - ran" (it's not track & field.)

News flash: Iran and Iraq are two different countries; Middle East is a region and NOT a continent.

Belly dancers are NOT strippers (there is no sex in the Champagne room); Anyway, belly dancing is an Arabic dance, it never came from Iran.

Allow me to introduce myself :

I'm a proud Persian (Iranian) and my land is Iran!

(end)

Subject: Please Be Proud...

Hi,

Please read the below articles and watch the short movie clips that I have gathered today, and you will see for yourself that no one has the guts to attack our country. So, with confidence you can be sure nothing will happen. Everything you see below has been created within last 18 months.

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---Extremely Well Written Articles

- 1) Jang with Iran (**Please read this one for sure! The Grand Plan**)
<http://www.informationclearinghouse.info/article15564.htm>
- 2) SunBurn moshak
<http://www.rense.com/general59/theSunburniransawesome.htm>
- 3) Sunburn moshak II
<http://www.vialls.com/myahudi/sunburn.html>
- 4) Anti Stealth
<http://www.irandefence.net/showthread.php?t=4474>

---Short Articles

- 5) <http://www.irna.ir/en/news/view/line-22/0609065169142007.htm>
- 6) http://english.people.com.cn/200609/08/eng20060908_300849.html
- 7) <http://www.guardian.co.uk/iran/story/0,,1859773,00.html>
- 8) http://english.people.com.cn/200609/24/eng20060924_305818.html
- 9) http://english.people.com.cn/200609/05/eng20060905_299651.html
- 10) <http://www.spacewar.com/2006/060426162334.2qt5b8fj.html>
- 11) http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/middle_east/4381436.stm
- 12) http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/middle_east/4871078.stm
- 13) <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shafag>
- 14) <http://www.irandefence.net/showthread.php?t=399>
- 15) http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/middle_east/4381436.stm
- 16) <http://www.spacedaily.com/news/iran-05g.html>
- 17) Tor-M1
http://www.jamestown.org/edm/article.php?article_id=2371811

---Short YouTube Movies

- Tor-M1) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Pvva1CTdic>
- 18) http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Ug_AP8WQPc
 - 19) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5tyuHrRWLm0&mode=related&search>
 - 20) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5tyuHrRWLm0&mode=related&search>
 - 21) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hZEH3jtn1k>
 - 22) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WINzQtvjnH8>
 - 23) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=46OdJFXr4v4&mode=related&search>
 - 24) http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sl4z_WQW2k0
 - 25) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b9aTxgFcABw&mode=related&search>
 - 26) http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_ivDEHmcotw&mode=related&search
 - 27) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=47TXqu5TkZo>
 - 28) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Naji7MTjj1k&mode=related&search>
 - 29) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0mjBDgQYy8s>
 - 30) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q5KhMXsE4T0>

31) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yn5iX3PmDVk>

32) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jexr944Allg>