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"People on this night are going to be on several different levels. No doubt we are on the lowest level, so we are hoping in this night to attain the honor and illumination granted in it. When we reach a higher level and as it is a holy night in the heavens as well, we will begin to sense something [of the great power being manifested] on this night. Whoever is at the highest spiritual level must be present for this night in the Divine Presence of the Lord."

http://www.crescentlife.com/spirituality/laylat_al_qadr.htm

"Sources in the defense establishment believe tomorrow will be the day on which the Palestinians will ask to disconnect Arafat from life support and announce his death.

Tomorrow night marks Lailat al-Kader, the night Muslims believe God revealed the Koran to the prophet Mohammed. The death of the Palestinian leader on that day will, therefore, be symbolic."

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/498629.html>

"The bill specifically forbids Arafat from being buried anywhere in Israel. "Because of his disease," the bill reads, "the State of Israel allowed Arafat to leave for the sake of medical treatment. This bill requests a ban on his return to Israel or to the Palestinian Authority areas, whether to stay or to pass through. The bill also wishes to prevent his burial in these areas, lest the site turn into a pilgrimage attraction, a symbol, and a source of inspiration for the war against Israel's existence.""

Arutz-7 news: Tuesday Nov 9, 2004

""We chose Ramallah because it is close to Jerusalem, where we are hoping to bury him in the near future," said Hassan Khraisheh, deputy speaker of the Palestinian Legislative Council and member of a special committee entrusted with overlooking the funeral arrangements. Palestinians said that after Arafat would be buried there, a mosque and monument would be built inside the compound."

<http://www.jpost.com/servlet/Satellite?pagename=JPost/JPostArticle/Printer&cid=1099973628375&p=107>

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"Sha'ath said there is no talk of removing Arafat from life support. "We are not really believers in euthanasia. The man is not suffering; he is in a coma ... It's out of the question that anybody is thinking of taking any such decisions," he said."

<http://edition.cnn.com/2004/WORLD/meast/11/09/arafat/index.html>

Waiting till the Night of Power to pull the plug on Arafat's life support would have effectively placed him on the "highest spiritual level" quoted above, and therefore, "in the divine presence of" Allah. However, as the PA officials didn't remove his life support, even his burial in Ramallah, complete with a mosque and monument to boot, will do one of two things in the minds and hearts of Muslims worldwide who revered Arafat in this life.

1) Arafat will be elevated to prophet status, and his teachings, sayings, decrees, etc, spread

throughout the Islamic world, and be followed even more devoutly than in his lifetime. Thus ensuring PA leadership, that their goals to wipe out the Jews and Christians wherever they may be found, will be carried out in even greater numbers, dedication, and determination than in the past.

In this situation, pulling the plug on Lailat al-Kader would have been a ploy to ensure that policies, goals, ideology, and commitment to Arafat's cause is further entrenched and carried out. Such a ploy would have taken advantage of Muslim thought and desire on this day, and basically forcing what many call "the new Islam" down everyone's throat, as refusal to honor a prophet brings harsh discipline.

Burial complete with mosque and monument will very likely do the same thing in the minds of the Muslim people, as not only will they come to mourn, but also come to worship.

2) Arafat will receive the burial fitting for a prophet, and many will come merely to mourn his passing, but no elevation to prophet status will occur.

This is less likely to happen, as in order to have his death be symbolic on the night of Lailat al-Kader, Muslims would have to admit that Arafat was spoken to by Allah himself, and that his death is a sign that his words are to be wholeheartedly honored and obeyed.

It's bad enough that the IDF is bracing for riots and increased violence in PA-controlled areas following the news of Arafat's death. But to have millions of Muslims suddenly claim Arafat as a prophet will make matters worse for Jews, and Christians around the world. It's already bad enough that a BBC reporter cried over his release to a Paris hospital. The added sympathy, honor, mourning, and allegiance to his teachings will only congeal supporters world-wide as well.

I see therefore, a potential polarization of East versus West, of People of the Book versus Islam in the coming days. Saudi Arabia is already treating the war in Iraq as a holy war. PA-bred terrorists are already in Iraq killing Americans and other national groups the same way they've been killing Jews in Israel for years.

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Arafat is not another Louie

Riel(<http://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.com/index.cfm?PgNm=TCE&Params=J1ARTJ0006837>), to be decried, then enshrined, then decried, then a statue built, repeatedly going from hero to villain and back again. Arafat, plain and simple, is a villain on a massive scale. He will be a hero to the strain of Islam he revived and its sympathizers, and a villain to those who don't adhere or sympathize with his ways and teachings.

I say be watchful in coming days. Whether intended by the PA leadership or not, Islam may have just turned a corner. Jews and Christians beware.

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Have You Tested Your Plot?

By Nick Vernon

Creative Writing Tips -

Our plotting stage is our testing area.

Everything in the plot should be tested for its effectiveness before we put in into our stories. If you believe something in your plot could be better, make it better.

Figuring everything out in your plot will save you time rewriting later.

So how do you test your plot?

Start with everything that has gone into it.

For example... Are the events interesting? Does your plot contain problems for the character to solve? Have you given your character a goal? Is the conflict strong? Is the resolution of the conflict interesting? Is the character interesting? Is the setting of the story interesting? Will the incident or situation be interesting to your readers? Etc

Make a list of what your plot contains. Comb through it carefully and tick off each item. If you find that some things need to be worked on some more, work on them.

I know to some this might be tedious work, but...

"Every one-minute you spend in planning will save you at least three minutes in execution."

Crawford Greenwald

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