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**EXTRACT**

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“For almost 70 years we have lacked, and continue to lack, all knowledge about Israel, and have learned nothing from it.

“Israel has outdone us in all fields – military, scientific, and cultural – but despite this we have refused to consider the reason for its obvious superiority to us, and have never stopped calling it ‘the monstrous entity’...

“Since its founding, Israel has been committed to democracy, while we refuse to even speak of democracy, let alone adopt it...

“Israel has given its minorities rights that most citizens in most Arab countries do not even dream of. Furthermore, the freedom of worship there exceeds that in any Arab or Islamic country.

“Israel has focused its attention on science, spending large sums on research, while we are still focused on whether drinking camel urine or using it medicinally is actually helpful...

“Israel has known law and order since its first day, while we still try to comprehend the meaning of both these words... The list is long, and the sorrow that accompanies it persists.”