

Part L. So, what am I *vis-à-vis* Jewry?

1. A major aspect of the Royal Commission's Letters Patent is to identify what constitutes antisemitism, who might be guilty of it and in what form, and what can be done about it. So, introspectively, I imagine myself before you and try to assess how you might 'classify' me.

2. **Jewophobe?** No, there is not a skerrick of evidence to suggest that I am one.

3. **Antisemite?** No, [considering Sartre's definition](#), my record and based on my views expressed here – all that would suggest that I am not antisemitic.

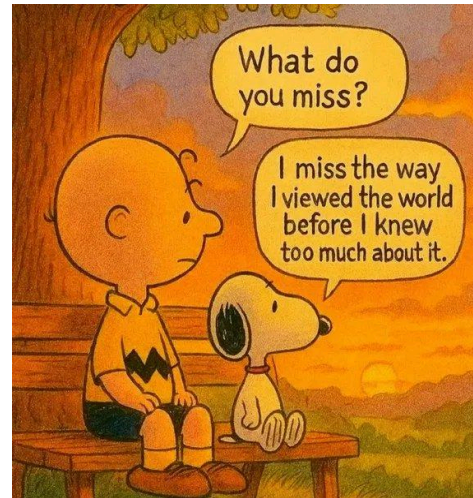
4. **Philosemite?** Possibly yes, in the past for reasons of my personal background, but not anymore.

5. **Anti-Zionist?** Given my life's journey with Jewry, a contradictory picture emerges

- I have met precisely five Jews – Odessa, Moscow and Ljubljana – who were fundamentalist Zionists in every sense, displaying their superiority as White and Chosen People by words and deeds. I *disliked* them intensely, confirming that I was an anti-Zionist.
- I have also met literally hundreds of Jews who betrayed no malice, racial or supremacist, even if they might have been Zionists, overtly or covertly. For example, I was close to Jewish refuseniks in the Soviet Union who have since revealed themselves as advocates of Israel as a Zionist state. Others, who were openly Zionists, displayed no malevolence towards me. So, I was not an anti-Zionist.

6. I accept Zionism as a political ideology, like Marxism or Democracy or Fascism or Socialism with Chinese characteristics. Even its major distinguishing feature – donning the divine mantle of chosen people, promised land – does not concern me. Live and let live. So, I am not an anti-Zionist.

7. However, I now draw the line with Israel's **methodical** Gaza Genocide. This is reminiscent of the Nazis' **systematic** murder of 6 million Jews. I thought I was inured to mass killings and repressions – Stalin's Soviet gulags, Mao's Chinese Great Leap Forward and the Cultural Revolution, Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge genocide of some 2 million Cambodians, Begin's Israeli-backed killing of some 3500 Palestinians in the Sabra and Shatila Palestinian refugee camps in Beirut – and so on.



8. But nothing, nothing prepared me for the 21st Century Gaza Genocide or for the calculated cruelty in South Lebanon, all in the quest for Greater Israel and regional hegemony. I unequivocally condemn the state of Israel, the self-proclaimed Zionist state, for such crimes against humanity. It is irrelevant to me which political ideology reigns in Tel Aviv. Its inhumanity is beyond the human pale.

9. And nothing, but nothing, prepared me for the realisation that an ethnic minority constituting 0.4 per cent of the Australian population can compel - is there a gentler word? - the democratically elected government, which represents all its peoples without fear or favour, to establish a Royal Commission to examine the discrimination - antisemitism - to which only 170000 souls may be subject. One notes, with sadness, that First Nations people do not have a Voice in our Parliament. Or that other ethnic minorities in Australia are subjected to discrimination - racial or otherwise - as horrendous as antisemitism, but lack the recourse to a Royal Commission.

10. It says it all for the absurd level of influence that a minority within a minority has on our polity, which can sway the shape of policy in consequential ways that erode our civil liberties in Australia. Does this observation make me an **anti-Zionist**?

11. No, at 82, I am not an anti-Zionist. I am simply against the policies of the State of Israel – not for the creed it professes, but for the Judeo-Nazi crimes it commits. To their credit, several of its leaders readily confess to their overt or implied approval of the Genocide in Gaza. A selection of their verified statements is reproduced in [Annexure D](#).

12. It is sad.

13. I conclude my staccato summary of who I am [Part A](#):

- *I am a secular humanist.*

Verified.

