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#2219 From time to time, a copy of **Dagon** comes back to me in the mail, often with an annotation that there is no one of that name at the address. If that happens, I usually just remove that person's name from my mailing list, assuming that he or she has moved but forgot, or does not want to bother with mailing, a change-of address notice. So if you do not belong to APA-Q, and do not receive in the last half of a month a copy of a **Dagon** dated in the next month, drop me a line and let me know whether you have a changed address and, if you do, what your new address is.

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In some issues of **Dagon**, I refer to items in previous issues, including my reviews of mystery novels. I have on hand back issues of many previous issues from **Dagon** #645 (September 2013) to the present. I also have earlier issues, but they are in storage and would not be easy to locate, though at need I suppose I could find and rummage through them. If any reader would like to receive specific back issues, he or she should let me know, and I will ship them at no cost if they are available.

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For the third time in American history, there are as many as five living ex-Presidents. The first two such events were in 1861-62 (Van Buren, Tyler, Fillmore, Pierce, and Buchanan), and in 1993-94 (Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan, and Bush the Father). Now the living ex-Presidents are Carter, Bush the Father, Clinton, Bush the Son, and Obama).

John Tyler holds another and much less respectable distinction. He is the only ex-President of the United States who ever turned traitor. At the time of his death in 1862 he was a member of the Confederate Congress!

And, with the Republican Party holding the presidency and narrow majorities in both houses of Congress, politicians are already thinking about the few "off-year" elections in

2017 that will indicate how a few voters are looking at the people and policies chosen in 2016. This year, governors and legislators will be elected in New Jersey and Virginia, and a mayor and city council in New York City. Of course New York City will remain heavily Democratic, and New Jersey is very likely to do the same. But Virginia has in recent years been in the process of turning from Republican red to Democratic blue. The legislature continues to have Republican majorities, but Virginia has in recent years elected a Democratic governor, two Democratic U. S. senators, and an increasing number of lower level Democratic candidates. In November of this year we will see whether distaste for President Trump's falsehoods causes the Democrats to make further inroads in Virginia.

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Now that Donald Trump is firmly in control of the U. S. government, even though Hillary Clinton got more votes than he did, we are apparently going to have to deal with what his extremely devious spokeswoman Kellyanne Conway calls his "alternative facts", but which everyone else calls plain "lies". On 23 January 2017, Nicholas Fandos printed in the *New York Times* what is obviously going to be the first of a long series of reports to be called "Fact Check". The first of these columns is entitled "White House Pushes 'Alternative Facts.' Here Are the Real Ones." This column pairs seven Trump quotations with the facts, which differ widely from Trump's actual words about whatever situation he chooses to talk or tweet about. Eventually, of course, there will have to be a book, or perhaps a series of books, on this subject, each of which will contrast Trump's "alternative facts" with the actual facts.

For example, Trump claims that "the news media had constructed a feud between him and the intelligence community". Fandos replies, "In fact, Mr. Trump repeatedly criticized the intelligence agencies during his transition to office." And when President Trump's press secretary Sean Spicer said that "This was the largest audience to ever witness an inauguration - period - both in person and around the globe," Fandos replied, "There is no evidence to support this claim. Not only was Mr. Trump's inauguration crowd far smaller than Mr. Obama's in 2009 but he also drew fewer television viewers in the United States (30.6 million) than Mr. Obama did in 2009 (42 million), Nielsen reported."

Eventually, President Trump will probably deal with the claim that his cabinet seems to consist mainly of billionaires and generals. I would not be surprised if he countered with just one person who was neither - probably Dr. Carson - as if this utterly negated the influence of all those billionaires and generals. Meanwhile, the first two members of the Trump cabinet confirmed by the Senate were the Secretaries of Defense and of Homeland Security - Generals James "Mad Dog" Mattis and John F. Kelly. (We are left to guess *why* "Mad Dog" Mattis was given this nickname, presumably by people who knew him better than most.)

Then there is President Trump's own family, which has not yet been considered to any extent in the press. It has been left to television comedy, as in:

Q: What are the three branches of the United States government?

A: Eric, Tiffany, and Ivanka.

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The January issue of the **CAR-PGa** (Committee for the Advancement of Role-Playing Games) **Newsletter** begins with the annual report for 2016, by the Chair, M. Alan Thomas II. There are now 19 members of CAR-PGa. Membership forms are available from <<http://www.car-pga.org/CAR-PGa/MembershipForm>>.

Thomas announces that most of the reforms proposed in recent issues of the Newsletter were defeated by the membership. And the Newsletter's convention calendar is still incomplete; readers are asked to send in information on any gaming conventions not listed. Attacks on RPGaming, which CAR-PGa was founded to refute, were limited to just one in 2016, a rehash of older slanders from the well-known religious fanatic Pat Robertson.

The February issue of the Newsletter begins with a brief report by Ted Skirvin on the meeting of the "Southern-Fried Gameroom Expo" of June 2016. Until then this annual convention had concentrated on arcade games and pinball games, but for 2016 they added tabletop games, many of them loaned by Skirvin. However, RPGs were apparently not familiar to most attendees. RPGs will continue to be available to future meetings.

Carsten Obst had a long report on Spiel '16 in Essen, Germany. The convention had 174,000 visitors on the 66,000 square meters (710,000 square feet) of available space. At the convention, 1,021 exhibitors from 50 nations brought games, including about 1,000 new ones. (Obst describes some of the games in detail. One of them has as its topic the rise of a heavy-metal band.)

There are also brief reports by Newsletter readers about developments in RPGaming. Like all issues of **CAR-PGa News-let-ter**, these list upcoming RPG conventions. Send announcements of them to CAR-PGa's archivist and treasurer, Paul Cardwell, 1127 Cedar St., Bonham, TX 75418-2913. The newsletter also asks people who attend any gaming conventions to send accounts of them to Cardwell. For a subscription to **CAR-PGa Newsletter**, send \$1.50 a copy or \$15.00 a year to David Millians, Paideia School, 1509 Ponce de Leon Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30307. (For foreign readers that is \$2.25 a copy or \$20.00 a year.)

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Some of the people who speak on television, or write captions or "crawls" for television screens, seem to have serious deficiencies with spelling, grammar, or pronunciation. Some of these errors seem to be merely misprints, written in haste in order to get breaking news into the "crawl" quickly. But others are the sort of thing that any middle school English teacher would quickly condemn as mistakes, and correct them. The invention of the adverb "bigly" seems to be a personal idio(t)syncrasy of Donald Trump, but I have heard several television newscasters pronounce "nuclear" as "new-kyu-lar". (If Trump is as serious as he seems to be about getting rid of "ISIS", we may soon have to hear many repetitions of this word by newscasters.)

Another such case took place in the spoken commentary for an advertisement on health plans. The Medicare card was described as "red, white, or blue", although the card was clearly shown on the screen as red, white, and blue. And in a news report about Trump's certainly unconstitutional immigration policy, ABC-TV quoted a man who protested that Trump was "dis-

criminating people”, when he clearly should have said, “discriminating *against*” those people.

Then there are people who create their own past or perfect tenses for verbs. They apparently believe that “woke” and/or “awoken” can somehow be the past and/or perfect, tenses for “wake”, “awake”, or “awaken”.

Many people seem to use the adverb “literally” when the context indicates that they ought to use that word’s exact opposite, “figuratively”.

And we also have the cacophonous expression “different than”, often when an advertiser is discussing the distinctions between his or her own product and “Brand X”. In mere reality, the word “than” is properly used only with the comparative form of adjectives: “older than”, “taller than”, “more than”. With the word “different” the expression “different from” should be used instead.

And some people seem to believe that the words “cavalry” and “calvary” have the same spelling and the same meaning, and can be used for each other indiscriminately. “Cavalry” refers to warriors mounted on horses or, in modern times, in tanks. “Calvary”, which as a place name should be capitalized, is the site near Jerusalem where Jesus was executed. Perhaps “Calvaria” should be translated from the Latin as “Skull Hill”, which would eliminate the confusion with “cavalry” and increase the poignancy of the story.

And don’t get me started on what is grandly called “psychological pricing”, whereby advertisers apparently try to claim that a price of “\$29.99” is only slightly more than \$20.

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The National Zoo in Washington lately seems to be having problems with leakage. In 2013 a lesser, or red, panda named “Rusty” got out of its pen by using overhanging tree branches, but was soon discovered and recaptured in a nearby neighborhood. This Asian mammal, with the size and habits of a raccoon, was originally thought to be related to the well-known giant panda, but I understand that this relationship is not as close as was once believed. The red panda is an ecological vicar of the North American raccoon and the South American coati, while the giant panda is more like a bear. if you can imagine a vegetarian bear.

On 30 January of this year the escapee was an American bobcat, who made or found a hole in the wire mesh of her pen, and got out. She was reported as weighing 25 pounds, which in a sensible system of measurements is about 11 kilograms. The announcement stressed that the bobcat is not dangerous. This makes sense; I have known a few people who have domestic cats this size, also not dangerous - malicious in some cases, but not dangerous.

Two days later, “Ollie” (as the zoo people have named her) was found on zoo property, understandably near to a pen full of birds. She was easily recaptured in a cage trap with some food in it. This rather disappointed me, as I had hoped that she was on her way to Gobbler’s Knob, Pennsylvania, where she could lie in wait for Punxsutawney Phil, as the next day would be Groundhog Day. But Ollie shared her pen with two male bobcats, which was a strong incentive to stay close by. So Punxsutawney Phil made his scheduled appearance and, as it was a fine sunny but cold day, he saw his shadow and, as the old superstition has it, therefore predic-

ted six more weeks of winter. Since it was about six weeks to the first day of (astronomical) spring, his prediction can easily be believed. However, other localities have their own groundhogs. In Washington, Potomac Phil was brought out to make his prediction. This was done without difficulty, as Potomac Phil has had the services of a taxidermist. But as an eleventh-generation New Yorker (in some lines of descent) I will go along with the prediction of Staten Island Chuck. Meanwhile, another red panda escaped from a zoo in Virginia, and at last report has been missing for several weeks. If it ever makes the acquaintance of a red panda of the opposite sex, Virginia chicken farmers are going to have some unusual and costly experiences.

(To my surprise, my word processor does not reject the spelling "Punxsutawney", which means that someone has actually programmed into it the name of the Pennsylvania groundhog.)

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The Public Theater in New York City's Central Park has just announced that this summer it will present Shakespeare's tragedy *Julius Caesar* from 23 May through 18 June, and his comedy *A Midsummer Night's Dream* from 11 July through 13 August. (Michael Paulson, *New York Times*, 10 February 2017) The presentation of *Julius Caesar*, Paulson writes, "has never felt more contemporary...The Public's synopsis of the play makes clear that the production would have some parallels with American politics. 'Rome's leader, Julius Caesar, is a force unlike any the city has seen.' it reads. 'Magnetic, populist, irreverent, he seems bent on absolute power. A small band of patriots, devoted to the country's democratic traditions, must decide how to oppose him.'"

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The same problem that the Public Theater has with the reputation of Donald Trump - er, Julius Caesar - now faces the town of Charlottesville, VA. In that town is a statue honoring the most infamous traitor in American history, the notorious Robert E. Lee. The definition of "treason" in the U. S. Constitution fits him perfectly. The authors of our Constitution were familiar with European countries where the epithet "traitor" had an elastic definition or none at all, and anything the king disliked could be called "treason". And so the Constitution defined this crime with elegant precision: "Treason against the United States shall consist only in levying War against them, or in adhering to their Enemies, giving them Aid and Comfort." (Article III, Section 2, Paragraph 1) This precisely describes Lee's actions during the Slaveholders' Rebellion. In fact, after the Confederate Army surrendered, the government drew up articles of treason against the Rebellion's leader, Jefferson Davis, but abandoned the effort, probably out of a misguided belief that reconciliation would be preferable to a series of treason trials. This apparent belief sentenced the South's African-Americans to yet another century of degradation.

The absence of treason trials had another effect. All over the formerly rebellious states there sprouted statues of Robert E. Lee, other Rebel generals, and anonymous Rebel soldiers. One such statue has even been erected in Montgomery County, Maryland, even though Maryland remained loyal during the Rebellion. This statue allegedly honors soldiers from Montgomery County who went south and joined the Rebel army. In recent years, black hands have painted yellow stripes down the backs of these statues, though local governments get them

cleaned off (with African-American labor?) as soon as they can.

The statue of the traitor Lee in a Charlottesville park has lately come under attack from loyal citizens, black and white. Many of them congregated at the statue during a recent visit from Corey Stewart, one of four Republican candidates seeking their party's nomination for governor. (Fenit Niraffil, *Washington Post*, 12 February 2017. For the reason why candidates are running for governor in Virginia this year, see above, page 2.) Presumably Stewart showed up to defend the statue against an attempt by the Charlottesville city council to remove it. (He apparently does not know why the Republican Party was founded, back in 1854.) He was met at the statue by a crowd that "shouted him down everywhere he went". A handful of pro-statue supporters also showed up, carrying Confederate battle flags, but were greatly outnumbered and out-shouted.

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I can remember when 12 February was a holiday marking the birth date of Abraham Lincoln, and 22 February was a holiday marking the birth date of George Washington. But at some later time the two holidays were combined on the third Monday of February, called "Presidents' Day", and presumably honored Presidents Washington and Lincoln merely as the "equals" of, say, Presidents Buchanan, Hayes, and Harding. This also meant that neither the 12th nor the 22nd of February could fall on "Presidents' Day". However, there is now an attempt to restore 12 February as a holiday, specifically dedicated solely to Abraham Lincoln. The promoters of this idea will probably call attention to the fact that Abraham Lincoln liberated millions of slaves, while George Washington was himself a major slave-owner. In fact, all the relatives of Washington who were living at the time of the Slaveholders' Rebellion supported the Confederacy, and one of them was taken prisoner by John Brown as he and his men advanced on Harper's Ferry.

(If there had been a calendar on the wall of the room in which George Washington was born, it would have read "11 February 1732". However, at that time Great Britain and its colonies were still on the old Julian calendar, which was eleven days slow by the more accurate reckoning of the Gregorian calendar. In 1752, Great Britain adopted the Gregorian calendar, and Washington accordingly gave his birthday the correct date by that calendar.)

As for other presidents, after the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1945, Kentucky proclaimed his birthday, 30 January, as a holiday, but unfortunately this apparently did not catch on with other states, and it is apparently no longer observed.

GETTING CAUGHT UP

Blancmange #512 (Blackman): I had not before encountered the claim that the "Electoral College" system of electing a president was specifically put in the Constitution to protect slave-holders, but I can easily believe it. In the slave-holding states only whites were allowed to vote, a situation that lasted far past the end of enslavement. And immigrants were far more likely to settle in the northern than the southern states, where they didn't have to sell

their labor in competition with the unpaid labor of slaves. Therefore any election would depend on a sizable majority of northerners. The Electoral College system would assure that a southern minority could outvote a northern majority. Hillary Clinton shows no inclination to claim the office to which a majority of voters elected her in 2016, so the ponderous system of amending the Constitution will have to be resorted to, unless we really want to see a long succession of presidential elections like those of 1876, 2000, and 2016 - all of which were won by Republican minorities who "defeated" Democratic majorities..

Apparently the Russian government *wanted* to influence the 2016 presidential election. But we have no evidence whatsoever that this desire actually influenced the results of the election.

And the ritual by which President Trump assumed the presidency could also use an "amendment". He, like all his predecessors, swore on an edition of the bible. (Did President Kennedy use a Douay translation?) Using a copy of the Constitution for this purpose would be more appropriate for our secular republic. After all, the presidency is not a religious office, the Constitution is the same for all Americans, and, according to the most recent figures I've seen, the United States of America is only about 70% Christian.

My first acquaintance with the TV show *Pitch* was not viewing the show. It was considerably before *Pitch* began to be broadcast by Fox TV on Thursday evenings. It was a couple of months earlier that the actress who played the lead role was introduced in a San Diego uniform during the 2016 All-Star Game. That game was played at the home stadium of the San Diego Padres, the same team which, on the TV show, had signed her as a pitcher.

I think that the spelling "aleph" instead of "alef" for the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet arose from the fact that this information was transmitted to the rest of the world through Greek, and a Greek would have used the letter Φ (phi) to represent that sound. But Φ was traditionally represented as "ph" in the Latin alphabet. And in "beth", the Hebrew word for "house", the "th" is a not particularly accurate way of transliterating the Hebrew letter "tav", since the letter "tet" has very nearly the same sound. "Tav" appears as "th" in a number of words and proper names of Hebrew origin, such as "Seth", "Elizabeth", and "Methuselah". To add further complications, in the Ashkenazic dialect of Hebrew this letter is sometimes pronounced "sav".

(I would have included the actual Hebrew letters here, except that for some reason this computer no longer seems to have, among its "special characters", the Hebrew letters that I was once able to print. I have no idea why or how this could have happened. Otherwise I would have carried on about the three Hebrew words "malon", "melon", and "milon", which would look all the same in Hebrew if not written with diacritical marks for vowels, and you would have to look at context to see whether the author was writing about a hotel, a melon, or a dictionary.)

I was taught Latin in high school by a woman who had once earned a living as a torch singer, and she tried to make sure that her students pronounced words in the original Latin fashion, including "Kikero" and "Yulius Kaisar", whose most famous expression was

pronounced “Weny, weedy, weaky”.

I had cataract surgery for both eyes, but the right eye is also afflicted with macular degeneration, the same ailment that blinded Ed Meškys. Mine, however, is technically called “age-related”, which apparently means that it began later and is not as severe.

To judge from Greg Costikyan’s comments on the Trump presidency, he shares his view of Trump with very large numbers of other Americans. The demonstrations against Trump on 20-22 January are being compared by TV commentators with the demonstrations against the American invasion of Vietnam, and may they be equally effective but rather shorter.

Dagon #681 (me): My listing of authors of historically set detective stories left out some of the works of Jonathan Carriel and Peter Finch, for reasons given in **Dagonim** ## 682 and 683. I now have a copy of Barry Tighe’s picaresque novel *Thomas “British Tommy” Armstrong and the War between the States*, and will eventually read and comment on it, unless someone else does it first.

APA-Qover #593 (Blackman): Yes, 2017 will be welcomed, but not in a country that Donald J. Trump is trying to govern.

Blancmange #513 (Blackman): If Trump is serious about abolishing the American citizenship of, say, flag-burners, he is soon going to find that it can’t be done. Under Amendment XIV of our Constitution, everyone born in the United States (except for the children of foreign diplomats) is a citizen, period, end of argument. This amendment was originally ratified in 1868 as a way of ensuring that African-Americans born here are automatically citizens. It is therefore the charter of citizenship for ex-slaves and their descendants, who now constitute roughly one eighth of the American population. Now guess how they and their supporters would respond to an attempt to repeal it. In short, Trump’s plan to cancel the American citizenship of people he doesn’t like is a non-starter. and a plot to enforce such a decree would be grounds for his impeachment.

Thanks for the cue about out-of-sequence *Star Wars* films. I can never keep them straight.

With the new administration, General Flynn is no longer a mere “national security advisor”, but the Secretary of Homeland Security.

A few months ago, the late-night ABC talk show host Jimmy Kimmel put the debate about the Affordable Care Act into perspective by asking several people which they preferred - the ACA or Obamacare. Most of them gave reasons why they supported the ACA and opposed Obamacare. Not one of them knew that “ACA” and “Obamacare” are two different ways of referring to the same legislation. This same confusion has, since then, surfaced in the congressional debate about repealing the ACA (in great haste), and replacing it (with glacial slowness). Several Trump voters are now discovering, to their consternation, that the repeal of “Obamacare” will cancel their medical insurance, or put them to a lot of expense, or both.

Mark adds a few historically set detective novels to the ones I’ve listed in the last three issues of **Dagon**. After my next trip to the nearest library I’ll mention them in the next **Dagon**.

Apparently the “Chief Spotted Eagle” for whom that Democratic elector in Washington

(the state) voted was the “Lakota (Sioux) opponent of the Dakota pipeline” whom Mark cites. Since the Lakota did not live as far west as Washington, either Chief Spotted Eagle was not a Lakota, or he has a tribesman who lives rather far away from the lands of his ancestors.

Dagon #682 (me): Not long after I commented on how the Romance languages are derived from Latin, a question was posed on the *Jeopardy* broadcast of 26 January which asked contestants to identify animals from their scientific names, which are usually in Latin or Greek. One of the names was *Equus caballus*. A contestant correctly identified this as “horse”. Note that the generic name is good Latin, and the specific name is *caballus*, apparently Roman army slang for the same animal. Closely related species have the same generic name, but different specific names: *Equus asinus* (donkey), *Equus grevyi* (zebra), *Equus quagga* (quagga, now extinct) and so on. There is even an *Equus przewalski* which seems to bear the same relationship to *Equus caballus* that *Homo neanderthalensis* does to *Homo sapiens*, except that Przewalski’s horse is not yet extinct, though its numbers are small and diminishing.

APA-Qover #594 (Del Grande): Rae, bnc.

How to... #120 (Del Grande): The *first* Lyricist to win the Nobel Prize for Literature? Rudyard Kipling, of course. (“On the road to Manda-lay-ay-ay...”)

Thanks for the information about the marathon distance. The *World Almanac*, the reference book that I use most often, has much information about who won numerous marathons, but does not inform readers what the marathon distance is. Apparently the “international standard” of 42,195 meters will stand unless someone actually goes to Greece with appropriate measuring equipment and measures the distance between Marathon and Athens.

By citing the AFL-CIO attack on anti-war demonstrators, which you call “the Hard Hat riot of 1970” I *did* mention that they “sent in goons”.

I was apparently taught to use “absolute majority” for the situation you call “majority”, and to use “majority” for what you call “plurality”.

Dagon # 683 (me): I once heard the increased enlistment of women in the armed forces as meaning that now a draft would not be necessary to keep the size of the armed forces up to the desired levels. This judgment, if correct, might not be right if the armed forces are used in an increased deployment overseas. President Trump desires to keep secret any plans he may have for such an increased deployment, claiming that we have to keep any “enemies” vague about our military plans. But he also claims that we have to utterly destroy “ISIS”, or “ISIL” or whatever it is now fashionable to call that pack of religious fanatics now shooting up Syria, Iraq, and anything else within their reach. The nearest thing “ISIS” seems to have for a capital is a technically Syrian city called “Raqqa”. If Trump does plan to nuke Raqqa, he is not sharing this intention with us.

As for rounding up and deporting all “illegal” immigrants, who is going to do it? And will Trump’s targets be all eleven million of them, a number frequently cited by Trump’s supporters, or just the few with criminal records? (Sometimes he limits them further, to violent criminal records, but one of the people recently jailed was a woman guilty only of using a forged Social Security number.) To get an estimate of their numbers, start with the fact that

New York City has about seven million inhabitants, and a police force of 35,000 is required to keep them in order. Therefore, rounding up those eleven million ought to require about 55,000 police. These could not be recruited from existing police forces, as they have enough to do already. So soldiers would probably be required. But soldiers are recruited and trained very differently from police. Could this be why Trump as president would have to increase the armed forces by 90,000? (*New York Times*, 8 September 2016) And would he have to use a draft to accomplish this? I really don't think that anybody will tell us in advance.

Blancmange #514 (Blackman): The Southern Poverty Law Center is extremely useful for its coverage of white-supremacist and other unpleasant groups. I was on their mailing list when I lived at Montevue, but when I moved to my present address they stopped sending their material to me, and I was never able to get them to resume it.

In discussing the pronunciation of the many words that contain a vowel followed by "gh", I compared not the pronunciation of "gh" alone, but the vowel + gh sounds.

About my only comment on the current Israeli complications is to pronounce the name "Netanyahu" with a pronounced break between its first two and last two syllables. After all, I've read *Gulliver's Travels*, so I know what a "yahu" is. As for the other side, i have already explained why the word "Arabians" rather than "Palestinians" should be used. It has been 69 years since there has been a geographical entity called "Palestine", so the people thus described should instead be called "Arabians", since they come from Arabia or their families did, they speak Arabian, and most of them worship in a religion whose scriptures are written in Arabian.

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