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How the Global Financial Crisis Will Produce Europe's 10 Kings

America's banking crisis will reshape Europe financially—and politically.

ONE OF THE GREATEST PROPHECIES IN THE BIBLE IS ABOUT the union of European nations. More specifically, it's about the *political* union of 10 European nations.

For decades, people in Europe have tried to forge a cohesive political union. To that end, they have created the present, loosely hinged 28-nation European Union. Yet Revelation 17 says there are going to be 10 kings there that will unite politically and form a real superpower: a modern-day Holy Roman Empire.



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Bible prophecy also reveals that this European superpower will be led by a strong German leader who will essentially hijack the European Union.

The prophesied political union of 10 nations in Europe is being fulfilled before your eyes. And the United States is playing a key role in that union—in a negative way.

It is happening in a way that was predicted *three decades ago* by Herbert W. Armstrong!

Mr. Armstrong wrote in 1984 that a massive banking crisis in America “could suddenly result in triggering European nations to unite as a new world power, larger than either the Soviet Union or the U.S.” (co-worker letter, July 22, 1984).

He explained how American and European banks are tied very closely together as one financial structure, which in a way includes much of the world. He predicted a financial crisis that would *cause* these 10 European nations to unite.

Events are beginning to move rapidly in that direction. This world is going to be **SHOCKED** when this great European superpower bursts on the scene. You are going to see that happen in your lifetime—very, very soon!

Flashback of the 2008 Banking Crisis

“Five years ago ... when I was the speaker, I gathered the other Democratic House leaders in my office to discuss the latest financial news.” Nancy Pelosi wrote those words in *USA Today*, Sept. 17, 2013. She continued: “I told them that, as a matter of course, Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson briefed me on the state of the markets and the financial system, but had not done so that week.

“In that time, Lehman Bros. had filed for bankruptcy; Merrill Lynch had faced failure and had been purchased by Bank of America; and, two days earlier AIG had survived only after a Federal Reserve bailout.

“After the meeting at 3 p.m., I placed a call to Secretary Paulson and asked him to come the next morning to brief the leadership. Then came his **STUNNING** response: ‘Madam Speaker, tomorrow morning will be too late’” (emphasis mine throughout).

It's important that we remember how precarious America's financial situation was back then.

She continued: “We then planned to meet at 5 p.m. that day, and I invited Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke to join us. Later that evening, the meeting commenced with Democratic and Republican leaders from both the House and Senate.

“Secretary Paulson described a meltdown and financial crisis *from the depths of hell*.

“When I asked Bernanke what he thought of the secretary's characterization, he said: ‘If we do not act immediately, we will not have an economy by Monday.’ This was Thursday night. Everyone in the room was **FLABBERGASTED**.”

Other reports said everyone in the room had white faces they were so scared.

Why were they so terrified? The 2008 financial crisis was bound to be an earthshaking event that would negatively affect the United States, Europe and the rest of the world! And the world—especially Europe—rightly blamed America for that crisis.

Many experts said the financial crisis in America was within **HOURS** of totally wrecking the economy.



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In a Sept. 18, 2008, article for Spiegel Online titled “U.S. Financial Crisis: ‘The World as We Know It Is Going Down,’” Marc Pitzke assessed: “[I]t really does look as if the foundations of U.S. capitalism have shattered.” When the foundation of something is shattered, it will never be restored. That is certainly true for our economy.

The 2008 financial meltdown was fueled primarily by America's outrageous debt. Yet what has the U.S. done to correct that problem? Absolutely nothing. The national debt is soaring and growing worse every day to the tune of \$3 **BILLION**!

When the present administration came to power on Jan. 20, 2009, outstanding federal debt was \$10.6 trillion. Now, the debt currently stands at \$18.1 trillion. President Obama has added an astounding \$7.5 trillion during his terms—more than **ALL** the debt accumulated by all the presidents from America's founding to Nov. 23, 2004, right near the end of President George W. Bush's first term.

Currency War

Dragging the World Toward World War III

Echoes of 1934 are thundering with increasing intensity. **BY ROBERT MORLEY**

IN 1934, UNITED STATES PRESIDENT Franklin Delano Roosevelt outlawed the private ownership of gold. After confiscating billions in bullion,

Roosevelt shocked the world by revaluing it. The cost for an ounce of gold, previously set at \$20.67, was suddenly \$35. Overnight, Roosevelt devalued the dollar by 69 percent.

The president told the country that it was a radical effort to stimulate America's economy. A cheaper

dollar would make America's exports less expensive and help American companies sell more products to the rest of the world, he said. More money would flow into America, and more jobs would be created.

It did those things. And it also marched the world another giant step closer to war.

From the world's perspective, President Roosevelt's actions felt like a full-on economic broadside designed to steal a bigger chunk of a stagnating global economy. To the world, it was another—albeit much bigger—salvo in an ongoing global currency and trade war! And it responded in kind.

Today, the economic guns of 1934 are thundering once more. The world's economy is mired. China, Europe and America face sluggish growth. Commodity prices have cratered. And demand for materials has been blown to smithereens. Meanwhile, *global debt is skyrocketing*. And stock markets are rattled. Desperate nations are doing everything they can—including destroying their currencies—to stimulate their economies and keep disruptive internal social forces at bay.

Could we really be headed toward world war again? The parallels are ominous.

China's Surprise for the World

It is in this current tense climate that, on August 11, China surprised the world by initiating the *greatest single-day devaluation of the yuan in China's history*.

And that was just the warning shot. Over the next days, the yuan fell at an unprecedented rate—blowing multi-decade records for depreciation. The move was especially significant because, for the past several decades, China has made sure the value of the yuan closely tracked the dollar.

The fall of the yuan quickly mobilized other nations into action. Kazakhstan and Vietnam announced they would devalue their currencies in response. India, the world's second-largest nation by population, did not even make an official announcement before it depreciated the rupee. Turkey let its



lira slide for a record five days.

The international outrage was loud and clear—and it drew a response from China. On August 16, Ma Jun, the chief economist at the People's Bank of China, emphatically reassured the world that the Chinese government had “no intention or need to participate in a currency war.” He called commentary to the contrary “completely groundless and unfounded.”

The denial was seen as confirmation that China had now officially entered the global currency fray, and that the war was headed into a new—potentially much more devastating—phase.

Former U.S. ambassador to China Jon Huntsman told CNN that “people are very, very frustrated” with China's deliberate policy of devaluation. “China is no longer an average player in the global economy. They're the second-largest economy in the world. And when you have the devaluation of 2 percent right off the bat automatically—you're going to have a higher cost burden on the exports from the United States to Asia, and to one of our largest export markets, to say nothing of the impact it's going to have on the region” (August 16).

Over the course of eight hours, Chinese products became 2 percent cheaper than they were prior to the currency markets opening that day. During the course of a week, they became 4.8 percent less expensive.

Where will they be in a month or a year? Can American exporters survive such warfare?

Reuters quoted unnamed “powerful voices” within China's government who suggested the yuan needed to fall by 10 percent. Morgan Stanley predicted a 15 percent fall on August 12.

If this occurs, there will be retaliation. China's currency bombardment is not happening in a vacuum—just as President Roosevelt's action to devalue and outlaw private gold ownership did not happen in a vacuum.

Currency War Precedes World War

The lead-up to the second Great War *began in a world of great economic excesses and speculative fervor*. In America it was particularly evident in the growth of the real-estate bubble of 1921 to 1926 and the great stock market bubble of 1924 to 1929—both of which were fueled by *easy*

borrowing. In Japan, during the 1920s, the national government spent massive amounts in a futile attempt to prop up commodity prices. It resulted in its great financial crash of 1927. In Europe too, the origin of the crisis can be pinned on excessive debt. The failure of little-known Austrian bank Credit-Anstalt triggered a wave of bank failures, and an economic downturn that swept the Continent.

When the debt bubbles exploded, the resulting economic downturns led to wave after wave of currency devaluation. Germany, Hungary and Italy virtually destroyed their currencies in an attempt to stimulate their economies.

In 1930, America responded by passing the Smoot-Hawley Act to protect American producers. Historian Richard Hofstadter called the law, which raised the tariffs on 20,000 imported goods to record levels, “a virtual declaration of economic war on the rest of the world.”

The impact ricocheted. Twenty-three major trading partners sent letters of protest and threats of retaliation. They were ignored. In May 1930, America's greatest trading partner, Canada, reacted by imposing tariffs on more than a dozen products that accounted for almost a third of U.S. exports to Canada. Within two years, 25 countries had fired back.

Over the ensuing years, U.S. and foreign trade took massive losses. America exported \$5.24 billion in goods in 1929; by 1932 the total had fallen to just \$1.6 billion. Overall, world trade declined some 66 percent by 1934.

But the Smoot-Hawley Act was really just one shot in an ongoing economic war that was already hot and about to get hotter.

The ink was barely dry on Smoot-Hawley before Australia abandoned the gold standard by devaluing its dollar by more than 40 percent. Its economy experienced a boost as it immediately captured a greater share of global exports. New Zealand and Japan saw that success and devalued in 1931, each experiencing a similar result as their exporters gained temporary advantage over those in countries that had not recently devalued. Britain soon broke its peg to gold. France, seeing Britain's economic problems, re-pegged the franc much lower to gold.

By 1933, at least nine major economies had enacted a currency devaluation to

grab a greater share of shrinking global trade. Yet the competitive devaluations continued.

China left the silver standard in 1934. In 1936, France again devalued the franc. Later that year Italy devalued once more, as did the United Kingdom. Then came devaluations by the Swiss and Dutch. The economic war raged back and forth with nations briefly gaining ground through currency devaluation, then losing it as others devalued in response.

Yet the extreme over-indebtedness that precipitated the process was never really addressed, so the fundamental economic problems only intensified—until Germany invaded Poland in 1939.

That was then. Where are we now?

Goose-Stepping Toward War

“Unfortunately, there are parallels to that ... period,” writes the *Hoisington Quarterly Review and Outlook*. “First, there is a global problem with debt and slow growth, and no country is immune. Second, the economic problems now, like then, are more serious and are more apparent outside the United States. However, due to negative income and price effects on our trade balance, foreign problems are transmitting into the U.S. and interacting with underlying structural problems. Third, overindebtedness is rampant today as it was in the 1920s and 1930s. Fourth, competitive currency devaluations are taking place today as they did in the earlier period” (Fourth Quarter, 2014).

So are we circa 1934, or 1939?

Remember, the 2008 sub-prime mortgage crisis and Wall Street meltdown was a *debt problem* primarily created by ultra-low interest rates set by the Federal Reserve following the 2002 dot-com stock market crash. The current euro crisis is the result of a currency union that enabled Greeks to *borrow* far beyond their capacity to pay. Japan's deep economic malaise correlates with *the highest national debts per capita* of any advanced country in the world.

And when the global economy buckled in 2008, what was the response? Governments and investors simply *added more debt*. Under the guise of stimulation, the world's biggest economies enacted the same type of “beggar thy neighbor” economic policies that led to World War II.

The Federal Reserve slashed interest

rates to zero and fired repeated rounds of quantitative easing into the economy, reducing the dollar's value. Brazil declared "currency war" in return, vowing to defend every last domestic industry from cannibalization by the West. The Bank of England quickly followed the Fed's bootprints. Then, as Europe's economic crisis intensified, the European Central Bank opened up with its own quantitative cannons. Then the Bank of Japan launched money bombs of its own.

China is no more or less to blame for the economic warfare than anyone else. But that doesn't change the media narrative: Just as it was prior to World War II when countries were denounced for devaluing their currencies to gain competitive advantage—the world's reaction to China's recent yuan devaluation continues to intensify.

China is today's financial kamikaze. There will be others.

As former Pentagon financial warfare consultant James Rickards wrote, "While the outcome of the current currency war is not yet certain, some version of the worst-case scenario is almost inevitable if U.S. and world economic leaders fail to learn from the mistakes of their predecessors" (*Daily Reckoning*, Aug. 15, 2014).

The world is goose-stepping toward full-scale trade war—and ultimately World War III.

Just as Forecast

This dangerous sequence of events is something the *Trumpet* has been warning about for years. It is something Herbert W. Armstrong famously forecast to millions of people on radio and in print. Throughout his 53-year work, he often described the conditions that would precede the biblically prophesied economic collapse of the United States.

Despite then being the most stable currency in the world, the American dollar would one day be in "jeopardy of being DEVALUED," he wrote back in 1968 (co-worker letter, March 26, 1968). When the dollar plummets, he warned, inflation will erupt and this will lead to "eventual economic COLLAPSE for the United States."

Based on Bible prophecy, he warned that the beginning of World War III

would be "economic in nature." About America and Britain in particular, Mr. Armstrong stated: "God prophesied a virtual trade war will get under way AGAINST the United States and Britain—and [that] our national economics will falter, and then COLLAPSE!" (ibid; emphasis added).

Over and over, Mr. Armstrong warned about the CONNECTION BETWEEN TRADE WAR AND WORLD WAR. As far back as 1960, he said that trade war would be the first blow of the biblically prophesied nuclear World War III.

In a 1971 *Plain Truth* magazine article titled "Trade War Looming to Trigger World War III," Mr. Armstrong warned that American businesses were increasingly moving operations to Asia due to greedy union demands. He warned that the result would be the erosion of good-paying jobs and economic decline. He said political pressure would inevitably build to "start raising high tariff barriers against other countries" (March 1971).

But if we engaged in the drastic protectionist policies needed to protect America's high-cost labor, he warned, IN TIME IT WOULD INEVITABLY TRIGGER NUCLEAR WAR.

Mr. Armstrong based those predictions on prophecies in Ezekiel 7, Deuteronomy 28 and elsewhere. He said the siege God prophesied in Deuteronomy 28:52 symbolized America's economy being battered by competition from foreign powers.

Trumpet editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote about this in our December 2014 issue: "America's enemies are going to cause economic problems and bring on destruction in many ways 'until thy high and fenced walls come down, wherein thou trustedst, throughout all thy land: and he shall besiege thee in all thy gates throughout all thy land, which the Lord thy God hath given thee' (verse 52). The real pressure is coming from without. 'In all thy gates' refers to a trade war. The enemies of America, Britain and the Jews will attack their currencies, their financial markets, and their economic might."

Fast-forward to today. That prophesied worldwide trade war has begun.

As history and prophecy both show, world war is next. ■

Can You Trust the Economists?

The stock market is melting down—and the experts say it will be fine. Are they right?

BY ROBERT MORLEY

ON AUGUST 24, MANY AMERICANS woke up to the smell of coffee brewing and news that China's stock market was once again in free fall. *Yawn.*

By 9:30 EDT, a totally different aroma was infiltrating boardrooms and offices inside America's biggest banks and Wall Street houses.

It was fear.

Suddenly, memories of the 2008 economic crash were being replayed in high-definition Technicolor with investment managers clinging white-knuckled to their computer keyboards and iPads—watching in disbelief as stock prices went into free fall. In less than 10 seconds on Monday, over 1,000 points were wiped off the Dow Jones Industrial Average. *Hundreds of billions of dollars simply ceased to exist.*

Three minutes later, the carnage continued as it fell an additional 300 points. *The 1,300-point loss was the sharpest single intra-day drop on record.*

Analysts wondered what would happen next. Never before have the markets been exposed to such massive leverage. U.S. corporations have borrowed a stunning \$9.3 trillion since the beginning of 2009. Rarely have investors borrowed such massive sums on margin.

In China too, debt is at unprecedented levels. As market analyst Doug Noland highlighted, four of the five biggest banks in the world are now Chinese owned—and their loan books have grown an astounding 80 percent over the past four years. "A bursting Chinese Super Bubble is a systemic issue—for the global economy, for global markets and for global finance," wrote Noland (*Credit Bubble Bulletin*, August 17).

"As an analyst of credit and (serial) bubbles going back 25 years, there's a recurring theme that is especially

pertinent these days. ... It's always worse than you think" (ibid, August 20).

Could this be the beginning of another Black Monday? Another 1929?

For a brief period, anxiety shot so high it blew out the Chicago Board Options Exchange volatility index—often referred to as the *fear gauge*. The computer algorithms couldn't handle the unprecedented volume as the index tripled. For 30 minutes, investors were greeted with patchy data and empty screens.

The last time the index reacted so sharply, bad things followed. Think 2008 Great Recession and Wall Street meltdown.

But market participants should not have been flying blind. The FEAR GAUGE was pinging all month. By the end of August, it had jumped by 135 percent—the biggest single-month gain in its history.

A lot of other signs of trouble were already evident too.

The riskier portion of the junk bond market, which many corporations are forced to rely upon for their financing needs, got absolutely massacred just days prior to the stock market mayhem. The average cost to borrow for a CCC-rated company spiked from 13 to 16 percent on August 13. It was around 7.9 percent a little over a year ago. These kinds of "vertigo-inducing" events are rare in normal times, says analyst Wolf Richter. "And there haven't been any [normal times] since the [last] financial crisis" (Wolf Street, August 15).

In July, the Empire Manufacturing Index—the all-important measure of business activity in New York State—also plummeted to levels only before seen in the last two economic recessions.

Shipping rates have collapsed, highlighting the sharp slowdown in global trade. "There is now a full-blown August storm sweeping through global markets," writes the *Telegraph's* Ambrose Evans-Pritchard (August 17).

Commodity prices are collapsing too. Oil dipped below \$40 per barrel on August 24, down 60 percent from a year ago. Coal, iron ore, potash, uranium, soybeans, sugar—all down. Oranges, wheat, nickel, silver, cement—all down too.

Surely somebody should have noticed that something was wrong.

On August 21, as world stock markets followed China and the United States

into the red, it became clear that it had caught authorities off guard. In Australia, both Finance Minister Joe Hockey and Prime Minister Tony Abbott took to the airwaves to reassure investors after Australia's benchmark stock index dove at the sharpest rate since 2009.

"I'm absolutely confident, absolutely confident that the fundamentals of the Australian economy and the global economy are still good, are still good. That's, without doubt, that is the situation," Hockey told the Nine network's *Today Show*. "In fact there is no crisis now. It is a correction" (August 25).

Could he have mentioned *absolutely confident* one more time?

"I think it's important that people don't hyperventilate," Prime Minister

in history the Dow had fallen by more than 500 points on two consecutive days.

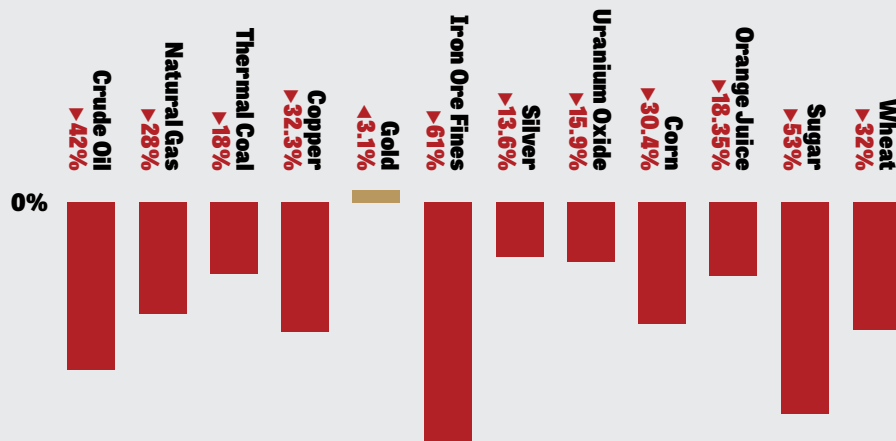
The next day, the markets initially rose but the Dow ended the day down another 205 points. It was the *biggest reversal* since 2008.

Yet the following week saw the two biggest back-to-back day rallies since 2009.

The markets are sending out some strong warning signs that all is not well. It is beginning to look a lot like the days prior to the last economic meltdown.

"Most crashes tend to be in the fall," *Commentary's* John Steele Gordon once observed of the crash of October 1929. "I think it's human psychology, you tend to be more cautious in the fall. The speculations of summer that seem so bril-

Five Year Price Fluctuations by Percentage (2010-2015)



Abbott said. "The fundamentals are sound." Former Federal Reserve Chief Ben Bernanke talked a lot about America's *fundamentally sound* economy before the 2008 crash too.

When a prime minister is in front of the cameras talking up the market, you know that everything is not sound.

By end-of-day Monday, the Dow Jones tried to rally, but it still ended down almost 600 points. It was the *first time*

liant, suddenly, when the chill winds of October come, you wonder if they're such a good idea and you try to get out." Whatever the reason—the September/October time frame does tend to be the most dangerous.

The fear gauge is at levels usually only seen in recessions. So far it has continued to rise in September. It is a strong sign that something is rotten in the state of the economy. ■

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Will We Ever Master Clean Energy

Or are we just grasping at the wind?

BY JEREMIAH JACQUES

Enough wind energy is produced globally to power 47 million U.S. households.

Global wind power production is 90 times higher than it was 20 years ago.

6.2 percent of electricity in Germany comes from solar energy.

New photocell technology captures 40 percent of the potential energy in sunlight.

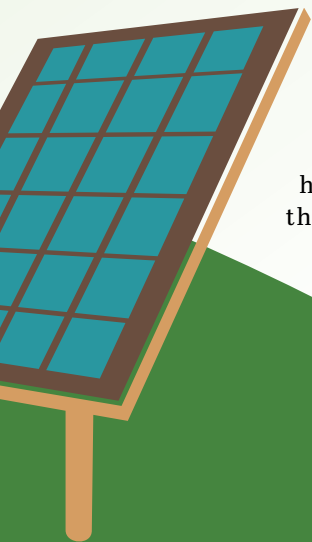
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DURING A BLUSTERY TIME this past July, wind turbines in Denmark produced 140 percent of the country's national energy needs. The Danes pumped the surplus into the power grids of Germany, Norway and Sweden.

"It shows that a world powered 100 percent by renewable energy is no fantasy," said Oliver Joy, a spokesman for the European Wind Energy Association. "Wind energy and renewables can be a solution to decarbonization."

The world has made electrifying progress recently in edging away from fossil fuels and learning to harness the power of clean, renewable energy sources.

Over the past 20 years, global wind-generated power soared more than 9,000 percent, from 5.6 billion kilowatt hours per year all the way up to 520 billion. That equates



to the annual energy consumption of 47 million United States households.

We have also made radiant advances in capturing solar power. Germany continues to lead the charge in solar-energy generation, and in 2014 it attained 35.5 gigawatts of installed photovoltaic solar energy capacity. That was enough to generate 6.2 percent of the nation's total power for the year. Also in 2014, Australian scientists achieved a record in solar efficiency, converting over 40 percent of sunlight that hit test panels into electricity. The average solar panel in use today converts only 15 percent.

We are also advancing in our abilities and efficiencies in tidal power, radiant energy, geothermal power, biomass energy, wave power and hydroelectricity.

Several less-conventional approaches are also showing promise: A team of Swedish researchers is close to making "biological fuel cells" by extracting fluorescent protein from a glow-in-the-dark jellyfish. A French company is developing a system to capture body heat from commuters traveling through the Pompidou train station and pump it through the vents of a nearby apartment complex for heating. Scientists at Melbourne's Monash University have invented an "artificial leaf," which they say could one day power the world by using photosynthesis. A dance club in the Netherlands called "Club Watt" powers its light shows by using revolutionary "piezoelectric" material to capture vibration energy from people walking and dancing on its floors. In 2012, a group of Nigerian teenagers developed a generator that can provide up to six hours of power on one liter of urine, a potentially invaluable resource for off-the-grid homes in rural Africa.

These ventures represent some astounding progress in the quest to harness the power of renewable, clean energy sources. But when we take an honest look at the big picture, we realize all too well that it's still too soon to seal off all the coal mines and power down the oil rigs.

Low Voltage, High Buckage

Even after the massive advances of recent years, wind power still supplies only 2.5 percent of total global electricity consumption. Solar energy provides about 1 percent.

And in nations where wind, sun and other renewables provide higher percentages of power, energy bills are significantly higher.

Germany is viewed as a case study for success. From Brandenburg to Rhineland-Palatinate, solar panels top the roofs, and wind turbines stud the horizons. Altogether, Germany's wind, solar and other renewable energy sources combine to generate a remarkable 27.8 percent of the country's total power consumption.

But rewiring the fourth-largest economy on the globe has not come inexpensively. Massive government subsidies have financed Germany's historic shift, and Berlin passes the costs along to taxpayers and consumers. Over the past five years, average electricity prices for German companies have jumped 60 percent. Residential prices more than doubled from 18 cents per kilowatt-hour in 2000 to more than 37 cents in 2013. By comparison, the average price in the U.S. is 12 cents per kilowatt-hour.

At the end of 2013, the people and companies of Germany had already paid some \$468 billion to finance the country's drive toward renewables. A government estimate says that by the end of 2030, total costs will exceed \$1.34 trillion.

In a global economic system built on selfish competition, this is a serious concern. The trend has already prompted several major firms—such as Basi Schöberl GmbH, BASF SE and SGL Carbon—to relocate some operations out of Germany and into Asia or the U.S. where power is cheaper. Others are poised to follow suit.

Daniel Yergin, vice chairman of the IHS research company, warned that Berlin's trend toward renewables is not economically sustainable. "Germany's current path of increasingly high-cost energy will make the country less competitive in the world economy, penalize Germany

in terms of jobs and industrial investment, and impose a significant cost on the overall economy and household income,” he said.

Kurt Bock of chemical manufacturer BASF SE said, “German industry is going to gradually lose its competitiveness if this course isn’t reversed soon.”

A 2014 survey by PricewaterhouseCoopers and the Federation of German Industry said almost 75 percent of Germany’s small- and medium-size industrial businesses view rising energy costs as a major risk to their ability to remain competitive.

For this reason, U.S. Sen. Dan Coats, who served as ambassador to Germany, blasted Berlin’s move toward clean energy as a “misguided executive branch overreach and regulatory attack on energy industries.”

Watt Can Store It?

The quest to harness renewable energy runs into another headwind when we try to store the power we collect for later use. In the heat of the day, many solar-powered homes and businesses produce more electricity than they need. But current-generation battery systems are not

affordable enough or efficient enough to reliably store the excess for use at night. That means in the evenings, they have to use expensive batteries or buy electricity to keep the lights on and the fridges cold. The same is true for wind-powered electrical systems that starve for power on calm days.

Utilities with wind or solar farms face the same lack of reliability on a large scale. And coal is the typical go-to when wind and solar systems fail.

Volatile Volts

Renewable energies also destabilize Germany’s power grid. That is because volumes of both wind and sunlight fluctuate wildly. One German grid operator recently told the Institute for Energy Research that the large-scale adoption of renewables has caused a fivefold increase in disruptions to the nation’s power supply.

“[T]he power supply in Germany is no longer secure enough,” said Dr. Klaus Peter Krause of the European Institute for Climate and Energy. “It is even highly vulnerable. A blackout could occur on any given day. Up to now, they have been

successful at averting grid collapses by taking lightning speed action, but the number of emergencies has increased massively and is still rising.”

Krause says the problem will have ramifications beyond German borders: “This stability is being sacrificed for no urgent reason and irresponsibly for the sake of the transition to renewable energy, whereby the damage will impact even all of Europe” (Sept. 22, 2014).

Germany’s efforts are admirable in many ways, and its drive to quit carbon is not a total failure. Thanks in large part to Germany’s costly and risky investments in developing renewables, the price of those technologies is becoming affordable, both in Germany and among many less-affluent nations. But the huge cost to Germany disadvantages it in a global system based on vicious economic competition.

And for all our innovation in the science and industry of renewable energy, even the best solar, wind, tidal and biomass installations still consume huge amounts of resources, many of them non-renewable: thousands of acres of land (some of it necessarily deforested),

Is Hydroelectricity Clean?

Debate rages over whether or not hydroelectric projects—turbines turned by flowing water—qualify as clean, renewable and sustainable. Most experts say large-scale impoundment dams, such as the Hoover Dam or Three Gorges Dam, do not meet the criteria.

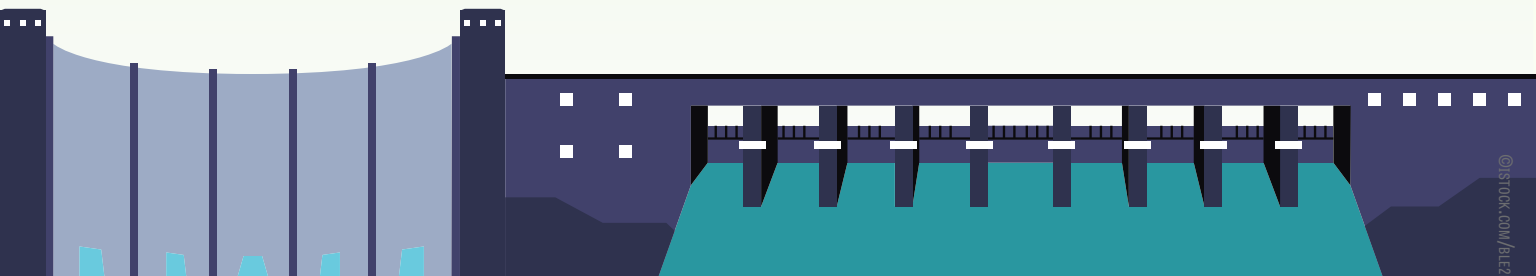
That’s because when a large dam is built to facilitate a hydroelectric project, it disrupts or destroys ecological systems that had existed in the formerly free-flowing river. It devastates downstream land that was dependent on seasonal flooding.

The damage upstream is generally more devastating. When the reservoir first floods, acres of suddenly drowned vegetation rot, releasing huge quantities of carbon into the air. Following this first burst of decay, plant matter settles

on the bottom of the reservoir and rots without oxygen. Dissolved methane accumulates, which then releases into the atmosphere after the water flows through the turbines. “Hydroelectric dams ... in some cases produce more of these greenhouse gases than power plants running on fossil fuels,” wrote *New Scientist* (Feb. 24, 2005).

On the other hand, small “run of river” hydroelectric projects are some of the best energy sources on the planet. “[W]hen constructed with local environmental sensitivity, they are the largest and cleanest energy source on the planet,” said Eric Sharpe in *Energy Ink Magazine* (July 10, 2014).

Is hydropower clean? Yes—but generally only if it is generated on a small scale. Otherwise, not so much.



millions of yards of concrete, thousands of miles of steel rebar, thousands of pounds of rare earth metals, millions of tons of batteries, millions of pounds of fiberglass, millions of gallons of paint, millions of gallons of diesel, and thousands of acre-feet of groundwater.

Other environmentally ambitious nations face the same set of problems in their quest to switch to renewable energy sources. Some have ratcheted down their original goals after realizing how economically damaging the pursuit is.

The 5,000-kilowatt question is: Do the clouds hovering over renewable energy mean that it has no economically viable future?

These economic setbacks and technological limitations do NOT doom the future for renewable power. In fact, the future of clean energy is radiant.

Forecast: Sunny Skies

Imagine a family that owns and operates a large agricultural estate. But this family is different. In each generation, the family members' overarching goal is not to consume everything they can to increase the comfort of their own lives. Instead, their goal is to improve the estate as much as possible for the benefit of their children. Imagine each generation building upon the labor of the previous one—beautifying that same plot of land, and basing every decision on what will be best in the long term. Imagine this family approaching each project with uncompromising devotion to both function and form.

Now imagine a world in which every family owns such an estate and operates it in that same spirit. These families constitute nations—very unlike the nations of today. Instead of selfishly maneuvering to gain an economic edge over other countries, their goal is to contribute and even sacrifice for the safety, health and prosperity of all countries on Earth. Each family in each country views all others as an extension of its own family, and

values the well-being of families in other nations as much as or more than its own.

That sounds imaginary. It sounds like an ethereal, impossible utopia. But the truth is, such a world is on the horizon!

You might not associate clean energy with the Holy Bible, but this ancient

book has a lot to say about this modern issue. In fact, it forecasts what the *future* of clean energy will be. That may seem unbelievable, but the Bible has been exactly right about its other prophecies: the existence of the United States

and Britain, the formation of a united Europe, the creation of a Jewish state, increases in environmental disasters, and the list goes on.

Numerous Bible scriptures foretell of a time in the near future when the kind of family, estate and nation discussed above will populate all the Earth. It says that our most violent form of selfishness—war—will disappear: “[T]hey shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more” (Isaiah 2:4).

Isaiah 60 says that reports of violence and destruction will disappear; material wealth will spread. Isaiah 51 says that the “waste places” will be comforted.

It also specifies that every family will own its own piece of land. “[T]hey shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid” (Micah 4:4).

The Cost of Clean

Germany's wind, solar and other renewable energy sources combine to generate a remarkable **27.8 percent** of the country's power consumption.

At the end of 2013, the people and companies of Germany had paid some **\$468 billion** to finance the country's drive toward renewables.

Isaiah 35 shows that communities will have infrastructure, possibly quite advanced, but that it will not come at the expense of environmental beauty and health. The effect of this peaceful, beautiful world on the people living in it will be “quietness and assurance” (Isaiah 32:17).

At that future time, the idea of harming the global environment will be unthinkable. There will be no more wasteful plundering of the planet's natural resources (see Revelation 11:18). All people will work to “dress and keep” and “replenish” the land, as God commanded the earliest humans to do (Genesis 1 and 2). Clean energy sources—possibly including wind, sun, tide, nuclear fusion, Helium 3 and no doubt others not yet even theorized—will replace all sources that pollute. People in the cities of India and China will no longer see the air they breathe.

Perhaps power generation will often be accomplished more at the local level rather than in massive, interconnected grids. Flowing beside every man's vine and fig tree, maybe there will be streams that turn the blades of efficient turbines. Since droughts and floods will no longer destabilize water systems, such setups could be perfectly reliable.

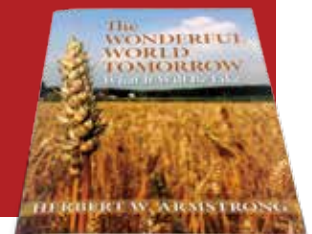
We don't know the details, but we know that a spirit of giving will dominate that age. We can be sure that families and nations will work to forsake polluting God's creation and to generate clean energy. We can be sure that every solution used at that time will make the world better off. Each generation will improve upon the present and leave the planet in better shape for its children. Environmentally—as in every other way—it will be a radiant, clean and wonderful age. ■

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The Europe of the Bible Takes Shape

Experts are seeing a new Europe forming—a Europe Herbert W. Armstrong prophesied decades ago. **BY RICHARD PALMER**

MORE THAN 70 YEARS AGO, HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG began giving a series of clear and dramatic forecasts of where world events would lead. Since Mr. Armstrong’s death, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry has continued issuing those same warnings. Increasingly, those warnings are becoming reality. Germany dominates Europe, and the Continent is on its way to becoming a superpower, just as Mr. Armstrong said it would.

Other forecasts he made are also being fulfilled. The growing Russian-Chinese friendship fills the news. America’s decline is clearly visible. But Mr. Armstrong’s central warning was always *Europe*.

In July, the European Council of Foreign Relations (ECFR) published a paper titled “The Road Back to European Power.” In it, this unofficial but influential think tank aimed to “help kick-start the strategic phase of this discussion”

of the “comprehensive stocktaking of Europe’s external relations.”

In just about every area of world affairs, the ECFR’s analysis resembles the European forecast by Mr. Armstrong—strikingly so.

America Divorced From Reality

Perhaps the most notable part of the document is what it says about the United States. “[T]he current picture is one of continental drift, as Americans and Europeans become decreasingly capable of or interested in working together effectively in an ever more contested world. ... Congress [is] so tethered to a small clique of donors that it has become more divorced than ever from global realities.”

The think tank explains that Europe “depends” on America more than any other country for “hard security.” The history of the transatlantic partnership, it says, has led Europeans to believe in a security bargain where “the U.S. retains

ultimate responsibility for peace and security in Europe, while Europeans contribute what they can and generally support the U.S. politically on major international security issues.” But according to the report, “The old bargain is quite simply no longer on offer.”

In a world that it can no longer dominate, America, as these analysts discuss, is an unreliable ally on which Europe cannot depend for security in the same way. At the same time, America is actively and deliberately encouraging Europe to develop a strong military independent of the U.S. armed forces.

The paper asserts that “too often in recent decades, Europeans have been content to tag along behind the U.S. in international affairs. A new, more realistic, transatlantic bargain will require a stronger European sense of Europe’s own interests and identity.”

This new bargain, the paper says, will need “a new division of labor whereby the EU plays as central a role in transatlantic security relations as NATO, and in which Europe’s larger states—notably Germany—can leverage their geo-economic power to take on greater responsibility within the alliance.”

This recognition of America’s weakness and of the need for a stronger Europe recalls forecasts Herbert W. Armstrong made for years.

America has a “chronic weakness,” he wrote in the *Plain Truth* (May 1971). He said American leaders failed “to recognize who are our real friends, and who are our enemies,” and relied too heavily on its allies as “lovers.” Biblical prophecies show that this perverse “lover” relationship is going to end in bitter betrayal—Europe will turn completely against the U.S.

The geopolitical realities, and even some of the attitudes within European decision-makers, that will give rise to that future treachery can be seen in the reasoning in the ECFR’s paper.

Anti-American outrage erupted within the European populace last year in the wake of the National Security Agency spying scandal. Mr. Flurry wrote this at the time: “Germany was prophesied to break away from America, and it is happening before our eyes,” he wrote.

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“But the animosity we see today is only the smallest beginning!” (October 2014). Studying the calculated reasoning of this think tank shows that the makings of a future transatlantic split go far beyond merely the emotion on Europe’s streets.

As America is delegating more power and responsibility to Europe, Europeans are making a radical departure from their American-reliant past. Soon, in fulfillment of biblical prophecy, that trend will be complete.

Europe and Russia: It’s Complicated

“Europe’s first priority must be to limit the damage caused by the crises on its eastern and southern borders,” the ECFR stated, calling for a policy of “tough love” toward Russia—a “dual strategy of sanctions and outreach.”

“[W]e should articulate that at the end of the day we want to have a functioning relationship with Russia—if not based on shared values then at least organized in ways that allow Europe not to undermine its own values” (ibid).

The approach the ECFR encourages is similar to the one Germany is already taking—“cooperative confrontation.” (You can read about this in our article “Germany and Russia Back to Business as Usual” at theTrumpet.com/go/12887.)

This approach aligns with two trends the *Trumpet* is watching for in European-Russian relations. On the one hand, fear of Russia is pushing nations like Poland and others in Central and Eastern Europe closer to Germany. Drawing too close to Russia would jeopardize Germany’s relations with these countries. But on the other hand, Germany and Russia have a lot of shared interests, which is why we have warned our readers to watch out for another Molotov-Ribbentrop pact.

“Look at history,” Mr. Flurry wrote in October 2008. “Every time competition between Russia and Germany heats up, they form a deal with one another—JUST BEFORE GOING TO WAR! ...

“The relationship between Russia and Germany is very tense right now. Germany ignored Russia over Kosovo—but Russia will not be ignored anymore. The presence of a deal between these two nations is not a sign of peace. Like the Molotov-Ribbentrop pact, and so many others before it, it is a sign of exactly the opposite. Both of these nations are

looking to secure their shared border—so they can pursue their imperialistic aims elsewhere! IT IS A PRECURSOR TO WAR! That is the way they operate! And the U.S. has no clue.”

Dealing With the Middle East

Europe’s migrant crisis is getting worse by the week. Local authorities in Italy and Greece are overwhelmed by refugees fleeing the Middle East and North Africa. But this is only the most visible of a series of threats these regions pose for Europe. The Continent relies heavily on these areas for many of its resources. The Mediterranean and Red Sea are crucial for European trade. There is also the ever present danger of terrorism.

“Europeans will have to fortify their own national resilience against the likelihood of further extremism-motivated atrocities in European cities and against EU citizens in the region,” the ECFR writes. Europe’s “ill-conceived responses to past provocations have advanced the extremists’ agenda through European overreaction and Islamophobic policies at home ...” Millions of Europeans would agree that more attacks are coming—and would sharply disagree that Europe’s response so far has been an overreaction.

As America is delegating more power and responsibility to Europe, Europeans are making a radical departure from their American-reliant past.

Though they do not speak of it specifically as a means of countering these threats, the report’s authors definitely advocate more-robust engagement in the Middle East. They suggest that Europe should increase its direct activity and its work with nations in the region. “We will deal with Cairo, Riyadh and Tehran, even if they do not share our values, and with Tel Aviv despite its violations of international norms, because it is in our interest to do so,” they write.

The authors recommend not taking a side in the growing Iranian-Saudi divide. However, they note that the Saudi-aligned Gulf Cooperation Council “direct and funded arms purchases from France, for instance, add up to around

€14 billion (US\$15.5 billion) so far in 2015, as the Gulf has become one of the world’s largest buyer of arms.”

The ECFR prefers a different direction. But this current reality provides a glimpse into Europe’s future. Biblical prophecy shows that the Iranian-Saudi split will define the region—and that Germany will align with the Arab states. (You can read more about this prophecy in the article on page 20 in this issue.)

Back in 1996, Mr. Flurry listed nations that he said would eventually ally with Europe: Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon. Many of these nations today are in a Saudi-led Sunni alliance, and that alliance is steadily drawing closer to Europe. Mr. Flurry also wrote about a separate alliance that would include Iran, Iraq and Egypt. Today we see Iran and Iraq solidly opposed to the Saudi alliance. These alliances are not yet fully formed, but their outlines are more than visible—they are dominating Middle East headlines.

Invading Africa

“How can the EU do more to tackle conflict, instability, the rise of terrorist networks, and the effects of climate change, and create better economic prospects

in the broader southern Mediterranean, Sahel and sub-Saharan African regions?” the ECFR asks. A major part of its answer? Greater and better coordinated military power.

The ECFR finds that leveraging aid “is a declining source of influence.” Meanwhile, “[t]he migrant crisis and instability in Mali and the Sahel also point to the limits of European powers’ efforts to build security in Africa by funding UN and African-led peacekeeping operations.”

It points to the direction Europe is going: “While many European governments are instinctively wary of sending their own troops to Africa, the convergence of humanitarian crises and terrorist threats on the continent is changing

their calculations. After France led the way in intervening in Mali and the Sahel, the Netherlands, Estonia, Scandinavian countries, and even Germany have sent smaller numbers of troops to Africa in the last two years."

The ECFR notes that Nigeria, Senegal and other nations want greater EU military cooperation, and that "Europeans still have greater security assets in Africa than China."

This use of military force in the wider North African region to combat Islamic terrorism is something Mr. Flurry drew attention to back in 2013. Iran has "designs on being the strongest power throughout the region, and is extending its reach throughout North Africa," he wrote. "But Iran isn't the only one interested in Africa. Germany is making strong inroads as well. Both of these powers are racing to get as much control of North Africa as they can. They will inevitably clash with each other. ...

"Right now, European leaders see the king of the south trying to dominate the fuel in the Middle East and Africa, and you can be sure they are going to react. That fuel is critical to those nations, so they will turn to that strongman for leadership Europe will once again choose the path of war in order to secure its resources" (April 2013).

Mr. Flurry wrote this *before* France sent 5,000 soldiers and spent hundreds of millions of dollars to fight radical Islam in Mali. Before the EU launched a military mission there, including the first-ever deployment of European Union military forces in the form of the Franco-German Brigade. And before France sent over a thousand soldiers to fight Islamists in the Central African Republic.

The Rise of China

The ECFR notes the dramatic rise of China in recent years, though it doesn't say much about what Europe should do about it. The main recommendation is for Europe to "set a shorter list of priorities" when it comes to international laws and human rights. In doing so, it would be in a better position to compete with China, which takes little notice of human rights in its domestic policy and in international relations.

The ECFR authors noted how many European countries have gone out of their way to forge good relationships with China, writing, "Nothing symbolized the shift in international order better than China's successful Asia Infrastructure Investment Bank proposal, which won the support of 56 nations—among them 14 European member states."

This shift has been one of the big stories of the last few months and years. The Asia Infrastructure and Investment

Bank is just a symbol of this. For the first half of this year, China's nonfinancial investment in Europe was up 400 percent. China is working hard

to further increase its trade and economic cooperation with Europe through its Silk Road initiatives.

The *Trumpet* has forecasted that the ties between Europe and China would strengthen. Mr. Flurry wrote in *Isaiah's End-Time Vision*, "The trend of collusion between these two great economic blocs is worth watching. ... With a German-led Europe (the king of the north) possessing great maritime power, North America will be surrounded on the east by Europe and the south by Latin America. The Bible contains many prophecies of

that European power attacking America—and many other prophecies of America being *besieged*.

"That is where China and the giants of Asia enter the picture. When the Holy Roman Empire attacks North America, there will be no help or sympathy from Asia. In fact, considering that China has come to possess most of the world's strategic sea gates (which, ironically, at one time were held by Britain and America), we believe there may be a brief alliance between the German-led Holy Roman Empire and certain Asian powers (Russia, China, Japan—the kings of the east). Should Europe, the resurrected Holy Roman Empire, find a way to take advantage—even for a moment—of key resources and strategic holdings of China, Russia and Japan, it would have more than enough power to besiege the Anglo-Saxon nations and enslave them."

Now the trade between Europe and China is becoming more obvious and more voluminous. This trend also has the effect of cutting the United States out of the benefits.

An Accurate Forecasting Tool

A majority of people dismiss biblical prophecy as having any relevance to events in our modern world. Among those who do have a degree of respect for prophecy, their understanding is limited to a general sense that its descriptions of end-time events are taking place today.

The reality, though, is that the Bible's prophecies are *extraordinarily specific*—not just about societal trends and conditions, but also about geopolitical events, interactions among nations, power shifts, the rise and fall of global empires.

More and more current events, and particularly events unfolding within Europe, are aligning exactly what the *Trumpet* and *Plain Truth* have been saying, what Herbert Armstrong and Gerald Flurry have been teaching from the Bible, for decades. That is only possible because of the forecasting tool that underpins our analysis: Bible prophecy. Though it is a source many are reluctant to accept, it is increasingly proving its accuracy as time goes on.

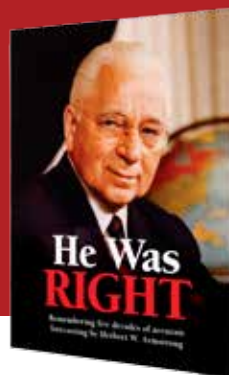
Learn what the Bible forecasts, and see for yourself whether it matches the current situation in Europe—in detail. ■

To learn more about the Germany-China economic relationship, read "The Great Mart" from our August 2012 edition online at theTrumpet.com/go/9580

See the bigger picture

What is happening in Europe is just one dramatic example of the many forecasts of Herbert W. Armstrong coming to pass.

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The Dodo's Lesson in Evolution Theory

BY JEREMIAH JACQUES

IN 1681, THE LAST DODO BIRD ON THE planet breathed its last. But that did not end the bird's story.

Some 300 years later, botanists on Mauritius—the island where the dodo had lived—noticed that a certain species of tree was rapidly dying off. Tambalacoue trees had historically grown in abundance on Mauritius, but by the 1970s some botanists said only 13 remained—and they were all thought to be around 300 years old. Each year, they were producing fruit containing seeds, but none of the seeds were sprouting into saplings. This meant that no new tambalacoue trees had sprouted since the late 1600s.

The tambalacoue's average lifespan is roughly 300 years, so the last trees of the species were very near the end of their lives. Once those 13 died, the tambalacoue would be just like the dodo: extinct.

American ecologist Stanley Temple wondered if the dodo's extinction 300 years earlier was connected to the tambalacoue's inability to reproduce, which had also set in about 300 years earlier.

In Mauritius, Temple made a fascinating discovery: When the dodos were still alive, they ate tambalacoue's fruit.

And *only* after the seeds had journeyed through their digestive tract could they successfully germinate.

Researcher and writer Robert Doolan explained the discovery: "The tree's seeds are encased in a thick-walled protective coat, but the dodo's stone-filled gizzard was able to exert a powerful crushing pressure on them. The bird's gizzard (a second stomach for grinding food) would pound away at the seed's coat, weakening it and cracking it a little, but not enough to damage the seed inside. When eventually deposited by the dodo, the seed was able to germinate."

After making this discovery, Temple found a solution: He imported some American turkeys to Mauritius. Their digestive process was similar enough to that of the dodos to be able to activate the tambalacoue seeds. Thanks to Temple and the turkeys, the tambalacoue lives on to this day.

The Message

The dodo went extinct back in 1681, but 300 years later, it delivered a posthumous message: For the tambalacoue tree to survive, it likely had to have come into existence at the same time as the dodo bird.

This supports the biblical account of creation. Genesis 1 records that when God renewed the Earth, He made plants and trees on the third day, and on the fifth day, He made animals, including birds (Genesis 1:11-23). The Bible's account of creation matches the existence of a tree that relies on—and has always relied on—a bird for its survival.

Many species heavily depend on others for their survival. Many more organisms are mutually dependent: e.g., the calimyrna fig and the blastophaga wasp, the catalpa worm and the braconid, the yucca plant and the pronuba moth, and many more.



Young Tambalacoue tree (*Sideroxylon grandiflorum*) endemic to Mauritius

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Planned Parenthood

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that for every 1,000 live births in America, there are 219 abortions. The biggest name in abortion is Planned Parenthood, an organization that offers no resources on parenting or family but promotes abortion.

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TRAFFICKING ABORTED BABY BODY PARTS

The recent controversy swirling around Planned Parenthood reveals some disturbing truths about America today. **BY DENNIS LEAP**

PLANNED PARENTHOOD IS CAUGHT IN A LIFE-THREATENING crossfire—but many people haven't heard about it. The story is gruesome and gut-wrenching; it is not the kind of news we like to hear about or watch on our nightly news. But that isn't why it hasn't been a big story. It is because Planned Parenthood officials, liberal political leaders, and our media are exerting major effort to bury the story.

23 million dollars of additional Planned Parenthood profit derived from selling baby body parts

What is happening with Planned Parenthood is one of this year's *big* stories. You should want to know about what is taking place inside Planned Parenthood's medical facilities, because it reveals a lot about the tragically sad mental state of many people in America today.

Planned Parenthood's recent controversy began in mid-July. On July 14 and 21, David Daleiden of the Center for Medical Progress (CMP) released two videos, taken undercover, of senior Planned Parenthood officials negotiating prices for harvested body parts—brains, livers, hearts—from *aborted babies*. In the first video, Dr. Deborah Nucatola casually and unemotionally discusses how forceps can be used to crush a baby in the womb to prevent damage to salable fetal organs. Her conversation takes place while she eats a salad and drinks some wine. In the second video, Dr. Mary Gatter discusses prices and an abortion technique that is "less crunchy" to facilitate harvest of fetal body parts, also over a lunch of salad and wine.

The casualness of these officials is chillingly ghoulish. When haggling over the price of an embryonic liver, Gatter even states jokingly: "If it's still low, then we can bump it up. I want a Lamborghini."

In a third video, released on July 28, Dr. Savita Ginde, medical director at



the Denver, Colorado, Planned Parenthood facility, is secretly videotaped in a pathology lab where babies are taken after being aborted. Surrounded by staff and tissue buyers, she also talks about making money from aborted body parts: "We don't want to do just a flat-fee (per baby) of like, \$200. A per-item thing works a little better, just because we can see how much we can get out of it." She also laughed while looking at a plate of fetal kidneys that were "good to go" This most graphic of the three videos actually shows Dr. Ginde and her medical assistant looking over the already separated body parts of an aborted child.

Planned Parenthood is the single largest abortion provider in the United States. According to its website, Planned Parenthood conducts 40 percent of America's abortions each year, which totals almost a third of a million. It receives half a billion tax dollars annually.

You would think the revelations in these videos would be big news, filling tv and radio airwaves. But they are not. Why not? Are mainstream media *ignoring* them in order to protect Planned Parenthood?

Disregard for Law

This is not to say there is no outrage over the videotapes. Twelve states and the United States Congress have launched investigations into Planned Parenthood practices. Pro-life organizations, Repub-

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—Dr. Savita Ginde, medical director at the Denver, Colorado, Planned Parenthood facility

lican presidential candidates, Fox News and Rush Limbaugh all have been discussing the morbid practices.

However, most of the outrage over the videotapes is coming from Planned Parenthood and leftist liberal leaders. Why are they so upset? Not because of cut-up, aborted baby body parts. They are outraged over the legal threat to Planned Parenthood and the potential loss of government funding.

In response to the backlash over the first video released by CMP, Planned Parenthood CEO Cecile Richards released

her own video on July 16 in an effort to quell the brewing storm.

"In the video, one of our staff members speaks in a way that does not reflect that compassion," Richards states, referring to Dr. Nucatola's luncheon conversation over the use of forceps. "This is unacceptable and I personally apologize for the staff member's tone and statements." Dr. Nucatola is more than just a staff member. She is the senior director of medical services for the Planned Parenthood Federation of America. Notice that Richards makes no admission of, or apology for, the sale of fetal organs.

"I want to be really clear: The allegation that Planned Parenthood profits in any way from tissue donation is not true," Richards assures us. "Our donation program, like any other high-quality health care provider, follows *all laws and ethical guidelines*."

This final statement will likely prove very problematic for her. Here's why.

In the first video, Dr. Nucatola explains that her clinic's harvest of fetal tissue has legal implications. "[T]he Federal Abortion Ban [on partial-birth abortions] is a law, and laws are up to interpretation. So if I say on day one, I do not intend to do this, what ultimately happens doesn't matter," Nucatola says as a matter of fact on hidden camera. What she means is that, depending on the fetal body parts that buyers request, abortion providers in her clinic might opt to perform a partial-birth type of

abortion to preserve the body parts. This does not square with what Richards said.

In a fourth video released on July 30, Dr. Ginde is taped in a long discussion about working with lawyers to be sure their harvest of fetal tissues is called "research" and not "business." She specifically mentions that she needs to talk to Dr. Nucatola to make sure that the Denver clinic handles fetal-tissue sales the same way that other Planned Parenthood clinics do. Dr. Ginde also states, "We don't want to get called on, you know, selling fetal parts across states."

These two videos make a strong case that Planned Parenthood is being deceitful in its practices and holds great disregard for federal law.

Buying or selling human body parts is a felony. The commercial trafficking of body parts from an aborted baby is punishable by up to 10 years in prison and/or a fine of up to \$500,000. In some cases, donation of fetal organs is not illegal, but regulations prohibit altering the timing or method of abortions for the purpose of later using the fetal organs in research. Republicans in Congress say Planned Parenthood's apparent circumvention of these laws means federal funding for the program should be pulled until full investigations can be conducted on the organization's handling of fetal body parts.

Time to Demonize CMP

In an interview with ABC News, Richards blasted the CMP videos, calling them "highly selectively edited" videos released by "militant anti-abortion activists." Richards also told host George Stephanopoulos that the videos "are part of the most militant anti-abortion movement that has been behind the bombing of clinics, the murder of doctors in their homes and in their churches, and that's what actually needs to be looked at."

The effort to demonize the CMP deflected people's attention off Planned Parenthood's fetal body parts distribution practices. On July 28, Planned Parenthood hired the high-profile Washington, D.C., public relations firm SKDKnickerbocker as it scrambled to deal with the ongoing scandal and CMP's vow to release a total of 12 videos. SKDKnickerbocker immediately went to work to encourage journalists not to cover the story.

On July 29, the *Washington Post* printed an article written by Cecile Richards stating: "These extremists created a fake business, made apparently misleading corporate filings, and then used false government identifications to gain access to Planned Parenthood's medical

and research staff with the agenda of secretly filming without consent—then heavily edited footage to make false and absurd assertions about our standards and services. They spent three years doing everything they could—not to uncover wrongdoing, but rather to create it. They failed."

Also on July 29, the White House said that President Barack Obama would oppose any attempts by Congress to defund Planned Parenthood.

By the end of August, CMP had released four more videos, each one ramping up the horror over the disturbing practices taking place in Planned Parenthood's medical facilities.

The videos speak for themselves. Nowhere does it appear that the statements by Planned Parenthood officials have been edited. Evil is being covered up at Planned Parenthood.

This controversy reveals a much bigger issue that we all should be concerned about.

How did the Planned Parenthood officials featured in the videos—all of them women—arrive at the state of mind where they could be so casual about discussing the sale of aborted baby body parts? These women know they are talking about babies—not just *tissue*. On one of the videos, a medical assistant, picking through a dish full of body parts, exclaims, "Another boy!"

What Abortion Does to Us

"Abortion critics have long warned that the problem is not only the obvious—what abortion does to the fetus—but also what it does to us," stated syndicated columnist Charles Krauthammer (July 23).

He is talking about what performing or experiencing abortion does to the human mind.

"It's the same kind of desensitization that has occurred in the Netherlands with another mass exercise in life termination: assisted suicide. It began as a way to prevent the suffering of the terminally ill. It has now become so

widespread and wanton that one fifth of all Dutch assisted-suicide patients are euthanized without their explicit consent," continued Krauthammer.

There is a human mental desensitization—or more accurately, a *degeneration*—induced by the practice of abortion.

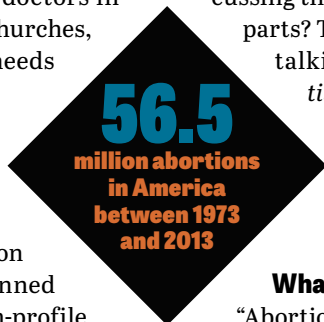
Abortion has been a controversial subject in America for decades. The controversy around abortion seems complex, yet it really is not. Simply stated, the abortion controversy comes from human beings using human reason to make moral decisions beyond human ability. Man is not capable of making moral judgments without the higher law of God. That is what has made this issue so complicated.

For example, when Americans first decided to constitutionalize abortion—nullifying the abortion laws of all 50 states in 1973—judges, lawyers and proponents reasoned from a term they called "viability," or the time when a fetus, *which is a human baby*, could live on its own outside its mother's womb. In the famous legal cases heard by the Supreme Court *Roe v. Wade*—and its companion case, *Doe v. Bolton*—"viability" was established to be 14 weeks, or at the completion of the first trimester. At "viability," a human fetus looks like a baby. However, what intellectual liberals and judges refused to recognize is that *at conception* the tiny ball of tissue is already a human baby!

Roe v. Wade gave women the right to choose to abort their baby after 14 weeks based on their "right to privacy" upheld by the 14th Amendment and on threat to their "life or health." However, *Doe v. Bolton* created an unlimited definition of "maternal health" making abortion-on-demand available through all nine months of pregnancy.

Let's look at this honestly. The Supreme Court gave a woman the right to choose to legally murder her baby. As a result, the United States is currently one of only nine nations that allows abortion after 14 weeks of gestation. Essentially, the United States permits abortion after viability *for any reason*.

Can you begin to see how easy it is for medical professionals and others who promote abortion to reason that harvesting baby body parts is also OK?



Once the human mind starts down a slippery slope, the depths of evil it can accept are nearly endless.

Krauthammer speaks of this problem. In his commentary “The Price of Fetal Parts,” he wrote that assisted suicide in the Netherlands “began as a way to prevent the suffering of the terminally ill.”

The tree of life represented Adam and Eve choosing to live a life in close contact with God, living by the Ten Commandments, and following God’s revealed instruction now found in the Bible. Living this way would lead them and their children into a wonderful relationship with God and a spectacular future.

over it—it is inhuman to even consider doing such a thing. The Bible shows us that Satan hates God, and he most certainly hates human beings who have the potential to be born into the God Family. When you think about abortion, do you see that people have taken on Satan’s nature? It is a satanic-type hatred that leads to abortion.

The Apostle Paul gave us a clear prophetic look into our time. “This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come,” he wrote. “For men shall be *lovers of their own selves*, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, *Without natural affection ...*” (2 Timothy 3:1-3). Our time is certainly perilous for millions of unborn children. How can a woman murder her own baby? She certainly must love her own life more—and she certainly has lost her “natural affection” for her baby.

The Prophet Jeremiah warned, “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?” (Jeremiah 17:9). This is the perfect description of what man has become because of Adam’s fateful decision to go his own way—without God’s guidance. We have become adept at deceiving ourselves that our decisions on life and death—whether through assisted suicide or abortion—are good, when they are just the opposite. Humanity must learn that it is tragic folly not to live God’s way.

There is positive hope even in all of this. When God cut Adam and Eve off from the tree of life (Genesis 3:22-24), He laid out a plan to rescue all mankind from that fateful decision. You can read about this plan in two of Herbert W. Armstrong’s most important works, *Mystery of the Ages* and *The Incredible Human Potential*. They are free upon request. ■



“Abortion critics have long warned that the problem is not only the obvious—what abortion does to the fetus—but also what it does to us.”

—Charles Krauthammer, syndicated columnist

On the surface that may sound *good* to human beings, yet assisted suicide is still murder, even for a terminally ill patient. For the Dutch, thinking that assisted suicide is good was just the beginning of the euthanization of “one fifth of all Dutch assisted-suicide patients ... without their explicit consent.”

The same is true of abortion. When doctors, judges, lawyers, men and women begin thinking that abortion is good in a few cases like the health of the mother, rape or incest, what’s to stop them from deciding abortion is good for other reasons—and while you’re at it, you might as well make some extra money on the side?

The Deceitful Human Mind

God warned our first parents about such scenarios at the time He created human life on this planet. The very first instruction God gave Adam and Eve was about the two ways of life humans could choose to follow. This truth is encapsulated in God’s easy-to-understand teaching of the two trees in Genesis 2: the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

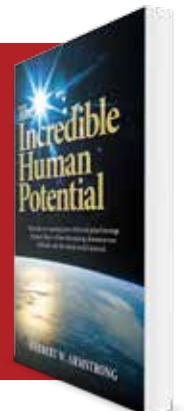
However, if they chose to live by the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, they would then choose to live life by their own rules as directed by their own minds and Satan the devil. They would decide for themselves, under Satan’s influence, what was good and what was evil. Adam chose to go his own way (Genesis 3). Adam and Eve rejected God, His law and revelation and chose to follow Satan. This is the only sound way to explain what is happening in our world today.

Abortion is murder! Cutting up aborted babies and selling their body parts has Satan’s thinking written all

Life has no price.

How evil is abortion and the merchandising of baby parts? You can’t answer unless you fully understand the wonderful God-given potential each human life has.

To learn the true value of human life, request our free book ***The Incredible Human Potential*** by Herbert W. Armstrong.



FOR SALE

ABORTED FETAL PARTS

Americans have recently reawakened to the fact that the American abortion industry is not only gruesome, but also big business. Since July, the Center for Medical Progress has released a series of hidden camera exposés of executives at Planned Parenthood who casually discuss prices for aborted fetal body parts—over lunch.



SKIN
\$100 (> 12 weeks)

EYES
\$75 (< 8 weeks)
\$50 (> 8 weeks)

SPLEEN
\$75 (< 8 weeks)
\$50 (> 8 weeks)

40% discount for single eye

LUNG & HEART BLOCK
\$150

THYMUS
\$100 (< 8 weeks)
\$75 (> 8 weeks)

PITUITARY GLAND
\$300 (> 8 weeks)

BRAIN
\$999 (< 8 weeks)
\$150 (> 8 weeks)

30% discount if significantly fragmented

INTACT CALVARIUM
\$125

EARS
\$75 (< 8 weeks)
\$50 (> 8 weeks)

LIVER
\$150 (< 8 weeks)
\$125 (> 8 weeks)

KIDNEY
\$125 (< 8 weeks)
\$100 (> 8 weeks)

30% discount if significantly fragmented

with/without adrenals

Parts Catalog

One Center for Medical Progress video records Planned Parenthood's director of medical research, Dr. Deborah Nucatola. Over salad and wine, Nucatola said the going rate for babies' body parts is "anywhere from \$30 to \$100." Additional information on current prices for dismembered babies is difficult to find, but a December 1999 body parts list published by Opening Lines indicates the industry standard for breaking down a baby and getting paid for his lung(s), eye(s) and heart.

PANCREAS
\$100 (< 8 weeks)
\$75 (> 8 weeks)

INTACT EMBRYONIC CADAVER
\$400 (< 8 Weeks)
\$600 (> 8 Weeks)

INTESTINES & MESENTERY
\$50

UNPROCESSED SPECIMEN
\$70 (> 8 weeks)
\$50 (< 8 weeks)

MESENTERY
\$125 (< 8 weeks)
\$100 (> 8 weeks)

BONE MARROW
\$350 (< 8 weeks)
\$250 (> 8 weeks)



LIMBS
\$150
(at least 2)

CORD BLOOD
\$125
(Snap Frozen LN2)

INTACT TRUNK
\$500
(with/without limbs)

GONADS
\$500

SPINAL COLUMN
\$150

SPINAL CORD
\$325

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Big Abortion

The cash that goes to Planned Parenthood comes from multimillion-dollar corporations that advertise making a profit—or, as Dr. Nucatola describes it, doing “a little better than break even.” Planned Parenthood has hired a public relations firm to spin and divert focus off its activities. The euphemism the firm chose for body parts of dead babies is “products of conception.”

The Abortion Business Model

StemExpress

California’s StemExpress is a multimillion-dollar corporation that ushers millions of baby body parts (“products”) from Planned Parenthood affiliates to research institutes that consume them in scientific experiments.

Advanced Bioscience Resources

On August 6, Politico said one of the firms named in the undercover videos as a buyer of Planned Parenthood’s baby parts—Advanced Bioscience Research (ABR)—also sells baby parts to the U.S. government. Since 2009, the National Institutes of Health has paid ABR at least \$257,000 for fetal tissue and other supplies, and the Food and Drug Administration has paid it \$73,000. Politico reports that ABR has received \$257,000 from the National Institutes of Health since 2009.

Novogenix Laboratories

The Los Angeles-based company advertises itself to scientists as “your source for human primary tissue-specific stem cells.”

Cash for Corpses

StemExpress has advertised to Planned Parenthood clinics using a brief, four-page flyer. The ad emphasizes that StemExpress “fiscally rewards” clinics that supply baby body parts with a “financially profitable” deal that contributes to the “fiscal growth of your own clinic.” The first enticement on the cover is about biomedical research. The next enticement beneath it is more straightforward: “financially profitable.” The final enticement in the ad is “source anonymity.” The advertisement carries an endorsement from Planned Parenthood Medical Director Dr. Dorothy Furgerson.

SWITCHING SIDES Hamas militants of the al-Qassam Brigades march in Gaza. Recent events show Hamas's long-time allegiance with Iran is fracturing.

Hamas Fulfills Bible Prophecy

How the *Trumpet* knew its alliance with Iran would fail

BY BRAD MACDONALD



HAMAS HAS BEEN FIRMLY IN IRAN'S camp for more than 20 years. But that relationship is deteriorating and giving way to an improving relationship with Iran's regional opponent: Saudi Arabia.

Hamas is the Sunni terrorist organization that controls the Gaza Strip. Almost every summer it seems, it wages wars with Israel. It has a murderous penchant for launching missiles at Israeli cities and towns.

Hamas has owed its continued existence to Iran. The Islamic Republic has armed, trained and funded Hamas—to the tune of tens of millions of dollars every year. Why? In Hamas, Iran has had an ally right on the doorstep of Israel, its greatest enemy. Hamas has been a major instrument of Tehran's foreign policy—as has Syria's Bashar Assad and Lebanon's Hezbollah—enabling it to project

power in the Levant and to threaten the Jewish state.

Hamas's importance to Iran makes the break in this strategic alliance remarkable. But it is happening. And what makes this even more remarkable is that *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry forecast the break in that relationship—in 2012!

A Remarkable Forecast

Mr. Flurry based that projection on a prophecy in the book of Psalms about the predominantly Sunni Arab states forming a confederation, allied with Germany. He wrote: "This prophecy in Psalm 83 reveals a tremendous amount about what we can expect to see in the time ahead—including some dramatic changes!

"Gebal, modern-day Lebanon, is home today to the Iranian terrorist puppet Hezbollah. We can expect it to ... switch allegiance!

"This prophecy also reveals that the Philistines are WITH the inhabitants of Tyre. Get a map and you will see that Tyre is in southern Lebanon, the stronghold of the Hezbollah terrorists. Their alliance with Iran is about to be broken, and Germany will be the main cause.

"*The Philistines—or the Palestinians of Gaza* and even those in the West Bank—ARE GOING TO SHIFT THEIR ALLIANCE to Germany as well.

"Iran has recently led Hezbollah and the Palestinians in their terrorist activities. They all share some common enemies—especially America and Israel. But they have some different views in religion and politics, which could cause Hezbollah and the Palestinians to ally themselves with Germany.

"[T]here may soon be some significant power shifts in Lebanon and Gaza"

Turkey: The Hamas Safe Haven

THE LONG BITTER CHILL IN RELATIONS BETWEEN TURKEY AND Israel may be coming to an end. At the end of August it was confirmed that the two former allies held secret talks in Rome two months earlier in an effort to bridge the gap between them.

Israeli foreign ministry director general Dore Gold, who led the Israeli delegation at the secret meeting, told the *Jerusalem Post* that he was “hopeful that in the not too distant future Israel and Turkey will find a way to reestablish their relationship.”

The relationship between Ankara and Jerusalem turned bitter in 2010 when a Turkish-flagged flotilla tried to break through Israel’s naval blockade of the Gaza Strip, established to prevent weapons from reaching Hamas terrorists. During a highly controversial raid of the ship by Israeli military forces, a number of passengers on the boat were killed. Since that time, subsequent investigations into the incident have continued to sour relations.

That is, until now.

As to whether the relationship would improve, Gold said, “I think countries ultimately operate according to their interest, and I think Turkey and Israel do have important converging interests.”

However, before Israelis sit down to share a piece of baklava with the Turks, one major outstanding issue would need to be resolved: Turkey’s warm relationship with Hamas.

Hamas is a dangerous organization on the terrorist list of the United States, the European Union and other countries, operating in the Gaza Strip. Iran has funded the group’s leadership over the enclave and in return enjoyed having a paramilitary force on Israel’s border and access to the Mediterranean Sea.

However, when the Hamas-Iran symbiosis started to

diminish because of the Syrian civil war, Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan recognized an opportunity. He reached out to Hamas, providing it with funding and hosting high-level meetings with its political bureau chief, Khaled Mashaal. The Hamas head has met more with Erdoğan over the past two years than with any other head of state.

Turkey also now provides safe haven for other Hamas leaders, some with Israeli blood on their hands. One such is Salah al-Arouri, who used to live in Ramalah as one of the founders of Hamas’s military wing in the West Bank. Arouri was caught by Israeli authorities, jailed for three years, and then deported in 2010. After a brief stint in Damascus, he moved to Turkey to set up what Al-Monitor has called “Turkey’s Hamas bureau.” From Turkey, Arouri is believed to have ordered the abduction and murder of the three youths in June 2014, which precipitated the latest Gaza war.

Shouldn’t these facts give Israeli leaders pause about reviving an alliance with Turkey?

Yet some have even speculated that Turkey’s relationship with Hamas could eventually lead to peace between Israel and the Palestinians. Biblical prophecy, history, and plain common sense show just how unlikely that is. Instead, Turkey’s relationship with Hamas, as well as with other Sunni states in the Middle East, will actually lead to a military confrontation with the State of Israel.

BRENT NAGTEGAAL



ALLIES Hamas leader Mashaal visits Turkish President Erdoğan in Ankara.

(*Trumpet*, September 2012; emphasis added throughout).

When Mr. Flurry wrote that, there was little evidence of a split between Iran and Hezbollah or Hamas. In fact, it seemed outlandish that the Palestinians in Gaza would turn on Iran and align themselves with the nations of the Psalm 83 alliance. Iran was giving Hamas millions of dollars a year. It was smuggling truckloads of weapons into the Gaza Strip via tunnels under the Egyptian border. Even as recently as last summer, Iran staunchly supported its Gazan proxy.

But something was happening behind the scene that began to set the stage for a fulfillment of the biblical forecast.

Though there was little proof of it at the time, the Hamas-Iran relationship started to diminish when Syrian President Bashar Assad, a key Iranian ally, began killing his own Sunni population

in order to retain power. Hamas vocally opposed Assad’s heavy handedness, much to Iran’s dismay. This led to an on-again, off-again relationship, where Iran supported Hamas in times of war with Israel, but did little to help fund daily life in the Gaza Strip.

Now, backed into a corner but unwilling to bow to Iranian pressure, Hamas is pursuing other benefactors.

Rapprochement With Saudi Arabia

“After years of alignment with Shiite Iran and its Arab allies,” wrote the *Times of Israel*, “the Palestinian Hamas group is bidding for Sunni patronage from Saudi Arabia in a dramatic shift to its geostrategic orientation” (July 21). This article reported on a high-level Hamas delegation visiting Riyadh on July 17 to meet with top Saudi leaders—the first such meeting in more than three years.

Despite this overt rapprochement between revolutionary Hamas and conservative Saudi Arabia—both followers of Sunni Islam—Hamas’s ultimate purpose has not changed. One of the group’s leaders wrote on Facebook that “Hamas’s compass will remain directed to Jerusalem, with the liberation of Palestine the basis of its strategy.”

This meeting with Saudi officials infuriated Tehran’s mullahs. News outlets in Iran launched scathing attacks on Hamas for what they regarded as treachery. The *Times* explained: “Hamas’s public appeal for American favor does not please Iran, Hamas’s former benefactor. The Islamic Republic would not accept [one Hamas official’s] attempt to pacify everyone, indicating that HAMAS’S SHIFT TOWARD SAUDI ARABIA MEANS A CUT WITH IRAN.” The article cited a headline in a pro-Hezbollah (and thus pro-Iran) Lebanese daily

that read, “ Hamas takes a step toward Riyadh and two steps away from Tehran.”

Saudi Arabia's Strategy

Reuters observed that the Saudi-Hamas meeting “was part of an effort by Riyadh to shore up Arab unity in the face of a perceived threat from Iran that it believes has become more urgent since last week’s nuclear deal” (July 20).

A lot of this is happening in the wake of and in response to America essentially giving Iran nuclear weapons. It’s happening because America is emboldening Iran politically and giving it legitimacy. The U.S. is also helping Iran financially by easing sanctions.

Saudi Arabia is understandably concerned. It is looking around at the Middle East and even globally, and it is considering its options to counter Iran. “Saudi Arabia, a conservative Sunni Muslim monarchy, has grown more aggressive

Iran's Response

Meanwhile, Iran responded to Hamas’s outreach to Saudi Arabia by completely cutting off financial aid to the group.

Newsweek reported July 28: “Iran’s elite Revolutionary Guard has transferred millions of dollars to the Palestinian group’s military wing, the Izz al-Din al-Qassam brigades, within the last year to finance Gaza’s tunnel network and replenish rocket caches used against Israel during last summer’s conflict, according to Western officials. However, Hamas’s politburo chief Moussa Abu Marzouk, who is believed to currently reside in exile in Egypt, has now claimed that Iran’s financial backing has dried up.”

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this year in countering Shiite, revolutionary Iran across the region, believing its influence to be the main cause of instability and insecurity in Arab states,” Reuters continued. It quoted Mustafa Alani, an Iraqi analyst close to the Saudi Interior Ministry, as saying, “It’s part of the grand strategy of countering Iranian influence. It’s the main issue for Saudi Arabia, and it’s more urgent after the nuclear deal.”

Saudi Arabia sees an opportunity with Hamas in Gaza. Prying this organization away from Iran costs Tehran major leverage, as it represents the loss of one of its key assets in the region.

Jamal Khashoggi, who heads a news channel owned by a Saudi prince, said, “Saudi Arabia is in a confrontational mood against Iran, and it’s in the business of gathering as many allies as possible. So if they reach out to Malaysia or reach out to Hamas, it’s the same. It’s to create as many allies as possible.”

Saudi Arabia’s overtures to Hamas, Turkey and the Gulf states are a remarkable fulfillment of the Psalm 83 prophecy and the forecast Mr. Flurry made in 2012.

Marzouk added, “The relations between Hamas and Iran are not advancing in a direction in which [Hamas] is interested and aren’t improving to the degree the organization wants in order to help the Palestinian issue.”

The Prophecy

Look at the prophecy in Psalm 83. It begins, “Keep not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God. For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head. They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones” (verses 1-3).

Here, “thy people” is referring to the modern nations descended from ancient Israel—primarily to the birthright nations of Israel and the Jewish state in the Middle East. (Request our free book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* to learn Israel’s modern identity.) The main goal of the Psalm 83 alliance is to destroy these nations! (verses 4-5).

This prophecy then lists *which peoples* comprise the alliance: “The

tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes; Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre; Assur also is joined with them: they have holpen the children of Lot. Selah” (verses 6-8).

If you study Bible history, you can identify the modern descendants of the Psalm 83 nations. The modern descendant of Edom is Turkey. The Ishmaelites are the Saudi Arabians. Moab and Ammon make up modern Jordan. The Hagarenes can be found in Syria. The Philistines anciently inhabited the region of southern Israel that is called Gaza today. Gebal is Lebanon, and Tyre is the area of southern Lebanon. Assur is Germany.

The Middle Eastern nations in this alliance are commonly referred to as “moderate” Arab nations. That is a terrible misnomer—they are *anything but moderate* in their hatred for America, Britain and the Jewish state. These nations *appear* moderate today because they oppose Iran and the Islamic State and because they have close trade relations with the West. But this prophecy exposes their hatred for the West. Iran is not the only dangerous anti-Western nation in the Middle East—these Psalm 83 alliance countries will show themselves hostile to Western interests too!

“These verses foretell a MASSIVE SHIFT in alliances among the nations of the Middle East!” Mr. Flurry wrote in his 2012 article. “Events are about to STAGGER the imagination of many authorities in this world! And God prophesied it all thousands of years ago.”

Should we believe in the Old Testament? We should if we want to understand current events in light of end-time prophecy. Psalms is the only book in the Bible that contains this prophecy. Without Psalm 83, there would be no way to understand these particular events until well after they had snapped into place.

This is an exciting, wonderful prophecy—yet the world understands almost nothing about it. People *should* understand, because this message has been publicized for them for about 70 years by the *Trumpet* and by Herbert W. Armstrong!

Ultimately, this prophecy is exciting because of the good news that comes after it. It’s a prophecy that will continue to be fulfilled in the time ahead—right before our eyes! ■

Massive Gate Found in Goliath's Hometown

Biblical history comes alive with a recent discovery on the outskirts of Israel. **BY BRENT NAGTEGAAL**

THE ICONIC STORY OF YOUNG DAVID'S epic encounter with Goliath has captured imaginations for millennia. The classic underdog narrative resonates with all people as they face insurmountable odds—their figurative giants. But is the history of David and Goliath, as well as the history of their respective nations, only figurative, or is the history the Bible describes a *literal* account of what took place?

A recent discovery in archaeological excavations at Goliath's hometown of Gath is helping to provide the answer.

The city has been excavated extensively over the past century. However, only at an excavation this past summer did archaeologists happen upon a huge city wall and adjacent gate.

Head archaeologist Prof. Aren Maeir of Bar-Ilan University in Israel said his team began to excavate the lower city of the mound, Tel es-Safi, to determine whether it had been fortified during the Iron Age, the archaeological period in which the nation of Israel was also present there.

"In the past, we saw evidence of this but could not find definite proof," Maeir told *Bible History Daily*. "Once the remains were found in the specific trench, we 'connected the dots' regarding other features we could see on the surface and then began excavating them as well."

Before long, the outline of a massive gate began to literally emerge from the ground—and only the top of the fortification and gate have been uncovered so far.

The exact dimensions of the city gate are yet to be released, but Maeir claims that "the city gate is among the largest ever found in Israel and is evidence of the status and influence of the city of Gath during this period."

Indeed it is. Gath's prominence during the era of King Saul and King David perfectly correlates with history related in the Bible.

Yet some say this discovery presents history that contradicts the Bible. For

example, *Haaretz*, in running the story, ran the quip, "Powerful fortifications newly uncovered by Israeli archaeologists suggest the kingdoms of Saul, David may not have been quite as powerful as thought."

"The Judean kingdom is supposed to be big, important and strong, but it turns out there is a very big city on its western border," *Haaretz* quoted Maeir as saying. "For years, I claimed Gath was a big city, but they countered that it has no lower city, and if it has one, it is not fortified. After finding a huge fortification, it's clearly the most important city of the tenth and ninth centuries."

However, the fact that Gath was a formidable city would hardly exclude Israel from being "big, important and strong." In fact, it is very compatible with the biblical account.

The Bible states that Gath was one of the five major cities of the Philistines (1 Samuel 6:17). There is no strong indication that the Philistines were a major power when Israel conquered the Promised Land during the time of Joshua. But the Philistines appear prominently three centuries later in the latter period of the judges.

Because of Israel's chronic sins, God allowed the Philistines to oppress the Israelites. But then He raised up Samson. God used him to knock back the rising power of the Philistines. His own sin led him to be captured, but in his final act, he destroyed a Philistine building in Gaza, killing the Philistine leadership and briefly relieving the oppression of the Israelites (Judges 16:29-30).

A short time later, the resurgent Philistines battled again with Israel and took the precious ark of the covenant. Then God gave Israel a monarchy.

Over the next 80 years during the reigns of Saul and David, the Philistines and the Israelites battled back and forth: Their borderland suffered almost constant warfare.

Throughout the reign of King Saul and into the reign of David, the Philistines maintained the upper hand against Israel. The Bible records Philistine garrisons existing in Bethlehem and Gibeon—Israelite cities (1 Samuel 10:5; 2 Samuel 23:14). The Philistines had so much power over the Israelites that they prevented them from even sharpening their own iron tools (1 Samuel 13:19-21).

The Israelites finally overcame the Philistines during the reign of King David. But there is no biblical record of the destruction of Philistine cities (2 Samuel 8:1; 1 Chronicles 18:1). Unlike many other surrounding nations, the Philistines were neither absorbed into the kingdom of Israel nor exiled elsewhere. They fell under Israelite rule but continued living in their home territories. The Bible records the destruction of the city of Gath 200 years after King David (2 Chronicles 26:6).

An honest look at the Bible's historical account should lead scholars to *expect* such massive Philistine fortifications as the gate house at Gath. The fact that the gate is similar in size to the largest uncovered across the border in Israel speaks for itself.

No single artifact or discovery "proves the Bible true," but discoveries such as the Gath gate house add to the weight of evidence archaeology has contributed to confirming its historical accuracy. ■



DIGGING UP HISTORY
Archaeologists are uncovering the ancient ruins of the city of Gath.





Who Is Behind Trumpet

This magazine's publisher has celebrated its 25th anniversary and is running stronger than ever. **BY ANDREW LOCHER**

THE PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD was incorporated more than 25 years ago. Here in central Oklahoma, it held its first service in a living room with just 12 members and less than a hundred dollars in the bank. It had (and has) no endowment, no political connections, no partnerships, no public appeals for money.

Yet today, the thousands of PCG members come from more than 200 congregations in more than 50 countries: from Mexico to Chile to Austria to Zimbabwe to India to Papua New Guinea. They are served by 60 ordained ministers who travel long distances to care for the members.

The Church is incorporated in 10 countries, and its 200 total staff members work here on the headquarters



campus in Edmond and at eight international offices in the United Kingdom, Canada, the Caribbean, Central and South America, South Africa and the Philippines.

Pastor General Gerald Flurry presents the *Key of David* weekly television program, which broadcasts online and on 304 stations and cable networks in 22 countries, including WGN, The Discovery Channel, CNBC (Britain/Europe), TV1 (New Zealand) and other quality stations in Canada, Trinidad, Israel and the Philippines. Since the program first

aired in January 1993, Mr. Flurry has recorded 715 programs from Edmond as well as from countries including Germany, Israel, Turkey, Jordan, Australia and the Philippines.

The Key of David has attracted more than 2 million requests for the Church's free literature during its broadcast run so far. For 15 years, these responses have been answered by Church members here at headquarters and volunteer in-home operators scattered throughout the U.S. and other nations. And now that *The Key of David* is back on the air in the United

THE SOURCE The Philadelphia Church of God world headquarters in Edmond, Oklahoma, is home to Armstrong Auditorium, a world-class venue for the arts. Below from left: The Moscow Festival Ballet performs *Swan Lake* in Armstrong Auditorium; Gerald Flurry presents an episode of *The Key of David*; the January 2015 *Trumpet* issue prints at Freeport Press; *Trumpet Hour* host Joel Hilliker leads a discussion on world news for KPCG.fm.

Behind the Trumpet?



teens reach more than 300,000 people. TheTrumpet.com, PCOG.org, ArmstrongAuditorium.org and the Church's other websites are visited by users from nearly every nation on Earth each month. Recently, we began broadcasting from our headquarters campus on a low-power FM radio station, which reaches about 100 square miles and also streams online, broadcasting programs that discuss world news, social trends, prophecy, family, health, music and other subjects. Meanwhile, on campus, we hosted our 22nd youth camp in July, welcoming the teenage sons and daughters of members from around the world. The Church also holds annual camps for its young people in Australia and the Philippines. The Church supports Imperial Academy, a small K-12 grade school in Edmond, which also operates online and has a sister school in the Philippines. Herbert W. Armstrong College, the Church's small liberal arts institution, serves dozens of students here in Edmond and in Edstone. The *Herbert W. Armstrong College Bible Correspondence Course* has more than 98,000 enrollees.

series, which is about to begin its 14th season. The series has featured vocalists Stephanie Blythe, Frederica von Stade and Samuel Ramey, pianists André Watts and the 5 Browns, the Berlin Philharmonic Wind Quintet, the Academy of St. Martin in the Fields, the Romeros Guitar Quartet, the Canadian Brass, the Vienna Choir Boys and the Russian National Ballet—among many others. Adorned with Swarovski-trimmed chandeliers, Baccarat crystal candelabra, American cherrywood veneers, Spanish marble and Azerbaijani onyx, the hall's superb acoustics and soaring *Swans in Flight* sculpture all combine to set Armstrong Auditorium as a jewel in the cultural crown of Oklahoma. The auditorium's regal setting enhances the experience of patron and performer alike—nourishing and lifting the human spirit. Entering Armstrong Auditorium, patrons are embraced by an atmosphere of stunning beauty—where quality of materials and craftsmanship and professional, courteous customer service provide a peerless setting for enjoying the world's finest performances.

Kingdom and Europe, calls are also being answered by Church members at our Edstone regional office in England. After those requests are processed, our mail departments at headquarters and at our international offices post hundreds of thousands of pieces of free literature to those making these requests. There is no charge or solicitation for the cost of publishing, printing or even mailing our books and booklets or our periodicals: The *Trumpet* news-magazine, *Royal Vision* Christian living magazine and our magazine for Church

Not long ago, we leased all office and meeting space around the world. Today, we own over 200,000 square feet of office and classroom space on 200 acres, and construction will begin this year on a new fine arts facility on our Edmond campus. We also anticipate reopening our office space soon in Jerusalem, Israel, where we have supported biblical archaeology projects that have produced amazing finds. In Edmond, Armstrong Auditorium hosts the Armstrong International Cultural Foundation's performing arts

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The Truth About Lying

Why would something so ‘small’ be forbidden in God’s Ten Commandments?

The Philadelphia Trumpet, in conjunction with the Herbert W. Armstrong College Bible Correspondence Course, presents this brief excursion into the fascinating study of the Bible. Simply turn to and read in your Bible each verse given in answer to the questions. You will be amazed at the new understanding gained from this short study!

LYING IS COMMON. FROM DAY-TO-DAY DEALINGS IN schools, in businesses, on sports fields, in courtrooms, even in the highest offices in governments, it has become accepted. Lying is tolerated by most; some even admire it as a “talent.” Underhanded dealings and “white lies” are considered the norm—from advertisements that mislead to politicians who make promises they know they cannot keep.

How about you? Do you believe it’s OK to lie once in a while or tell a half-truth if the situation calls for it? Do you agree that deceiving or misleading people isn’t really all that bad?

The articles we publish in this magazine are always based on truth—not lies. The main theme running through every article is truth, and truth must be based on God’s Word, the Holy Bible (John 17:17).

Let’s examine the truth about lying. Grab your Bible and read each scripture or passage we refer to. You might even want to have a pen and some notebook paper, and then write out the verses that answer each question. By doing so, you will more effectively learn and remember the important principles regarding this subject.

Does God Lie?

1. What are some of God’s characteristics and qualities? Deuteronomy 32:4; Revelation 15:3. What is one thing God will never do under any circumstance? Titus 1:2; Hebrews 6:18.

God is a God of truth. He will never lie. It is impossible simply because God has set His will never to lie. Think for a moment about what this means for you. You can always trust what God says. When He makes a promise, you can have absolute confidence that He will keep it.

The Bible is full of promises—all of them as rock-solid as God Himself. That is why we can stake our lives on God’s Word! When God says He’ll do something, it is as good as done. There is nobody else so perfectly reliable and truthful—but imagine how much more we would be able to trust people if everyone strove to live up to God’s own example!

2. Did Jesus Christ, the Son of God, always tell the truth? Matthew 22:16.

Jesus Christ, before coming to Earth in human form, was known as the “Word,” or Spokesman, of the God Family (John 1:1-3, 14). Therefore, while He

was on Earth, He exemplified the sterling character—and truthfulness—of His Father.

God’s Law on Lying

1. How did Jesus, the Word of God, define truth? John 17:17.

The Bible is God’s Word in written form. It is truth. It is inspired by God and reveals the way of life lived by God—the way that produces the peace, happiness and overflowing joy that God and Christ have enjoyed for eternity!

2. How did David, under God’s inspiration, define truth? Psalm 119:142, 151.

God explains His perfect, happy lifestyle in His spiritual law, which He broke down into 10 basic principles in the Ten Commandments. Consider it: Scripture says that God is love (1 John 4:16); it also says that keeping God’s law is love (Romans 13:10; 1 John 5:3; 2 John 6). In other words, keeping God’s law makes us more like God! Keeping the commandments shows us how to love God as well as those around us. It develops His perfect, godly character in us.

3. Did Christ teach that all people should obey the commandments of God? Matthew 19:17-19. Did He obey them Himself? John 15:10.

4. What is the Ninth Commandment? Exodus 20:16.

Bearing “false witness” essentially means lying. One whole commandment of 10 directs us to make sure that what we say is true!

5. How does God feel about lying? Proverbs 6:16-19; Proverbs 12:22.

Notice: Of seven things named in that Proverbs 6 passage, two refer directly to lying. The word “abomination” means that God looks on lying with disgust and hatred. Misleading someone by using falsehood or through misrepresentation is exactly the opposite of God’s character.

6. What did the Apostle Paul teach concerning lying? Ephesians 4:25; Colossians 3:9.

7. What about little “white lies” or “half-truths”? Are those acceptable to God? Read Acts 5:1-5. Didn’t Ananias and his wife tell part of the truth?

Acts 5:5 shows how God views “white lies.” Misleading and deceiving others by intentionally telling only part of the truth violates the true intent of the Ninth Commandment.

8. Often, there is a temptation to mislead others. Though it may seem successful at first, what do

these lies become to those who speak them? Proverbs 20:17.

The Father of Lies

Why is the world so full of lies? Why is it so easy for people to abuse each other by using lies and misrepresentation to get their own way? Let's look at the origins of lying.

1. What was the first recorded lie? Genesis 3:1-5, especially verse 4. Who was this serpent? Revelation 12:9. Did Christ call him the "father" of lies? John 8:44.

Satan the devil is the father of lies. The Revised Standard Version translates John 8:44 this way: "[Satan] has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks according to his own nature" Lying is at the core of Satan's very being! He is a liar through and through.

2. What has the father of lies managed to accomplish through his devious practices? Revelation 12:9.

According to the Bible, Satan has deceived the entire world. People's minds are blinded to God's truth, and they don't even realize it. In fact, most people refuse to believe that the devil actually exists—let alone the fact that he has an invisible, yet powerful sway over humanity. The devil has deceived them into completely ignoring his presence. Of course, that only makes them easier to deceive further.

3. As a result, has all mankind broken God's commandments, including the Ninth? Romans 3:12-13, 23.

From the Garden of Eden until now, the devil has worked fiercely to deceive mankind about the truth of God. Satan hates God's truth. Day in and day out, he labors to make men think that what God says in His Word is a lie. The greatest lie of all is that Satan is God—and that God is a liar! Because of Satan, this world is full of lies.

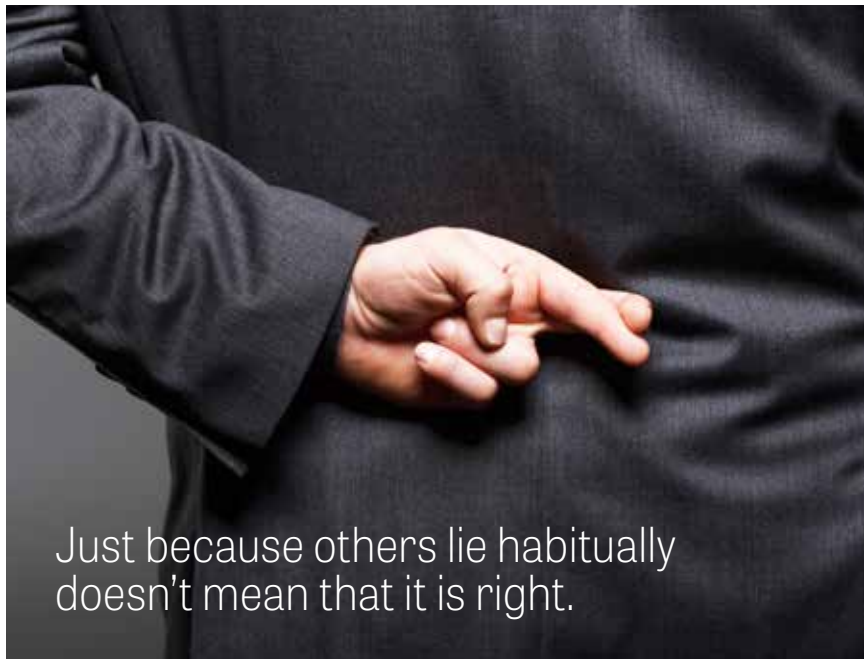
Fruits of Lying

1. Does lying have any benefits? Proverbs 12:19; 21:6; 26:28.

You can gather from these scriptures, and as you can see in the world around you, that sometimes liars do prosper—for a while. People may get a more glamorous job, or get wealth for themselves in an underhanded manner. But in every case, such "benefits" prove to be illusory and temporary. Not only must liars then watch their backs for the dangerous boomerang effect—for example, if their lies are found out, or the people they took advantage of take revenge—but they pay the price in discontent, unhappiness and guilt. Lying might seem convenient at the moment, but in the long run, it will always work ruin for the liar.

2. What happens to the trust between individuals when it is violated by lies? Jeremiah 9:3-6. How is God affected when He sees these results? Verse 1.

Verse 4 in the New International Version reads, "Beware of your friends; do not trust your brothers.



Just because others lie habitually doesn't mean that it is right.

For every brother is a deceiver, and every friend a slanderer." How does it make you feel when one of your brothers or friends lies to you? It isn't too difficult to see the damaging effects of lies.

3. What did King David say God would do to liars? Psalm 63:11. Will liars be allowed into God's coming Kingdom? Revelation 21:8. Will people who lie be able to dwell in God's presence? Revelation 21:27; 22:14.

4. What are the benefits of always speaking the truth? Proverbs 3:3-4. How will those in authority regard you if you tell the truth? Proverbs 22:11. Will you be given the chance to be a part of God's eternal Kingdom? Psalm 15:1-2; Proverbs 12:19.

Don't be fooled about lying. Just because others lie habitually doesn't mean that it is right. God delights in truth, not lies (Proverbs 12:22). Only those who tell the truth will receive lasting blessings. Others may lie and feel they are getting away with it for a short while, but they are paying for it in many ways, and unless they change and commit themselves to being truthful, they will have no future with God. Telling the truth gives you peace of mind, improves your reputation with others, and gains God's approval as well.

Work to become a person who always keeps his word and never lies. Jesus had this sort of character—even while He lived as a human being, just like you and me. He lived a life of truth in the middle of a world of lies. His example will forever stand. Think about how precious it is to have a God who always speaks the truth! You can stake your very life on His words of truth! ■



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SELF-EXAMINATION Iranian Ambassador Reza Najafi negotiated a secret deal with the IAEA to grant Iran rights to conduct its own “robust” inspections.

Iran: Inspecting itself

WHEN NATIONS REACHED A nuclear deal with Iran in April, U.S. President Barack Obama emphasized that it wasn’t based on trust but on “unprecedented verification.” He said “international inspectors will have unprecedented access ... to the entire supply chain that supports Iran’s nuclear program.”

However, at one military site, Parchin, the only inspectors who will access and verify past and present activities are *Iranian*. The Associated

Press reported August 19 that Iran and the United Nations International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) had already signed a secret side deal that delegates inspections of Parchin to the Iranians. The deal was so secretive that Iranian officials threatened to harm a senior IAEA official if he disclosed the nature of the deal with U.S. officials.

Yet the White House’s National Security Council spokesman, Ned Price, said the Obama administration

was “confident” in the IAEA’s technical plans for verifying activities at Parchin. He said that “the IAEA has separately developed the most robust inspection regime ever peacefully negotiated.”

A senior U.S. intelligence official told Bloomberg View that the Obama administration and IAEA were confident in the nuclear agency’s verification process despite satellite image evidence of Iran sanitizing its suspected nuclear military site at Parchin.

Some elements of the original AP report were later corrected, the most significant of which was that the Parchin military facility is not a confirmed nuclear site. But the report still serves as an indication of how many unknowns still hang over the nuclear deal.

U.S. Sen. Robert Menendez compared the West’s inspection arrangement with Iran to a fox guarding the chicken coop. ■

Germany hits immigration record

ELEVEN MILLION IMMIGRANTS now live in Germany—more than ever—according to official statistics released August 3. On August 19, Interior Minister Thomas de Maizière announced the German government expects 800,000 immigrants to arrive in Germany this year, up from the 500,000 it had announced previously.

On August 24, Germany said it will accept all asylum-seekers from Syria, regardless of which European Union nation they first entered. Germany is the first EU nation to suspend a 1990 protocol stipulating that refugees must request asylum in

the first EU nation they enter. Berlin also said it will revoke all current expulsion orders for Syrian asylum-seekers.

For the last three years, Germany has been the world’s second-biggest destination for migrants, after the United States. Yet many in Germany have no appetite for more immigrants. This year, more than 200 attacks have occurred against shelters for asylum seekers. Far-right marches are becoming more common, as are anti-immigrant sloganeering and graffiti. In late July, someone targeted far-left, pro-refugee politician Michael Richter and blew up his car.



INFLUX German police detain nearly 200 migrants from one train coming from Budapest on August 31.

This is part of a Europe-wide problem. May, June and July all set new records for the number of immigrants arriving in Europe; 100,000 arrived in July alone. As southern Europe becomes overwhelmed and immigration weighs on German minds, watch for anti-immigrant sentiment in Europe to reach a boiling point. ■

In crisis, calls for unity

“ARE WE ON THE THRESHOLD of a United States of Europe?” That headline appeared in the *Lowy Interpreter* this summer. Across Europe, politicians are talking about a solution to the euro crisis: a new integrated Europe.

“What threatens us is not too much Europe, but too little Europe,” wrote French President François Hollande on July 19. He called for the eurozone to have a new governing parliament and its own budget. Importantly, this idea has strong support in Berlin, particularly with German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schäuble.

Groundwork for “a United States of Europe” is being laid by talk of a eurozone tax. Appropriating the power of taxation would mark a huge step forward for united European political power. Several high-profile European leaders support the idea.

“Schäuble believes that the eurozone is not sustainable as it is,” former Greek Finance Minister Yanis Varoufakis said July 16. “He believes there has to be some fiscal transfers, some degree of political union. ... And he said explicitly to me that a Grexit is going to equip him with sufficient terrorizing power in order to impose upon the French that which Paris has been resisting: a degree of transfer of budget-making powers from Paris to Brussels.”

Decades ago, based on Bible prophecy, Herbert W. Armstrong repeatedly forecast the emergence of a smaller, leaner, stronger European superstate—what he termed a “United States of Europe.” Economic crisis is paving the way for this to be fulfilled. ■



MAKING WAVES A ship from Singapore passes through the expanded Suez Canal.

Suez Canal expansion: Greater prize for Iran?

ON AUGUST 6, EGYPTIAN President Abdel Fatah al-Sisi inaugurated what has been dubbed the New Suez Canal. The project expands the 146-year-old canal to support two-way traffic. If

expectations are realized, it will double revenue and multiply strategic value.

The extra lane should reduce transit time per vessel from 18 hours to 11 hours, meaning the canal's transits

per day are expected to double from 49 to 97 by 2023.

The expansion project cost Egypt \$8.5 billion and—thanks to orders from President Sisi—one year of digging and dredging, instead of the projected three years.

The Suez Canal is already one of the world's most important trade corridors, accommodating 7 percent of global seaborne trade—a volume that is now set to grow dramatically. The New Suez Canal is expected to alter global geopolitics.

The current war between Saudi Arabia and Iran in Yemen is essentially a war over who will control the Bab el-Mandeb Strait—the narrow entrance to the Red Sea that ultimately leads to the Suez Canal. Iran could ramp up its efforts to secure this region once the nuclear

deal is signed and American focus shifts elsewhere.

On January 17, the Iranian state-sponsored Tasnim News Agency declared: “Today, all



the arteries of oil transport—from Bab el-Mandeb Strait to Suez Canal and the Strait of Hormuz—are under Iranian control, by means of Syria, Yemen and Bahrain, and within range of Iranian missiles.”

Ironically, the expanded Suez Canal may actually mean more influence for Iran. ■

China dominates America in Djibouti

DJIBOUTI PRESIDENT ISMAÏL Omar Guelleh said in an interview with Agence France-Presse in May that “discussions are ongoing” that will establish China's first overseas naval base in Djibouti. According to reports, China will send 10,000 troops to its new base in Obock, a port city in the north of the country. The Chinese will pay \$100 million per year to the Djibouti government for use of the base.



will also threaten America's only permanent base in Africa. Camp Lemonnier, located in the south of Djibouti, supports 4,500 U.S. military personnel and has been used since 2001 in the war against terrorism for gathering intelligence on the Islamic State, al Qaeda and their affiliates in Africa and the Gulf. Camp Lemonnier is also America's main base for drone operations in the region.

The Pentagon is worried that a Chinese presence will compromise U.S. intelligence-gathering processes by intercepting or even sabotaging its operations.

A senior U.S. official told the *Telegraph* that China's presence poses “serious security concerns with

regard to Camp Lemonnier” (July 21). He said there are “fears that if President Guelleh gets too close to China, then he may be tempted to impose restrictions on U.S. access to the base.”

The relationship between the U.S. and President Guelleh is already strained: Washington accuses him of dictatorial leadership, and it hopes that new elections could change those edgy relations. As it has in other parts of Africa, China is taking advantage of this strain.

“Barring drastic unforeseen change in China itself, this is the new normal,” said Alexander Sullivan, an analyst at the Center for a New American Security.



DJIBOUTI PRESIDENT ISMAÏL OMAR GUELLEH

“There's a much larger story, and this is emblematic,” he continued. “China is becoming more active in international security affairs than at any time in the history of the People's Republic because they have an increasing global interest” (May 16).

Djibouti's location in the Horn of Africa and at a choke point that gives the world access to the Red Sea and the Suez Canal makes it strategically critical. As the United States loses control of sea gates around the world, China is moving in. ■

Friction increases between the Koreans

TENSIONS ALONG THE 38TH parallel began heating back up in August, after North Korean forces illegally planted landmines in the demilitarized zone between North and South Korea. On August 10, the exploding mines severely injured two South Korean soldiers, prompting Seoul to activate a set of loudspeakers that blasted a message into the North that bitterly criticized dictator Kim Jong-un.

The speakers were heard by North Korean soldiers in the demilitarized zone and some civilian communities up to 12 miles across the border.



On August 20, after Seoul refused to silence the speakers, North Koreans fired some artillery rounds across the border, and South Korea responded by firing dozens of rounds back. The North then began moving troops and tanks closer to the border.

On August 24, following marathon talks, the two sides announced that they had reached a temporary agreement. The North acknowledged its role in the landmine attack and apologized, and the South agreed to silence the speakers. Yet concern about the future of



BORDER PATROL South Korean soldiers secure the perimeter of the demilitarized zone shared with the North.

the Koreans remains high. The nature of Kim's regime obliges him to keep his oppressed people onside by emphasizing and embellishing perceived threats from South Korea or the United States. But if Kim ever acts on his oft-repeated threats of war, the consequences will be disastrous.

In such a scenario, the disaster would primarily afflict Kim's own military and people. Despite being poorly armed, the sheer numbers of North Korean soldiers could break through the 38th parallel border between the two nations and possibly push all the way to the South's capital city, just 35 miles away. ■

Russia and Iran confirm major missile system deal

RUSSIA AND IRAN FINALIZED an agreement in August for Moscow to deliver its advanced S-300 surface-to-air missile system to Iran.

Back in 2010, Moscow banned delivery of the S-300 to Iran due to United Nations Security Council sanctions on Tehran's nuclear program. But on April 13 of this year, just weeks after Iran and the P5+1 group of countries reached a preliminary understanding over limiting Iran's nuclear program, Russian President Vladimir Putin lifted the ban.

Russia's deputy foreign minister said in August that the two nations had "reached a full understanding on the matter." Now Russia is on

target to deliver the system by the end of this year.

The United States and Israel have protested the delivery, saying Iran could use the S-300 to further undermine the stability of the Middle East. A senior U.S. Air Force commander said the system "essentially makes Iran attack-proof by Israel and almost any country without fifth-gen [stealth] capabilities. In other words, Iran, with the S-300, can continue to do what they want once those systems are in place without fear of attack from anyone save the U.S. Brilliant chess move..." (Daily Beast, April 13).

The S-300 launcher has a range of 93 miles and can intercept multiple targets



A NEW ALLIANCE Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif meets with Russian counterpart Sergei Lavrov in Moscow.

at 90,000 feet. Satellite connectivity gives it the ability to track multiple targets at a range of 150 miles. It can also target cruise missiles, and some S-300 systems can intercept ballistic missiles.

The system will give Iran the range throughout the Persian Gulf to track U.S. military aircraft, civilian airplanes and U.S.-allied military flights. On

June 3, *The Hill* explained its capabilities: "Not only would most modern strike aircraft be vulnerable to detection and engagement far before reaching Iranian shores, the S-300 would allow Iran offensive capacities beyond its airspace, which could include harassing non-hostile aircraft flying over neighboring countries." ■



HIGH TENSIONS The Baltimore police face off against rioters as tensions rise following Freddie Gray's death.

Feds taking over policing in Baltimore?

BALTIMORE DRUG DEALER Freddie Gray died in April while in police custody, and large numbers of people used accusations of police brutality as a pretext to riot. Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake told reporters at the time that on her instructions, city law enforcement officers “gave those who wished to destroy space to do that.” Since then, criminal destruction in Baltimore spiked to a 40-year high, and the city is

now seeking to reclaim that space—with the help of the federal government.

Interim Police Commissioner Kevin Davis announced on August 2 that 10 federal agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other agencies will join the Baltimore police homicide unit. Historically, local law enforcement officials have embedded with federal agents to provide assistance at the local level—not the other way around.

When a teacher from China takes over a British schoolroom

CHINESE PUPILS ARE THREE years ahead of British students in math by their mid-teens. So the BBC ran an experiment to learn why. Chinese educators were assigned to teach at Bohunt School in Hampshire, England.

Times columnist Melanie Phillips explained the results: “Chinese education is based on discipline, the authority of the teacher and ruthless competition. All these factors have been significantly undermined or are totally absent in many British schools. The Chinese

teach big classes in which pupils are expected to note down what the teachers are saying, learn it and move on. This is light-years away from the British ‘child-centered



approach’ in which the pupil dictates the pace” (August 10).

In the experiment, half of the British students did not pay attention to the Chinese instructors. The head teacher

On average, more people have been murdered in Baltimore this year than in any other city in the United States. The *Baltimore Sun* reported that per 100,000 people, Baltimore had 34 homicides this year through to August 19 (far exceeding New York City’s rate of 2.5 and Chicago’s rate of 10.4).

Editor in chief Gerald Flurry predicted Baltimore’s surge in violence and the involvement of the federal government in his July (“Your Cities Are Burned With Fire”) and August (“Police Under Attack”) *Trumpet* articles. He warned that the federal government would take advantage of the situation in the city.

America’s Constitution and history has resisted the establishment of centrally controlled policing. But federal intervention in Baltimore and across the country is leading to a more powerful central police force—a tool that throughout history has been used for oppression. ■

Retreat in war on drugs

ON JULY 16, BARACK OBAMA became the first sitting U.S. president to visit a federal prison when he toured the El Reno Federal Correctional Institution in Oklahoma. The president said that many of the inmates “are young people who made mistakes that aren’t different than the mistakes I made.”

A few days earlier, President Obama shortened the prison sentences of 46 people convicted for nonviolent drug crimes. At a conference for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), he discussed the \$80 billion the U.S. spends annually to house the world’s largest prison population. He said America has “locked up more and more nonviolent drug offenders than ever before, for longer than ever before. ... In far too many cases, the punishment simply does not fit the crime.”

These words and actions were intended to reduce the severity of the deterrent against drug use.

Across the Atlantic, Britain is making a similar concession in its battle against drugs. In Durham, in northern England, police have publicly said they will take no action against people who grow marijuana for personal use. The city’s police and crime commissioner said the city needs to focus resources on organized gangs who deal drugs rather than on lone, casual users. “It’s about keeping people out of the criminal justice system and reducing costs,” he said.

Both nations seek to “solve” their drug problems by surrendering to casual drug use and re-drawing the line. ■

America's debt will probably be close to \$19 trillion by the end of President Obama's second term. This is a sign of how out of touch with reality America's leaders are! That fact should shake a lot of people.

Yet many authorities are warning that a worse crisis is coming.

A Worse Crisis

The Bank for International Settlements (BIS), one of the world's leading financial authorities, warned June 28 that when the next crisis strikes, central banks won't be able to save the day again.

The *Telegraph* called the BIS report a "scathing critique of global monetary policy" (June 28). Whether in America or in Europe, financial authorities won't be able to save the day—because the life preservers have all been used. According to the BIS, "In some jurisdictions, monetary policy is already testing its outer limits, to the point of stretching the boundaries of the unthinkable."

Ponder that: We are stretching the boundaries of the unthinkable. Is it possible this could WRECK the entire economy? That is what the BIS is warning about.

The BIS report noted that "the policy mix has relied too much ... on the very debt-fueled growth model that lay at the root of the crisis." And the United States has by far the worst debt of all in the world.

Famed investor Jim Rogers warned just days prior to the BIS report: "I suspect in the next year or two we will see some kind of major, major problems in the world financial markets."

On June 16, the Congressional Budget Office warned that debt threatens to send the U.S. economy into a death spiral.

Europe's Reaction

Greece is the latest European victim of America's debt crisis. That nation's troubles are threatening trouble to other nations in Europe.

But they are also presenting opportunities for a more compact Europe.

The prophecy in Revelation 17 discusses the seven times that the Roman Empire would be resurrected as the Holy Roman Empire—from the Middle Ages all the way up to our present day. These resurrections are depicted as the seven heads of a beast. Our new free book, *The Holy Roman Empire in Prophecy*, will shock and inspire you with an understanding of those prophecies.

Revelation 17:12-13 are about a more streamlined Europe, and Greece's crisis is showing us how it all will happen. These verses say, "And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast."

This is the last head of that Holy Roman Empire, and it will have 10 kings. It won't have 28 kings—it will have 10, and that is what this financial crisis will trigger and promote powerfully.

Verse 17 further explains: "For God hath put in their hearts to

fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled." It is God's WILL that this happens. Why? The Bible shows that this is going to happen because of America's sins! America leads the world in vile sins, and this is the means by which God is going to correct this nation!

The German Question (and German Solution)

How exactly do America's problems tie in with Europe, Greece and Germany? How are they bringing about the 10 kings of the final Holy Roman Empire?

"Europe, once again at a moment of crisis, faces the quandary of how to deal with German power. The German question is back," wrote the *New York Times's* Roger Cohen on July 13. "Precisely the thing that Germans were most uneasy about, and their neighbors, too, has now occurred. Germany dominates Europe to a degree unimaginable even 15 years ago."

The American-European financial crisis is empowering Germany to dominate Greece and the rest of Europe in a way that will ultimately pare the European Union down to 10 nations!

In his July 13 article titled "Greece Is Being Treated Like a Hostile Occupied State," the *Telegraph's* Ambrose Evans-Pritchard wrote that the new deal for Greece's

bailout is "the worst of all worlds. They have solved nothing. Germany and its allies have for the first time attempted to eject a country from the euro" In other words, it is going to unravel and, as the Bible prophesied, it will lead to those 10 nations.

Pritchard said that the German-brokered Athens deal "offers no conceivable way out of the country's perpetual crisis." He likened it to a military invasion by the EU's monetary union (EMU) to enforce whatever it wanted.

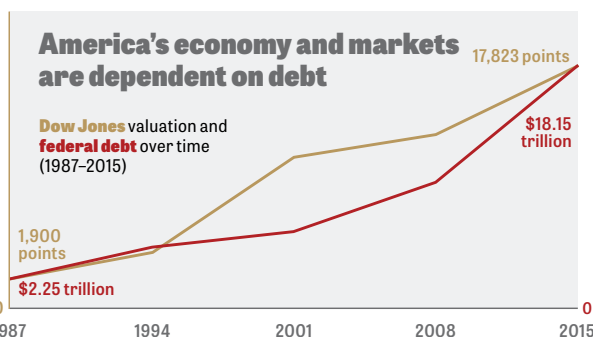
Greece's former finance minister, Yanis Varoufakis, said in a July 13 interview with the *New Statesman* that the EMU is "completely and utterly" controlled by Germany. "It is all like a very well-tuned orchestra, and [Germany's finance minister] is the director."

Can you imagine Germany moving in and controlling YOUR country? Something amazing is happening in Europe, and Germany has power that was supposed to be dispersed among and controlled by all these EU members. They were supposed to control a dangerous Germany, but look at what Germany is doing now.

Reuters quoted one diplomat saying that the austerity measures imposed on Greece are tantamount to turning Greece into a "German protectorate" (July 12).

Herbert W. Armstrong predicted years ago that the collapse of the Western world's financial system, led by the United States, would unite those 10 nations into what is called the Holy Roman Empire—led by Germany.

It is a development that will shock the world! But if you study these events within the bigger picture of Bible prophecy, you realize that it is going to lead to Jesus Christ returning to personally DESTROY that great empire and to usher in peace and joy and happiness for all eternity! ■



The Straight Life



Family requires sacrifice. Just ask the God who gave everything for family.

SOME SAY FAMILY ISN'T WORTH IT. YOU'VE SEEN THE WRY comments on greeting cards and tacky coffee mugs: *Marriage is not a word; it is a sentence. Marriages are made in heaven—but then again, so are thunder, lightning, tornadoes and hail. The first half of our lives is ruined by our parents, and the second half by our children.*



JOEL HILLIKER

Such ideas come from people who don't understand God's purpose for family. Knowing *why family* helps us see the so-called negatives for what they really are: noble sacrifices for an awesome purpose.

In *Straight Talk to Men*, James Dobson discusses something called "the straight life." For a man in a family, he says, this is "pulling your tired frame out of bed, five days a week, 50 weeks out of the year. It is earning a two-week vacation in August, and choosing a trip that will please the children. The straight life is spending your money wisely when you'd rather indulge in a new whatever; it is taking your son bike riding ... when you want so badly to watch the baseball game; it is cleaning out the garage on your day off after working 60 hours the prior week. The straight life is coping with head colds and engine tune-ups and crab grass and income-tax forms ... it is giving a portion of your income to God's work when you already wonder how ends will meet. The straight life for the ordinary, garden-variety husband and father is everything I have listed and more ... much more."

Yes, family involves sacrifice. Any man who is married with kids and is doing his job can identify with that to some degree. And the "straight life" for a wife is often even less glamorous. Viewed from a purely selfish perspective, it seems like a string of hassles.

Many who do not understand *why family* seek to achieve its benefits without its sacrifice. Get a load of these excerpts from "Personal Marriage Contract," written by Dr. John F. Whitaker in 1976: "I understand that nothing is forever; that there are no absolute guarantees, and that now is the only real forever. ... I will love, honor, respect (but not obey or subjugate myself to you) until either of us changes his mind and maintains a change of attitude for a period of one year or until the termination date of the contract. ... Don't expect me to accept you as you are when you fail to maintain physical attractiveness and fail to take care of your body. ... I will put myself first. By keeping

myself full, satisfied and not hungry, I will have an abundance of joy, love and caring to give you."

Doesn't exactly make you swoon with feelings of romance, does it?

We may not take it as far as this man did, but we do naturally tend to approach marriage selfishly: *As long as you're taking care of my needs, I'll take care of yours. If you uphold your end, then I'll uphold my end.* But will that kind of marriage work? Would even that kind of *friendship* work?

Imagine if God's love was so conditional. Instead of, *I'll never leave you, never forsake you* (Hebrews 13:5), imagine Him saying, *Don't expect me to hang around if I don't like what I see. If you're not fulfilling my needs, this really isn't going to work.* That is not God's love! God's love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things—it never ends (1 Corinthians 13:7-8).

Human love centers on the *self*. God's love centers on the *other person*. And living your life for someone else isn't always comfortable or glamorous.

Jesus Christ truly lived the straight life. His whole life was about serving, being faithful and obedient. Never once did He say, *I'm just going to do this for me. I've earned this. I deserve some indulgence here.* No—He said, *I do ALWAYS those things that please My Father* (John 8:29). He truly sacrificed—He died in order to have a family. But He did it willingly, because He had God's love.

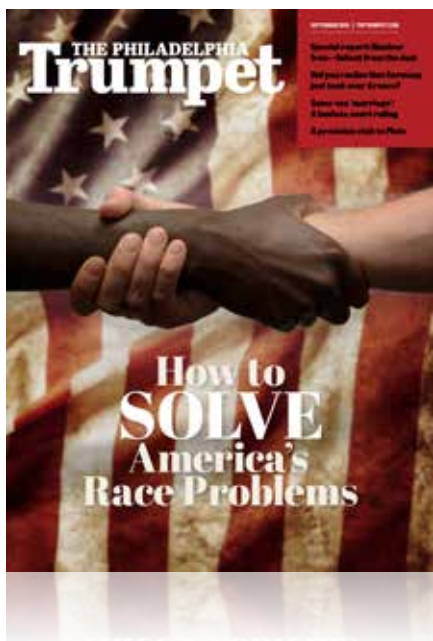
Many couples want a "50-50 marriage." But for a marriage to be as great as it can be, *it must be 100-100.* Each spouse has a role, and each must give it all he or she can. That is the way God's love works. And that is irrespective of the other person. Christ, our role model, died for us *while we were yet sinners.*

What are you really giving up by living the straight life? *Selfishness.* Yes, you have to forgo some personal desires that aren't inherently bad. But we're not here for ourselves.

And, on the other hand, what do you **GAIN** by living the straight life? Love. Family. Security. Stability. A *peace* that someone who's out chasing after his own desires simply cannot understand. And, meanwhile, you're learning about God and living the family life He designed, and growing and maturing in the process. Quite a trade-off!

Evaluate the quality of your love. Measure your patience, your loyalty, your constancy, against that of Jesus Christ. Live for your family. Ask God to help you think like Him. Thank God for showing you that straight and narrow way that leads to life!

And *embrace* the straight life. ■



The September issue included a four-feature special report on the nuclear negotiations with Iran. Gerald Flurry's cover story, "How to Solve America's Race Problems" (theTrumpet.com/go/12944), revealed an actual solution to America's racial pain, using the inspiring example of the people of Charleston after the murders of several black Americans in a church there. You responded with your feelings on these issues:

"If anyone deserved the Nobel Peace Prize, it is these lovely people. What a beautiful example. Pray that God would comfort them."

Virginia Hill CALIFORNIA

Are you living by every word?



Jesus Christ Himself stated that man should live by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. The question is, are you? *Live by Every Word* is a new radio program hosted by Brian Davis that examines the Bible's doctrines and instructions on Christian living every Tuesday. Visit KPCG.fm to learn more.

This is such a beautiful article. Thank you for highlighting such a remarkable event that our media has ignored.

Whitney Kelsey
OKLAHOMA

It is sad that you do not hear about this any other place. Thank you for showing us this beautiful example.

Breann Bacon
ARKANSAS

Not a safer world

If there is any lesson to learn from history, then this deal with Iran does not make the world or America any safer ("Negotiating Human Survival," theTrumpet.com/go/12946), in fact it does the opposite. It puts the world and America much closer to World War III.

Patti

There is some sanity left in this world! Thank you, Mr. Flurry, for this well-written and inspired warning message, and much more, for sharing the exciting hope of Jesus Christ's return.

Vickie Baker
ARKANSAS

Coming fire

Thank you for this insight into what is about to befall this unsuspecting world ("Fire From the Sky," theTrumpet.com/go/12950). In reading this compelling article, it brought back to me a warning message I heard from Herbert W. Armstrong.

Ron Stephensen
AUSTRALIA

Thank you for this wake-up call. I hope that many will read your article and be moved and stirred to set their lives straight with God.

A nightmare worse than Hiroshima is hard to imagine, but we know that it is prophesied to come. Articles like these are sure to make a huge difference.

Ross Freeman
ARIZONA

Same-sex marriage

Outstanding article! ("A Lawless Decision," theTrumpet.com/go/12951). Magical interpretation by the judges is enslaving the nation. The days are gone when marriage and family meant raising your standards and strengthening the nation. The Christian concept of marriage and family is under attack.

Tony Haddad
AUSTRALIA

Thank you for the truth. America is like a heroin addict that thinks he's having so much fun and everything is OK. To the person looking at the heroin addict the reality is, he's dying a horrible death, looks terrible, weak, sickly and doomed. Yet the heroin addict thinks he is great.

David Aaron
OHIO

No need to hate

Thank you so much for this much-needed article ("Don't Listen to Haters," theTrumpet.com/go/12957). I often feel that strong, overwhelming urge to please people. I do not want to be wasting time worrying about what is being said about me or how liked I might be. Now I can just remember what the wisest man that ever lived once said and recall the times that I myself uttered hurtful words.

Georgia Frances
FLORIDA

Cecil the Lion, Homosexuality, Transgenderism—and What Really Matters

Why our outrage is outrageous and dangerous

BY STEPHEN FLURRY

THIS PAST SUMMER, THE WESTERN WORLD WAS FOCUSED ON the United States Supreme Court’s ruling on same-sex “marriage.” Next, its attention was monopolized by a white woman who identifies as black. Then it was a male Olympic champion who sees himself as a woman. Focus then shifted to transgender rights—women’s rights—minority rights—immigrant rights—prisoner rights.

On July 29, they fixated on Cecil the lion and the man who killed him. Much of the world was outraged.

The American dentist who killed Cecil on safari received death threats. Protesters dressed as “dentist hunters” assembled outside his office and house. Celebrities piled on, including a late-night talk show host who actually wept over Cecil on live television. The People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) tweeted that the dentist should be “extradited, charged and, preferably, hanged.”

Why is *this* the story we are outraged about?

Since July, nine videos (so far) have been released showing Planned Parenthood officials, personnel and doctors discussing the harvesting and selling of body parts of aborted babies (article, page 14). It simply cannot get any more sick than this—finding creative ways to kill unborn children so you can cash in on their dismembered body parts.

Yet there have been no protests. No international outcry. No one has been shamed into resigning. One source measured the percentage of major American news networks’ coverage devoted to playing those videos: 0.008.

An Islamist murdered five U.S. servicemen in Chattanooga, Tennessee, on July 16. On July 1, a stoned illegal immigrant fatally shot Kate Steinle in the back as she walked along scenic Pier 14 with her friend and her father.

Jews are fleeing Europe. Christians are being slaughtered in the Middle East and North Africa. Women and girls are literally enslaved sexually every day in Syria and Iraq. Muslim girls are being mutilated by the tens of thousands in Britain.

The Russian empire is on the march. China is building a navy to take down the U.S. Iran is building the bomb—with America’s help! The United States is being overrun by illegal aliens. The euro is in crisis. Europeans are calling for a United States of Europe.

Yet what do we fixate on? What do we passionately react to? What are we outraged by?

Our selective outrage is outrageous. But here’s what makes our outrage truly incredible—and dangerous. The events we

are so pointedly ignoring were *prophesied*. The Bible *prophesied* the rise of Asia and Europe—and the fall of America and Britain.

Bible prophecies are now being fulfilled almost *by the week*, and our peoples are soundly asleep!

This magazine has been trumpeting these prophecies for over two decades, after Herbert W. Armstrong prophesied them for more than 50 years. Now that these prophecies are being fulfilled, our mail bins should be buried; our phone lines should be lit up like Las Vegas; our Web traffic should crash our servers.

Instead, it’s more like a steady trickle of interest. God’s warning message of love is still going out, but to just one from a city and two from a family, as the Prophet Jeremiah said.

“This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God” (2 Timothy 3:1-4).

Would you describe your media, your protesters, your politicians as heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God? Then you are in the last days. And these times are perilous.



The fact that most people are blind is, in itself, a prophetic sign that we are nearing the return of Jesus Christ!

“For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night” (1 Thessalonians 5:2). This means that Jesus Christ will intervene at a time when most people least expect it! Phillips translates part of verse 3 as saying, “Catastrophe will sweep down upon them as suddenly and inescapably as birth pangs to a pregnant woman.” All this happens when most people are lulled to sleep by illusions of peace and security.

Verse 7 says, “For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.”

But God has a message for the rare *individual* whom He calls to reject this world drenched in sin and drunk on delusion. If you will turn to God in repentance, faith and obedience to His laws, He is waiting for you. He offers you a superabundant love and mercy, life-changing revelation and truth, and the only sure hope!

“[N]ow it is high time to *awake out of sleep*: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed” (Romans 13:11).

Now is the time to let God strip away the delusion, to pour our hearts and energies into studying God’s Word, to fervently seek God and His direction in our daily prayers, and to abide by His commandments in our day-to-day living.

Now is the time to *wake up*, to see the world for what it really is, and to turn to God.

In each of these cases, the brilliance of the Creator is on display. The intricacy of His physical creation is clear. And the account of *how* He created Earth's sophisticated ecosystems is confirmed.

Evolution Debunked?

However, the discoveries of relationships like the dodo-tambalacoque symbiosis have not changed the minds of evolutionists or even caught them unawares. When Temple's work was first published, some creationists thought it could. They pointed out that the findings presented problems for evolutionists who say large trees evolved some 360 million years ago, while the ancestors of today's birds only about 65 million years ago. That would have presumably left the tambalacoque with no way to germinate its seeds for some 300 million years.

But evolutionists developed hypotheses for these biological relationships, arguing that dependencies could have gradually evolved through chance mutations over eons. And there is some evidence that other animals such as turtles also ate and activated the seeds, though apparently in insufficient quantities to prevent the tree from dying out after the dodo's extinction. So the dodo-tambalacoque relationship is not seen as the smoking gun some creationists hope for.

The foremost evolutionists wield impressive intellects. They have found ways to explain many aspects of the universe within the framework of their hypothesis. But the foundation of that hypothesis—a creation without a Creator—is false.

In the centuries leading up to the Scientific Revolution, the Catholic Church reigned as the chief authority and knowledge source for much of the world. The clergy often viewed scientists and their discoveries as a threat to Catholic doctrine. Church officials sometimes embarrassed the church by trying to defend erroneous church teachings such as geocentrism, which science offered empirical evidence against.

Competition between science and religion heated up. For some in the science camp, the desire to undermine church authority became the main motivation. Some scientists challenged God's very existence as a way to discredit the foundation of religion. Such reasoning spawned the evolutionary theory. Proponents of the theory sometimes undertake studies with that conclusion already firmly in mind. Whatever they can form into supporting the arguments for evolution, they keep. All else they often reject or downplay.

The Church of Evolution began with just a few members. But those members were affluent and assertive—a loud minority. Over the decades, their ranks have swelled.

Many have succumbed to intellectual bullying by allowing their faith from going the way of the dodo. But that doesn't have to be the case. To bolster your faith in the Creator, request and set aside some time to study our free booklet *Does God Exist?*



Philadelphia Trumpet editor in chief Gerald Flurry appears each week on *The Key of David* explaining the meaning behind world events and teaching the inspiring truths of the Bible. The program is also available at keyof david.com.



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Weston WVFX-DT 9:30, Sun
Wheeling WBWO 9:30, Sun
Wisconsin, Eau Claire WXOW-DT 8:30, Sun
La Crosse WXOW-DT 8:30, Sun
Milwaukee WPXE 5:00, Fri
Rhineland WAOW/WYOW 8:30, Sun
Superior KDLH-DT 8:30, Sun
Wausau WAOW-DT/WYOW-DT 8:30, Sun
Wyoming, Casper KCWY-DT 8:30, Sun
Cheyenne KGWN-DT/KCHW 8:30, Sun
Riverton KCWY-DT 8:30, Sun

CANADA

Nationwide satellite
 Galaxy 3 Trans. 17, 211:30 ET, Tue/Thu
Nationwide cable
 WGN 8:00 ET, Sun
 Discovery 6:30 ET/PT, Sun
 Vision TV 4:30 pm ET, Sun
 CHCH 11:30 ET, Sun
 Grace Television Network 11:00 ET, Sun
Alberta, Red Deer KAYU 8:30, Sun
Calgary KAYU 8:30, Sun
Edmonton KAYU 8:30, Sun
Medicine Hat KAYU 8:30, Sun
Lethbridge KAYU 8:30, Sun
British Columbia, Vancouver
 CHEK 9:00, Sun; CHNU 5:30 pm, Sun; CPQ 7:00, Sun
Victoria CHNU 5:30 pm, Sun
Manitoba, Winnipeg WUHF 8:30, Sun; CITT Joy TV 11:00, Sun
Nova Scotia, Halifax WUHF 8:30, Sun
Sydney WUHF 8:30, Sun
Ontario, Ottawa CJOH 5:30, Sun
Toronto WADL 10:00 Sun; WUTV 10:00, Sun; CHNU 8:30 pm, Sun
P.E.I., Charlottetown WUHF 8:30, Sun
Quebec, Montreal WVVY 10:00, Sun
Saskatchewan, Saskatoon WUHF 8:30, Sun

CARIBBEAN

Regional satellite
 Galaxy 3 Trans. 17 11:30 ET, Tue/Thu
 Galaxy 3 Trans. 21 11:30 ET, Tue/Thu
Aruba WGN 8:00, Sun
Bahamas Discovery Chan. 26, 6:30, Sun
 FOX W Chan. 216, 10:30, Sun
Belize WGN 7:00, Sun
Cuba WGN 8:00, Sun
Dominican Republic WGN 8:00, Sun
Haiti WGN 7:00, Sun
Jamaica WGN 9:00, Sun
Puerto Rico WGN 8:00, Sun
Trinidad and Tobago WGN 8:00, Sun




LATIN AMERICA

Regional satellite
 Galaxy 3 Trans. 17 11:30 ET, Tue/Thu
 Galaxy 3 Trans. 21 11:30 ET, Tue/Thu
El Salvador WGN 6:00, Sun
Guatemala WGN 6:00, Sun
Honduras WGN 6:00, Sun
Mexico TVCLT-Bilingual, 7:30 Sun; WGN 7:00, Sun
Panama WGN 7:00, Sun

AUSTRALASIA

Australia
Adelaide TV44 11:30, Sun; 10:00, Sat
Perth WTV, 11:30, Sun/Wed
New Zealand TVNZ, 5:30, Sun
Philippines TV49:30 PHT, Sun

CBS United Kingdom

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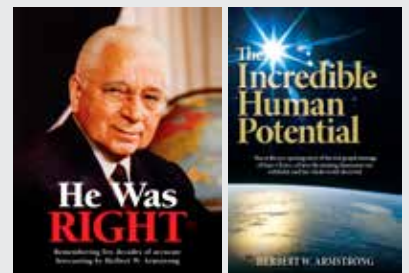
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