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“And there appeared another wonder in heaven;

and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. ...

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world ...”

—*Revelation 12:3, 9*

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FROM THE EDITOR
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Satan Is Real. Do You Recognize Him?

Most people are totally ignorant of the most powerful spiritual force in the world today.

SATAN-WORSHIPERS ARE GETTING BOLDER. THE GRAMMY Awards this year featured a presentation of a song titled “Unholy” by performers dressed as the devil and his demons. The number of public schools in America hosting “Satan clubs” has been increasing. The number of people openly identifying as Satanists is growing.

These trends get headlines and have many people concerned. Such blatant evil signals the depth of moral and spiritual sickness of our society. Please read our feature story in this *Trumpet* issue, “The Dangerous Rise of Demonism” (page 3). We also have an article about how Satan is using popular music to reach many people today, especially youths (page 7, along with our infographic on page 18).

Yet the real threat that Satan and his demons pose in our world goes *far beyond* the obvious examples.

Very few people really understand the devil described in the Bible. This is a being with tremendous power. Isaiah 14 says he *made the Earth to tremble* and he **SHAKES KINGDOMS AND EMPIRES**. Different translations of verse 12 call him “crusher of nations” (Emphasized Bible) and say that he “didst lay low the nations” (American Standard Version) and “enslaved the nations” (The Jerusalem Bible).

That is a much bigger problem than a single perverse performance at an awards show. This powerful spirit being is, in fact, “**THE GOD OF THIS WORLD**” (2 Corinthians 4:4). Revelation 12:9 warns that he has **DECEIVED THE WHOLE WORLD!** So few people today understand this!

How can we be free from this powerful monster? How can we face and deal with him? The Bible answers.

“Submit yourselves therefore to God. **RESIST THE DEVIL, AND HE WILL FLEE FROM YOU**” (James 4:7). *If you just submit to God, Satan will flee.* That’s quite a power God gives you and me—especially considering what the Bible reveals about *the devil’s* immense power. We don’t have to fear him if we use God’s power.

Beast Powers

Revelation 13 discusses a political power that has dominated the world scene throughout history. It is described in symbol as a beast with seven heads and 10 horns. This represents the world-ruling Roman Empire. It started in 31 B.C. It absorbed

all the empires that preceded it and occupied their territory. Compare verse 2 of this chapter with Daniel 7, and you see the components of those other empires: the head of the lion, representing the Babylonian Empire; the legs of the bear, symbolizing the Persian Empire; the swiftness, cunning and cruelty of the leopard, which symbolized Alexander’s Greco-Macedonian Empire. So God used familiar animals to represent the first three dominant empires. But for the Roman Empire, He combined all those animals into one monster. No single beast on Earth adequately defined the Roman Empire.

“And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast” (Revelation 13:3). This wound was inflicted in A.D. 476, when the Roman Empire was defeated, and healed in A.D. 554, with the Imperial Restoration—and it became the *Holy Roman Empire*, receiving the blessing of the Roman Catholic Church and combining the religious element with the political-military empire. Other prophecies show there would be seven resurrections of this beast—and the seventh and final of these resurrections is about to burst on the world scene.

“And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?” (verse 4). Every indication is that this rising European power will be more powerful than America, China and Russia. How is that possible? It’s because they *worship the devil!* This gives them special power. Your Bible says they will become the superpower of superpowers!

This is a prophecy about a European superpower that we **MUST** be aware of. It is going to come on the scene and wreak havoc for 3½ years—after which God will smash it!

Prince of Persia

The book of Daniel was recorded 2,500 years ago, yet it is prophecy for this end time—our time today. Daniel 10:14 records the archangel Gabriel saying, “Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people *in the latter days*, for the vision refers to many days yet to come” (New King James Version). Daniel 12:4 and 9 also show that this prophetic book is *only for today*. Daniel himself didn’t understand

what his prophecy was about! But God has revealed this truth in our day, and you can understand it.

We need to know what this book says about Satan the devil.

The Bible speaks of three archangels: Michael, Gabriel and Lucifer. Lucifer rebelled against God and became Satan the devil.

As Gabriel was delivering this prophecy to Daniel, he said, “But *the prince of the kingdom of Persia* withstood me one and twenty days ...” (Daniel 10:13). No *man* could withstand the mighty Gabriel! This is talking about Satan, fighting Gabriel, trying to stop this prophecy from being delivered!

Why did Gabriel call Satan “the prince of the kingdom of Persia”? The kingdom of Persia in this prophecy is the Medo-Persian Empire. Satan is called the prince of Persia because HE HAD THAT MUCH CONTROL OVER THAT WORLD-RULING EMPIRE!

Verse 13 continues: “[B]ut, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.” Michael had to come and help Gabriel overthrow Satan the devil. Satan fights with a mighty army of millions of demons!

Verse 20 speaks of “the prince of Grecia,” which the context shows is referring to Alexander the Great, who ruled the Greco-Macedonian Empire. At the time of this prophecy, Satan hadn’t yet gotten control of Alexander. But he did later, and Alexander eventually died at the age of 32 in drunken debauchery.

God allows Satan to get control of men if they give themselves over to him. The devil is going to gain control of this beast power now rising in Europe. Prophecy shows he will *directly control* the leader of that empire. This is amazing prophecy we must understand!

Lucifer to Satan

Ezekiel 28:12 begins a passage directed to “the king of Tyrus”: “Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord God; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.” This begins talking about a human king, but then speaks of a being “full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty,” who was in “the garden of God” (verse 13). That couldn’t be a man. This is describing Lucifer, who became Satan the devil. But it shows that the king it begins talking about was *possessed* by the devil! And the devil can still possess people today. Imagine the power a man can have when Satan dominates him like that—particularly if he controls a lot of military armaments.

Verse 14 reads, “Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.” Lucifer covered the throne of God. He was there watching and learning from God for eons. Then God gave him governance over Earth, along with one third of the angels. At first, they rejoiced in their duty.

“Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity [or lawlessness] was found in thee” (verse 15). At some point, Lucifer rebelled and persuaded those angels to follow him. He became Satan. He is **LAWLESS!** And he influences people on Earth into lawlessness. We must beware this powerful being!

“By the multitude of thy merchandise they have *filled the midst of thee with violence*, and thou hast sinned ...” (verse 16). Satan is filled with violence, and he *fills the Earth* with violence!

Do you see violence in this world? Oh, do we ever! That is the work of the *god* of this world.

“[T]hou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more” (verse 19). Satan truly is a *terror* to this world! He’s the world’s number one terrorist! How many people really believe that? Look at this world: It is getting more terrorized every day—to a frightening degree!

But, as that verse reveals, God is going to destroy this evil so he will never be a problem again.

The Prophet Isaiah recorded a companion passage in Isaiah 14. This records Lucifer as saying, “I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High” (verse 14). This being had the audacity to try to overthrow God Himself! And he did so again recently in this end time. So God cast him to Earth. Now, he and all those demons are confined here. No wonder our world is so overwhelmed with crises! (Revelation 12:7-9, 12).

Isaiah 14:16 asks: “... Is this the man [should read, *the one*] that made the Earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms ...?” Satan *makes the Earth tremble*. He shakes this world!

Genesis 1:2 describes Earth’s condition after the first war in heaven and Satan was cast down: “And the Earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep.” Earth was destroyed!

Beyond that, much damage was done in the universe. When God created it, the universe was well structured and quite beautiful. But when Satan rebelled, he not only destroyed the Earth, he destroyed the face of the universe! What *power* the devil has.

“For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now” (Romans 8:22). Because of the devil’s rebellion, the universe is *groaning in pain*, waiting to be freed by the sons of God, led by Jesus Christ and God the Father (verse 21).

When God cast Satan out of the heavens, the heavens rejoiced just to have him gone. The Earth is suffering, but very shortly, we too will be rejoicing in the same way; in a few years, our suffering will be over!

Daniel 8 fills in more detail about how Satan will influence events in this end time. Verse 24 speaks of the physical leader of that rising European power: “And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people.” This verse shows that Satan will actually *possess* this man. That leader’s power will come from the devil!

But God is going to end this evil rebellion. This man will attempt to go up against Jesus Christ, “but he shall be broken without hand” (verse 25). Thank God for that hope-filled conclusion!

Something really special is happening on this Earth today. It’s exciting to be alive at this time because so much is happening. Ninety percent of the prophecies of God are being fulfilled today in this last end. And it shows that right now, Satan is in a frothing rage because he knows his time is just about over (Revelation 12:12).

We are no match for the devil. But the devil is no match for God. Understand just how formidable the devil is and draw on God’s power to resist him—and you can conquer the devil in your own life! ■

To learn more about how to conquer the devil, request our free booklets *Overcoming Satan* and *How to Be an Overcomer*.



The Dangerous Rise of Demonism

Open celebration of evil spirits is growing in popular culture. It's not just harmless fun. **BY RICHARD PALMER**

“**S**UMMONING DEMONS HAS never been so fun!” That blurb from *A Children’s Book of Demons* is an apt description of the world we live in. Outright demonism is cool, trendy, even glamorous.

“After-school Satan clubs” are available at a handful of elementary schools. They even have a theme song: “Satan’s not an evil guy, he wants you to learn and question why.” Young witches post videos on how to get into paganism on TikTok. People with “multiple personalities” get likes for switching between different minds in front of the camera.

Two transgender men dominated world headlines by dressing as Satan for the Grammy Awards. One up-and-coming singer, also transgender, has the name of his favorite demon tattooed on his forehead. One rapper released a music video that showed him descending to hell and giving Satan a lap dance. It was previewed in a Super Bowl commercial—and followed up by “Satan Shoes”—a collaboration with Nike that allowed people to buy the trainers Satan was shown wearing, which contain actual human blood.

Movies and video games involving demonic themes have been around for years but are getting worse and worse—and more and more accepted.

What is going on?

Are Demons Real?

Satan and demonism have become a part of our news cycle. The rise of all these demonic themes has led many to ask, *Are demons real?*

America’s Christians are split on whether or not Satan exists. Polls generally put the split at around 50/50. That’s not too surprising; American Christians are similarly split over whether or not God exists. One study reached the bizarre conclusion that more American Christians believe in Satan than in God.

What does the Bible say?

The Gospels record Jesus Christ regularly being confronted by and casting out demons (Matthew 4:24; 8:16; Mark 1:32, 34, 39; Luke 4:41). He delegated similar authority to His disciples (Matthew 10:8; Mark 3:15; 6:13; Mark 16:17; Luke 10:17). Demon-influenced people are encountered regularly in the book of Acts.

Some demons are violent and aggressive (Matthew 8:28; Mark 5:1-5; Luke 8:27-29). Others are annoying (Acts 16:16-18). Some people possessed with demons suffer seizures and loss of control (Matthew 17:14-16); some deliberately cut, mutilate or otherwise hurt themselves (Mark 5:5; Luke 9:42). They often make loud cries and screams (Luke 4:33-35). Some cause physical disabilities (Matthew 9:32-33; 12:22; Luke 11:14). Multiple demons can possess the same person (Luke 8:30; Mark 16:9).

If you believe the Bible is accurate in its record of the life of Jesus Christ, you have to believe that demons are real.

The Bible shows that these spirit beings have a profound influence on this world. Often that influence is invisible. But as it grows stronger, it is becoming plainer.

2 Corinthians 4:4 says Satan is “the god of this world.” He subtly influences everyone in it (Ephesians 2:2). This has been the case throughout mankind’s history—but the book of Revelation says things get much worse at the end of that history. Revelation 12:12 describes a time when Satan “knoweth that he hath but a short time.”

Satan’s time as god of this world is almost over. After a “war in heaven” (verse 7), which Satan lost, “the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him” (verse 9).

God warns, “... Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath...” (verse 12).

“This verse tells us that Satan and the fallen angels—*millions* of demons—were driven out of heaven and cast down to Earth and are now CONFINED HERE!” writes *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry in his free book *America Under Attack*. “Never before has this world been so infested with demons.

Look around: The evil proliferating in every direction has a source, and this prophecy exposes it.”

This is the spiritual reality behind the shocking news and modern trends.

It’s important to know that something does not have to look obviously evil to be evil. Satan can come as an angel of light (2 Corinthians 11:14). Something can appear wholesome, even appear as though it is from God, yet be from the devil.

But as society is driven further from God, there is less reason to hide or disguise the evil. This is why outright Satanism is now clearly on display.

Multiple Personalities

Perhaps the most naked display of demonism comes from the “multiplicity” movement. *Vice* described the concept in a May 2015 article “Are Multiple Personalities Always a Disorder?” with an introduction through the lens of Falah Liang, who had sensed the presence of a birdlike man in her mind since she was 5. This presence was joined by others as she grew older.

Vice writes: “A ‘multiplicity system’ refers to the group within the body itself (i.e. ‘I’m part of a multiplicity system’). The system might consist of two people, or it might consist of 200. ... The multiplicity community insists on being seen as healthy—even normal. *This is our reality*, they argue. *Why are you imposing your reality onto us?* Dissociative Identity Disorder (DID)—and its controversial precursor, Multiple Personality Disorder—are terms roundly rejected by the community, and most of them don’t feel that they belong in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM) at all.”

“With DID, it’s more like a person’s body is a boardinghouse filled with many guests, and you’re not quite sure who will come to the door when you knock,” states a March 2019 *Vice* article.

Some of these “multiplicity systems” are so large they think of themselves as a city rather than a person. Others push for more “rights” for other “multiplicity systems” through groups like “Plural Activism.”

Those who embrace DID so strongly are rare, but the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*

published by the American Psychiatric Association in 2013 estimates that 1.5 percent of Americans experience it each year. Other estimates say that between 0.01 and 1 percent of the population are affected.

Some have gone on to create a following for themselves on TikTok or YouTube. The most prominent has over



1 million followers. The hashtag #DiD—which will bring up videos of people openly influenced by demons—has 2.5 billion views. One video of a “system” switching between personalities, and the follow-up discussion, got 100 million views. “I get so many comments from people saying, ‘Why does everyone have DID all of a sudden?’” said one “host” of “a DID system of 12.”

Since DID became a TikTok phenomenon, “all of a sudden, all of my adolescent patients think that they have this,” psychologist Naomi Torres-Mackie told *Teen Vogue* last year.

The TikTok videos make these multiple personalities seem cool and glamorous. The reality, as *Teen Vogue* admits, is “truly scary”—ranging from amnesia to fits and seizures. Over 70 percent of outpatients being treated for DID have attempted suicide.

Letting in a bunch of demons makes a person very miserable.

Witchcraft and Paganism

The Bible links witchcraft, wizardry and the occult with demonism. Some modern witches would make this connection themselves; others consider themselves the worshippers of nature.

When God commanded ancient Israel to avoid those who get into magic and the occult, He also warned against those who



Members of the Shakti Sings choir sing as druids, pagans and revelers gather in the center of Stonehenge at a winter solstice ceremony.

“have familiar spirits” (Leviticus 19:31; 20:6)—who talk to demons. In the most detailed example of witchcraft, the witch of Endor in 1 Samuel 28, King Saul went to a woman who had a “familiar spirit.” This woman claimed to be putting Saul in contact with the dead Prophet Samuel (verses 11-15). The Bible establishes that the dead do not know anything (Ecclesiastes 9:5, 10). He could not have been talking to Samuel: Instead, a demon was impersonating him.

In the New Testament, the Apostle Paul stated that pagan religions directly worship devils (1 Corinthians 10:20).

Modern witchcraft, Wicca and neo-paganism are all forms of demon worship. And they are on the rise.

Early surveys estimated that in 1990 about 8,000 Americans identified themselves as Wiccans—a form of witchcraft. The 2014 Pew Religious Landscape Study estimated that 1 to 1.5 million were Wiccan or pagan. That’s around the same number as attend the Presbyterian

church (1.4 million). Even this may undercount. Wicca is quickly becoming yesterday’s movement; modern witches are more likely to call themselves “eclectic witches,” picking and choosing for themselves what crafts they practice.

Pagan beliefs are even more common. More than 60 percent of U.S. adults hold at least one of the following “new age” spiritualist beliefs:

- that spiritual energy can be located in physical things
- in psychics
- in reincarnation
- in astrology

The “psychic services industry,” which “includes astrology, aura reading, mediumship, tarot-card reading, palmistry, among other metaphysical services,” is estimated to be worth over \$2 billion annually. Celebrities like the singer Adele have said they use healing crystals. Witchcraft accessories like Tarot cards or supposedly magical symbols can be bought in mainstream stores.

Even practices as obviously occult as using mediums are becoming mainstream. Prince Harry said he contacted a medium to try to contact his dead mother. He is not alone—1 in 5 Americans say they have contacted a psychic or medium. About the same proportion believe that mediums have the ability to contact the dead.

But this movement is also receiving a glamorous online following. “WitchTok” has become a major phenomenon on the TikTok video-sharing platform. Videos with tags like #WitchTok have amassed 30 billion views. That’s more than tags such as #Biden (8.5 billion) and equal with #Kardashians. Other tags like #babywitch—helping people get into witchcraft—have picked up hundreds of millions.

The Transgender Movement

Perhaps the most blatant evidence of demonism is seen in the rapidly rising transgender movement.

In 1 Timothy 4:1-3 Paul warns of many departing from the faith, listening to “doctrines of devils [demons].” What are these doctrines? Included in his list is “forbidding to marry.”

The Bible reveals that demons are fallen angels. They left their first estate (Jude 6) and rebelled against God. In some passages, demons are referred to

as the devil’s angels (Matthew 25:41; Revelation 12:9). Like the righteous angels, the demons are sexless and genderless (Matthew 22:30; Mark 12:25).

As Herbert W. Armstrong explained in his book *The Missing Dimension in Sex* (request your free copy), God created marriage and family for human beings for a profound purpose—to teach us wonderful truths about our potential to be born as sons of God. The demons have neither this potential nor the ability to reproduce themselves, and so they hate it.

For centuries they have influenced religions to believe that sex is shameful, that being single is better than being married, and that priests should be celibate—none of which is taught in the Bible. Now this hatred is manifested more clearly than ever, with people mutilating their own bodies and taking on “gender neutral” pronouns—imitating the genderless demons.

One in four LGBT youth use gender-neutral pronouns. This movement is even inventing new pronouns. One of the most popular is “fae, faer, faeself.” *Fae* is essentially a pagan word for a demon or spirit. These transgender people want others to refer to them as demons. In fact, pagans are even complaining about the LGBT movement appropriating their word.

Even more closely related to demons is the “two spirit” movement. Billed as a native American version of the LGBT movement, they believe that having two spirits in them is the cause of their homosexual or transgender behavior. The two-spirit movement now has its own flag and is taught in schools in California and Canada.

More extreme still is the otherkin or fictionkin movements, where people identify as animals or fictitious creatures, like dragons, vampires or elves. The Bible shows that many angels—and therefore demons—look like animals (Ezekiel 1:10). Satan himself is described as a dragon. Some will even get extreme tattoos or piercings to look more like the animal they believe they are. Some will even call themselves “demonkin”—identifying as demons.

LGBT individuals, especially transgender ones, are heavily represented in other open manifestations of demonism. Those with multiple personalities are often transgender. A scroll through

#WitchTok videos shows they are overwhelmingly from the “LGBT community.” A 2015 Pew survey found that LGBT people were twice as likely to have a non-Christian religion—including paganism and Wicca.

Gateways to Demonism

There is a spiritual reality behind the rise of demonism. But there are other, direct causes. Certain behaviors open up the mind to demons, and these are on rise.

“Under normal circumstances ..., NO ONE NEED FEAR A DEMON MAY TAKE POSSESSION” of their minds, wrote Mr. Armstrong. Generally it can only happen if “you open your mind by letting it be blank, or under control of another, or you lose your mind in an emotional angry rage” (*Worldwide News*, December 1980).

Certain religious rituals are designed to let the mind go blank and allow a demon to take control. But far more common today are mind-altering drugs that break down the mind’s defenses and can allow in demons. In 2021, over 100,000 people died of drug overdoses in the United States. The 2017 National Survey on Drug Use and Health estimated that 20 million Americans age 12 and over had a substance disorder. There have been some well-publicized examples of addicts having their whole personality change—and they have gone on to violently attack others. One such individual videoed himself attacking and then eating his homosexual partner. “There is such things as monsters, demons and ghosts,” he wrote on his Facebook page. “They live inside of us, and sometimes they win.”

Dabbling in the occult is another way to invite in demons. God admonishes us to “have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them” (Ephesians 5:11). Today, it’s mass entertainment. *Harry Potter* opened the mainstream floodgates. Half of Americans ages 18 to 34 have read at least one of these books; 61 percent of Americans have watched one of the movies. Books and movies about zombies, werewolves, vampires and witches are common.

Video games can also prove a potent gateway—they are highly addictive and often coupled with violent or demonic themes.

The Bible reveals that music has a powerful connection to the spirit world.

Uplifting music from David could cause demons to leave (1 Samuel 16:14-18). On the other hand, the Bible says Lucifer was created with musical pipes—innate musical ability (Ezekiel 28:13). He is the real author of depraved music, and an evil musical environment can open up one to demonic influence (article, page 7).

Pornography and perverted sex can be another gateway, with the demons’ hatred of godly principles of marriage and family (article, page 35).



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1 Timothy 4:3 also labels vegetarianism—prohibiting to eat the meats that God has proclaimed fit for human consumption—as a “doctrine of [demons].” Is it a coincidence that vegetarianism—or a reduced meat “flexitarian” diet—is being pushed by the elites of this world? Physical health can affect mental attitude. Pushing people into unhealthy diets and lifestyles can make them more open to evil influences.

We need to protect our minds, and the minds of our children, from these kinds of influences. Instead, they are given free rein.

Isaiah 57:5 gives God’s verdict on our society today: “Inflaming yourselves with gods under every green tree, Slaying the children in the valleys, Under the clefts of the rocks?” (New King James Version). Today, lust draws many people into the worship of false gods and demons.

“Anciently the Israelites sometimes physically sacrificed their own children,” writes Mr. Flurry in *Isaiah’s End-Time Vision*. “Today we sacrifice our youth *spiritually* when we give them no uplifting vision. We sacrifice them to sexual lust and fornication. The Internet alone does \$10 billion to \$13 billion worth of business in pornography every year *just in America!* It is the most profitable online business. We also sacrifice our children to demoniacal music, drugs and greed. In the nations of Israel, this is done even before our youth are taught to use their minds!” Sadly, these trends have reached such extremes that today, some children have become possessed.

A God More Powerful Than Demons

While we should not go anywhere near demons or demonic influences, we have no need to fear demons. Throughout the Bible, God reveals Himself as vastly more powerful than Satan and the fallen angels. Demons had to obey God’s ministers, and Christ “beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven” (Luke 10:17-18). The demons tremble with fear before God’s power (James 2:19).

So powerful is God that He can use Satan for His own ends. In the book of Job, God allowed Satan to bring great suffering on Job. But it was to help Job overcome and grow—and the book ends with God blessing Job more than ever before.

God is allowing the demonic attack today. But though the demons are in total rebellion against Him, it is all to His glory. It will lead to mankind learning the horrible consequences of rebelling against God. ■

Did God create demons?

If demons exist, why would God make them? Or *did* God make demons?

Get the Bible-based answer by ordering your free copy of ***Mystery of the Ages***, by Herbert W. Armstrong, and studying Chapter 2, “Mystery of Angels and Evil Spirits.”





what music are your children listening to?

FIND OUT, FAST.
BY JOEL HILLIKER

According to soundcharts.com, Canadian pop artist Justin Bieber has 658 million fans worldwide. His 2021 hit “Stay,” replete with explicit lyrics, is a melancholy ode to wasting life. It has well over 3 billion listens between Spotify and YouTube alone. Almost as popular is his song “Peaches”; it too is smothered with explicit lyrics.



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HEN YOU PRESS PLAY, WHAT ARE YOU LISTENING to? What about your children?

“I always enjoy sharing my end-of-year music playlist with all of you—and this year we heard a lot of great songs. Here are some of my favorites. Are there any songs or artists I should check out?” This was a tweet from former United States President Barack

Obama at the end of 2022, accompanied by a list of 26 songs.

The song list provides an accurate snapshot of today’s popular music—many of them are chart toppers or celebrated by critics and industry awards. Have you heard them? This playlist revealed Obama’s preference for rap, hip-hop, dance and pop songs whose lyrics, in almost every instance, contain profanity, are heavy on slang and largely unintelligible if not literal gibberish. The parts you can understand glorify pride, lust, flamboyant materialism, perverse sexuality, drug use, racial hatred, violence, blasphemy against God and demonism. The music videos of these songs heavily feature partying, drugs,

firearm violence, brazen sexual imagery, and demon influence.

Here is a 61-year-old man, a former president no less, listening to and promoting music largely performed and consumed by teens and 20-somethings. Why? It’s quite strange. But it is very calculated—aimed at appealing to young people and reinforcing the wretched direction of youth culture.

Are you truly awake to the reality that a war is raging for influence over our minds—*especially our children’s minds?*

THE SONG OF FOOLS

“It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a man to hear the song of fools” (Ecclesiastes 7:5). “The song of fools” is “the extravagant, boisterous and immoral songs that are heard in the riotous carousals of foolish men,” *Lange’s Commentary* explains. This verse contrasts the way that leads to life—hearing the rebuke of the wise—with the way that leads to self-destruction of mind and body—the song of fools. Which do you listen to?

That 26-song playlist is filled with “the song of fools.” This song fills the airwaves—you can hear it in your car, at the store, at the restaurant, at the game and on your devices.

The song of fools provides fleeting pleasure. Like junk food and other lusts and sins, its appeal is instant and easy. You can readily give in to its “hook,” its sweet beat, its catchy tune, its captivating vocal, its clever lyric. It is crafted to catch your mind and stick there. But also like junk food, it not only fails to nourish you, it spreads poisons and toxins.

The natural mind wants junk food, junk entertainment, junk

information: the appealing, pleasurable, stimulating, easy choice. It does not want rebuke, correction, guidance. Especially when we are young, we want music that numbs the mind and makes us feel good.

Many of us underestimate how *powerful* the grip of music can be, particularly on a young mind.

THE POWER OF THE AIR

Ephesians 2:2 describes Satan the devil as “the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience.” How much is he exercising his malign influence within the trillions of plays of billions of songs on millions of playlists, incessantly streaming across Internet cables and crisscrossing airwaves straight into the earbuds of millions of people, young and old, for much of their waking lives?

Not only is the devil powerful, he can also be extremely *appealing*. He presents himself as “an angel of light” (2 Corinthians 11:14). Human beings trust in themselves to decide good from evil, but this “angel of light” *easily* deceives the *whole world* (Revelation 12:9). The only escape is to heed the “rebuke of the wise” and the guidance of One even more powerful than this being.

Satan excels at packaging that allures. Ezekiel 28 reveals that when God created the angel Lucifer, He endowed him with superior musical skills. He was an angelic musician who served God with his skill. But then he chose to exalt *his* will, *his* idea of right and wrong above God. His mind became perverted. He exerted his selfish, self-willed attitude on other angels, influencing and changing *their* minds as well. He led them in rebellion and war against their own Creator! He became the adversary, and God changed his name from Lucifer to *Satan*.

Satan remains skilled at music. His skill is not in creating uplifting, beautiful music but music that, appealing and powerful though it may be, is self-willed, rebellious in spirit, and evil.

DISCERNING GOOD AND EVIL

Satan’s influence is increasingly presenting itself in society today as brazenly dark and demonic (article, page 3).

But it can also be extraordinarily deceitful and subtle. Many people may recognize certain music or performers as corrupt yet overlook other powerful evil influences streaming from their own devices straight into their minds and the minds of their children.

You must “have [your] senses exercised to discern both good and evil” (Hebrews 5:14). Can you tell the difference—according to *God’s* definition?

The very first human beings were presented with the same fundamental choice you and I must make (see Gene-



sis 3:1-6). The first choice was to accept God’s definition of good and evil rather than their own. He pointed out to them two trees. One was the tree of life. Was the other a twisted, rotten, ugly, repulsive tree with toxic fruit named the tree of death? No: The Bible records that the tree of the knowledge of good and evil appeared “good for food ... pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise.” The only distinction between the two was that God *said* one would lead to health, growth and life and the other would lead to destruction, sadness and death. Would they trust God?

No. Adam and Eve relied on their own senses and their own minds to make the choice to put their will above God’s and define good and evil for themselves.

From the first humans to today, we have built a society and a world on the foundation of deciding good and evil for ourselves. Our first parents chose to think the same way Satan thought. Everything has flowed from them—and us—making that choice. This is clearly true of our music.

When you tap Play, which choice are you making? When your son or

daughter taps Play, which influence is he or she opening up to?

Opening up to whatever sounds good and feels right is opening up to a potent spiritual power whose influence dominates the world. *Yes*, it will be appealing. *Yes*, it will even mix in some good.

You must exercise your senses! Help your children exercise theirs. Young people have less discernment than older people about right and wrong and just how dangerous some influences can be. If you are a parent, you *must* intervene to help them develop discernment, to train

Sam Smith, the British pop artist who appears on the cover of this issue, is famous for his voice. His vocal coach noted that his vocal range “can soar from baritone to tenor for dramatic effect.” *Fader* magazine said he represents “a return of the virtuosic vocalist in popular music.” However, the *New York Daily News* said Smith is “utterly unafraid to sound feminine.” He also doesn’t seem to have any problem dressing as Satan, as he did at this year’s Grammys.

their judgment so they can make right decisions when Dad and Mom are absent.

And you must set the example yourself of not listening to whatever feels right but rather what you are guided toward by your Creator and His Word.

STALKING YOU— AND YOUR CHILDREN

Another prominent leader shared his favorite songs of the year: former German Defense Minister Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg. Like Barack Obama, he is a man that *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry has told us to watch. Prophecy warns that human choices under Satan’s influence are prophesied to lead to massive human self-destruction, and it tells us to watch for certain men whom Satan is influencing and will influence to wreak spiritual, mental and physical destruction on an enormous scale.

How do these men think? What music do they promote?

Guttenberg praised 12 albums as his top choices for 2022. Most of his favorites were pop music; many were the same as those on Obama’s list.

Again a theme of demonism and of hatred for America emerged. One of

Guttenberg's favorite albums is named *Lucifer on the Sofa*. The lead singer, guitarist and chief songwriter for the band said about this title song: "The Lucifer on the sofa is me. It's the worst of me that can come out in times of distress or stress, or anxiety. Everybody can kind of become the person they don't want to be. And I was dealing with that person in the song. It's really two sides of the same person."

Another of his favorites is by a 24-year-old, born Hayden Silas Anhedonia to a Southern Baptist family. Hayden declared himself to be homosexual at age 12, left the church at age 16, became transgender at age 20, and now goes by the name Ethel Cain. The acclaimed album *Preacher's Daughter* mixes themes of shattered faith, family dysfunction, demons and death. One article stated, "If you're someone who is critical of America, religion, your identity and the people that seem to shape you into the person you are today, I highly recommend *Preacher's Daughter*." Tattooed on this artist's forehead are Hebrew characters spelling the names of the archangel Gabriel and of Ashmedai, king of demons.

Barack Obama and Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg recommend that you listen!

This album is a good example of why you must exercise discernment. Some of this music sounds innocuous; if I heard my kids listening, I may not think twice. But this is a male who thinks he is a female with a demon's name tattooed on his face singing, "God loves you, but not enough to save you—so baby girl, good luck taking care of yourself." "Jesus can always reject his father, / But he cannot escape his mother's blood. / He'll scream and try to wash it off of his fingers, / But he'll never escape what he's made up of." This album tells a horrific storyline ending in the preacher's daughter being killed by her boyfriend and stored in a freezer to be eaten. The tour is named "Freezer Bride."

Discern evil when you hear it!

An awful lot of music is evil, but Satan usually does *not* present himself in an obviously evil light.

The Grammys are considered the most



Don't let the sultry sounds of his two most popular anthems fool you. Ethel Cain appears female, but is a transgender who was born Hayden Silas Anhedonia. Themes of shattered faith, family dysfunction, demons and death permeate his lyrics.

prestigious awards in the music industry worldwide. The award ceremony in February included a performance by two men, one who calls himself "gender fluid" and dressed like Satan, the other transgender, who acted like a female stripper, with people resembling demons dancing provocatively as huge red lights flickered and flashed. This was a blatant, disgusting display of pure evil. Many people were upset, but one person protested that this performance was balanced out by the show closing out "with an 8-minute rap song about God." In truth, that was *not* a song about God. That song repeatedly breaks God's commandment not to take His name in vain, it exults in vanity and self-worship, and is loaded with profanity.

People are eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thinking it's good for food—but God says it is the tree of death!

Just look at the rest of the Grammy Awards. Performers are tripping over each other to promote LGBTQ+ causes.

They are promoting drug use, racism and other sins. These performers are the ones people are listening to everywhere right now. *Some* of it sounds rank, but some of it sounds good if you are just relying on your own discernment.

Yes, discern the horrid-sounding songs, but also discern those peppy pop songs, those hip-hop songs, those country songs, that are promoting the message of the devil. And help your child to do the same. Use your authority and love for your child to help him exercise *his* senses and build *his* character.

HOW TO DISCERN

How can you know which music you should listen to? We have an article at theTrumpet.com by Ryan Malone, director of musical activities at Herbert W. Armstrong College, titled "Are You Listening to the Right Music?" (theTrumpet.com/4252). It discusses three types of music: fine art, folk and popular. Quality music can be found in all three. Wrong music can also be found in all three; though much fine art music is wonderful, some is corrupted by intellectual vanity or a wrong spirit. You must exercise your senses and discern the good from the evil.

As this article brings out, Satan tends to exploit popular music the most: It is designed to entertain and appeal to a wide audience. The prince of the power of the air excels at broadcasting, uploading and streaming his message far and wide, and he has more tools than ever to get his message into human minds. Young people are among the *most vulnerable* of his targets.

To accomplish his purposes, the devil doesn't need you to become a die-hard fan of the most twisted band. All he needs is for you to *treat this lightly*. That's all. Go back to thinking that your and your children's playlists don't matter much. Just let the songs on your speakers and in your earphones be whatever you feel like listening to at the moment. Just treat it lightly. Then he can come after you easily.

God warns us that it is *dangerous* to be "ignorant of Satan's devices" (2 Corinthians 2:11). You *must* exercise your senses with God's help to discern good and evil.

What follows are three aspects of the music your family listens to that you should evaluate:

Opening up to whatever sounds good and feels right is opening up to a potent spiritual power.

1. THE VOCALS:

What are the lyrics saying? If the performer is uttering foul language, delete that song. If he's blurting gibberish, delete. Reject songs about risky behavior, dysfunctional relationships, drug use, depressed emotions, defying authority and other forms of rebellion. If you think, *That means most of the popular songs out there*, you're right. Evaluate songs by God's definition of right and wrong, and you see dynamic proof that yes, Satan is the god of this world and the prince of the power of the air.

Many people have said, *I like the song: I don't listen to the lyrics*. But these words are powerful and lodge in your mind more easily than you think. Do not make the mistake of thinking that the evil parts don't affect you. That is just what Satan wants you to think! Pay attention. Evaluate. Discern. You are about to allow this message into your mind or your child's mind. Take the step of finding the lyrics and reading them.

2. THE ATTITUDE:

What is the spirit of the song? Much of today's music is bitter and angry, or suggestive and sensual. Our emotions and state of mind are affected by the mood and atmosphere music creates through its tempo, rhythm and style. Studies show that music even has actual physical effects on the nervous, circulatory and immune systems. It can have the same habit-forming qualities as food, drugs, gambling and sex. *Many* young people are addicted: They need music on at all times. And at the ready are the devices and services to stream unlimited music into their minds. How much is this contributing to the mental problems so many of our youths have? You have to be honest about what music does to you.

God wants to lift you up, help you, build you, strengthen you. He wants you to fill your mind with things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, of good report. "[I]f there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things" (Philippians 4:8). He wants you to have an improving, maturing attitude, spirit and life. Does the music you listen to help you do that? It does not always have to be happy: David played sad music sometimes (e.g. Psalm 49:4), and you might too. But it was in the right spirit and attitude.

3. THE CONTEXT:

"The discerning process goes *beyond* the sound of the music," Mr. Malone wrote. "What is this sound packaged in? What are the artist's or band's ideals? What are they promoting? What dress standards are they transmitting? What do the graphics on the album depict? ... Is the personal lifestyle of the artist on display? The persona of popular musicians in our society is far more noticeable and persuasive—and it's designed to be! This is especially true in the case of young minds trying to identify with a certain look, style or peer group."

Take the performer Beyoncé as an example—the most awarded person in Grammy history, and whose songs are some of the most popular out there. At the 2016 Super Bowl, she used her halftime show to glorify the Marxist Black Panther Party. This year she dedicated her newest album to "black LBGTQ+ legends who influenced her work." Aren't these things relevant when you're trying to decide whether to listen to her music? Read "Are You Listening to the Right Music?" for more aspects to consider.

Here are a few additional steps to take to win the war for your mind and your children's minds:

Be careful with streaming services.

Apple Music, Pandora, Spotify and other services have enormous music libraries. Once you start listening, they automatically begin recommending or choosing songs for you based not only on what you have been listening to but also on overall category, what is popular, and whatever other criteria music executives decide on. If you are not actively discerning each song, you will inevitably find yourself listening to evil lyrics, beats and attitudes from performers promoting wrong lifestyles and ideas.

Pull out the earbuds.

Young people especially love to listen through earbuds or headphones. This lets them turn up the volume, immerses them in the sound, tunes them out of everything and everyone around them, and prevents others from knowing what's on the playlist. Earbuds or headphones aren't inherently wrong, but understand that especially children using them involves more dangers than using speakers.

Monitor your children's playlists.

You *must* do this. You need to know what your children are listening to. They may begrudge showing you their music. Some even have secret playlists that they actively hide. Your ignorance of the influences on your child's mind gives Satan an opening into their thinking. And remember, with streaming services, there is much more available to them than what is on their playlists. This is another reason to disallow earbuds and one of several compelling reasons to disallow smartphones. If you want your child to have a phone and music, there are several non-smartphone options that play only the music you upload to them.

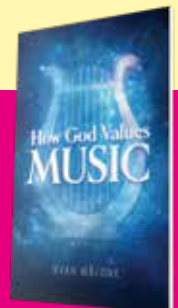
Build a taste for quality music.

You will be surprised what opens up to you if you begin to *train* your musical taste and your family's. "Are You Listening to the Right Music?" recommends listening to classical music and states, "When you notice things you like, ask why you like them. When you don't like something, reserve your judgment for a while and determine, *Do I dislike this because it's inappropriate or because it's simply foreign to my tastes at this point?* ... Buy film soundtracks that emphasize the symphony orchestra. This music is usually more accessible to the untrained ear than certain classical pieces. This genre of music helps to condition the ear to a more *symphonic* sound and therefore make the transition to 'classical' music much smoother."

Music is one of Satan's main talents and one of his main tools! He is using it powerfully. But used properly, music is also a force for great good. Use good music to invite God's presence into your life. ■

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Rescuers help remove a body from the rubble in Adana, Turkey, on February 6.

THE IMPACT

of Turkey's Earthquake

Why the aftermath of the disaster is truly seismic.

BY JOEL MILLIKER AND MIHAILO ZEKIC

WHEN WORLD EVENTS occur that alter the lives of millions of people, reporters often use the term “geopolitical earthquake” to describe them. Such an earthquake began in the early hours of February 6. In this case, it was also literal.

Within 24 hours, three quakes of magnitude 7.8, 7.7 and 6.0 shook the Turkish city of Gaziantep, which has a metropolitan area of over 2 million people. People as far away as Cyprus and Lebanon felt the tremors.

With every passing day, the death count rose. At the time of this writing, the

official number of lives lost in Turkey and Syria is over 41,000. By the time you read this, it could be closer to 50,000. Tens of thousands more are injured. Millions from both nations have been displaced. In Turkey alone, an estimated 3,000 buildings collapsed. Syria's affected Idlib province is the last non-Kurdish rebel stronghold in Syria. Several million people there were already in need of humanitarian aid before the tremors struck. The city of Aleppo, which previously suffered heavy shelling in the Syrian civil war, was particularly hard-hit.

From heat waves to volcanic eruptions, the Mediterranean region has had its share of natural disasters. But

these earthquakes were not just an “average” disaster. “No words can describe the sight of families—most of whom [have been] displaced more than once—who had to leave their homes in the freezing cold to take refuge in unsafe streets in the middle of the night,” said Red Cross Near and Middle East regional director Fabrizio Carboni. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan called it “the disaster of the century.”

The earthquakes themselves were traumatizing. But now that the dust has settled, questions abound. Where was God? Why did He allow this to happen? And how will this alter the future for Turkey, Syria and beyond?

Let's look into the Bible for answers.

Where Was God?

Whenever tragedy on such an incomprehensible scale occurs, many people ask WHY? Why should millions of people be shaken and terrified, their homes, schools and businesses destroyed, their neighborhoods

turned to rubble? Why should thousands upon thousands upon thousands of fathers, mothers, daughters, sons, brothers, sisters, grandparents and grandchildren be crushed to death? Why is our world so full of senseless tragedy? Is there a God? If so, why does He allow such suffering?

Many people believe in God. They are taught that He is all-knowing, all-loving and all-powerful. But if that is true, He knows about the suffering. And if He loves those people and He has the power to stop that suffering, *why doesn't He?*

People have theories about why God allows suffering. But at times like these, whether they are Christian, Muslim,



Buildings close to the epicenter in Turkey collapsed after a 7.8-magnitude earthquake.



Residents rescue an injured girl in Jindayris, Syria.



Structures throughout Jindayris were decimated.

Jewish or otherwise, they struggle to find an explanation that rings true.

There *is* a God. And He gives us the clear, true answer in His Word. That answer precisely contradicts what many religious people teach, assume and believe!

God is *not* the god of this world.

Have you been taught that? The Bible states that the devil is real (“Satan Is Real. Do You Recognize Him?”, page 1). Not only that, he has also deceived the *whole world*. And not only that, he is *the god of this world* (Revelation 12:9; 2 Corinthians 4:4).

Does the world around you begin to make a little more sense when you realize that the god of this world is actually the devil?

The Bible describes the age we live in as “this present evil world” (Galatians 1:4). That is exactly what it is, and this evil world has an evil god.

Ezekiel 28 describes a MAGNIFICENT ARCHANGEL who was “full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty” (verse 12). Isaiah 14 tells us God gave this angel authority to rule the Earth. But then this angel turned to evil and tried to seize God’s throne. This angel’s name was Lucifer. After he rebelled, God changed his name to Satan. And notice: God cast him *back down to Earth* (Ezekiel 28:16; Revelation 12:9, 12).

Satan hates human beings. And the Bible shows that the devil as the current (though temporary) unseen ruler of this world has the power to stir catastrophes such as whirlwinds (see Job 1). It is possible that the devil has a hand in calamitous events like the Turkish earthquake.

But this leaves our question unanswered. If God has the power to cast

down Satan and confine him to Earth, He has the power to protect people from disasters, even disasters wrought by the power of the devil. So why is God allowing these disasters? The sadness, the misery, the tragedy that surrounds us must not be ignored. We must face up to it—and learn from it.

There may well be *several* ways in which what has happened here can advance God’s ultimate purposes.

Political Tremors

First let’s examine some potential political and prophetic implications.

These earthquakes were the most recent disasters to hit Turkey, but they add to a host of tragedies to ingrain themselves in the Turkish psyche. An earthquake struck the area around Istanbul in 1999 and killed about 17,100 people. It also catapulted the political career of the young mayor of Istanbul at the time—a certain Recep Tayyip Erdoğan. The Turkish government’s slow response disillusioned many people. Erdoğan campaigned against the unpopular status quo and became Turkey’s leader in 2003.

Twenty years later, the antiestablishment Erdoğan is now Turkey’s “new old regime.” He has used a variety of anti-democratic methods to cement his power, but Turkey is still technically a democracy. Its three largest cities—Istanbul, Ankara and Izmir—are all governed by opposition mayors. Erdoğan originally campaigned on a platform of anti-corruption and wise economic stewardship. Yet today, inflation is sky-high while many in Erdoğan’s inner circle have mysteriously become millionaires.

People were already getting fed up with Erdoğan’s regime before the earthquakes hit. He has pulled every possible string to hold on to power for two decades, from cracking down on opposition figures in politics and the media to altering Turkey’s electoral system. The earthquakes appear to have crumbled his popularity even further. Many people, decrying rickety infrastructure and a perceived slow and inadequate government response to the quakes, are now blaming Erdoğan for exacerbating the crisis, much as he did in 1999.

Presidential elections loom in May. These may produce such a landslide against Erdoğan that he would have little choice but to concede.

The earthquakes are also changing Syrian politics. When news broke of the disaster, international rescue teams rushed to Turkey’s aid. But what about Syria? It is ruled by iron-fisted dictator Bashar Assad, who gained notoriety years ago for killing his own people with chemical weapons, and the civil war continues to this day. Some governments, like the United States, don’t even have diplomatic relations with Syria. Most of the West, including Europe and moderate Arab states, have shunned working with Assad for years.

But when the earthquakes hit, nearly all this animosity was immediately forgotten.

Within two days, Assad made an official plea for help to the European Union, and the EU quickly pledged millions of dollars’ worth of aid and began organizing a donor’s conference for March. “[W]e are already sending now a message to the people of [Turkey] and Syria:

The EU will support your communities,” said European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen. “Because no one should be left alone when a tragedy like this hits a people.”

Moderate Arab governments are also jumping to Assad’s aid. The United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Jordan, Egypt and Saudi Arabia have all given the Assad regime money, emergency supplies and other aid. The earthquake is giving Assad a chance to revive relations even with Egypt and Saudi Arabia, countries that have had notoriously poor relations with his government.

Advancing Prophecy

Both these trends are of biblical importance because of a prophecy in Psalm 83. This refers to an end-time alliance of Middle Eastern peoples (verses 6-8). *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry writes in his booklet *The King of the South*: “Here are the modern names of these nations, as taught at Ambassador College under Herbert W. Armstrong: The *Ishmaelites* are Saudi Arabia; *Moab* and *Ammon* both refer to Jordan; the

Hagarenes anciently dwelled in the land known as Syria today; the *Philistines* are the modern Palestinian Arabs; *Gebal* and *Tyre* are Lebanon. We cannot

be extremely precise in this understanding, but it gives a good general idea.”

Among all the peoples listed in this psalm, one lies outside the Middle Eastern region: “Assur.” Mr. Flurry writes, “At one time, this was the capital of Assyria, which is the term that biblical prophecy uses for modern-day *Germany*.”

This critical prophecy is describing an end-time alliance between Europe and several

Arab states. It reveals that the purpose of this alliance is to “cut

[Israel] off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance” (verse 4).

Syria today is the odd one out of this alliance. For more than 40 years, it has had a strategic alliance with Iran, the rival of moderate Arab states like Saudi Arabia. Assad’s actions in his nation’s 11-year civil war have alienated him from both the moderate Arab world and Europe. But this recent disaster has proved to be an opportunity for Syria to close a number of these rifts.

The King of the South proves that another part of this alliance, Edom, is a prophetic name for modern Turkey. Another prophecy shows that Turkey will have a special path of its own to fulfill.

The book of Obadiah is specifically addressed to Edom (verse 1). Verses 10-14 show that, when the modern nations of Israel face destruction in the near future, the Turks will betray them. A betrayal implies a certain level of trust beforehand. Erdoğan has shown through his actions that he is no friend of the nations of Israel. He is a dictatorial Islamist who has sponsored terrorist groups like Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood that are actively trying to destroy the Jewish state of Israel and even its brother nations, Britain and America.

Erdoğan may or may not be the Turkish leader to carry out this betrayal. But with resistance against his regime growing immediately after a cataclysmic quake and before an election, he may soon be replaced by a leader whom the nations of Israel will be more eager to trust.

These massive earthquakes could hasten the fulfillments of prophecies in Psalm 83 and Obadiah. This certainly could have factored into God’s purpose for permitting this tragedy, even at such staggering human cost.

But as astounding as prophetic fulfillment is, there are even bigger questions to answer involving not just the presidents of Turkey and Syria, but every Turk, every Syrian and everybody who has ever lived.

Why Suffering?

The world has been transfixed in horror by videos of the quakes’ aftermath. You see people walking in front of buildings along city streets, some of which were turned to rubble by the initial disaster. Then the camera shakes and turns toward one of those large buildings as it slowly collapses. People flee as an enormous cloud of dust billows toward them. Then, seconds later, the camera shakes *again* and turns to a building on the other side: Now *it too* is collapsing.

A similar disaster occurred during Jesus Christ’s ministry, and it was recorded and preserved for us. Eighteen people were crushed to death in that tragedy. His teaching then is what every person at every collapsed building mourning every dusty, broken body needs to hear!

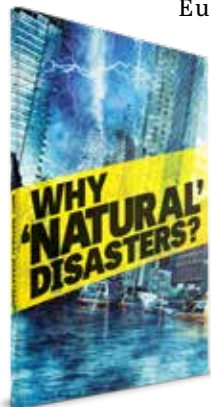
Some people must have thought—must think—that there is no God or that He is unfeeling and cruel. Some people believed that there is a God, and those who perish this way must have somehow *deserved* their fate. Christ squarely refuted this view. He said, “[T]hink ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, *NAY*: but, *except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish*” (Luke 13:4-5).

Here He directly discussed exactly the kind of aftermath that millions of Turks and Syrians are sifting through right now. He acknowledged that some human beings suffer and die in seemingly senseless tragedies. So why do such tragedies occur if, as He said, these victims did not commit greater sins to deserve greater punishment?

We have all been influenced by the evil “god of this world” to some degree. Romans 3:23 says that *all* human beings are guilty of sin. Ecclesiastes 9:11 says that time and chance happen to everyone. Jesus said that, one way or another, we will “all likewise perish”—*unless* we repent! Repenting means giving up your entire way of life and submitting to God’s way of life. It means turning to the true God and allowing Him to rule you.

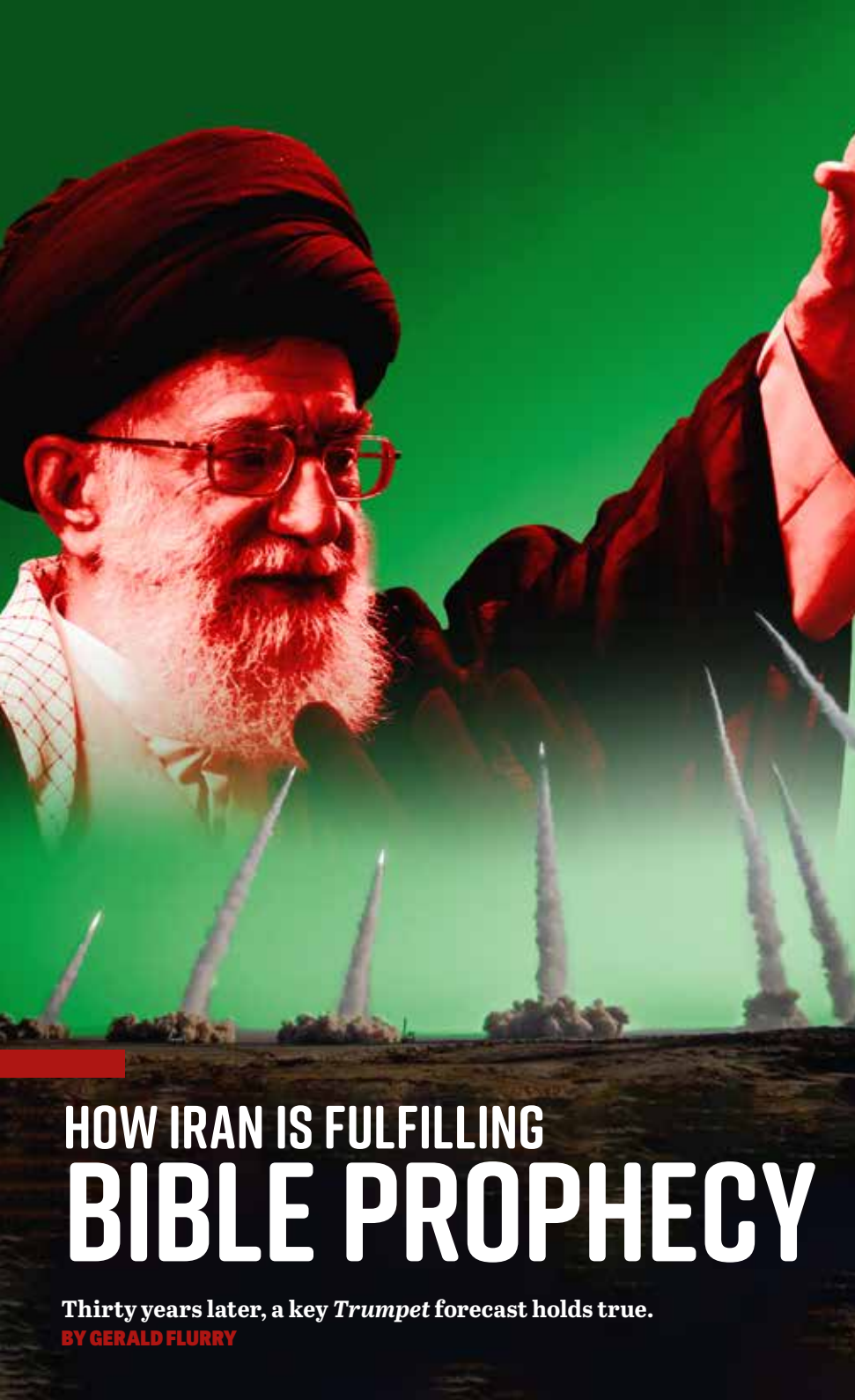
Jesus said that the disasters people are suffering are *warnings* to the rest of us. One way or another, your brief existence will end—*unless you repent of your sins and turn to God*.

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God has your attention. Will you respond?

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HOW IRAN IS FULFILLING BIBLE PROPHECY

Thirty years later, a key *Trumpet* forecast holds true.

BY GERALD FLURRY

WATCH IRAN! BIBLE PROPHECY is alive in this aggressive nation, and what it is planning will affect the whole world! Since the early 1990s, the *Trumpet* has identified radical Islam, led by Iran, as “the king of the south” described in Bible prophecy. And this king of the south is prophesied to greatly *push*.

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Whether Iran has been in the headlines or not, the *Trumpet* has consistently warned that it is building a major power bloc that will belligerently start a massive war.

In recent months, we have seen Iran return to the headlines. It has been connected to a biological terrorist plot in Germany and to uranium being

smuggled into Britain. Radical Islamic terror has been the apparent motive for men stabbing people in a church in Spain, at a train station in France, and on four trains in Germany, as well as for burning a Catholic priest in Nigeria and for committing other atrocities elsewhere. Over the past 20 years, radical Islam has motivated terrorists to ram hundreds of people with vehicles in Barcelona, Spain; Berlin, Germany; London, England; and Nice, France, and to bomb thousands of passengers, diners, concertgoers, sports fans, publishers and bystanders.

In the Middle East itself, persecution close to genocide has been occurring against Christians. Millions have had to leave their homes. Many have fled their countries. Across a broad swath of territory, moderate and extreme Muslims have discriminated against Christians in schools and businesses, and have boycotted, kidnapped, jailed and killed them. Muslim governments in Algeria, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey and Yemen are persecuting Christians. One report found that Christians in the Middle East once accounted for 20 percent of the population; now they are only 4 percent. Radical Islam is rising—and the nation that is turning this into a powerful weapon with which to *push* is Iran!

Other Muslim nations are also involved, of course, and there is a difference between Shiite Muslims, who are prevalent in Iran, and Sunni Muslims, who dominate countries like Iran’s rival, Saudi Arabia. Bible prophecy addresses this—in detail. It actually differentiates between the Middle Eastern Muslim nations that will be controlled by Iran and those that will ally with “the king of the north.”

We have said for more than 30 years that Iran will lead the king of the south, and it will rise up to do so very soon. I have just updated and expanded one of our main booklets on prophecy, *The King of the South*, to include what has developed since that booklet was last updated, especially the astonishing and deadly role a particular United States

presidency has played in empowering the radical Iranian regime.

Recent History

We first identified radical Islam, led by Iran, as the king of the south prophesied in Daniel 11:40 at a time when few people were talking about Iran. That nation had just suffered a long, brutal war with Iraq following its Islamic revolution of 1979. But reports emerged that it was trying to obtain a nuclear weapon from another country. I wrote in the *Trumpet* at the time that control over radical Islam plus possible nuclear weapons would fulfill dramatic Bible prophecies about this region.

Those reports faded, and people forgot about Iran. Even when the United States went to war in the Middle East from 1990 to 1991, the focus was on Iraq, not Iran.

Islamic terrorism changed the world starting on Sept. 11, 2001. Some people began to wake up to Iran's role, but they neglected to really scrutinize it and confront it. The U.S. invaded the region again in 2001, but the target was Afghanistan. It invaded again in 2003, but the target was Iraq again. IRAN'S RADICAL REGIME CONTINUED TO OPERATE, sponsoring terrorism and exerting its influence and terror on the weakened and destabilized nations in the region: Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, even Egypt. It continued to pursue nuclear weapons; this time building its own program with the help of other adversaries of America.

Iran kept up its ongoing threats against what it called the little Satan, Israel, and the great Satan, America. Its regime faced financial sanctions for its nuclear program. Its economy was failing, and millions of Iranians filled the streets to protest against the regime. Some said it would not take much for the regime to fall, especially if the United States could add to the pressure, ridding the world of the number one state sponsor of terrorism.

The *Trumpet* forecast remained consistent through all these events: Radical Islam would continue to grow in power, and Iran's leaders would continue to gain influence over radical Islam.

As I cover in one of my booklet's new chapters, "Obama and the King of the South," the United States, of all nations, intervened around this time not to

TOPPLE the terrorist regime, *but to save it!* President Barack Obama tossed the regime a lifeline through nuclear negotiations, removing sanctions and ultimately unfreezing as much as \$150 billion for Iran's radical mullahs. He delivered pallets of \$400 million in cash to Iran on the same day it released four American hostages and raised Iran's prestige and power in other ways as well.

Americans and many others were bewildered why the president of the United States was working so heavily with Iran's regime rather than trying to replace it, as even many *Iranians* were hoping for. Yet he pushed it through. The Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action went into effect on Jan. 16, 2016. Iran's regime was saved, and it continued work on its nuclear program and ballistic missiles.

Later, President Donald Trump rejected the nuclear deal. But Joe Biden, who is controlled by Obama, has been working hard to revive it. In February, even *without* a deal, Biden's government told Congress that it was lifting certain sanctions so Russia—a nation that the U.S. is opposing in many ways, especially in Ukraine—can help Iran—a nation actively sponsoring terrorism—develop *nuclear technology*.

In the past couple of years, Iran has faded from the headlines somewhat as America has become consumed by a tyrannical government dividing and destroying its own constitutional system. Developments with Iran's nuclear program, missiles and even fresh protests by Iranians against their regime would have been major news in previous years, but much of this has gone unnoticed.

But Iran's rise is a major Bible prophecy. It was first published in the *Philadelphia Trumpet's* earliest issues, and it is now racing toward fulfillment!

Now Iran is coming back into the spotlight. It has assisted in the Russian invasion of Ukraine. It has been targeted by new sanctions from the European Union, which had previously reduced sanctions as part of the nuclear deal. Iran has threatened to block oil shipments. It has acquired more advanced weaponry, such as Russian fighter jets. Demonstrators have again poured into the streets, to protest the fatal beating of a woman in the custody of the regime's semiofficial morality police, and to protest the

A CONSISTENT MESSAGE

SEPTEMBER 1990 Gerald Flurry writes the king of the south will rise in the Middle East soon.

JULY 1992 Gerald Flurry writes, "The king of the south could rule Iraq or Iran or both countries. But it is looking more now like Iran may produce this king."

1993 Gerald Flurry writes, "I believe all indications point to radical Islam, headed by Iran, as this king."

1998 Gerald Flurry writes, "The stage is being set for an Islamic group of nations to be led by Iran as the prophesied king of the south, which will push at the king of the north, the European Union."

SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 Terrorists attack the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

OCTOBER 2001 United States begins war in Afghanistan.

NOVEMBER 2001 *Trumpet*, "As we now examine the facts emerging from this war, we can see unequivocally that the terrorist snake will survive America's aggression—head intact, and stronger than ever."

MARCH 2003 United States begins war in Iraq.

JUNE 2003 Gerald Flurry writes, "It may seem shocking, given the U.S. presence in the region right now, but prophecy indicates that in pursuit of its goal, Iran will probably take over Iraq."

JUNE 2009 In his speech in Cairo, President Barack Obama says, "No single nation should pick and choose which nations hold nuclear weapons."

AUGUST 2009 Gerald Flurry writes, Obama believes "America has no right to forcefully stop Iran's nuclear program, even though Iran is the number one terrorist-sponsoring nation in the world by far!"

2012 Obama officials conducted back-channel negotiations with Iran, before "moderate" Iranian President Hassan Rouhani is elected.

SEPTEMBER 2013 President Obama calls Iranian President Rouhani, marking the highest level contact between the U.S. and Iran since 1979.

FEBRUARY 2015 Gerald Flurry states, "[T]here is a U.S. general who said that the face of radical Islam is now [the Islamic State], but I disagree with that strongly. The face of radical Islam is still Iran, many times over, and the Bible tells you that because Iran is the king."

SEPTEMBER 2015 Gerald Flurry calls nuclear deal with Iran the "worst foreign-policy disaster in American history."

JANUARY 16, 2016 Implementation day for the nuclear deal with Iran

JANUARY 2018 Gerald Flurry writes, "America may have helped drive the Islamic State out of Iraq and Syria—but now America is about to be driven out of Iraq and Syria by Iran!"

regime in general. But, as we wrote in one of our articles on theTrumpet.com, “Iran’s Regime Is Here to Stay.”

Prophecy 100 Percent Accurate

Herbert W. Armstrong recognized something that most people ignore: The Bible is filled with prophecy. In fact, about *one third* of all scriptures are prophetic. Jesus Christ was a prophet. And these forecasts of the future that He and other prophets made are amazingly detailed—and amazingly accurate!

The Bible challenges readers to test its prophecies—all of which are thousands of years old—against history. If you accept this challenge, you will find that not a single Bible prophecy has been wrong! But some are yet to be fulfilled, which makes prophecies like the one involving the king of the south very intriguing and very urgent.

Mr. Armstrong correctly identified the modern nations and entities involved in prophecies about “the king of the north,” *Assyria, Babylon, Gog and Magog*; the symbolic figure in Daniel 2 and the symbolic beasts in Daniel 7, Revelation 13 and Revelation 17. Crucially, he identified the modern nations of Israel, including *Ephraim, Manasseh,*

Jacob, Jerusalem and Judah. (Request your free copy of *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, by Herbert W. Armstrong.)

Mr. Armstrong also correctly taught that the Soviet Union would not attack the United States,

that East Germany and West Germany would reunite, that a “United States of Europe” would form, that Britain would leave the European bloc, that the Roman Catholic Church would revive in power, that Russia and China would form an alliance, and that Japan would militarize. He foretold that the U.S. economy—especially the dollar—would crash, that America and Britain would lose their strategic overseas possessions, and that America had won its last war. (Request your free copy of *He Was Right*.)

He also correctly taught that Bible prophecy revolves around the city of Jerusalem and the Middle East region, and that the Arabs are among the

descendants of Ishmael, whom God prophesied would be a “wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man’s against him ...” (Genesis 16:12). This perfectly describes the present and the past history of the Arab peoples and their interactions with other peoples and nations.

Knowing that 90 percent of Bible prophecy is for what the Bible calls the “latter days” or the “time of the end,” Mr. Armstrong also looked for the identity of the king of the south in Daniel 11:40.

Mr. Armstrong knew this was an end-time prophecy. He thought it occurred during World War II and that World War III would occur during his lifetime. What he *did not* and *could not* see is that several prophecies, including the war between the king of the south pushing at the king of the north, could not be fulfilled or even understood until after his death in 1986.

Only God can reveal the meaning of Bible prophecy. He did so through Mr. Armstrong with many prophecies that other churches never taught correctly or at all. But He waited until after Mr. Armstrong was gone to make clear the timing of the king of the south prophecy. He did so through the work that kept alive the same message of prophecy that Mr. Armstrong had taught. This was not just Herbert W. Armstrong’s interpretation of prophecy: This is God’s interpretation of prophecy, which He reveals to His servants.

I established the *Trumpet* in 1990 to continue publishing God’s prophecies. In its fifth issue, I drew attention to Daniel 11:40 in “King of the South—Is He Now on the World Scene?” “Herbert W. Armstrong prophesied for decades that we should focus on the Middle East,” I wrote. “That is where the world order would begin to unravel—triggering World War III!”

Mr. Armstrong taught from the Bible “an outline of prophecy that has been fulfilled precisely. However, his understanding of the king of the south was incomplete. Partly because he couldn’t see what we see today, Mr. Armstrong erred about when this king would appear on the world scene. ...

“Egypt was the king of the south in past history. But who is this mysterious man and nation today? This king is a key player in the book of Daniel—and *at the very end time.*”

Let’s now study this key prophetic passage.

A Key Prophecy

Again, Daniel 11:40 states, “And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him; and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.”

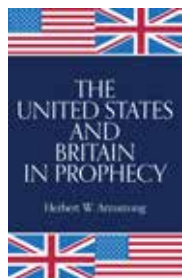
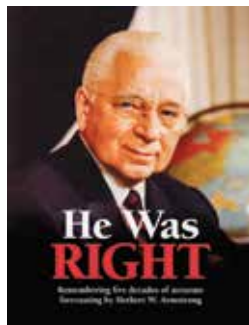
This shows that the king of the south will spark an enormous clash. Other prophecies reveal that this clash chain-reacts into global warfare far worse than World Wars I and II combined!

The “king of the north” is German-led Catholic Europe, a power that is rising before our eyes, as God revealed to Mr. Armstrong. But how could we know the identity of “the king of the south”?

In that *Trumpet* article, I emphasized the phrase “push at him” in Daniel 11:40: It indicates a violent action that directly causes a counterattack that is like a “whirlwind.” I wrote, “The big question is *WHEN* did the king of the south *push* at the king of the north, or the Holy Roman Empire—in the recent past? ... From [the unification of Italy in] 1870 to the present, no king of the south *PUSHED* at the king of the north! ... No such *push* has caused the king of the north to respond in kind—yet! *But the stage is being set—RIGHT NOW—for this to occur!*”

Later in that article, I wrote, “So we see that Daniel 11:40 through Daniel 12:13 comprises the ‘time of the end.’ *It is all triggered by the king of the south!* It doesn’t have to be Saddam Hussein—though it could very well be. Even if it isn’t Saddam Hussein, the king of the south shall rise in that part of the world—and soon! Oil and money gives the king of the south power to ‘push.’”

I wrote this 33 years ago, when the *Trumpet* was a rudimentary black-and-white publication of only 12 pages and



perhaps a couple thousand subscribers. Yet God was continuing His work of prophecy with a key piece of knowledge about the king of the south prophecy in Volume 1, Issue 5!

At that time, journalists, analysts, war planners and politicians were focusing on Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein. After fighting an eight-year war with Iran through the 1980s, Hussein had attacked Kuwait in 1990. In the following issue of the *Trumpet*, I wrote that Iraq appeared to be fulfilling that role, but also stated, “The king of the south still hasn’t applied the ‘push’ of Daniel 11:40.”

In the July 1992 *Trumpet*, I returned to this subject. The Islamic Republic of Iran had reportedly obtained or tried to obtain *nuclear weapons* from Kazakhstan, another Islamic nation. I wrote: “Much of the world is unaware of WHAT A POWERFUL AND DANGEROUS FORCE THE ISLAMIC CAMP IS BECOMING.

“The king of the south could rule Iraq or Iran or both countries. But it is looking more now like Iran may produce this king.” I then quoted the *Islamic Affairs Analyst* of May 13, 1992: “The main strategic aim of Iran is to dominate the Persian Gulf and environs. An important step in achieving this goal is to GAIN UNDISPUTED LEADERSHIP OF THE RADICAL ISLAMIC CAMP” (emphasis mine). “It looks very much like the end-time king of the south will rule THE RADICAL ISLAMISTS!” I wrote. “Iran is a natural leader for many of them today. Iran also has a goal to lead this group.”

It was 1992, and although the short Persian Gulf War had attracted attention due to live television

coverage, few were paying any attention to Iran. This was almost a decade before the 9/11 radical Islamist attacks, more than two decades before the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action nuclear compromise, and three decades prior to the current situation with Iran. We now live in a very different world, in which Iran is now infamous for causing terrorism and cracking down on its own people, is consolidating its leadership over radical Islam, and is working to construct its own nuclear weapons.

Iran now has strong influence over several other important Islamic nations. In December 1994, I wrote a *Trumpet* article titled “Is Iraq About to Fall to Iran?” which stated, “The most powerful [Islamic] country in the Middle East is *Iran*. Can you imagine the power they would have if they gained control of Iraq, the second-largest oil-producing country in the world? If so, there seems to be little doubt that Iran would lead the king of the south (Daniel 11:40).”

In 2003, Saddam Hussein fell to the second invasion of Iraq by the United States. And in the aftermath, *Iraq has fallen to Iran*. In February of this year, members of Congress warned against providing further U.S. funding to Iraq because it is now “a client state of Iran.”

Bible prophecy is alive! God has recorded the future of nations and empires in the pages of His Word, and He reveals what these prophecies mean to those willing to humble themselves, read the prophecies, watch world events, and accept the truth. What is happening in Iran right now is dramatic proof! ■



THE TRUMPET'S PROPHETIC MODEL PROVED

The *Trumpet* foretold the major role Iran would play in the Middle East, and now that prophecy is being fulfilled before your eyes. Read the proof for yourself. Request your free copy of Gerald Flurry's newly expanded *The King of the South*.

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Don't let your life meander on until it runs out, whether by disaster, by illness or just by living out your all-too-few days. What does it matter now that people died under the collapsed Tower of Siloam, or the Hyatt Kansas City walkway, or the 1999 Turkey earthquake? Whether they—or we—live 90 years or 9 years *is not all that different* if we live pointlessly, without repentance, without qualifying to receive *eternal life*. But surrendering your life to the Creator who gave it to you—no matter who you are or where or when—changes everything. As Jesus taught, this is the *whole purpose* of human life!

This is what the images from Turkey are teaching, if we will grasp the lesson.

The most fundamental lesson a human being can learn is to face the truth of his own helplessness apart from God.

But what about those who died? Even if we can learn lessons from their deaths, they cannot—or can they?

Notice the following scriptures: “Thus saith the Lord God unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live” (Ezekiel 37:5). “And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God ...” (Revelation 20:12).

The truth of the Bible is that all those who have died WILL LIVE AGAIN! Their deaths are only temporary: They will be *resurrected* to physical life. And at that time, the god of this world will no longer be Satan the devil: It will be Jesus Christ! With His Kingdom ruling, God promises to “wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain ...” (Revelation 21:4).

In the near future, God will replace Satan as ruler over the world. In the appointed time He will *resurrect* those who have died, across Turkey and Syria, across the globe and across the *generations*. He will give them the opportunity to repent, to share a relationship with Him, to fulfill the purpose for which He created them. No longer will such tragedies occur, because human beings will know their purpose and their Creator, and their Creator will bless and protect them. ■

This article merely introduces one of the most profound truths provable from your Bible. To prove this for yourself, request our free booklet *Why 'Natural' Disasters?*

The music industry continues to push the limits of depravity. Unspeakable obscenity has become mainstream. The number of explicit songs is increasing, and lyrics are becoming more brazenly and perversely sexual, unapologetically aggressive and negative, even openly demonic. These trends are particularly strong throughout hip-hop, rock and pop and their subgenres. Even a great deal of non-explicit music is declining in quality.

2022 was a big year for Puerto Rican singer Bad Bunny. Eight of his songs made it onto the Billboard Hot 100 list. Together they received more than 5.5 billion listens on Spotify. CNN sees him as a role model; "... in pink, florals and short shorts, Bad Bunny champions a new masculinity." He sports his manicured, polished, long fingernails at award shows. He sees sexuality as fluid. He said, "At the end of the day, I don't know if in 20 years I will like a man. One never knows in life."



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American singer Doja Cat had seven songs on the Billboard Hot 100 list for 2022. Six of those are rated explicit. Her monthly Spotify listeners exceed 52 million.

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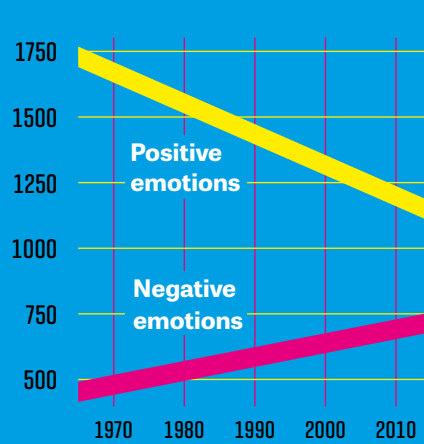
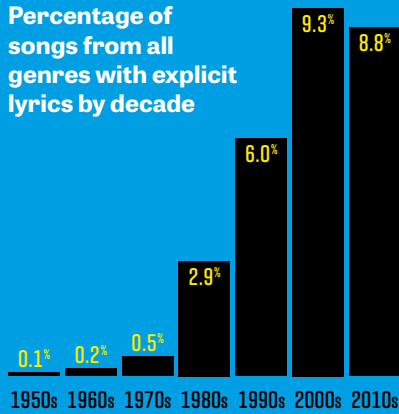
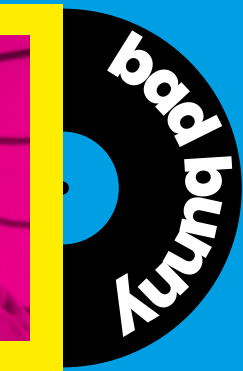


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Drake, the Canadian cross-genre heavyweight, has global clout with 336 million fans according to [soundcharts.com](https://www.soundcharts.com). What are they listening to? Nonchalant vocals carried by autotune conveying a smorgasbord of profane and aggressive lyrics. His life has been embroiled in controversy over sexual assault, infidelity and violence.

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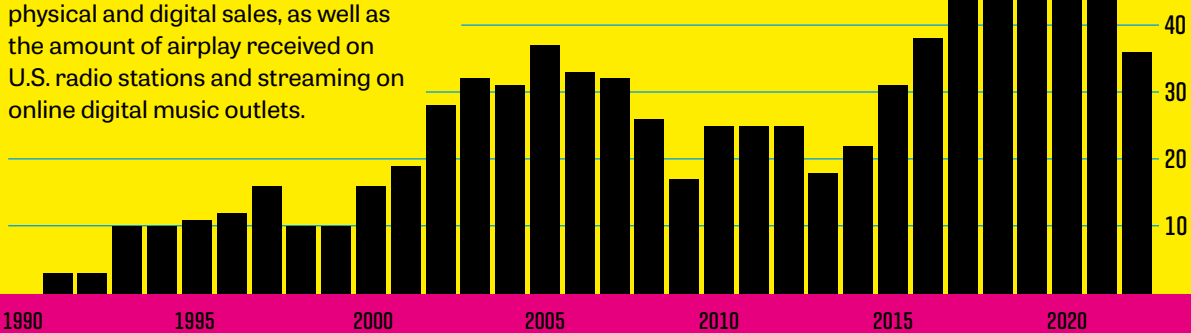


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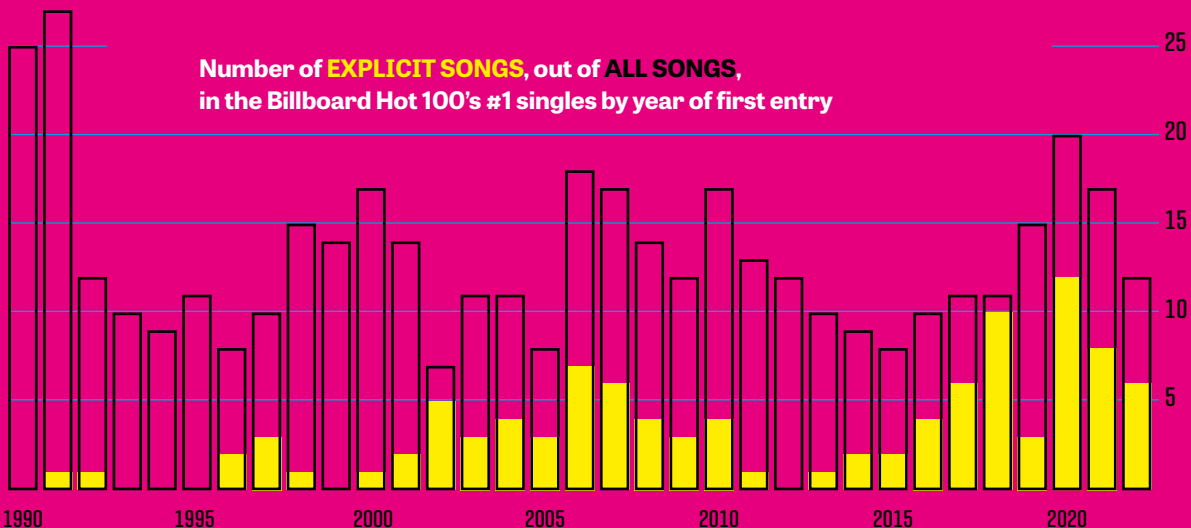
The Billboard Hot 100 is a chart that ranks the best-performing songs in the United States. Its data, published by *Billboard* magazine and compiled by MRC Data, is based collectively on each song's weekly physical and digital sales, as well as the amount of airplay received on U.S. radio stations and streaming on online digital music outlets.

Each year Billboard compiles a year-end Hot 100. The list is not limited to pop, hip-hop and rock; even Christmas tunes make the cut. This chart shows the number of songs on the list of 100 rated as explicit.



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World Economic Forum: Fascism Revives

‘Stakeholder capitalism’ sounds futuristic and progressive, but it is a new name for an old system.

BY ANDREW MILLER

YOU ARE EXPERIENCING A POLYCRISIS. Western capitalism has failed. You need a Great Reset. You need the free market to be replaced with “stakeholder capitalism.” And you need global elites to handle it for you.

In Davos, Switzerland, a fleet of private jets brought thousands of top politicians, business executives, and other elites to a luxury resort in the Swiss Alps from January 16 to 20 for a World Economic Forum (WEF) conference. Their purpose: to plan the year ahead for the other 8 billion people in the world.

With the theme of “Cooperation in a Fragmented World,” participants in this

year’s conference tried to use their combined power to solve climate change, the energy crisis, supply chain breakdowns, runaway inflation, the war in Ukraine and other major aspects of the ongoing swirl of global emergencies they call a “polycrisis.”

The 2,700 Davos attendees are now back in their capitals and executive suites. But what is it, exactly, that they are working to implement? What is the underlying agenda of the WEF?

Well, whatever the problem, the WEF’s solution is to implement what it calls the “Great Reset.” The coronavirus outbreak and other turmoil present, in the WEF’s

own words, a “unique window of opportunity” to end laissez-faire capitalism and implement a system where “global stakeholders” cooperate to achieve “shared goals.” In plain language, WEF leaders want private businesses to serve not the interests of their owners, but the WEF-defined list of “stakeholders.”

This is opaque jargon, but keep your eye on the target. *The issue is control.* Who will control millions of individual businesses around the world: the owners, who have taken risks for their businesses and operate them in their communities—or WEF elites, who assume control on behalf of humanity?

Prof. Klaus Schwab, founder and chairman of the World Economic Forum, claims to have invented “stakeholder capitalism” about 50 years ago. Yet this system really has a long, dark history. The Italian philosopher Giorgio Agamben calls it “Communist capitalism,” while American scholar Michael Rectenwald calls it “corporate socialism.” Stakeholder capitalism resembles the corporate socialism used in Juan Perón’s Argentina, Engelbert Dollfuss’s Austria, Augusto Pinochet’s Chile, Ante Pavelić’s Croatia, Pierre Laval’s France, Adolf Hitler’s Germany, Benito Mussolini’s Italy, and other corporatist states.

In other words: Professor Schwab is trying to convince world leaders to adopt a *fascist* economic system.

Former judge Andrew Napolitano defines fascism as “private ownership, but government control.” Such a system differs from communism (government ownership and government control) and capitalism (private ownership and private control). This system allows private citizens to own businesses, but replaces the hopes, incentives, freedoms and responsibilities of small business owners with the iron will of ruling elites.

This is a highly significant trend. Bible passages such as Revelation 17 and 18 reveal that an end-time religious entity will guide an economic powerhouse that intoxicates all nations with its wealth and splendor. This entity will merge state, corporate and spiritual power in a way that Professor Schwab will likely support!

A Fourth Reich

To understand how Professor Schwab’s “stakeholder capitalism” will ultimately

work, look at 1930s Europe and 1970s Latin America. Before the Second World War, fascist dictators like Benito Mussolini and Adolf Hitler ran openly corporate socialist economies with the blessing of the pope. And after the Second World War, Latin American Catholic dictators like Juan Perón and Augusto Pinochet did the same thing.

The WEF has praised Pope Francis's ecumenical *Fratelli Tutti* as a "prescription for resetting the global economy" but does not highlight the fact that Francis's worldview was shaped in Perón's Argentina. That is why the pope often warns about the "excesses of capitalism" while expressing sympathy for various forms of socialism. He follows the sort of Catholic socialism that was practiced in Argentina during Perón's presidency. So like Professor Schwab, Francis wants to create a new global economic system where the desires of everyday businessmen are subject to the whims of a WEF-style central planning committee.

These facts become more concerning when you realize that Professor Schwab has ties back to Nazi Germany. He was born in 1938 to Eugen Schwab and Erika Epprecht. Eugen moved from Switzerland to Germany during the Third Reich and became a director at Escher Wyss AG, which, among other high-tech, low-principles projects, used slaves to manufacture atomic bomb technologies for Adolf Hitler. Klaus was too young to be complicit in his father's crimes, but his connections with actual fascists don't end there.

The declassified document known as the Red House Report provides a detailed account of a secret meeting at the Hotel Rotes Haus in Strasbourg, France, on Aug. 10, 1944. As they were losing World War II, Nazi officials ordered an elite group of industrialists to plan for a Fourth Reich. This report is reprinted in our free booklet *Germany's Conquest of the Balkans*, which proves that something vile is stirring in Germany and the Vatican.

After graduating from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich, Schwab founded the European Management Forum in 1971 under the patronage of the European Commission and various European industrial associations. This was the organization that

What Is Fascism?

TODAY, THE WORD "FASCISM" HAS BECOME ALMOST ENTIRELY MEANINGLESS. Politicians, journalists and political activists hurl it as an insult at practically anybody espousing a political ideology they dislike. Yet although the true meaning of fascism has been largely forgotten, the ideology has a dark 2,600-year history.

The English word *fascism* derives from the Latin *fasces*, a tied bundle of rods with a protruding ax. To the ancient Romans, this represented the power of the state. In the time of the Roman Kingdom (753–509 B.C.), political power was wielded by the king of Rome, while religious power was wielded by the *pontifex maximus*, the chief priest of the pagan College of Pontiffs. These two officials were accompanied by 12 lesser magistrates who carried fasces. The fasces were weapons to enforce the decrees of the king and the pontiff. Political, religious and economic power were bundled together, giving the average Roman little freedom.

This situation changed when Lucius Junius Brutus and Lucius Tarquinius Collatinus founded the Roman Republic (509–31 B.C.), but consuls still punished enemies of the state with rods and axes. Caesar Augustus eventually turned Rome into an empire (31 B.C.–A.D. 476) that was more authoritarian than the Roman monarchy by merging the positions of prince and pontiff into one office, held by himself. The number of Roman magistrates provided with fasces increased dramatically as the empire was subdivided into imperial and senatorial provinces, each governed by high-ranking military officers assisted by five fasces-wielding officials.

The fascist political system was once again decentralized when Emperor Gratian refused the title of *pontifex maximus* in A.D. 381. The emperor ceded that power to the Catholic bishops of Rome, and he gradually lost power over imperial and senatorial provinces to the magistrates. The Western Roman Empire fell, and the medieval feudal system developed, establishing the pontiff as supreme authority, delegating some authority to kings, who in turn delegated some to lords, who delegated some to knights.

The feudal system fell when the French Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte was defeated at Waterloo. However, it was revived in 1891 when Pope Leo XIII wrote his encyclical *On Capital and Labor*, asserting that equality is a cruel illusion and that people are happiest when placed in a hierarchy controlled by the Roman Church. Business, labor and the state should work together in vertically connected swathes of the economy called corporations, he wrote, which control the economy by setting quotas, prices and wages, and which regulate individual behavior and the social order.

Such corporatism sounded sophisticated, but it was merely updated feudalism, in which employees are serfs, corporate elites are lords, prime ministers are kings, and the pope is still the *pontifex maximus*.

After the stock market crash of 1929, Benito Mussolini more or less co-opted Pope Leo's economic system. He named it *fascism* because he saw himself as the restorer and rebuilder of the Roman Empire. Other nations, including Adolf Hitler's Germany, followed the same pattern and established economies based on the Catholic corporatist model.

So when officials at the World Economic Forum hail Pope Francis's exhortation *All Brothers* as a "prescription for resetting the global economy," they are not praising a new system—they are praising the same system that has dominated the city of Rome since the time of King Romulus.

The late educator Herbert W. Armstrong understood this truth. He wrote in 1952, "Nazism has always been defined as the GERMAN form of fascism. And so it is, with one slight shade of difference! Nazism was purely a national GERMAN fascism—whereas pure fascism, as it has existed since 600 years before Christ, is an INTERNATIONAL fascism! And pure fascism always UNITED with the Roman Church!"

Continue to watch the World Economic Forum's efforts to team up with the Vatican and impose "stakeholder capitalism" on the world. These efforts are *all part of a strategy to resurrect the Holy Roman Empire.*

ANDREW MILLER

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would later become the World Economic Forum in 1987 when Schwab broadened his ambitions from European unification to global governance. A study of the first few meetings of this forum sheds light on the globalist organization it would eventually become.

The First European Management Symposium opened in 1971 with an address by Otto von Habsburg, the last crown prince of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. That drew a lot of attention to the new group, so a year later a second symposium was held that focused on European unification. This meeting was held under the patronage of Altiero Spinelli, a former Italian Communist and one of the founding fathers of the European Union. And it was supposed to be directed by Dr. Hermann Abs, a powerful banker in Hitler's Third Reich. But Dr. Abs had to cancel his participation on short notice, forcing Schwab to chair the meeting himself.

Still, it was significant that the 71-year-old Abs paid the 34-year-old Schwab's new group so much attention. According to Adam LeBor's book *Tower of Basel: The Shadowy History of the Secret Bank That Runs the World*, Abs was arrested after World War II but only served a three-month prison sentence because he was friends with Charles Guston of the Bank of England. As the head of Deutsche Bank's foreign department, Dr. Abs spearheaded Hitler's continent-wide plunder during the war, but somehow, he was allowed to help German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer rebuild Germany after the war. Dr. Abs was widely regarded as the most prominent European business leader at that time, so along with Otto von Habsburg, his endorsement helped transform Professor Schwab's European Management Forum into the globalist entity it is now.

You could almost say the World Economic Forum is succeeding where Hitler's generals failed. The Continent has been conquered by technocrats and businessmen, not with guns. And these technocrats and businessmen now want to spread their corporate socialist economic model all around the world.

A Prophetic Beast

This can be confusing, but one thing brings clarity. Europe *will* build an

immensely powerful economy not out of free-market principles but out of the elites' iron will—especially one elite.

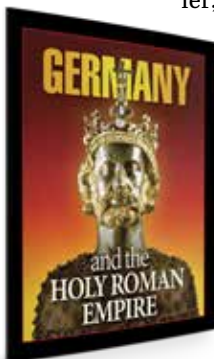
For decades, the late Herbert W. Armstrong showed how the Bible predicts the emergence of a seventh, final resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire. Revelation 17 prophesies that a dreadful beast will descend into a bottomless pit



before reemerging to wage war. In Bible prophecy, a beast always symbolizes a kingdom. So this beast is a kingdom that goes *underground*. It seemingly disappears for a time before returning.

“While the naive and trusting Allied nations have believed they *won* the war against Germany, and in their jittery fear of war from Russia have assumed that Germany is now safely denazified, the facts are quite the contrary,” Mr. Armstrong wrote in a 1949 *Plain Truth*. “The *facts* are, THE NAZIS WENT UNDERGROUND, MAY 16, 1943! Two years before the war ended, the German generals, the German industrialists, German bankers, German scientists—in fact nearly all leading Nazis except Hitler, knew Germany had

lost the war. Two years before the fighting



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stopped, the most thoroughly organized secret government of modern history went into action—UNDERGROUND! What the Nazis of the *fatherland* have been doing, added to what *Mother Rome* has been doing, secretly and under cover, are combining to bring forth a danger to America and the true Christian religion far greater than any threat from Russia! Yet the world is ASLEEP to the danger!”

The fact that men like Dr. Abs were given such high positions in postwar Europe proves that Mr. Armstrong was right, and the fact that organizations these men helped found are still influential proves that fascism is not dead. Just as Hitler and Mussolini sought to establish totalitarian states through “a merger of state and corporate power,” so the modern-day World Economic Forum seeks *public-private partnerships with the power to rule nations*.

The situation is a bit more sophisticated than it was in the previous two world wars, but no less dangerous. The racist political activists of yesterday have been replaced by the powerful, established technocrats of today.

Germany and the Vatican are building a transcontinental alliance that the Bible says will include 10 European kings (Revelation 17:12), a loyal network of Latin American vassal states (Isaiah 23:1-3), and an anti-Iranian alliance of Arab regimes (Psalm 83:5-8). With its left arm, this conglomerate will reach southward and eastward into the Middle East to conquer Jerusalem (Daniel 11:15-16). Then with its right arm, this “Holy” Roman Empire will reach southward and westward across the Atlantic to besiege the United States!

Mankind's only hope is to heed God's warning and understand that He is allowing calamity to come for a reason: to correct people for turning away from His commandments and statutes. These prophecies are alarming—but if you are stirred to seek God and His protection, there really is nothing more exciting! ■

Media Blackout Hides Pfizer Corruption

Few things illustrate the power of Big Pharma like the way Big Media covers for it.

BY STEPHEN FLURRY

AMERICANS NEED TO REEVALUATE how much they trust their medical corporations, their media networks and even their government. These systems we have built have gone terribly wrong, and it is costing people's lives.

The latest major revelation of how pharmaceutical companies work was released on January 25 in a video posted by investigative watchdog group Project Veritas. The group caught a Pfizer scientific director admitting on hidden camera that the pharmaceutical behemoth he works for has held meetings exploring COVID-19 and the question "why don't we just mutate it ourselves so we could ... preemptively develop new vaccines, right?"

You have been blocked from learning much or anything about this video by executives at ABC, CBS, CNN, MSNBC, NBC, PBS and others, where shows like *Good Morning America*, *Early Start*, *CBS This Morning*, *Making a Difference*, *60 Minutes Overtime*, *CBS Sports Update*, *Anderson Cooper 360°*, *This Week With George Stephanopoulos*, *Erin Burnett OutFront*, *cnn Tonight* and *Nightline* are "brought to you by Pfizer."

Such gain-of-function research is a major threat to America, but the media blackout about the danger may be an even bigger hazard. American founding father Thomas Jefferson said, "If a nation expects to be ignorant and free, in a state of civilization, it expects what never was

and never will be." Yet every day more evidence emerges that Big Pharma, Big Media and Big Government are working together to "cast down the truth to the ground" with the largest censorship system in United States history (Daniel 8:12). You need to understand how this works!

Directed Evolution

The video that the corporate media does not want you to see features Dr. Jordon Trishton Walker, who is listed as a director of scientific and operational initiatives, part of the Pfizer's Worldwide Research, Development and Medical department, "which is responsible for all compounds" and "comprises all Pfizer research units," according to Pfizer.com. He appears to report to a vice president, who reports to the chief science officer, who reports to the chief executive officer and chairman, Albert Bourla himself. Project Veritas describes Walker as "director of research and

development—Strategic Operations and mRNA Scientific Planning."

In the video, the undercover reporter asks, "Pfizer ultimately is thinking about mutating COVID?"

"Well, that is not what we say to the public, no," Walker replies, admitting that Pfizer is discussing the idea in meetings. He goes on to say, "[O]ne of the things we're exploring is, like, Why don't we just mutate it ourselves so we can preemptively develop new vaccines?" He claims this is different from "gain of function" research and calls it "directed evolution." Yet he admits that Pfizer knows people do not want it to mutate viruses, that he suspects such experiments at the Chinese government lab in Wuhan created SARS-CoV-2, and that there is a "revolving door" for pharmaceutical executives and government officials that regulate them.

These are shocking admissions! Why would a pharmaceutical company



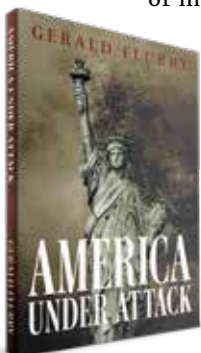
get involved with the type of genetics research that caused the coronavirus pandemic? Dr. Walker is honest in his answer. In articulating Pfizer's position toward the coronavirus and its mutations, he said, "COVID is going to be a cash cow for us for a while going forward." Many people suspected this was Pfizer's motive, but it is still stunning to hear it directly from its scientific director.

This research director is literally talking about creating new virus variants in order to beat their competition and sell new mRNA vaccines. And he is bragging that he can get away with it because "in the pharma industry, all the people who review our drugs—eventually most of them will come work for pharma companies." Again, what an admission! Dr. Walker even says that this incestuous relationship between Big Pharma and Big Government is "pretty good for the industry to be honest," but it is "bad for everybody else in America." You really have to watch the whole interview to believe this conversation actually occurred.

Government-hiring statistics prove what Walker is saying. The nonprofit organization Open Secrets has profiled 958 people who have worked for both the government and the pharmaceutical industry. This "revolving door" of corruption that exists between Big Pharma and Big Government has been known for a long time, yet it has never received the attention it should. Walker's admission is a scandalous acknowledgment of this fact from a business insider and should help attract a much-needed spotlight on clear corruption and a grave threat to public health. But the "watchdog" journalists are conspicuously silent about Walker, Pfizer, directed evolution and the revolving door.

Media Blackout

Dr. Robert Malone, one of the inventors of mRNA technology and a critic of mRNA



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vaccines, responded to Walker's admissions this way: "The gentleman seems to have absolutely no moral compass at all about what he is doing. The hubris and arrogance and immaturity: If this is the quality of individuals within Pfizer that are making these huge decisions that risk global public health with such a casual disregard for the human toll, it's profoundly corrupt in terms of would it be feasible for Pfizer to circumvent international or national law."

Many of the more than 40 million people who have viewed the Dr. Walker video on Project Veritas's Twitter account have had a similar reaction. It is a potentially *ratings-busting* story. Still, the media is conspicuously ignoring it.

Turn on the largest media corporations in the country, and you'll see stories about the need to further weaken the police (PBS), developments in the Russia-Ukraine war (NBC), why Donald Trump is a bigger problem for Republicans than voter fraud (MSNBC), and how cold it is outside (CNN). Yet search their websites for "Pfizer" and—despite the fact that this is a story potentially affecting hundreds of millions of people or more—you'll see nothing about Jordon Trishton Walker or Project Veritas. In fact, depending on your media habits—particularly if you rely on Google and YouTube for information—you may have never heard about this story.

Fox News host Tucker Carlson is one of the few pundits who spoke about the video at all, and his main takeaway from this story was the media blackout. "If you really want to understand how powerful Big Pharma is, consider the news that did not break today," he said on January 26. "The pro-transparency news organization Project Veritas just released an undercover video of a Pfizer executive bragging on camera about how his company conducts a kind of Frankenstein science, manipulating COVID viruses for profit, imperiling potentially the entire world,



A vial of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine. Inset: Screen grab from the Project Veritas video of Dr. Jordon Walker.

doing it in secret, possibly in violation of federal law, bragging about this. So no matter what your politics are—doesn't matter who you voted for—that's a huge story. And you would think every reporter in this country would be itching to follow up on it, calling Pfizer, telling the public about it. But no, that's not happening. ... No other media outlet [besides Twitter] has covered the story at all."

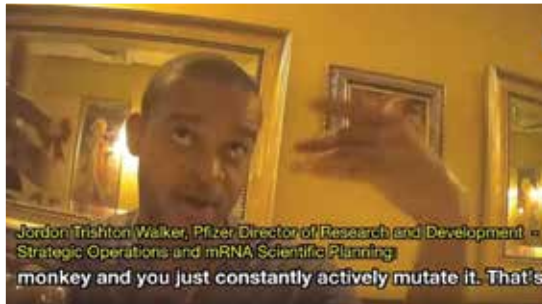
The fact that CNN and MSNBC ignored the story should not be surprising. As we covered in a *Trumpet* commentary a year ago, Pfizer spent \$1.8 billion in 2020 advertising on programs like *Good Morning America*, *Anderson Cooper 360°*, *CBS Health Watch*, *ABC News Nightline* and *CNN Tonight*. You don't bite the hand that feeds you, so none of these networks want to expose how Pfizer gets its money as long as they get their cut. Our mainstream media are literally "brought to you by Pfizer."

Such censorship means most people who do not visit Project Veritas's website would never have found out about this story if not for the fact that Elon Musk bought Twitter last year. But everyone on Earth needs to know about the contents of this Project Veritas exposé!

More Corruption

Americans used to think of their journalists as curious, tough and brave, people driven to boldly investigate "the issues that affect you," as so many promotional scripts say. Journalists have prided themselves on asking hard questions,

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especially of those who have the wealth or power—or both—to affect millions of Americans. Yet the Dr. Jordon Trishton Walker scandal shows that our journalists prize wealth and power over truth.

Walker's personality was further exposed on January 26 when Project Veritas posted the video of its founder, James O'Keefe, confronting Walker about what he had admitted on camera. Walker looked stunned, then tried to deny that he was a scientist, then said he was lying to impress a date, then tried to grab the device with the video recording. But ultimately, Walker could not hide the fact that he is a research and development director at Pfizer, and he did tell an undercover journalist about his company discussing gain-of-function research.

The scandal gets worse. On February 2, Project Veritas released a third video of Dr. Walker talking about how Pfizer's mRNA vaccine is hurting women's reproductive health. "There is something irregular about the menstrual cycles," he admitted on camera. "So people will have to investigate that down the line because that is a little concerning. ... The [COVID] vaccine shouldn't be interfering with that [menstrual cycles]."

This is another shocking admission. *More than 5.5 billion people* worldwide have received a COVID-19 vaccine. That is nearly 3 out of 4 people on Earth. And now a Pfizer research and development director admits that the company

knows their vaccines affect women's menstrual cycles? This is shameful.

"I hope we don't find out that somehow this mRNA lingers in the body and like—because it has to be affecting something hormonal to impact menstrual cycles," Walker continued. "I hope we don't discover something really bad down the line. ... If something were to happen downstream and it was, like, really bad."

Information that Pfizer wanted to keep hidden for 75 years has now been compiled into an e-book titled *Find Out What Pfizer, FDA Tried to Conceal*. This book highlights a shocking study funded by the National Institutes of Health showing that 40.2 percent of vaccinated women experienced menstrual changes. And this book also

highlights how unvaccinated women are reporting agonizing pain and menstrual cramps after having sex with their vaccinated husbands. So it is obvious that mRNA does linger in the body and can even be passed into someone else's body through intercourse or, more controversially, through blood transfusion.

Pfizer's reports to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration also notes that the company studied 270 unique pregnancies and states, "No outcome was provided for 238 pregnancies." For the others: "spontaneous abortion (23), outcome pending (5), premature birth with neonatal death, spontaneous abortion with intrauterine death (2 each), spontaneous abortion with neonatal death, and normal outcome (1 each)."

So birth defects are a major "side effect" of the vaccine, but Pfizer will not publicly report on the risks.

The leadership at Pfizer knows all of these shocking facts, but they spend hundreds of millions of dollars a year bribing government officials and media executives to approve their vaccines and talk about their wonderful effects. Those who have been watching Pfizer and other Big Pharma companies are not surprised that they are deliberately creating problems to solve, putting millions or billions of people at risk in pursuit of billions more dollars, and colluding with the government and even *becoming* the government to maintain

and increase their power and profits. But now these admissions are out there for the world to see. If only they would!

Follow the Money

It is rational to ask the obvious, logical questions of government health officials (some of whom have worked or will work for Pfizer), of Pfizer executives and of other pharmaceutical corporations. It is a matter of following the science, following the money, and caring about people's physical health. This is the exact purpose of journalists, but they are turning our attention elsewhere. And we are letting it happen.

We are so comfortable with our system of causing ourselves diseases, then entrusting our treatment to chemists, officials, marketers, journalists and executives in high-priced office buildings that we *accept* lockdowns, *accept* mandates, *accept* injections, *accept* false reports, and *accept* the lack of reports from watchdogs literally paid by Pfizer. And we do this in the face of overwhelming evidence that Pfizer is corrupt.

In 2022, Pfizer took in a record *\$100 billion in revenue*, more than half of which came from its COVID products. The corporation made nearly \$37 billion from its COVID-19 vaccine in 2021. It gave about \$11 million to the government for political favors and about \$2 billion to the media for advertising. The resulting narrative has been amazingly consistent: *COVID-19 is like a modern bubonic plague; you need nightly news trackers to keep your mind on it; only new, fast-tracked, experimental vaccines from certain brands can save you from contracting it—or at least keep you from spreading it—or at least decrease your chances of developing some of the symptoms; healthy people who "died suddenly" after receiving the vaccine probably died from something else; questioning the vaccine (or why the government weakened its very definition of the word "vaccine") is dangerous; and the government should ban you from travel, dining, shopping, school or even grocery stores unless and until you roll up your sleeve and get the shot ... and the booster*

In a country founded on freedom of speech, questioning has been all but banned. Yet in a generation that believes that everything is a result of undirected

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evolution rather than of a Creator, perhaps it makes sense to lock down people's lives, risk people's lives, and end people's lives for the sake of wealth and power.

Government mandates for Pfizer, Moderna, Novavax and Johnson & Johnson COVID injections are the clearest symptoms that our society is in late-stage terminal corruption even in our approach to our very own physical health—and that of our children. Look how unscientific, how irrational, how blindly trusting, how self-destructive we are. What life-and-death *faith* we have in a system so terribly unworthy of that faith!

So where do you turn? To scientists working on infecting monkeys or applying for open positions at the Food and Drug Administration? To officials fast-tracking experimental vaccines or applying for open positions at Pfizer Inc.? To journalists who just read the scripts they're given in hopes of getting a corner office someday? This is about so much more than just a jolting video or the fact that Pfizer is corrupt!

Deep State

People tend to shy away from discussions about faith, yet they put *faith* in a wretched and lethal system every day. There is a source that claims to communicate for the Creator of the human body and mind. It challenges the reader to face reality, to account for the creation, to have faith in something *worth putting your faith in*.

Can you put your faith in that?

The Holy Bible doesn't require blind faith. It presents its evidence, including detailed descriptions of world events written thousands of years in advance. Amos 6:1-6 record a description of powerful people who "put far away the evil day" and gorged themselves on lavish lifestyles. This same attitude infects America today, especially among elites who are blinded by greed and in a feeding frenzy on power, wealth and prestige.

These elites oppress the poor and needy, yet they "are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph." Like Dr. Jordon Trishton Walker, they admit that their behavior is "pretty good for the industry

to be honest," but it's "bad for everybody else in America." Another Bible passage, 2 Kings 14:26-28, reveals that America is suffering a time of bitter affliction because of these elites. Yet another scripture, Daniel 8:12, reveals that these elites have a leader. This leader is an end-time type of the ancient Seleucid King Antiochus IV Epiphanes, who stands at the head of a vast host of bureaucrats, military leaders, intelligence agents, media moguls, technology entrepreneurs, Wall Street financiers and Chinese spies helping him cast down the truth. The most anti-Bible president in American history, Barack Obama, fulfills the role of this political Antiochus, with organizations like Pfizer filling a vital part of his host. Obama could not have fundamentally transformed America without them.

"The fact that Americans have been casting the Constitution to the ground and encouraging lawlessness in their marriages, in their government and in their policy toward other nations has a definite CAUSE," my father, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry, writes in his book *America Under Attack*. "The worst of it traces back to the fact that *Satan and millions of demons have been cast down and confined to Earth (Revelation 12:9 ...)*. That is making an astounding, dumbfounding difference in what is happening around us."

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This warning is directly for America today. God is exposing the corruption in our nation, not just to awaken us to mistakes and sins that other people are making but to show us where *we are wrong*. Each of us has a choice to make. This is America's last chance to repent. This is *your* last chance to repent before God's judgment! ■

'If I Can Save Anyone That Pain'

Russians have left lethal traps behind in Ukraine, but instead of staying away, one man is walking straight toward them, day after day.

BY JEREMIAH JACQUES

"THIS IS LIKE A GAME OF CAT AND explosive mouse." This is how Ryan Hendrickson described to KATU News the work he has been devoting himself to over the past year. The retired United States Army Green Beret has been fighting Russian soldiers—after they are gone.

When Vladimir Putin's Russia widened its fighting in Ukraine to a full-scale war, the Ukrainians proved so surprisingly well armed and well trained that Russian forces had to retreat. But before Russian troops left areas such as Bucha, Irpin, Izyum and Kharkiv, they planted thousands of landmines—explosive devices designed to maim or kill any who stumble across them.

The Russians rigged the corpses of Ukrainians they had killed with mines so that when loved ones come to collect their dead, they instead join them in death. They hid mines in houses and public locations of all kinds, including—in a twist of sheer evil—playgrounds. They mined acre after acre of farmland that 13 million Ukrainians depend on for their livelihood and their sustenance.

"The area of mined territory is larger than the entire Korean Peninsula," Ukrainian Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal told Yonhap News Agency on January 9. "It's currently the largest minefield in the world."



Ryan Hendrickson holds a land mine removed from a field in Ukraine.

Much of the breadbasket has been turned into killing fields. This perverse practice means that long after the Russians retreat from a given area, the number of victims continues to grow.

“Both anti-vehicle and anti-personnel mines, trip wire devices, and boobytraps were commonly planted,” Hendrickson writes on his website.

He knows the situation well because when the war broke out, he felt “a calling to do something,” he wrote. He arrived in March 2022 and assisted with general humanitarian efforts, delivering food and supplies to those who had lost everything and helping families evacuate from war-torn areas. But after weeks of witnessing the suffering that landmines were inflicting, Hendrickson was inspired to start helping in a different, more specific way—one he is uniquely and painfully qualified for.

A Hard-won Skillset

Hendrickson served in the United States military for 22 years, in the Navy, Air Force, then Army. Over half of that time was spent as a Special Forces Green Beret engineer, where his primary job was locating and neutralizing improvised explosive devices (IEDs).

In 2010, Hendrickson was on a clearing operation in Afghanistan when he took a step that would change his life. A

live IED detonated underfoot, blowing his right leg to tatters and nearly killing him.

Once he stabilized, surgeons gave him a 10 to 15 percent chance of salvaging use of his leg. A year or two earlier, this would have been zero percent, but new methods had been developed that they hoped would accomplish the impossible.

Hendrickson underwent 28 surgeries. They were so numerous and painful that he often wished the shredded leg had been amputated. But his leg was eventually salvaged (though he describes it even after years of rehabilitation as “meatloaf-looking”), and he spent months slowly learning to walk again.

Hendrickson then did something that few who had suffered such agony would have considered: He returned to Afghanistan. For *seven more deployments*, in fact. For each, he remained focused on locating and neutralizing those diabolical devices that had caused his suffering.

“I went back,” he writes, “so I could do everything in my power to ensure my teammates and my Afghan counterparts never had to go through that pain.”

Hendrickson spent eight more years risking his life over and over in an effort to spare others what he had suffered. And he kept learning more of the intricacies of how to neutralize those weapons. “I learned from the best,” Hendrickson wrote on Twitter. “Taliban, [the Islamic State] and al Qaeda are masters at using explosives to target, injure and kill Americans. I spent eight deployments finding and destroying IEDs. My school house was Afghanistan.”

Hendrickson has received four Bronze Stars, the Silver Star, a Purple Heart, an Army Commendation Medal With Valor and the Frederick Award. In January 2020, as a Green Beret, ranked E-7, he retired from the Army.

But two years later, that same desire to spare others the pain he had endured prompted Hendrickson to unsheathe his ordnance expertise to de-mine Ukraine.

Clearing Ukraine

“As Ukrainians return to what’s left of their homes and villages, they face these dangers,” Hendrickson writes on his website. “People have survived the fighting only to now face landmines and boobytraps, injuring and killing civilians daily.”

In many cases, even though residents know their land is riddled with mines, circumstances compel them to walk out into the danger. “Ukrainians have been driven by desperation to enter known minefields to fish, gather food, or collect firewood, only to be injured or killed by mines,” he writes. “Farmers working their fields hit landmines in their tractors as they cultivate the ground ...”

“I knew I had so much experience from my time in Afghanistan with a mine detector, and I felt like I could be helping these innocent people who were stuck in the middle of the war,” he writes.

So Hendrickson organizes missions in various parts of Ukraine in order to locate and neutralize the mines. The process, though insanely high risk, is straightforward. He and his colleagues—often Ukrainian volunteers—travel to areas where the Russians were known to have been. Local farmers and other civilians often tell them where unexploded ordnances have been spotted, or the team may just begin walking and sweeping with metal detectors until they hear the beep.

Once one has been located, the task gets easier. “They usually run them in patterns, for the best effects, whether linear or horizontal patterns,” he said. “Once you find that one, then it’s game on. You follow the lines until you run out, then you move on to the next one.”

After a given field or other location is cleared, they conduct a controlled detonation. Then they proceed to the next potential killing field. Then the next, then the next. Hendrickson told the *Trumpet* that he has so far found and dismantled 450 mines. The best estimates say it could take up to 10 years to fully demine Ukraine. The scale of the task is immense. But Hendrickson is not daunted or discouraged.

He told KATU News: “If I can save anyone that pain and the life-changing events from stepping on an explosive device, if I can save anyone, especially a child, then it’s all worth it for me.”

His willingness to risk it all for others, in the best traditions of the human spirit, brings to mind the words of the Savior of mankind: “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends” (John 15:13). ■

UNITING AGAINST THE DOLLAR

Is America's dominance in international finance finally about to end?

BY JOSUÉ MICHELS

THE MASSIVE UNITED STATES economy has been at the center of world finance for a lifetime. But that economy, and the international system based on it, cannot last forever. Anyone willing to face the reality of America's impossibly enormous debt can see that this is an economy that is gravely sick. Other nations recognize this and seek to protect themselves—and to take advantage.

The system set up after World War II sought to stabilize international finance around the victor, using the U.S. dollar as the main currency for international transactions. This status brings a high demand for U.S. dollars. It also means that the U.S. has been able to print or electronically create enormous amounts of dollars without the value of those dollars decreasing nearly as much as it normally would. Adding this asset to the nation's large population, abundant natural resources, advanced industry, dominant military, geographic advantages and other blessings has helped make America the wealthiest nation in world history.

At this point, it is also perhaps one of the most financially reckless nations. In the last few years, it has printed trillions of dollars. Its exorbitant debt has doubled since 2010 and tripled since 2008, surpassing \$31 trillion last year. The American government now owes 123 percent of what the entire nation can produce in a year, and still it refuses to make any meaningful cuts to its spending.

The United States has long been warned that its reckless financial spending will have consequences, but those warnings have been ignored. As it continues to make financial decisions that

are mathematically impossible to sustain, as its government and society become increasingly self-destructive, as its interests clash with those of other nations, and as it uses the dollar-dominated financial system to impose sanctions on its adversaries, the dollar becomes less and less attractive, and alternative currencies and systems become more and more so.

The dollar is facing several threats, any one of which could prove fatal to an already ailing currency. It's possible that more than one of these factors could strike at the same time. Americans should recognize that their economic system and the corresponding prosperity could collapse almost overnight.

How close are we to the moment that the global financial system will turn against America?

Beyond Its Means

Over the last 70-some years, Americans have enjoyed extraordinary prosperity, and with America's rise, other nations were lifted out of poverty as well. Over the years, however, America has also grown increasingly materialistic.

This spirit of excess and selfishness, financed largely by debt, is one of the main morbidities killing the American economy. And when the economy collapses, so too will the society.

The average consumer credit card balance in 2022 was \$5,589, according to Experian. Individuals have responded to rising costs and uncertainty by continuing to live beyond their means. The credit bureau TransUnion stated that total U.S. consumer credit card balances reached a record high of \$930 billion in the last quarter of 2022, \$145 billion higher than the previous year.



At the same time, the U.S. has unabatedly continued to consume goods and services in a way that feeds its already massive trade deficit. In 2021, America imported \$845 billion more in goods and services than it exported. Last year, its chronic deficit rose to a new record high: \$948 billion.

What happens when U.S. government institutions can no longer pay their debts to the American public (\$24.5 trillion), to other U.S. government institutions (\$24.5 trillion) and to foreign nations (\$4.5 trillion)? What happens when trillions in imports stop flowing? Financial horror would result.

Other nations know this and have already begun decoupling from the U.S. economy.

The Decoupling Has Begun

The U.S. dollar was set up as the dominant currency for international transactions in 1944, when world leaders met in Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, as World War II was nearing its close. The Bretton Woods Agreement tied major currencies to the dollar at a fixed exchange rate backed by gold held in vaults. However, the U.S. backed the dollar with less and less gold until 1971, when it abandoned the gold standard completely.

Today, central banks around the world are again accumulating gold at a rate not seen in more than 50 years. Last year marked a 152 percent increase in acquisition of gold by governments compared to the previous year, which the World Gold Council attributed to geopolitical turmoil and high inflation.

Leading the rush for gold were Turkey, China, India, Egypt, Qatar, Iraq, the United Arab Emirates and Oman. Many of these countries have also expressed interest in joining the BRICS alliance currently linking Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa. The alliance controls an increasing amount of gold and roughly a quarter of the world's gross domestic product. And one of its goals is to abandon the dollar.

At the same time, these nations are uniting against U.S. sanctions.

The U.S. has dominated international finance through its currency and its influence in the Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication (SWIFT) and other systems. But U.S. sanctions appear to be losing some of their punch.

The U.S. blocked Russia from access to some of these systems due to its invasion of Ukraine, yet in its 2023 forecast, the International Monetary Fund expects that Russia will be economically better off than Germany and the United Kingdom. The report added that sanctions against Russia have failed. Why? Euro-Intelligence wrote: "Our blunt answer is this: A large part of the world hates us [America] more than it hates [Russian President Vladimir] Putin" (February 2).

Even during a full-scale invasion of a neighboring country, Russia appears to have more friends than enemies. And even its supposed enemies seem half-hearted. Large economies such as Brazil, China and India have remained neutral and have not imposed strict sanctions on Russia. "The world is almost united in condemnation of the war. But when it comes to sanctions, large parts of the world are united in their opposition to the West" (ibid).

Meanwhile, Iran and Russia signed an agreement in early 2023 to decouple from the U.S.-dominated system and create a system to connect their banks directly and free them from U.S. financial pressure.

Even other Western nations that depend on the U.S. financial system worked to prevent the sanctions early on. Germany, for example, has been accused of *preventing* serious sanctions—such as cutting Russia off from SWIFT, the main payment method used by businesses around the world.

U.S. enemies—and allies—around the world can see these major signs that U.S. financial dominance is waning.

Since January 2016, the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), a multilateral development bank, has financed infrastructure projects in the Asia-Pacific region. Headquartered in Beijing, China, the AIIB connects members from over 100 countries and works to undermine the use of the dollar.

The European euro and the Chinese renminbi currencies have been nibbling at the dollar's dominance.

The formation of the eurozone in 1999 greatly reduced the use of the U.S. dollar in Europe. 2023 is seeing a similar trend in Latin America. In January, Brazil and Argentina announced early talks in the creation of a common currency and plans to invite others to join the bloc in the future. Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva promised while campaigning last year, "We are going to create a currency in Latin America because we can't keep depending on the dollar."

Brazil and Argentina are the largest and third-largest economies in Latin America. If this currency is successful, Paraguay, Uruguay and Venezuela (the other members of the MERCOSUR trade bloc) are likely to adopt it as well.

The Bank for International Settlements, called the "bank for central banks," claims that the U.S. system is flawed and needs to be replaced. It started the mBridge technology to connect digital currencies of central banks with one another. Between Aug. 15 and Sept. 23, 2022, Hong Kong,

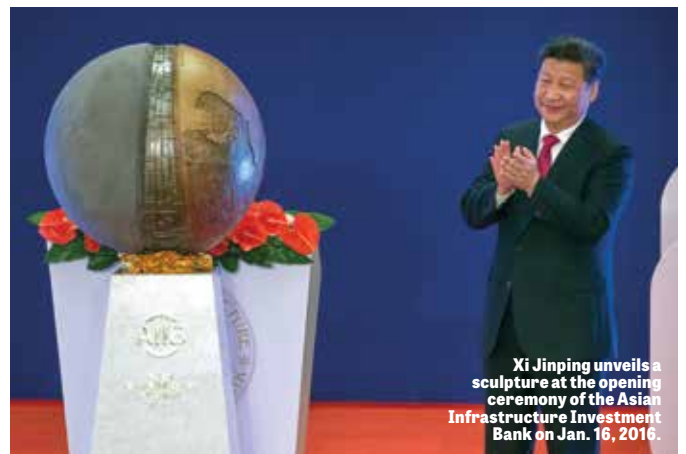
Thailand, China and the United Arab Emirates tested mBridge, which works independently of U.S.-connected international financial systems.

Competing Petro-currencies

Another major factor that has upheld the strength of the dollar is its connection to oil. Most countries use the U.S. dollar as the currency for international oil trade. The foundation for the so-called petrodollar was laid in 1945, when U.S. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt met Saudi King Abdul Aziz Ibn Saud. At the time, trust in the U.S. economy and military was high.

A lot has changed since 1945. "It was the beginning of one of the most important geopolitical alliances of the past 70 years, in which U.S. security in the Middle East was bartered for oil pegged in dollars," the *Financial Times* wrote. "But times change, and 2023 may be remembered as the year that this grand bargain began to shift, as a new world energy order between China and the Middle East took shape" (January 3).

On Dec. 8, 2022, Chinese General Secretary Xi Jinping signed a strategic partnership agreement with Saudi Arabia, the largest producer of crude oil in the world.



Xi Jinping unveils a sculpture at the opening ceremony of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank on Jan. 16, 2016.

"China wants to rewrite the rules of the global energy market," Credit Suisse analyst Zoltan Pozsar told the *Financial Times*. He said we may be seeing "the birth of the petroyuan" (ibid).

National Interest noted on January 3 that Xi's trip "set off a storm of anxiety in Washington." Saudi Arabia helped strengthen the U.S. dollar. Now it may turn to strengthen the Chinese renminbi instead.

On January 17, Saudi Finance Minister Mohammed al-Jadaan invited other countries to hold discussions for trade in their respective currencies. “Saudi Arabia’s recent announcement that the government is open to accepting payment for oil in currencies other than the dollar is a major announcement ignored by the press,” economist Paul Craig Roberts wrote on January 30. “The end of the petrodollar would have severe adverse effects on the value of the dollar and on U.S. inflation and interest rates.”

If oil is no longer sold in dollars, then a gigantic and critical chunk of international trade will begin functioning according to the interests of other nations. Demand for the dollar will drop, as will its value.

Europe’s Response

The resulting economic upheaval would affect not only the U.S. but also Europe.

“The 2008 financial meltdown was fueled primarily by America’s outrageous debt,” *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote. “Yet what has the U.S. done to correct that problem? Absolutely nothing” (*Trumpet*, October 2015). Again, the gross national debt that reached a staggering \$10.3 trillion in 2008 has since TRIPLED to \$31 trillion.

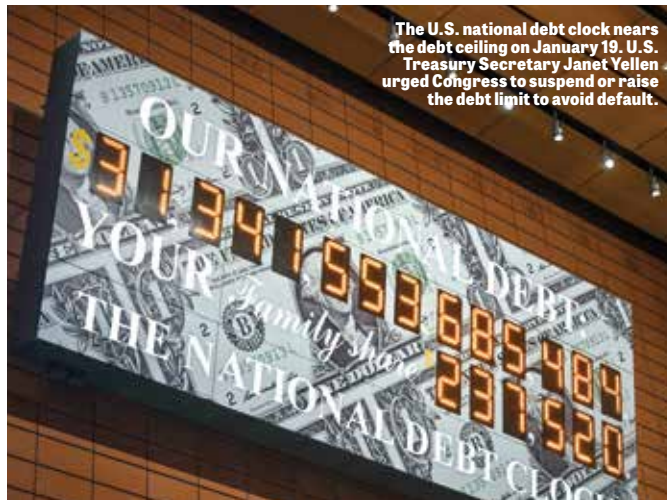
The writing is on the wall. If a debt crisis explodes, the shock waves will once again be felt in Europe.

How will Europe respond this time? Biblical prophecy provides reliable clues to the answer.

In an end-time prophecy in Revelation 17, the Bible speaks of the rise of 10 authoritarian leaders in Europe that will unite in one moment. Such a dramatic political shift will almost certainly come in response to a major crisis—a crisis that drives Europe toward stronger unity and authoritarian rule. These and other prophecies led the late Herbert W. Armstrong to write in 1984 that this crisis could well be a massive banking crisis in America. Such an event, he wrote, “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).

The mounting pressures on the American economy and the U.S. dollar raise the question: How close are we to witnessing this very crisis?



If this does in fact occur, such a crisis would hasten the fulfillment of a slew of prophecies. In the December 1991 *Trumpet* issue, Mr. Flurry asked, “If a real crisis develops, will the Germans call for a new führer? Your Bible says that is going to happen! That crisis will probably be triggered by an economic collapse in the U.S.” In 2015, Mr. Flurry wrote “How the Global Financial Crisis Will Produce Europe’s 10 Kings.”

The rise of this prophesied European power will be only the beginning of trouble.

Numerous prophecies show that the U.S.—one of the main descendants of ancient Israel—will be isolated in this end time. Ezekiel 38 prophesies that Russia will be a leading power during the “latter years.” Ezekiel 27 shows that Russia’s strength is derived in part from an economic alliance. A related passage in Isaiah 23 prophesies about “a mart of nations” (verse 3). Mr. Flurry explains in his book *Isaiah’s End-Time*

Vision that this economic alliance will revolve around a European superpower—and that the alliance’s goal is to

destroy the United States. Ezekiel 27 together with Isaiah 23 show that major economies such as Europe, China, Russia, Saudi Arabia and Japan are working together to bring down the U.S. Due to

its economic and strategic importance and proximity to the United States, we believe Latin America will also play a crucial role in its destruction.

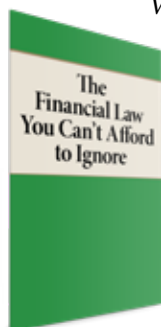
In the end, America will fall in an economic siege leading to a civil war (Deuteronomy 28:52; Ezekiel 5-6). This siege will have devastating consequences for the American people: “And thou shalt eat the fruit of thine own body, the flesh of thy sons and of thy daughters, which the Lord thy God hath given thee, in the siege, and

in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee” (Deuteronomy 28:53). (Request a free copy of *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, by Herbert W. Armstrong, for proof that this and other prophecies apply to the U.S.)

Read this entire biblical chapter, and notice that this prophecy connects to many end-time prophecies—all of which are warnings for our day. Just as America has failed to heed the financial warnings, it has also ignored God’s call to repentance from breaking His law, summarized in the Ten Commandments.

The Bible specifically shows that an economic war against the U.S. will be followed by a military invasion. The stage for these previously impossible events is now being set—and a looming financial crisis is a strong sign that we are nearing the fulfillment of all these prophecies.

It takes a deep study into these prophecies to see that events all around them are leading to their fulfillment. It takes an even deeper study to understand why these events must happen to motivate mankind to repent of our sins. *Isaiah’s End-Time Vision* takes its readers through these various prophecies and shows how they all connect. ■



Are you ready for the dollar’s fall?

To learn how to prepare for a future financial crisis, request your free copy of ***The Financial Law You Can’t Afford to Ignore***.

How to Prevent Sin

You must do more than just staying away from the wrong thing.

DO YOU REALIZE THAT IF IT IS WRONG TO *DO* A CERTAIN THING, it is wrong to harbor thoughts of that thing in your mind? “All have sinned,” says the Scripture.

What *is* sin, anyway?

Satan ought to know—and he is the invisible influence who sways the course of this world.

Hollywood is considered by many as the world’s mecca of sin. The newsstands in Hollywood used to carry a very worldly booklet, written in a very light, breezy and satirical vein, titled *How to Sin in Hollywood*. It gave a definition of sin. The definition is expressive, and not far from the truth. Here it is: “Sin is *thinking thoughts* you ought not to be thinking about things you ought not to be *doing* while you are *thinking* that kind of *thoughts*.”

God’s definition is, “[S]in is the transgression of the law” (1 John 3:4)—the law of love, as defined by the Ten Commandments.

Jesus said: “What comes *out* of a man, that defiles a man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed *evil thoughts*, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness [all violations of the law—the Ten Commandments]” (Mark 7:20-22; New King James Version).

“All have sinned,” says the Scripture. And what man, especially what Christian, is there who has not time and again experienced the struggle against sin described by the Apostle Paul? “[W]hat I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do. ... For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice” (Romans 7:15, 19; NKJV). Who is there who has not lost that struggle, perhaps many times?

Of course no man, of himself, can live above sin. “With men it is impossible,” said Jesus, “but with God all things are possible.”

And Paul continues (Romans 8:4, 14) to show that the only deliverance from this “body of death” is through Jesus Christ and the indwelling power of God’s Holy Spirit—“that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ... [T]hese are the sons of God” (NKJV).

Yes, but we have our part in it, too. And it all centers in the mind.

Repentance of sin means, literally, to *change* one’s *mind* in respect to sin. If we repent and are baptized, accepting Jesus Christ as Savior, the promise is we shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit “and be renewed in the spirit of your *mind*” (Ephesians 4:23). The presence of the Holy Spirit is the renewing of the *mind*.

How does sin actually happen? “[E]very man is *tempted*, when he is drawn away of his own lust [desire], and enticed. Then when lust [the desire in the mind] hath conceived, it

bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death” (James 1:14-15).

The temptation is in the *mind*. When you *think* about the thing that tempts you—let your mind dwell on it—turn it over in your mind—whether it be a desire to go someplace, to do something or to have something you know is wrong—that *thinking about it* finally conceives—leads to *action*—and breeds sin.

You finally do the thing you kept thinking about, wanting to do. If you keep thinking about it, after a while you’ll be unable to resist it.

That’s why you’ve lost so many of these struggles against sin—you kept *thinking* about it, desiring it, wanting it.

The way to prevent sin is to let God’s Spirit fill the mind. “Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth” (Colossians 3:2; NKJV).

The way to put a thing out of the mind is to put an *opposite* thought in the mind.

So often I have noticed parents of babies strive so hard to “shush” up the baby when it is crying. There’s either something



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causing pain, which should be removed, or something in the baby’s mind that is causing its crying or fretting. Just saying “Shush!” or commanding the baby to stop fussing doesn’t usually get very good results.

We reared four children, and long ago I learned the trick of quieting the baby by *getting its mind on something else*. Instead of commanding it to stop crying, attract its attention with some new object—get it interested in playing with that object (I have often used my fountain pen with excellent results)—and before you know it, the child will forget all about its crying.

Try using this same method on yourself. But instead of material or worldly things, a mature person should use self-discipline and set his mind on spiritual things. Open your Bible. Put the study of some *spiritual* subject in your mind.

Next time you are tempted, try it. Pray over it. Ask God to help you. See how rapidly you begin to win the victory over temptation and sin, and how marvelous will be your spiritual and character growth.

WORLDWATCH

EUROPE

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Much of the recent news in Europe has focused on its militaries. **Germany's Defense Ministry got a shake-up when Christine Lambrecht resigned on January 16** after a gaffe and the general impression that she lacked competence for the job. She was quickly replaced by **Boris Pistorius**, a Social Democrat from Lower Saxony with a reputation for getting things done. He immediately began pressuring the German government to buy more tanks. Asked how the German government would fund purchases, Pistorius said, "Frankly, I don't care. It is essential that we can provide them quickly." He also said that the special €100 billion military fund that the German government created a year ago is too small. **Watch for Pistorius and others to build and expand Germany's military into a much more powerful force.**

Poland is also focusing on its military. "The war in Ukraine makes us arm ourselves even faster. That is why, this year, we will make an unprecedented effort: 4 percent of [gross domestic product] for the Polish Army," Prime Minister **Mateusz**

Morawiecki announced on January 30. This decision means that Poland will spend a larger percentage of its economy on its military than the United States.

Meanwhile, Pistorius and Germany have been at the center of a storm over the decision to send tanks to Ukraine. Pistorius is from the pro-Russia wing of his party and reportedly ended a six-year romantic relationship last summer with the former wife of **Gerhard Schröder**. Schröder is a former German chancellor who promoted Russian interests before and after leaving office and is considered a close friend of Russian President **Vladimir Putin**.

Pistorius, along with the current chancellor, **Olaf Scholz**, has delayed and opposed providing tanks to Ukraine. The United States pressured Germany to stop bluffing, and Germany's Green Party threatened to bring down the government. It has now committed to sending tanks, but might be delaying them until they are of little use. Learn more in our article "**Germany's Secret Deal With Russia—Exposed!**"*

Meanwhile, **Italy's Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni** visited **Algeria** and **Libya** at the end of January to discuss energy. For years, Europe has depended heavily on Russia for its fossil

TOPSHOT New Zealand declared a national state of emergency on **February 14** as **Cyclone Gabrielle** swept away roads, inundated homes, and left more than 100,000 people without power.

fuel needs. But since Russia expanded its invasion of Ukraine to full-scale war last year, Europeans have sought alternative suppliers, drawing them deeper into the Middle East. In war-torn Libya, Italy's ENI has signed a deal with the country's National Oil Company. The Associated Press reported it as "the largest single investment in Libya's energy sector in more than two decades." Libya is recovering from a civil war, and much of the country is not under the control of the internationally recognized government. As Europe extends itself into this volatile region, it will become more involved not only in its trade but in its politics and conflicts. ■

MIDDLE EAST

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Alliances in the Middle East are becoming more complicated. On January 17, **Saudi Arabia** announced it is open to discussions about trading in currencies other than the U.S. dollar.

Finance Minister **Mohammed al-Jadaan** stated, "There are no issues with discussing how we settle our trade arrangements, whether it is in the U.S. dollar, whether it is the euro, whether it is the Saudi riyal."

The dollar was fixed to the price of gold in some fashion from 1944 until 1971, when the United States removed the

dollar from the gold standard. To keep the dollar as the dominant currency for international transactions, the U.S. gave Saudi Arabia security promises in exchange for its willingness to sell its oil in dollars. But if public statements from the finance minister are any indication, the Saudis are calculating that ending their support of the dollar may be more beneficial than continuing it (article, page 28).

Deuteronomy 28:52 warns that the modern nations of Israel, including the U.S., will be "besiege[d] in all thy gates." From prophecies like these in Deuteronomy, the *Trumpet* and our predecessor magazine, the *Plain Truth*, have forecast an economic siege. Divestment from and devaluation of the dollar will likely be a major factor in this siege.

America isn't the only country whose alliances are becoming complicated. **Israel and Sudan** finalized a normalization agreement on February 2. Sudan, an Arab state, originally reached an agreement with Israel in 2020.



German Defence Minister Boris Pistorius rides in a Leopard 2 tank on February 1 in Augustdorf, Germany.



ASIA

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China continues to push against the United States and its partners by methods both overt and covert.

Via a video link on January 24, Chinese General Secretary **Xi Jinping** told the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States that China will strengthen its connections with nations in this region. The U.S.-based Center for a Secure Free Society recently reported that Chinese state-owned companies, many of which are associated with the Chinese military, now control 40 Latin American ports and 11 satellite ground stations. Yet this is not enough for Xi and the Chinese Communist Party, which is drawing closer to **Cuba,**

Nicaragua and other nations close to crucial American shipping routes. With Europe also interested in Latin America and the Caribbean, America now has to become increasingly concerned about its opponents projecting power right up into the Gulf of Mexico.

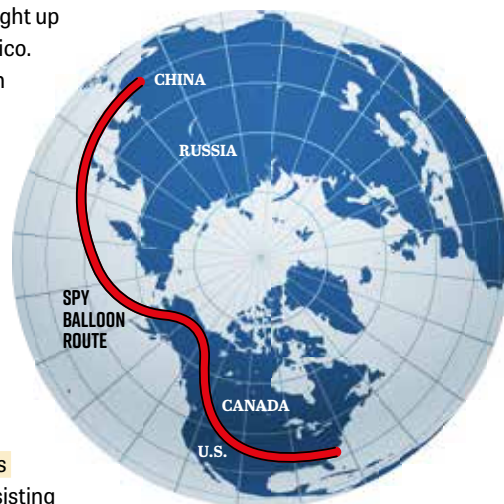
China's campaign to quietly extend its power is also visible in the **United Kingdom**. The *Guardian* reported on January 27 that the Chinese have secretly purchased more than 250 properties across the UK, consisting mainly of critical regional infrastructure, retail parks, trading estates and distribution centers.

Objects have been entering U.S. airspace and have been shot down, most notably a Chinese high-altitude reconnaissance balloon that traversed Alaska

and western Canada, and the mainland from Idaho to South Carolina. Chinese authorities insisted it was a runaway weather balloon. This was soon proven to be a lie. China is known to routinely deploy such airships for surveillance purposes; this balloon was aimed at gathering intelligence on sensitive military sites. U.S. authorities claim they jammed the balloon's equipment, but the world is left to wonder why there is a sudden increase in foreign objects in U.S. airspace, why this particular balloon was allowed to violate U.S. airspace for so long, and what China learned from this and other espionage efforts.

Leviticus 26:15-19 is a prophecy that warns the United States, "[I]f your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will not do all my commandments, but that ye break my covenant: I also will do this unto you; I will even appoint over you terror And I will break the pride of your power."

Meanwhile, China's power



and pride are rapidly growing. In February 2021, the *Trumpet* stated, "[A] historic global shift [is] occurring before our eyes: the end of the Anglo-American era, and the beginning of a short, dark period that will mark the final years of the age of man." ■

A subsequent coup against the civilian government derailed the agreement, but Israeli Prime Minister **Benjamin Netanyahu** appears to have resurrected the pact with Sudan's military and political leader, **Abdel Fattah al-Burhan**.

Until 2019, Sudan had been ruled for decades by brutal dictator **Omar Bashir**, who sponsored **Al-Qaeda, Hamas** and other terrorist groups. He was wanted by the International Criminal Court for charges of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity. Burhan, a military leader under Bashir for years, successfully led a coup to become de facto head of state: He is a questionable choice as a security and defense partner for Israel.

A prophecy in Psalm 83 states that the Ishmaelites, modern Arabs, will be involved in a conspiracy so that "the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance" (verses 4, 6). "The United Arab Emirates, Bahrain [two other new partners of Israel] and Sudan correspond to

the Ishmaelites in this prophecy," *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote in our January 2021 issue. "While it seems that these nations are moving away from radicalism and violence, we must look beneath the surface. After all, this prophecy reveals that they will take 'crafty counsel'—subtle and shrewd dealing. This sure prophecy shows that these nations will ally to try to blot out the name of Israel forever! That is intense hatred!"

On February 6, U.S. Secretary of State **Antony Blinken** waived sanctions impacting both Russia and Iran. A vestige of President Barack Obama's 2015 Iran nuclear deal, the waivers allow Russia, a nation it is opposing in Ukraine, to assist Iran, a terrorist-sponsoring nation, with its nuclear program. Mr. Flurry writes in *America Under Attack* about how and why Obama was deliberately aiming to help Iran accomplish its nefarious goals. This measure revives the benefits of that disastrous nuclear deal for the purpose of helping Russia and especially Iran. ■

ANGLO-AMERICA

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More releases of internal Twitter documents have further revealed how the corporate media colluded with the federal government to target Americans and their rights. On February 8, former Twitter leaders testified before a House of Representatives committee. They were asked why they censored accurate medical information, banned the accounts of certain members of Congress, protected the Biden presidential campaign by censoring true information about **Hunter Biden's** laptop, and engaged in other forms of censorship in coordination with leftist politicians.

On January 27, Twitter owner **Elon Musk** and journalist **Matt Taibbi** released files showing that former Federal Bureau of Investigation agent **Clint Watts** and the Alliance for Securing Democracy falsely accused hundreds of conservative-leaning Twitter accounts of being Russian. The collection of files revealed the truth about the alliance's "Hamilton 68" digital dashboard, which claimed to track Russian influence on social media. In 2017, liberals in politics and the media cited the dashboard as "proof" that it was mostly Russians who wanted to find out what Democrats were

hiding. Meanwhile, the head of Twitter's Trust and Safety department sent an internal e-mail admitting that accounts flagged by the dashboard "were neither strongly Russian nor strongly bots; they're just right-leaning users." This was communicated to leftists, including members of Congress, who continued to claim otherwise in an attempt to muzzle conservative Americans with the largest censorship system in U.S. history.

On January 21, former FBI agent **Charles McGonigal** was arrested for conspiring to commit money laundering with Russian oligarch **Oleg Deripaska**. This is ironic considering McGonigal was in charge of the Counterintelligence Division that investigated whether hostile foreign powers had illegal ties to **Donald Trump** or to Hunter Biden. The two-year Mueller investigation found no evidence of a Trump-Russia conspiracy, but the Hunter Biden laptop has provided abundant evidence of a Biden-China conspiracy. Agents and employees like McGonigal, **Kevin Clinesmith** and others at the FBI have made false accusations against Donald Trump while ignoring strong evidence against the Bidens.

Isaiah 10:5-6 state that a foreign nation would punish end-time Israel, which includes the United States, because of double standards and moral hypocrisy. The radical left's

handling of both the Russiagate hoax and the Hunter Biden laptop scandal exposes this gross hypocrisy like few things ever have.

On January 31, Numbeo's 2023 Crime Index reported that the United States has 12 of the 50 most dangerous cities in the world, more than any other nation. A separate study by John Lott, president of the Crime Prevention Research Center, shows that the worst 5 percent of U.S. counties accounted for 73 percent of all homicides. Certain urban areas have turned into war zones. A large number of Americans have allowed their families to break down and, rather than deal with the problem, have instead antagonized the law enforcement officers trying to keep the peace. Only the moral laws revealed in the Holy Bible bring peace, freedom and fulfillment. But because our society rejects, ignores and mocks these laws, murders, rapes, robberies and other horrific crimes continue to worsen.

World's Dangerous Cities

U.S. RANKINGS

- Baltimore, Maryland 15
- Memphis, Tennessee 18
- Detroit, Michigan 19
- Albuquerque, New Mexico 23
- St. Louis, Missouri 27
- New Orleans, Louisiana 35
- Oakland, California 38
- Milwaukee, Wisconsin 40
- Chicago, Illinois 43
- Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 46
- Cleveland, Ohio 48
- Houston, Texas 50

FEATURED FEEDBACK



I really enjoyed reading your latest publication, "The Modern Romans" (February, theTrumpet.com/26645). It is right on the money scripturally and historically, and very educational.

Nancy Warner GREENVILLE, OHIO

Since I used to pick up the *Plain Truth* when it was distributed in the L.A. area, up to the latest February 2023 *Philadelphia Trumpet*, this "Modern Romans" issue is the most significant single magazine ever in my lifetime. Sad to say, it likely won't reach the vast majority of Americans who most need to understand we're heading toward destruction. They're too busy watching adults play with a ball, or shopping for allegedly medicinal marijuana, or opening their mail with the welfare checks, food stamps, EBT cards, and flyers for the LGBTQ+ carnival at the local school.

James Hepburn FLORIDA

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Reject the Gateway Sins

Your mind connects you to the spirit world, for evil or for good.

WHEN I WORKED AS A MANAGER AT ONE OF THE WORLD'S largest retail companies, I came into contact with hundreds of interesting and unique individuals. Despite their different backgrounds and personalities, most engaged in three things after work: drugs, video games and pornography.

Some people's entire lifestyles revolved around satisfying these desires. Some scheduled their vacation days around video game releases. One would work a 10-hour shift, stay up all night playing *World of Warcraft*, then come to work the next day without sleeping. Some would get high as soon as they got home from work, and others were caught watching pornography while clocked in.

The more a co-worker was steeped in drugs, video games or pornography, the more emotionally unstable he was. This was clearly evident. You could see some people's lives start to spiral downward, and they didn't understand why.

Facing financial worries, terrible family relationships, twisted romantic interests and a lack of purpose, many, *many* people are turning to drugs, video games and pornography for escape and pleasure. They are trying to cope with life, but they are building spiritual gateways.

Indulging in these activities opens your mind to the evil spiritual realm!

Good and evil obviously exist. Both are matters of the spirit, and the human mind is where the physical and the spiritual meet. We have physical brains powered by the human spirit (Job 32:8). This human spirit is what makes us different from animals, who have brains but no spirit. Each decision we make has spiritual consequences.

The physical universe is governed by physical laws like gravity and conservation of mass. Similarly, human thought and conduct is governed by spiritual law. Both are from the same Creator. This law is very simple. It has been summed up in one word: *give*. Jesus Christ summarized it as loving your Creator more than yourself and loving your neighbor as much as yourself (Matthew 22:37-40). This principle is further elaborated in the Ten Commandments, which are further elaborated throughout the Bible. They are not arbitrary rules but explain how the physical and spiritual reality work.

Yet most people are rebelling against spiritual reality (and physical reality) and suffering the consequences. They are

choosing the way of *get*. This way of vanity, gratification and putting the self above everyone and everything also has a source: Satan the devil (John 8:44). This exaltation of one's own will, against physical and spiritual reality, results in suffering, curses and ultimately death (Romans 6:23).

The very first human beings were presented with a clear choice between these two ways of life. Adam and Eve listened to Satan and chose the way of *get*. Consequently, all of their descendants have followed in that path!

It is a matter of cause and effect.

As this issue of the *Trumpet* shows, the whole world is and has been ruled not by God but by "the god of this world," Satan the devil (Revelation 12:9; 2 Corinthians 4:4). Our minds are automatically tuned in to his broadcast of attitudes and emotions based on *get*, on vanity, on selfishness (Ephesians 2:2).

Drugs, pornography and excessive indulgence in video games are three *dangerous* gateway sins. These break God's law and open the human mind even more to Satan's intense broadcasts. These sins are also designed, engineered and marketed to be highly addictive. You can easily become permanently hooked! It is no coincidence that demonism has increased as these three gateway sins have increased.

Although they often could not see it, there was a clear reason why my work associates became more unstable, angry and even unhinged. There is a reason why their lives began falling apart. This is spiritual reality. This is cause and effect.

The more you open your mind to sin, the stronger its influence becomes. The more you indulge in temporary pleasures, the more addicted you find yourself, and the stronger the gateway becomes. It's a death spiral, and many people are trapped in a trajectory of spiritual ruin.

The law of cause and effect remains. This means the opposite choice remains available to you. You can reject these tempting gateway sins and choose the life of blessings. Even if you have indulged in these vices, you can repent! With God's help, you can choose instead to follow the counsel of Philippians 4:8: "Finally,

brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

The results of our choices to indulge in gateway sins are becoming increasingly obvious. The Creator of your mind has something so much greater for you! There is hope! He gave us the incredible human brain, combined with the human spirit, for the very purpose of connecting your mind to His mind! (Philippians 2:5). Talking to God in prayer and obeying His law, with His help, opens the gateway to your Father in heaven, who wants nothing less than to nourish and develop your mind to the point where you can be *born into His Family* (Romans 8:14). The choice between the two is not an easy one, but it is yours to make. ■



You can resist these tempting sins and choose the life of blessings.

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CW Plus 5:30, 9:30 ET/PT, Sun, 4:30, 8:30 CT/
MT, Sun, 5:30, Mon-Fri;
This TV 6:30, Sun

Alabama, Anniston WVUA 5:30, Sun

Birmingham WABM 10:00, Sun; WVUA-THIS 5:30, Sun

Demopolis WJMY-CD 5:30, Sun

Dothan WRGX 7:30, Sun; WTVY-DT 8:30, Sun

Homeewood (Birmingham) WTTQ-COMET TV 5:00, Sun

Huntsville WHDF (Chan. 15) 8:00, Sun

Mobile WFGX-COMET TV 5:00, Sun

Montgomery KYMB-LD 6:30, Sun; WCOV-TV 5:30, Sun

Montgomery-Salem WBMM-DT/WNCF-DT 8:30, Sun

Opelika WGBP 9:30, Sun; WLTZ-DT 9:30, Sun

Tuscaloosa WVUA 5:30, Sun

Alaska, Anchorage KYUR-DT 8:30, Sun

Fairbanks KATN-DT 8:30, Sun

Juneau KJUD-DT 8:30, Sun

Arizona, Phoenix KDVD-LD 4:30, Sun; KSAZ 5:30, Sun; KTVK-COMET TV 7:00, Sun

Prescott KTVK 5:30, Sun

Sierra Vista KTTU 5:30, Sun

Tucson KTTU 5:30, Sun

Yuma KEYC-DT 8:30, Sun

Arkansas, Bentonville K28NT-D 5:30, Sun

El Dorado KNOE-DT 8:30, Sun

Fayetteville K28NT-D 7:30, Sun; KHBS-DT/ KHOG-DT 8:30, Sun

Fort Smith K28NT-D 7:30, Sun; KFTA 9:30, Sun; KHBS-DT/KHOG-DT 8:30, Sun

Harrison K26GS-D-COMET TV 5:30, Sun

Jonesboro KAIT3-HD 9:30, Sun; KJOS 8:30, Sun

Little Rock KATV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KTVV-LD 7:30, Sun

Mountain Home K07XL-D 5:30, Sun

Pine Bluff KTVV-LD 7:30, Sun

Rogers K28NT-D 7:30, Sun; KHBS-DT/KHOG-DT 8:30, Sun

Springdale K28NT-D 7:30, Sun; KFTA 9:30, Sun; KHBS-DT/KHOG-DT 8:30, Sun

California, Bakersfield KBFX-CD-COMET TV 6:00, Sun; KGET-DT 9:30, Sun

Cathedral City KRET-CD 3:30, Sun

Chico KHSL-DT 9:30, Sun; KRCR 9:00, Sun

El Centro KEYC-DT 8:30, Sun

Eureka KECA-LD/KVIQ-DT 9:30, Sun

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Monterey K10N 9:30, Sun; KYMB-LD 3:30, Sun

Oak KGO 5:30, Sun

Palm Springs KCWQ/KESQ-DT 9:30, Sun;

KRET 5:30, Sun

Redding KHSL-DT 9:30, Sun;

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Sacramento KMAX-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun;

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San Francisco KGO-TV 3:30, Sun; KKPK 6:00, Fri

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Santa Barbara-Santa Maria KSBY-DT 9:30, Sun

Shreveport KMSS 10:00, Sun

Stockton KSAO-LD 5:30, Sun

Visalia KFSN 5:30, Sun; KMPH-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

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KXTU 10:30, Sun

Denver KCDO-TV 4:30, Sun; KWGN-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun

Grand Junction KJCT-DT 8:30, Sun

Gunnison K13AV-D 4:30, Sun

Montrose KJCT-DT 8:30, Sun

Connecticut, Hartford WCCT-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

New Haven WCCT-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun;

WCTX-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Waterbury WCCT-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Florida, Daytona Beach WSWF 8:30, Sun

Fort Walton Beach/Pensacola WFGX-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Gainesville WCJB-DT 9:30, Sun; WCJB 6:30, Sun; WNBW-DT-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Jacksonville WBXJ-CD 6:30, Sun; WCWJ 6:00, Sun; WJXB-CD 8:30, Sun; WJXX 11:00, Sun

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Orlando WOTF-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun;

WSWF 8:30, Sun;

Panama City WPCP 7:00, Sun; WJHG-DT 8:30, Sun

Tallahassee WTWC 10:30, Sun; WTLF-COMET TV 6:00, Sun; WTXL 6:30/1:00 p.m./5:00 p.m.; Sun; WTLF/WTLH-DT 9:30, Sun

Tampa WTTA 8:30, Sun; WXPX 6:00, Fri

West Palm Beach WPEC-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Georgia, Albany WALB-DT4/WGCW-LD 8:30, Sun; WALB 6:30, Sun; WFXL-COMET TV 6:00, Sun; WPCH 7:00, Sun; WSWG 8:00, Sun; WSWG-DT 9:30, Sun

Atlanta WANN-CD 6:30, Sun; WATL 8:30, Sun; WPCH 7:00, Sun; WUPA-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Augusta-Aiken WAGT-DT 9:30, Sun

Brunswick WPCX 6:00, Fri

Columbus WGBP-TV 6:30, Sun; WLTZ-DT 9:30, Sun; WXTX 7:00, Sun

Macon WGXA-COMET TV 6:00, Sun; WMAZ-DT 9:30, Sun

Savannah WSAV-DT 9:30, Sun; WTGS-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

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Lewiston KLEW-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

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Springfield WICS-COMET TV 5:00, Sun

Twin Falls KMVT-DT 8:30, Sun

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Illinois, Bloomington WEEK-DT 8:30, Sun;

WYZZ 7:30, Sun

Chicago WCUI 9:30, Sun; WGN 10:30, Sun;

WLS-TV 5:30, Sun

Moline KGCW 7:30, Sun

Peoria WEEK-DT 8:30, Sun; WYZZ 7:30, Sun

Quincy WGEW-DT 8:30, Sun; KHQA-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun

Rock Island KGCW 7:30, Sun

Rockford WREX 10:00, Sun; WREX-DT 8:30, Sun

Indiana, Bloomington WTTV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Elkhart WCWW 8:30, Sun

Fort Wayne WISE-DT 9:30, Sun;

WLMO-LD-COMET TV 6:30, Sun

Indianapolis WALV-CD 6:30, Sun; WTHR 5:00, Sun; WTTV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Lafayette WLFI-DT 9:30, Sun

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Mason City KAAL 8:30, Sun; KTTC-DT 8:30, Sun

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Sioux City KMEG-COMET TV 5:00, Sun;

KTIV-DT 8:30, Sun

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Kansas City KCKS-LD 5:30, Sun; KCTV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KMBC 2:00, Sun

Louisburg KMJC-LD 5:30, Sun

Pittsburg KFJX-DT2 8:30, Sun; KSXF 9:30, Sun

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Wichita KCTU-LD 5:30, Sun; KSAS-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun

Kentucky, Bowling Green WBKO-DT 8:30, Sun/12:30, Fri

Lexington WDKY 7:00, Sun; WLJC 8:30, Sun

Louisville WBNA 6:30, Sun; WMYO-CD-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Paducah KBSI-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

Louisiana, Alexandria KALB-DT 8:30, Sun

Baton Rouge WBTR-CD 5:30, Sun

Lafayette KATC-DT 8:30, Sun

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Springfield WWLP-DT 9:30, Sun

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Columbus WCBI-DT 8:30, Sun; WLOV-TV 5:30, Sun

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Greenwood WBWD 8:30, Sun

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Hattiesburg WHLT-DT 8:30, Sun; WHPM-LD 5:30, Sun

Jackson WLOO 7:30, Sun

Laurel WHLT-DT 8:30, Sun; WHPM-LD 5:30, Sun

Meridian WTOK-DT 8:30, Sun

Tupelo WCBI-DT 8:30, Sun; WLOV-TV 5:30, Sun

West Point WLOV-TV 5:30, Sun

Missouri, Cape Girardeau KBSI-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KBSI 10:30, Sun

Columbia KOMU-DT 8:30, Sun; KRCG-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KMIZ 1:00, Sun

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Fayetteville WTVD 6:30, Sun
Greensboro WMYV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun
Greenville WCTI-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun; WNCN-DT 9:30, Sun
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Cincinnati WBQC-LD 6:30, Sun; WSTR-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun
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Florence WPDE-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun; WMMB-DT 9:30, Sun
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Spartanburg WGGG 8:30, Sun; WSPA 12:00 p.m., Sun; WYCW 9:00, Sun
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Tennessee, Alexandria WRTN-LP 5:30, Sun
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Knoxville WZZK/WJZC 8:30, Sun
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Moorefield W29DH-D-COMET TV 6:00, Sun
Oak Hill WVVA-DT 9:30, Sun
Parkersburg WCWP/WOVA-LD2 9:30, Sun
Weston WVFX-DT 9:30, Sun; WVUX 8:30, Sun
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Milwaukee WISN 7:30, Sun; WVTU-DT2-COMET TV 5:00, Sun
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Wyoming, Casper KCWY-DT 8:30, Sun; KFNB 7:00, Sun; KLWY 7:00, Sun; WVUX 7:30, Sun
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