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The Mystery of President Obama's Visit to Israel

On the president's recent historic trip, many people were impressed by his strong statements of support for the Jewish state. But the truth about this man's relationship with Israel goes deeper than mere words in front of a camera.

IN MARCH, BARACK OBAMA MADE HIS FIRST VISIT TO ISRAEL since being elected president in 2008. The media provided pictures of the president with Israeli leaders talking and joking together. Mr. Obama assured Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu that Israel has a friend in the U.S. "We have your back," the president said.

Later, however, he talked about Israel's "foreign army" in part of the Palestinian territory. What "foreign army"? Even if you don't believe that God gave them that land, the fact is that THE ARABS ATTACKED THE JEWS, and in the war that followed, Israel won some of their land. The president could just as easily say that America has a "foreign army" in California, New Mexico and Arizona—after all, that territory did at one time belong to other people.



FROM THE EDITOR
GERALD FLURRY

President Obama made these anti-Israel remarks to Palestinians while a large picture of Yasser Arafat hung over his head in the background. It is well established that

Arafat, even while shaking hands and making agreements with Jewish leaders, was inciting his own people to engage in terrorism. The president was addressing Palestinians who are considered moderate and friendly, yet that terrorist *spirit* is still there.

What was President Obama's purpose for going to Israel? This is a real *mystery* to Israel. But it's not a mystery to me.

A 'Mystery' Visit

The president's negative record on Israel is lengthy and unmistakable. He has done much to isolate the Jewish state and to weaken the long-standing alliance between our two nations.

For example, when Prime Minister Netanyahu came to the White House in 2010, Mr. Obama insulted him terribly. The president wanted to bolster Palestinian confidence in a possible two-state solution, and he did so by giving Prime Minister Netanyahu a list of 13 demands. One of them was that Israel immediately stop building in East Jerusalem. When Netanyahu didn't immediately agree to his terms, the president got up and left, leaving Netanyahu and his aides sitting in the White House for an hour. The Jews considered it humiliating. I've never heard of such behavior on a state visit to the U.S. in my life.

As recently as last September, when Netanyahu visited America and requested a meeting with Obama, the president refused to see him. Reuters called it "a highly unusual rebuff to a close ally."

Why, then, would President Obama visit Israel now, at the beginning of his second term in office?

Caroline Glick, who I believe is Israel's best columnist, expressed bewilderment over it: "Given that all of these [policies toward Israel] are positions he has held throughout his presidency, THE MYSTERY SURROUNDING HIS DECISION TO COME TO ISRAEL ONLY GROWS," she wrote in a March 20 column. "He didn't need to come to Israel to rehash policies we already know" (emphasis mine throughout).

"[T]he administration that supports the 'democratically elected' Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt ... is snubbing the democratically elected Israeli government" CAROLINE GLICK

She noted that the president also didn't come to apologize for the anti-Israel policies of his first term. His administration still speaks about its support for the Arab Spring as if it was excellent policy, even after we can see how it empowered radicals within Libya, Egypt and other countries. THIS HAS PUT ISRAEL'S VERY SURVIVAL IN JEOPARDY!

Glick drew attention to one revealing detail of the trip: the president's choice of speaking venues. On one hand, he *turned down* an invitation to speak before Israel's elected representatives at the Knesset, which is highly unusual. On the other hand, he chose "to address a handpicked audience of university students—AN AUDIENCE GROSSLY OVERPOPULATED BY UNELECTABLE, RADICAL LEFTISTS." President Obama really identifies with academics, intellectuals and radicals. He went to Israel to speak to these radical leftist students, and that is where he got a lot of the television coverage. He actually denied a couple of colleges that wanted to send students that were more on the conservative side.

As Glick pointed out, "What we can say with certainty is that the administration that supports the 'democratically elected' Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt, and did so much to clear all obstacles to its election, is snubbing the democratically elected Israeli government, and indeed, Israel's

ected officials in general.” Mr. Obama has invited the Muslim Brotherhood to the White House. He visited Cairo to address all of Egypt and *insisted* that the Muslim Brotherhood attend, against then President Hosni Mubarak’s wishes. YET HE WON’T VISIT THE KNESSET IN ISRAEL! Isn’t that strange? It certainly proves that we can’t take what this man says at face value.

Forget the words for a moment and look at the reality: This administration has done nothing to prevent Iran getting a nuclear bomb.

Glick considers it a mystery. But there is a definite REASON behind the president’s choices.

Undermining Netanyahu

When President Obama spoke to those Israeli students, he talked about the need to give the Palestinians a state. “[T]he Palestinian people’s right to self-determination, their right to justice, must also be recognized. And put yourself in their shoes. Look at the world through their eyes. It is not fair that a Palestinian child cannot grow up in a state of their own—living their entire lives with the presence of a FOREIGN ARMY that controls the movements not just of those young people, but their parents, their grandparents, every single day. It’s not just when settler violence against Palestinians goes unpunished. It’s not right to prevent Palestinians from farming their lands or restricting a student’s ability to move around the West Bank, or displace Palestinian families from their homes. Neither occupation nor expulsion is the answer. Just as Israelis built a state in their homeland, Palestinians have a right to be a free people in their own land.”

During this part of the speech, the audience cheered and applauded several times. It was as if, in their minds, the Palestinians are yearning for peace through negotiation—if only Israel would cooperate. That is an egregious delusion.

President Obama then told those students, “[L]et me say this as a politician, I can promise you this: POLITICAL LEADERS WILL NEVER TAKE RISKS IF THE PEOPLE DO NOT PUSH THEM TO TAKE SOME RISKS. You must create the change that you want to see.” That was rather insulting. He was obviously talking about interfering with Prime Minister Netanyahu’s policies. I don’t think that would have made Mr. Netanyahu very happy.

Mr. Netanyahu was recently reelected, but not by near the margin he thought he would be. This meant he had to form a weaker coalition government. The new government includes some liberals who are pretty far left, which is going to cause him problems.

President Obama spoke about “the prospect of a nuclear-armed Iran.” He emphasized the need to keep trying to solve the problem through diplomacy. But then he said, “IRAN MUST NOT GET A NUCLEAR WEAPON. This is not a danger that can be contained—

and as president, I’ve said *all options are on the table* for achieving our objectives. AMERICA WILL DO WHAT WE MUST TO PREVENT A NUCLEAR-ARMED IRAN.”

That sounds good, and Israel likes to hear that. But forget the words for a moment and look at the reality: THIS ADMINISTRATION HAS DONE NOTHING TO PREVENT IRAN GETTING A NUCLEAR BOMB!

You can be sure that Israel’s liberal leaders, hearing Mr. Obama making these statements, will put more pressure on Mr. Netanyahu. They will argue that he doesn’t need to worry so much about

Iran since America has his back. *The president of the United States has guaranteed our national security*, they’ll probably say. *He’s going to ensure Iran doesn’t bomb us*. If Netanyahu was considering attacking Iran’s nuclear program, he’s going to have more opposition now.

However, I would be absolutely *shocked* if President Obama did *anything* to stop Iran! Here is a man telling Israel, *America has your back; we’re right there with you*. But HE WOULDN’T EVEN PAY A VISIT TO THE KNESSET. That’s almost unheard of when a nation has serious problems like Israel has today!

What is *behind* America’s foreign policy today? If you study the decisions this administration is making on a wide range of international issues, you would be hard pressed to think of ANY that don’t have the effect of undermining America’s alliances, weakening America’s global power, and strengthening the forces of evil in this world.

There is a SPECIFIC REASON why this is the case.

The Spiritual Dimension

In the March edition of the *Trumpet*, I explained “The Hidden Cause of Society’s Deadly Decline.” There is an evil *spiritual force* on Earth that is working to bring down America as well as the Jewish state.

YOU CANNOT UNDERSTAND AMERICA’S FOREIGN POLICY TODAY IF YOU DON’T SEE THIS SPIRITUAL DIMENSION.

This subject is so important and urgent, I have produced a new booklet about it: *America Under Attack*. It reveals the hidden dimension to events in this country and *helps you to make sense of what would otherwise be a mystery*.

This understanding exposes the reason for the common thread in the current administration’s dealings with Israel and other countries in the Middle East. It also specifically reveals the biblical reasons for the president’s anti-Israel views.

Syria has been embroiled in turmoil for about two years, as people have risen up to try to get rid of the violent dictator Bashar Assad. Yet America has done *nothing* to help those people. In fact, as Glick explained it, the president’s “feckless handling of Syria’s civil war ensured that the moderate opposition forces would be eclipsed by radical Islamists affiliated with al Qaeda, as has happened.” You could say almost the same thing about the popular uprising in Iran in 2009: The people rose up to dispute a phony election result that favored radical Islamists—and America did NOTHING. President Obama said it wouldn’t be appropriate to meddle in Iranian affairs.

Contrast that with what happened in Egypt. There, when the public began protesting in Egypt to get rid of Hosni Mubarak, this administration stepped right up to turn its back on Mubarak and to support the protesters! “It is my belief that an orderly transition

must be meaningful ... and it must begin *now*," he said publicly. Egypt was at peace with Israel for 30 years! Yet America had a lot to do with removing Mubarak and bringing the terrorist Muslim Brotherhood to power.

The same is true of Libya. True, Muammar Qadhafi was obviously unstable, but at one time he did get rid of nearly all of his weapons of mass destruction to cooperate with the West. But when protests started there, America decided that, again, it needed to strengthen their cause. Now, al Qaeda groups rule Libya and are talking about allying with Iran. Nothing yet has been done about the terrorist attack on America's outpost in Benghazi, and it is clear that America isn't going to do anything. So the terrorists are encouraged and keep getting stronger and stronger.

These geopolitical shifts have created a far more dangerous world, especially for the tiny nation of Israel! The president's foreign policy is largely responsible for these developments, but he won't take the blame for *any* of it. Instead, he travels to Israel and says that America will do whatever it must to prevent a nuclear-armed Iran.

NONSENSE! How long will Israel *believe* such diabolical nonsense? THE NATION'S SURVIVAL IS AT STAKE!

Biblical prophecy shows that very soon, Israel will know for certain that America is of no help, and it will instead turn to Germany (ancient Assyria) for help (Hosea 5:13). We are already seeing this prophecy racing toward fulfillment.

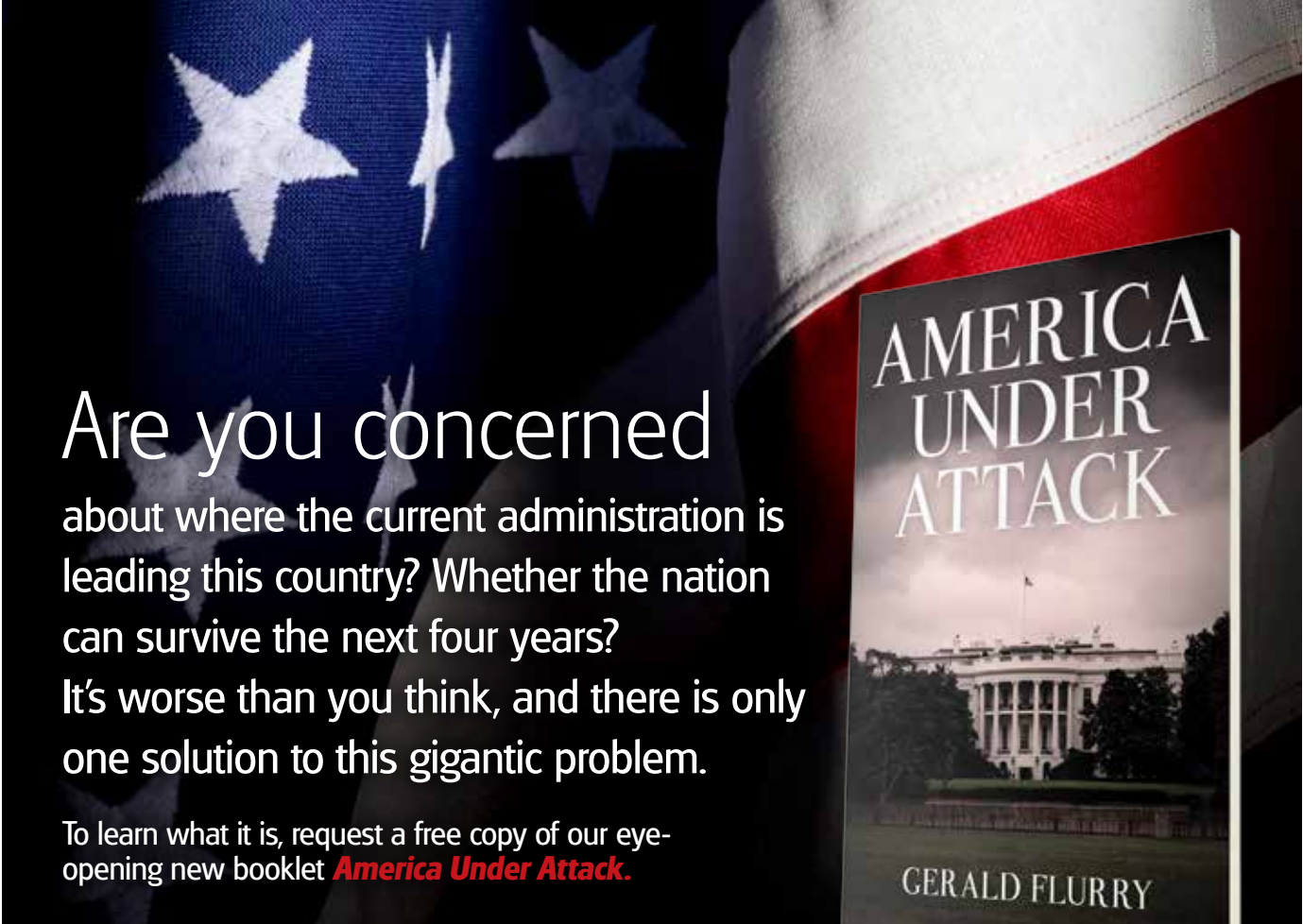
You absolutely need to understand the truth about what is happening to America today. We have been protected in this country for a couple hundred years. We have not experienced the turmoil that many other nations have. Yes, we were involved in two world wars, but God has given us a lot of peace. As a result, our people have kind of settled into an *unreality* about what is really happening around us. They don't understand how deadly dangerous this world is!

This is not God's world. There's a lot of evil in this world. It is full of tigers waiting to tear somebody apart. It has always been that way. As Winston Churchill said, the history of man is the HISTORY OF WAR. Yet somehow we can't come to grips with that today.

Are you willing to face reality? Most people are not. A haze of deception enshrouds our world. It is absolutely stunning how easily the people in this land today are duped.

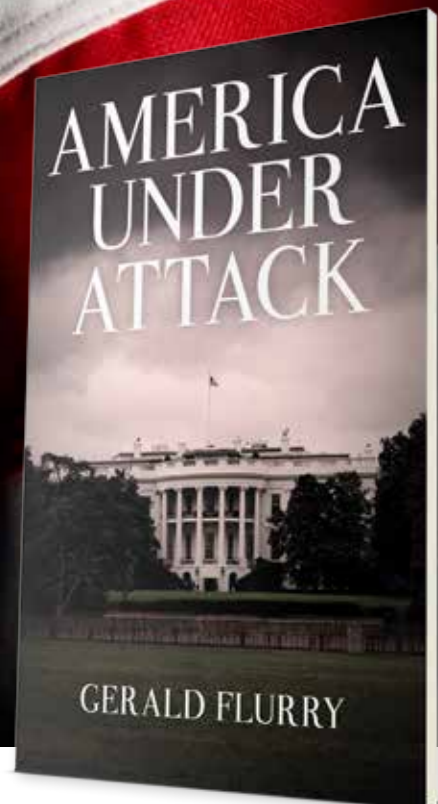
Many people are alert to the problems in America today, but have only become deeply *discouraged* and *anxious* as a result. But if you open your eyes to the spiritual dimension, then you will see the tremendous *hope* BEYOND the tragedy that is unfolding. Putting these events in their full prophetic context shows how God is using these events to serve His purposes—and how they are quickly leading to the greatest event ever: when He will intervene to establish His rule on Earth!

Please request my booklet *America Under Attack*—you will clearly see that President Obama's trip to Israel was no mystery! ■



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AMERICA'S FINANCIAL
PEARL HARBOR IS COMING



THE DAY THE DOLLAR DIES

BY ROBERT MORLEY

DECEMBER 6, 2015
3 P.M. HKT
HONG KONG

Twenty-one men representing China's most powerful institutions file into a conference room atop the ICC Tower looming over Victoria Harbor. The Politburo Standing Committee has mustered the CEOs of China's four largest banks, Sinopec, and several other state-owned multinationals, plus officers from the Central Military Commission and a pair of academics from China's top technology universities.

The general secretary formally opens the meeting. "As you know, the United States of America continues to manipulate its currency," he begins. "It is devaluing its dollar, which steals away trade and reduces the value of its debts. The Standing Committee manages the yuan's value to protect our manufacturing base and support employment."

The secretary leans back ever so slightly to say what everyone in the room already knows, and the reason why they are here. "Three days ago, the Federal Reserve System announced its sixth quantitative easing policy in the past seven years."

And now, the marching orders.

"The Central Politburo Standing Committee of the Communist Party has agreed that it is time to use every financial measure of the People's Republic to preserve the state of its economy. It has approved liquidating the government's holdings of U.S. treasuries."

The order from the stone-faced secretary sounds broad, even bland. But it means very specific, very powerful things to each man in this room. It means pulling the trigger on a huge number of massive initiatives. And it's backed by more than a trillion dollars.

The Chinese economy will suffer some collateral damage as well, but the decision has finally been made. To encourage and to enforce the point, the secretary concludes with a proverb: "Good medicine tastes bitter."

He could've used a different one: "Wait long, strike fast."

DECEMBER 7
9 A.M. EST
NEW YORK

It's a normal day on Wall Street. Markets are up after last week's Fed announcement of QE6. Thanks to this latest round of

money-printing, gold is holding at \$2,000 per ounce, oil is \$95 per barrel. The dollar index is steady at 82.

Squawk Box is running a story saying China's new East Asian free-trade zone seems to have been fast-tracked. Mongolia, Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand and China's recently reincorporated province of Taiwan are all sending signals that they're suddenly ready to sign up. Trade will be conducted in Chinese renminbi. An Associated Press story getting some play quotes an unnamed official from Japan's Ministry of Finance saying that since most of Japan's trade is now with China, it too will eventually be forced to join the East Asian Prosperity Cooperation. Even Australia is considering participation. The markets yawn.

10 A.M. EST

The Dow Jones Industrial Average hits 16,000—a new record. Gold bumps up \$20 per ounce. The dollar index is showing strength. *Market Makers* is praising Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke's masterful handling of the economy, despite stubbornly high unemployment numbers. The lower third is flashing bulletins about surprise resource acquisitions and land deals across Africa and Central Asia by some Chinese state-owned oil and mining giants. Stuart Varney's show devotes a 30-second chuckle to "irrational Chinese exuberance."

10:48 A.M. EST BEIJING

Chinese Central Bank governor Zhou Xiaochuan is on television, announcing that China can no longer afford the Fed's aggressive money-printing. "It has become evident that with America's stagnant economy and aging population, it will not be able to pay its debts. It is defaulting on its debts by using inflation. China has lent America more than \$2 trillion. The People's Bank of China has no choice but to stop purchasing treasuries. We have spoken our concerns for several years, but the Fed has ignored its largest creditor. We are cutting off the credit card."

10:56 A.M. EST NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

The markets reverse sharply. Dow futures plunge 1,200 points. Gold, silver and oil fall as investors impulsively rush for cash. Treasury yields skyrocket. Within seven minutes, the frenzy triggers

preprogrammed fail-safes. Trading halts temporarily. But in Tokyo, Singapore and New Delhi, they're still trading. American traders call for calm, saying that a full-on dump of China's U.S. treasury stockpile would be "mutually assured destruction."

Thirty minutes later, trading resumes—with an eerie calm.

11:44 A.M. EST MOSCOW

As markets settle into an uneasy wait-and-see, Russian President Vladimir Putin appears at an unscheduled press conference. Holding up a gold coin, he announces that the Central Bank of Russia completed the largest bullion transfer in modern history in October: 850 metric tons from the International Monetary Fund. "Russia would like to thank the United States, Canada and Great Britain for approving this historic purchase of their gold holdings. In this age of unrestrained electronic money printing and currency devaluations, it is the opinion of the central bank that physical gold bullion remains a critical component for national wealth and power."

Putin then throws down this challenge: "The gold is here for anyone to audit. I suggest that investors follow Russia's example and demand an independent audit of Fort Knox."

With this shock announcement, Russia becomes the world's *third*-largest holder of gold after the European Union and China. Putin adds that Moscow is also negotiating for entry into the East Asian Prosperity Cooperation and, starting in January, will use the Chinese yuan for international currency transactions—with the notable exception of oil and gas exports to Europe, which will now be priced in euro marks.

Putin's ITAR-TASS transcript goes viral. Twitter and Facebook explode.

To Wall Street and the world, it is now clear that something momentous is happening. It looks like a pre-planned attack on America's anemic economy. Before Putin finishes his announcement, investors erupt in sell orders. The Dow plummets 30 percent in nine minutes. Institutional investors dump U.S. treasuries at fire-sale prices—trying to get out before China unleashes its hoard. Jim Rickards is on CNN saying it's a "full-on revolt against the dollar standard." The ZeroHedge blog has it up in doomsday 100-point font: "Is

this the start of WW3?" Rumors begin to swirl on the trading floor and on TV screens around the world that America's biggest banks are caught short and unable to cover their multibillion-dollar positions in the derivatives market.

12:03 P.M. EST

Bank of America CEO Brian T. Moynihan denies that the bank has a liquidity problem.

12:07 P.M. EST

Citigroup CEO Michael Corbat calls the buzz about his bank's derivatives positions "malicious rumors started by speculators that are just false." The bank is "fundamentally sound," he insists.

12:15 P.M. EST

Warren Buffet warns of contagion to the insurance sector.

12:30 P.M. EST FEDERAL RESERVE BANK NEW YORK

Visibly agitated, Federal Reserve Bank Chairman Ben Bernanke says that due to market conditions the Fed will temporarily purchase "unlimited" amounts of treasuries to restore confidence in the market. "The Federal Reserve is committed to a strong dollar policy and any damage to the banking system is limited and contained," he said.

His announcement has the opposite effect. Instead of instilling confidence, investors take it as confirmation of a worst-case scenario—and a giant sell signal on the dollar. The dollar index drops into free fall, gold jumps by more than \$700 per ounce, and silver hits \$100. Ten minutes later, Bill Gross at bond giant PIMCO is being interviewed by Lauren Lyster on MSNBC. She asks if we are witnessing the end of the dollar as the world's reserve currency. Gross confirms that he began shifting most of his \$1 trillion-plus fund out of dollar-denominated assets more than a year ago. He put the money in Europe back when everyone else thought it was falling apart. "The writing was on the dollar's wall a long time ago," he says. "America's mushrooming debt and the lack of political will to address its spending problems assured the demise of the dollar. I just didn't realize it would happen so fast."

In an hour and a half, the dollar has lost more than half its value.

Fox News is saying people should spend their dollars now before they are worthless. Dennis Kneale is actually comparing the collapse of the dollar to the Argentine peso and the Greek drachma.

12:39 P.M. EST ATLANTA, CHICAGO, PHOENIX, OAKLAND ...

Riots are reported in shopping malls and business districts across several major cities, as people awake to the fact that the value of their cash is evaporating. Their savings and investments have lost more than half of their purchasing power compared to other currencies. Local news footage shows empty store shelves and malfunctioning ATMs. People panic and rush grocery stores to stock up. Customers claim widespread price gouging. Mobs of young people rampage through Birmingham, Cincinnati, Chicago.

1:02 P.M. EST WASHINGTON, D.C.

President Obama holds an emergency press conference. “This morning, December 7, 2015—a date that will live in infamy—the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by overseas governments in an attempt to discredit the dollar and take away its status as the world’s reserve currency.

“Let me be clear: To even entertain the idea of the United States of America not paying its bills is irresponsible. It’s absurd.

“Some have questioned the integrity of our nation’s bullion reserves. Believe me, the gold is there. When Germany requested its gold holdings back, we began returning it. I now urge my German counterparts to confirm Europe’s commitment to using the dollar as a reserve currency.

“I have authorized Chairman Bernanke to implement capital controls to prevent

millionaires and speculators from taking money out of the country. I am also issuing an executive order that will limit private ownership of gold. I am also directing Congress to pass new tax legislation and tariffs on Chinese goods.

“Unfortunately, some elements in our cities seek to gain from this crisis: speculators on Wall Street and rioters on Main Street. To protect the common good, I hereby declare a temporary state of emergency and authorize Homeland Security, FEMA and the National Guard to restore order to our great cities”

1:25 P.M. EST NEW YORK

The plunging markets go into free fall after the president’s announcements. Gold jumps another \$800, silver is at \$175, oil at \$250. The dollar hits an all-time low. Investors around the world flee the dollar. American cities have started to burn.

Back in the real world ...

Although the dates and events in this scenario are obviously fictitious, the principle isn’t.

In fact, such an economic disaster is imminent enough that the Pentagon held its first-ever financial war games back in 2009. Instead of carrier movements, tactical strikes and aerial bombardments, the weapons were currencies, stocks, bonds, interest rates and derivatives. But just like real war exercises, the purpose was the same: to discover fatal weaknesses and how the enemy might exploit them.

Wall Street banker Jim Rickards participated in the war games. In his book *Currency Wars*, he writes that the Pentagon is clumsy at financial warfare.

Financial war is not beyond America’s horizon. Whether or not politicians and the Fed will publicly acknowledge it, the war has *already begun*.

In 2010, Brazilian Finance Minister Guido Mantega was the first public official to confirm what everyone knew but no one would admit. “We’re in the midst of an international currency war,” he told industrial leaders in Sao Paulo. “This threatens us because it takes away our competitiveness. ... The advanced countries are seeking to devalue their currencies.”

While the U.S. and other governments might throw out phrases like “commitment to a strong dollar” every now and then, what many of them are actually doing is actively and openly devaluing their currencies to gain unfair short-term economic advantages.

Faced with unacceptably high unemployment and a stagnant global economy, the world’s leading economies are resorting to currency manipulation to steal a greater piece of a shrinking economic pie. The short-sighted goal is to weaken the currency to make domestic goods cheaper

for foreigners to buy and foreign goods more expensive to purchase. This beggar-thy-neighbor strategy is highly contentious and potentially explosive.

In 2012 alone, global central banks cut interest rates 75 times in an effort to weaken their currencies.

“Ever since the Fed launched QE2 in August 2010, we have been in the currency war regime,” confirms Alessio de Longis, who runs the Oppenheimer Currency Opportunities Fund. “It will continue to be this.”

Regardless of who started it, the war is heating up.

Latest Currency Shot

When Shinzo Abe was elected prime minister of Japan in December, it heralded a new stage in the global currency war. He immediately announced that Tokyo would no longer be neutral. It would implement a massive \$1.4 trillion quantitative easing (money-printing) plan to reduce the value of the yen. He said the yen had risen too high (in reality, the dollar, yuan and euro had fallen, making the yen appear to have risen). He then bullied the Bank of Japan into doubling its acceptable inflation level. Abe’s intent was plain: to boost job creation by the same artificial means employed by the U.S. and China—currency devaluation leading to increased exports. And he was very open about it.

A “daring monetary policy is essential” if Japan is to beat deflation and drive down the value of the yen, he said. “We strongly expect the BOJ [Bank of Japan] to conduct aggressive monetary easing with a clear price target.”

Bowing to the pressure, the central bank announced it would potentially buy *unlimited* amounts of government bonds. Since then, the yen has lost 25 percent of its value against the euro and about 13 percent against the dollar—and Japan’s exporters grabbed market share.

What can a financial crisis lead to?



“Ever since the new government took control, it feels as though Japan is filled with the spirit for economic revival,” Toyota executive Takahiko Ijichi said in March.

Outside of Japan, Toyota’s competitors are filled with a different spirit.

China is “fully prepared” for currency war, its central bank deputy governor, Yi Gang, said that same month. “China will take into full account the quantitative easing policies implemented by central banks of foreign countries.”

Just hours before the BOJ announcement, German Bundesbank President Jens Weidmann warned that populist governments threatened to unleash competitive currency wars, as politicians pushed central banks to weaken currencies and steal trade. It was a message aimed at the big powers: America, China and Japan. Monetary policy risked becoming a political tool, he warned.

By February, the risk of currency war morphing into trade war was so high that the G-20 issued a joint declaration: “We will refrain from competitive devaluation.... We will not target our exchange rates for competitive purposes, will resist all forms of protectionism and keep our markets open.”

But joint platitudes aside, the world is fully engaged in currency war and stands on the brink of full-scale trade war.

Return to 1930s

It is as if the world is back in the 1930s. Back then, it was Great Britain that set off the chain reaction. Following the failure of Austrian bank Creditanstalt and another bank in Germany, Britain was forced off the gold standard and devalued the pound. Norway, Sweden and Denmark quickly followed. America held off until 1933, when President Roosevelt confiscated all gold held in U.S. banks before devaluing the dollar against gold by 41 percent. By 1936, Germany, France and the rest of Europe had abandoned the

gold standard and were devaluing too, all in an attempt to renege on debts and steal trade.

When the short-term boosts gained through currency devaluation were exhausted, nations increasingly turned to tariffs, taxes and trade barriers to protect local industries and jobs—all of which worked to retard economic recovery, increase social unrest, and escalate grievances between nations.

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What happened next in 1939 is well known. The currency-war-turned-trade-war was transformed into World War II by a madman.

Today, we see history repeating.

In January, Jin Liqun, chairman of the China Investment Corporation (China’s massive sovereign wealth fund), warned America that “[t]here will be no winners in currency wars,” and that America’s money “printing machine will have to slow down for people to have full confidence in the dollar.”

It was a thinly veiled reminder of what several Chinese officials have intimated over the past few years: that America’s biggest creditor nation holds a disproportionately important role in maintaining the dollar’s status as the world’s reserve currency—and that if America isn’t careful, China could strip the dollar of that coveted status.

China isn’t alone in preparing for the post-dollar world. In March, China joined with Brazil, Russia,

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Can Science Unlock the Mystery of the Human Mind?

New initiatives are making bold advances—but some fundamental understanding remains elusive. **BY DENNIS LEAP**

"AS HUMANS, WE CAN IDENTIFY galaxies light years away, we can study particles smaller than an atom, but we still haven't *unlocked the mystery* of the three pounds of matter that sits between our ears."

These words signify the reality of mankind's efforts to understand the human brain. President Barack Obama spoke them at the White House on April 2 while spotlighting new human brain research that he compared to the Human Genome Project.

The president wants to dedicate \$100 million to help scientists create a dynamic map of the human brain as it functions. The money will kick start the BRAIN (Brain Research through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies) Initiative, a huge project incorporating advanced technologies developed over the last decade.

In labs worldwide, researchers are investing unprecedented efforts into neuroscience—in a drive to understand the intricacies of how our brain (and mind) works. From Germany to Taiwan, from Israel to Scandinavia, and many points in between, leading scientists are devoting more and more resources to brain research.

Scientists have been studying the brain for decades. Yet, as the president admitted, it remains an unanswered *mystery*.

Why is the human mind vastly superior to the animal brain? The two types are similar in biological composition, yet humans have scientific, communicative, social, artistic, and other capabilities that are many orders of magnitude greater than any animal. The mystery is

as old as human history, and humans have spent much of that history using their advanced minds to try to unlock the secret of why their own minds are so advanced. Western philosophers have been writing and talking about the human mind since the 18th century. Modern psychology and its separate

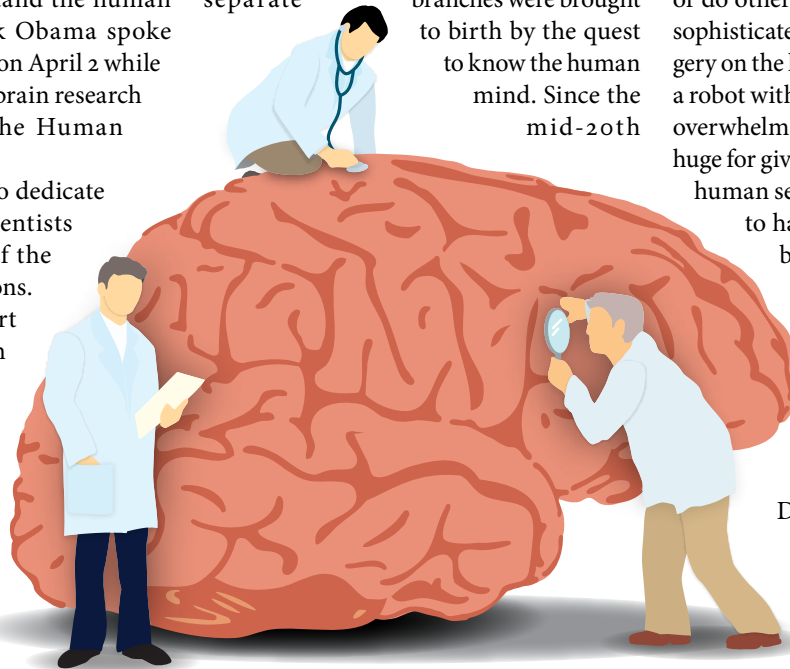
branches were brought to birth by the quest to know the human mind. Since the mid-20th

engineers who have been challenged to build human-like robots have learned that functions of the human brain we take for granted are nearly impossible to duplicate. Using relatively simple technology, engineers can build an assembly-line robot to paint a car in a controlled environment or do other such routine tasks. Some very sophisticated robots can even perform surgery on the human body. However, building a robot with a humanlike brain has proven overwhelming. The hurdles are incredibly huge for giving a robot the ability to see as a human sees, to hear as a human hears or

to have the common sense human beings use every day. Science fiction would like us to believe that it is possible to recreate ourselves into robots like Data from *Star Trek: The Next Generation*. But real-world scientists know that it is highly unlikely we'll meet a Data anytime in the 21st century. Steven Pinker, professor of psychology at Harvard, has written several popular books discussing recent research on the human brain. In one national best-

seller, *How the Mind Works*, he writes, "The reason there are no humanlike robots is not that the very idea of a mechanical mind is misguided. It is that the engineering problems we humans solve as we see and walk and plan and make it through the day are far more challenging than landing on the moon or sequencing the human genome." For instance, humans navigate through living spaces and around furniture without even thinking about it. Our brains make that ability automatic. But it is a major mechanical and computer software feat to build a robot to make such maneuvers.

In everyday life, we draw upon trillions of bits of information, unconsciously. "No



century, biologists, geneticists and even mathematicians and astronomers have spent millions of dollars on scientific research to answer this seemingly simple-yet-unanswerable question. For all of this effort, the scientists themselves admit that the important questions remain unanswered.

Why can't science unlock the mystery of the human mind?

Increased Knowledge

The struggle to understand the human mind *has* borne fruits. Scientific research has helped reveal that the human brain is of an incredible design.

Roboticians and software and computer

database could list all the facts we tacitly know, and no one ever taught them to us,” Pinker continues. Why do we just seem to know these things? It is human to know so. For example, if our cat is in the yard, we know that it is not in the house. If we go to the grocery store and buy a gallon of milk and then carry it home in the car, we can instruct a helper to get the gallon of milk out of the car. Generally speaking, our helper wouldn’t even question our request. Going to the car and retrieving the gallon of milk would be a simple task. It is not simple to program a robot to know about cats, yards, houses or how to retrieve a gallon of milk out of a car.

If your brain becomes damaged by accident or through stroke, you can lose these abilities. In fact, much of our knowledge about the human brain has come about through the study of such calamities. Stroke often impairs our ability to walk, see, hear or speak. Brain injury often destroys our memories.

Unexplained Paradox

To gain a better knowledge of the human brain, researchers have studied animal brains as well. But instead of actually learning more about the human brain, scientists have hit a quagmire of uncertainty. Neuroscientists have discovered that there is no significant difference between the human brain and the animal brain that can explain the light-years of difference between the two.

Pinker admits, “Neuroscientists like to point out that all parts of the cerebral cortex look pretty much alike—not only the different parts of the human brain, but the brains of different animals.” Human and animal brains are basically made of the same material. The human brain is slightly larger in size than a chimpanzee’s, for example, but it is much smaller than an elephant’s. However, the output of the human brain is immensely superior to both a chimp’s and an elephant’s. The output of the human brain simply cannot be accounted for because of size, number of cells, or improved design. That is the unexplained riddle that scientists are racking their brains to solve.

Certain brain functions are solely human. Language is a prime example. Although animals communicate with sounds and movements, only human beings can talk and write. Only humans can build a fund of knowledge and teach it to future

generations. Animals cannot grasp abstract concepts such as a developed system of mathematics or physics. Animals cannot appreciate art, music or architecture.

Human beings can think, reason and make choices. Animals can only do such things in a limited way based on either instinct or repetitive training. For example, animals cannot decide to go and visit a sick friend. But humans can choose to serve, share or cooperate—or to be jealous or hateful. These are functions exclusively bestowed upon humans and are attitudes of mind.

To date, no scientist has been able to explain why the human brain gives us these functions of mind.

Pinker states early in his book, “I will try to explain what the mind is, where it came from, and how it lets us see, think, feel, interact and pursue higher callings like art, religion and philosophy. On the way I will try to throw light on distinctively human quirks.” The most important word in these two sentences is the word *try!* The author spends nearly 600 pages *trying*, but his arguments never do explain why the human mind is so vastly different. He explains *how* the human mind is different, but never *why!*

Here is why he cannot.

Evolution vs. God

With few exceptions, scientists do not even consider the likelihood of a *nonphysical* part of the human brain. This is why they cannot explain the human mind. Their research on the human brain is based exclusively on what can be seen, observed, or subjected to experimentation. Current human brain research, known as cognitive science, has limited itself to evolutionary biology and genetics. They have reduced their study of man’s mind to matter alone.

Pinker is one of the leaders in cognitive science. And it’s not that he’s never heard of the idea that the human mind could contain a nonphysical element. He admits, “I want to convince you that our minds are not animated by some godly vapor” He states that, previous to advanced scientific research, we have been “victims of an illusion: that our psychology comes from some divine force or mysterious essence or

almighty principle.” His definition of the human mind contrasts sharply against that concept: “The mind is a system of organs of computation, designed by natural selection to solve the kinds of problems our ancestors faced in their foraging way of life, in particular, understanding and outmaneuvering objects, animals, plants and other people. ... The mind is organized into modules or mental organs, each with a specialized design The modules’ basic logic is specified by our genetic program.” Pinker doesn’t understand why the human mind is the way it is, but he insists that it is only physical, and that our thinking, our emotions, our love, our anger, our frustration and our joy are based on the evolution of our biology and genetics.

Isn’t it incredible? Mr. Pinker’s mind can recognize that humans possess an

“[T]he engineering problems we humans solve as we see and walk and plan and make it through the day are far more challenging than landing on the moon or sequencing the human genome.” STEVEN PINKER

utterly fantastic, unparalleled, wonderfully designed instrument—yet at the same time he reasons that it was created by a mindless process called natural selection! Why cannot such a brilliant thinker admit that this scientifically inexplicable, incredibly designed, powerful human mind had to have been designed by a Creator?

The brightest minds in science are victims of the illusion known as evolution. The theory of evolution, the explanation of a creation without a Creator, severely limits science’s ability to honestly and logically explain the truth behind the human mind. Belief in evolution is a faith that blinds human minds to truth that only God can reveal.

No matter how detailed or well funded the initiative, scientists will never understand the “three pounds of matter between our ears” unless and until they recognize the Designer of the human brain, the Creator of the human mind.

What Is Man?

These plaguing questions about man, his mind and his God-ordained purpose have puzzled

scientists, philosophers and even religious leaders. But these mysteries *have been answered* for those who are willing to listen. The answers to the most intriguing questions about our own minds are revealed in the Creator's textbook, the Bible.

The Bible reveals what man is, why man is, and where he is going. It reveals why the human mind is so vastly superior to animal brain, and why we can't understand it, even with the most precise multi-parallel imaging methods imaginable.

In *The Incredible Human Potential*, Herbert W. Armstrong simply and clearly explained what the Bible teaches about man. The book is eye-opening and satisfying. It explains why evolutionary science has never and will never unlock the secret of the human mind. "When man, in the name of science, denies—or by indifference, ignores—his Maker," Mr. Armstrong wrote, "he blinds his mind to what he is, why he is, where he is going, and what is THE WAY!"

From the beginning of human history, man has chosen to cut himself off from God. In the process, he has cut himself off from knowledge that only the Creator can give us. It is time we take a closer look at the Bible, the literature written by the Master Neuroscientist.

The earliest pages of the Bible clearly reveal that man is not an animal. Genesis 1 describes animals—birds, cattle, insects, reptiles and fish—each after their own "kind." But man was different. "And God said, Let us make man in OUR IMAGE, after OUR LIKENESS: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth" (verse 26). *Man was made after the God kind.*

God also reveals in the Bible that He created man for a great purpose. To achieve that purpose, He made man out of the dust of the ground; man is composed wholly of matter (Genesis 2:7). Just like the animals, human

life depends solely on oxygen we breathe from the air, food we eat from the ground, the continuing-yet-temporary oxidation of our blood. True biblical science corroborates this similarity between the lives of human beings and those of animals.

And nowhere does the Bible say that man has an immortal soul. Herbert Armstrong wrote, "Notice carefully that MAN, made wholly of matter, BECAME a *living soul* as soon as the BREATH gave him his temporary physical life. The scripture does NOT say 'immortal' soul. Man does not *have* an 'immortal' soul. He *is* a soul as soon as physical LIFE enters him" (ibid). Man and animals are similar in that we share the same physiological existence. The Bible shows that man and animals die the same death (Ecclesiastes 3:19-20).

The Human Spirit

But *there is a spiritual component* in your human brain that is not in any animal's brain!

"But *there is a spirit in man*: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding" (Job 32:8). Mr. Armstrong wrote, "This is a great TRUTH, understood

by but very few" (ibid). Just like the false immortal soul theory, science also rejects the knowledge of the true spirit in man. This truth is spiritual and must be revealed by the Creator of the human mind.

To return to the fundamental question: Why is the output of the human mind so vastly superior to that of the animal brain? God placed within human brains a spirit that gives us our distinctly human qualities and abilities.

"Let me make clear a few essential points about this spirit in man," Mr. Armstrong wrote. "It is spirit essence, just as in matter air is essence, and so is water. This human spirit cannot see. The physical BRAIN sees, through the eyes. The human spirit IN a person cannot hear. The brain hears through the ears. This human spirit cannot think. The brain thinks—although the spirit imparts the power to think, whereas brute animal brains without such spirit cannot, except in the most elementary manner."

God explained the function of this human spirit in 1 Corinthians 2:11. Read it, and you'll understand what \$100 million in neuroscientific experiments will fail to reveal. This spirit in man gives us

the power and ability to know the things animals cannot come to know. The human spirit empowers us to comprehend abstract concepts like philosophy and mathematics. The human spirit gives us the ability to appreciate literature, art and music. Without the human spirit, the human brain could not come to know these things! *This is the fantastic truth that answers the seemingly unanswerable paradox!*

This knowledge is a *real* breakthrough! The knowledge of the human spirit opens up new vistas of incredible possibilities for mankind. The Creator had a great purpose for putting the human spirit in man. *The reason will astound you!* It not only explains the quantum leap from the animal level to the human level, but explains the quantum leap from the human level to *the incredible human potential!* ■



Unlock the mystery

There is an unseen element to the three pounds of matter between your ears. Request your free copy of **What Science Can't Discover About the Human Mind** to prove that you possess so much more than just a human brain.

You have an incredible human *mind*—and an *incredible* human potential!



Some Advice That Will Really Make Your Day

Go to bed. **BY JOEL HILLIKER**

GOOD NEWS! SCIENTISTS HAVE found a gene that enables those who possess it to perform extremely well on six hours of sleep a night. Bad news: It is found in less than 3 percent of people. For the other 97 percent of us, six hours isn't nearly enough.

Do you get enough sleep? Most people don't. Research shows that the average adult needs seven to nine hours nightly; teens need 8.5 to 10 hours. Yet three in seven Americans ages 13 to 64 say that on weeknights, they rarely or never get a good night's sleep. (In related news, Americans drink, on average, three 12-ounce caffeinated beverages every weekday.)

The quality of your sleep significantly affects the quality of your life. Evidence overwhelmingly shows that proper sleep makes you mentally sharper, increases your concentration, improves your emotional balance and creativity, enhances your physical performance, makes you a more productive worker, and even helps you prevent weight gain. Nothing else delivers quite the benefits that adequate sleep does.

While you sleep, your brain is amazingly busy. It's performing biological maintenance, keeping your mind and body running in top condition and preparing you for the day ahead. "It is a common experience," John Steinbeck once said, "that a problem difficult at night is resolved in the morning after the committee of sleep has worked on it."

But it all hinges on one predominant factor: going to bed on time. For far too many of us, this is well within our capability, yet not followed near strict enough.

Micro-Naps

Some people pride themselves on being able to perform well on less sleep. Well, it turns out, many of us can—sporadically. In 2008, the Society of Neuroscience found that a sleep-deprived person can actually deliver similar results to a well-rested person. But he can't sustain it, and for a very specific reason.

We all lose focus at times. But brains that are sleep-deprived are unable to refocus as

quickly as well-rested ones. The main finding of the 2008 study was that "the brain of the sleep-deprived individual is working normally sometimes, but intermittently suffers from something akin to power failure," Harvard's Dr. Clifford Saper wrote in the study. Sleep-deprived people have periods of near-normal brain function "interspersed with severe drops in attention and visual processing. ... [D]uring attentional lapses, the sleep-deprived brain enters a sleep-like state." It's like your body is compensating by taking micro-naps.

Researchers recently discovered that for every lost hour of uninterrupted sleep, workers spend 12 more minutes per hour cyberloafing—using company time to check personal e-mails and so on. And the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that 40.6 million American workers—30 percent of the civilian workforce—don't get enough rest. Harvard scientists estimated in 2011 that sleep deprivation costs U.S. companies \$63.2 billion in lost productivity per year, mainly because of "presenteeism" (as opposed to absenteeism)—people showing up but turning in subpar work.

What exacerbates this effect is that sleep-deprived people *don't notice* their decrease in performance. The 2008 study found that "periods of apparently normal functioning could give a false sense of competency and security."

Recent research at Harvard and Berkeley has also revealed an amazing side effect of pulling an all-nighter: short-term euphoria. A sleepless night increases your body's dopamine levels. This chemical surge may briefly *boost* motivation and positivity; however, it encourages ill-founded optimism, addiction and impulsive behavior because the regions of your brain responsible for planning and evaluating decisions simply shut down.

The pathway where dopamine travels is called the *mesolimbic pathway*. Some research indicates that frequently overstimulating this pathway by sleep deprivation could permanently hamper your brain's



neural plasticity—its ability to adapt to new situations. Among college students, for example, four years of repeated sleep deprivation can have serious long-term consequences, "unleashing a neurological cycle of degeneration" (*Guardian*, Oct. 9, 2012).

The take-home lesson is simple—but fiendishly difficult: *Go to bed when you know you should.*

You Must Get Sleep

God *designed* us to require a certain amount of sleep. Have you ever thought about why? God pulls an all-nighter every night (Isaiah 40:28), whereas we require several hours of unconsciousness.

Surely God had several reasons for creating us this way. Perhaps He used it to help keep us humble—to remind us that, while human, we are limited. It's certainly also a means of developing character: making choices to use our waking hours wisely, and to exercise discipline in our bedtime.

Some believe they can catch up on lost sleep over the weekend. Not true. In fact, sleeping late on Saturdays only lets your sleep clock drift later, making it even harder to wake up on Monday, according to the book *Chronotherapy*.

So what do you do? Few of us have the option of sleeping in indefinitely. Our *real* choice comes several hours before that—**AT BEDTIME.**

So obey this law of health, and *go to bed on time*. Your quality of life depends on it. ■



NEW WORLD POPE

Restoring Europe's Latin Empire

For the first time in history, the pope hails from Latin America. The religious bonds with Europe are long and deep. What will happen when they are revived?

BY RON FRASER

TO GRASP WHY POPE FRANCIS'S election is significant historically and prophetically, we must see the *political thread*.

The Vatican is more than just the headquarters of a religion. It is a political power. British political economist Rodney Atkinson placed it in its true historical perspective when he recently wrote, "Imperial politics rather than the religion of the Roman Catholic Church has been its critical characteristic." Even more than Roman Catholicism itself, the Vatican's chief characteristic throughout its centuries of operations has been *political maneuvering*—geopolitical machinations involving *empires*.

Take, for merely the latest example, Pope Francis's Easter message, "Urbi et Orbi." What did this religious leader highlight on this religious day? Almost every current combat zone on the planet. This great church is not silent on the politics of power—and it never has been.

The important political thread in this case is a centuries-long cord that *intertwines the Vatican with Latin America*.

This thread tightened with Pope John Paul II's first overseas visit, to Mexico and the West Indies, in 1979. It was strengthened by Pope Benedict XVI's 2007 visit to Brazil. It now consummates with the election of a pope from Argentina.

Understanding Vatican politics and its connection to Latin America is much more than an intriguing academic exercise. When you overlay it with Bible prophecy, it becomes a way to see the future.

One Main Language, One Main Religion

From Mexico to the southern tip of South America, the population of Latin America generally speaks one common language, Spanish. (Brazil's Portuguese is related.) This population also practices one universal religion, Roman Catholicism.

In 1494, Pope Alexander VI divided South America between the Spanish and Portuguese via the Treaty of Tordesillas (clarified in 1529 by the Treaty of Zaragoza). This pontifical decree helped divide the entire Western Hemisphere between two Catholic nations: Spain and Portugal. From that time on, a lasting cultural and

religious bond was forged between Rome and the vast continental region south of the Rio Grande (sidebar, "A Brief History of Catholicism in Latin America," page 15).

Apart from Europe—where the Holy Roman Empire has repeatedly resurrected and re-resurrected itself—it is Latin America that holds the greatest promise for returning Rome to the glory days of the papacy. In tandem with the political leadership of the European Union, Latin America offers a place where Rome and the EU can extend their intercontinental influence and imperial reach.

During his papacy, Pope John Paul II visited 24 countries in Central and South America. This was part of an effort to stabilize the region and strengthen its political and trade obligations to the EU as well as



ARGENTINE CONNECTION
President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner meets Pope Francis.

its religious unity with the Catholic Church.

The post-Vatican II era in the Catholic Church in the 1960s had seen a surge of liberalism sweep across Latin America. The pope was profoundly concerned about this trend, and sought to stop it—with the help of his chief enforcer, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger—by removing its main instigators from positions of influence.

One of the driving forces of liberalism in the Roman Catholic Church was the council of bishops of Latin America, known by the acronym CELAM. In a visit to the 1979 CELAM conference, John Paul II challenged the liberation theology movement that had permeated the church in Latin America and rippled around the world since Vatican II. Cardinal Ratzinger, who became Pope Benedict XVI, followed through, gradually dismissing Latin American leaders who were tied to the liberation theology movement. Thus the Vatican initiated the process of returning the church to conservative

Catholic dogma, policy and practice.

These two men worked throughout John Paul II's papacy to revive traditionalist thought and liturgy within Catholicism. In the process, they appointed a record number of cardinals from the most conservative ranks of the priesthood.

This prepared the way for the second part in this strategy to rope in Latin America and return Rome to prime global position. That would entail Pope Benedict personally addressing the issue with the Latin American bishops on their home turf.

Benedict in Brazil

In 2007, Pope Benedict XVI visited Latin America's largest and one of its most progressive nations, Brazil, to attend the CELAM conference.

Even before he touched the deck in Sao Paulo, the Vatican's imperial politics were at work. Just two weeks earlier, Mexican legislators had indicated their approval of legal changes that would permit abortion to be carried out in Mexico City. This was such a hot issue with the pope that he told reporters on board his flight to Brazil that the politicians endorsing this legislation risked excommunication from the church. While the pope was still in the air, Brazilian President Lula da Silva made a very political public statement. He declared that he would oppose any liberalization of the current Brazilian law against abortion and any referendum taking the matter to the public. The statement was clearly calculated to place da Silva in the pope's good graces on the eve of his visit to this Catholic country.

At the CELAM conference, Benedict challenged Brazil, and all of Latin America, through the assembled bishops, to a campaign of evangelizing the continent back to its traditionally religious roots. "The greatest gift the church can offer to Latin America is the Catholic faith," the pope declared. "Only from the Eucharist will the civilization of love spring forth which will transform Latin America and the Caribbean."

Catholic World News reported, "The pope stressed that *evangelization* must be the top priority for Catholic leaders in Latin America, and the church's social action should flow from and serve that primary mission" (May 14, 2007; emphasis added). By specific papal command to the assembled bishops, Pope Benedict launched a strategy

How Deep Is European Influence in Latin America?

LATIN AMERICA'S EUROPEAN ROOTS

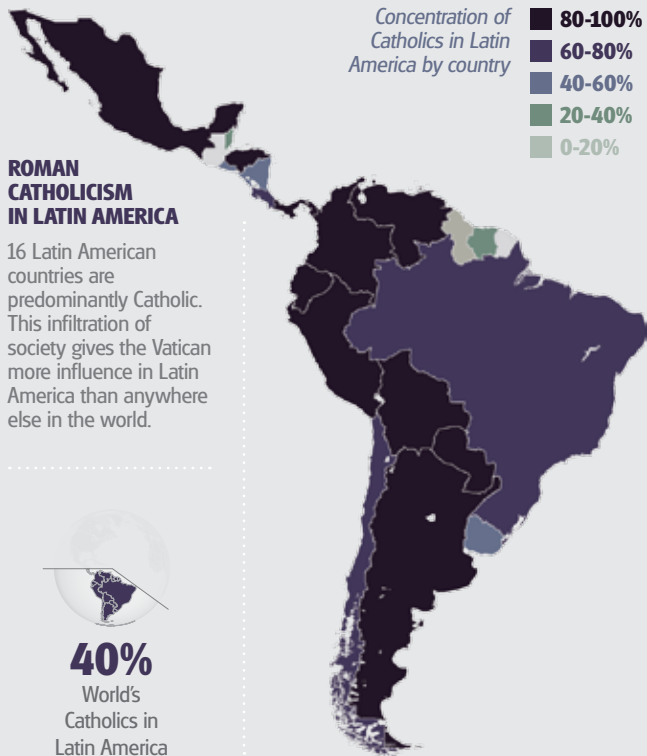
Per DNA research, most Latin Americans are descended from European colonists.



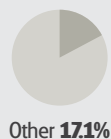
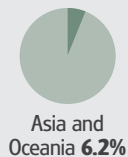
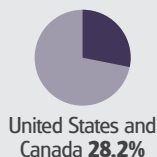
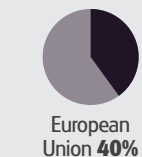
White 36% (direct descendants of European colonists)
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 Argentines of European descent



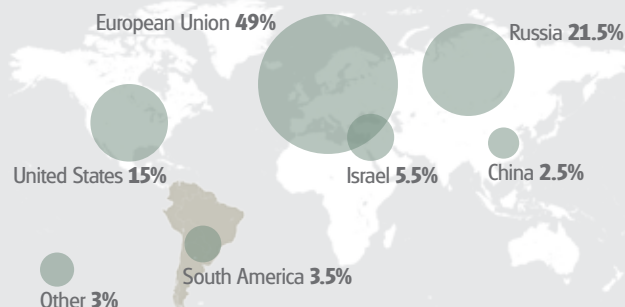
FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN LATIN AMERICA



EUROPE DOMINATES SOUTH AMERICA'S MILITARIES

Although 15 percent of its arms trade is with the United States, almost half of South America's new weapons come from the European Union, including 90 percent of anti-ship missiles and torpedoes, 65 percent of air-to-surface missiles, 60 percent of tanks and 60 percent of warships.

Source of weapons imports to South America (2002 to 2011)



European businesses invest more in Latin America and the Caribbean than companies from any other region, including China.

destined to draw powerful support from Latin America, a resource-rich continent that will ultimately prove of great value to the resource-needy continent of Europe.

Thus revived the symbiotic relationship between the two continents that Rome once enjoyed during its Holy Roman Empire heyday.

Now, that revival will receive fresh energy with the election of a Latin American pope.

Cementing the Bonds

The economic and political ties between Europe and Latin America in recent decades are well documented. In October 1957, the *Plain Truth* said, "During World War II, Argentina was an outspoken friend of Hitler, sheltering Nazi officers and men, offering safe haven for Nazi ships and submarines. Many Nazis found their way to Argentina and safety while Hitler's regime was collapsing under the steady rain of Allied bombs."

As we wrote in our booklet *He Was Right* (request a free copy), "German influence began to dominate Latin America by the late 1940s. The Germans had high-level military presence in Argentina, Krupp industrial strength established in Brazil, Hitler's Croat Ustashi chief Ante Pavelic influencing security in Paraguay, Nazi intelligence agents of Farben Bayer in Chile and Venezuela, and Nazi Party organizers of Brueckmann and Co. on the ground in Ecuador.

"Since then, German businesses, with the support of the Vatican, have led European efforts to penetrate key industrial, agricultural and corporate industries in Latin America. Many German corporate giants such as Krupp, Siemens, Bayer, Volkswagen, I.G. Farben and Deutsche Bank steadily became household names south of the Rio Grande, across Panama and clear down to southern Argentina. From 1990, with a united Germany and other EU members now 'on side,' all levels of EU trade and investment to the Latin region dramatically increased."

Why is this trend so significant? Because it aligns exactly with what Herbert W. Armstrong predicted during his lifetime, and what the *Trumpet* has continued to predict since its inception in 1990. In Revelation 17 and 18, God labels the German-led, Vatican-influenced empire currently emerging in Europe as "Babylon the Great." In the corresponding Old Testament prophecies of Isaiah 23 and

Ezekiel 27, the same empire appears under the name *Tyre*, the most powerful trading center of the ancient Mediterranean world.

Based on these scriptures, Mr. Armstrong long said that the alliance between Europe and South America would grow strong. The May 1962 *Plain Truth* predicted, "The United States is going to be left out in the cold as two gigantic trade blocs, Europe and Latin America, *mesh together* and begin calling the shots in world commerce."

This shocking prophecy is unfolding before us.

The most significant factors that will cement this transatlantic alliance are the Roman Catholic religion and the Spanish language. This union, however, will not be a union of equals: The Latin American countries will again become vassal states to the Holy Roman Empire!

As the July 1965 *Plain Truth* foretold, "Flowing across the Atlantic to feed the hungry furnaces of the Ruhr and the other industrial complexes of Europe will come the rich mineral wealth of Latin America." "Herbert Armstrong knew far in advance

that communism would fail to entice the Latinos and that British and American influence would dwindle," we wrote in *He Was Right*, our booklet on Mr. Armstrong's many fulfilled prophecies. "He knew it was Europe that would ultimately achieve its long-term goal of economic and religious domination of Latin America. Today, *Europe has significantly achieved that goal.*"

German leaders learned from the experience of two world wars that aggression as a means of empire-building was counter-productive. For their third attempt at global

A Brief History of Catholicism in Latin America

WHEN CHRISTOPHER Columbus arrived in America, the Catholic Church moved quickly to establish its control in the newly discovered territory. In 1494, just one year after Columbus's famous voyage, Pope Alexander VI published a bull dividing the new territory between Spain and Portugal—provided the natives were converted to Catholicism. As Hernán Cortés tore through the Aztec Empire, he was following a letter of instruction that said, "The first aim of your expedition is to serve God and spread the Christian faith."

The first missionaries arrived shortly after the fall of the Aztecs. Most of the missionary work was done by Catholic orders—the Franciscans, Dominicans, Augustinians and Jesuits. Thirty-five years after the first dozen Franciscans arrived, there were 800 missionaries in Mexico alone. Contemporary reports say the Franciscans alone baptized 5 million—roughly 1 percent of the world population at the time—although these reports are impossible to verify.

The priests built new towns and villages for their converts. They constructed huge churches, larger than many of the cathedrals in Europe. The Jesuits took this to an even higher level in South America, where hundreds of thousands lived in Jesuit-run autonomous colonies, complete with their own Jesuit armies.

Despite decrees barring their entry into the New World, hebreo cristianos (Hebrew Christians), nuevo cristianos (New Christians), Moriscos (Moors), and other "heretics" began to show up in Latin America alongside the Catholics. To deal with these non-believers, the Spanish Inquisition also made its way across the Atlantic. On the recommendation of the Inquisition, thousands of "heretics" throughout the continent were tortured until they died or confessed to charges they faced. Over a thousand people were executed in Lima, Peru, alone.

As the Inquisitors labored to purge the continent of non-Catholics, the new Spanish and Portuguese governors encouraged the spread of Catholicism among the native populations, and not just because it gave them political support from the Vatican. The Catholic Church was key to their ability to control the continent with only a small military,

One letter to the Spanish king in 1768 warned of the need for "constant vigilance to preserve suitable conduct and healthy principles of obedience and love for Your Majesty among the clergy." Another, in 1789, stated that "the conduct of the people depends in large part on that of the clergy"; it said the best way of stopping a riot was not to call in the army, but rather "to station a friar with a holy crucifix in the nearest plaza."

By 1767, the Portuguese, Spanish and French had grown distrustful of the power of the Jesuits. They ordered their expulsion from their lands, breaking the Jesuits' power in Latin America. The Jesuits were escorted from the Spanish Empire, in many cases with a military escort to prevent the natives from breaking in and freeing them.

At the start of the 19th century, Spain began an effort to assert control over the Catholic Church as a whole. This was the nation's undoing. The church caused the Latin American countries to revolt rather than have their power weakened. "The clergy provided many of the political and military leaders of the insurrection," writes historian Paul Johnson. "Priests persuaded their entire parishes to 'pronounce' for the revolution. It was the clergy who drew up the first scheme for separation from Spain, in 1794, and provided most of the press propaganda. They were active politically throughout Spanish America, but in Mexico they also provided the military leadership" (*A History of Christianity*).

One official wrote, "the ecclesiastics were the principal authors of this rebellion... one can count by the hundreds the generals, brigadiers, colonels and other officers, all clerics, in the bands of the traitors, and there is scarcely a military action of any importance in which priests are not leading the enemy."

"Thus Spain forfeited the New World by reforming its colonial pillar, the church," concludes Johnson. "The attempt failed; the church emerged stronger; it retained its political and financial privileges. But it now reigned in isolation, without the support of the crown, and so in turn has tended to fall victim to the violent anti-clericalism of the 19th and 20th centuries, until, quite recently, it has resumed its revolutionary role in defense of a new orthodoxy."

RICHARD PALMER



The Resurrection of a Secret Plan

Latin America's growing alliance with Europe may at first appear to be the haphazard result of undirected forces. The truth, however, is that Germany has had a goal to control Latin America for at least a century.

It is well known that German Kaiser Wilhelm II had plans to use Mexico as a launch pad to invade the U.S. if America entered World War I. The revelation of this plan in the *Zimmerman Telegraph* is what finally prompted America to enter the war on the side of the Allies.

What is not as well known, however, is that in addition to this proposed alliance with Mexico, the Germans also sought a strong presence in the southern part of South America.

Shortly before hostilities broke out in World War I, the famous German general and propagandist Otto Tannenbergr wrote that "Germany will take under its protection the republics of Argentina, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay;



"Argentina will one day be at the head of a tariff union comprising the nations in the southern half of South America." **JOSEPH GOEBBELS**

furthermore, the southern third of Bolivia and the southern portion of Brazil" (Michael Sayers and Albert E. Kahn, *The Plot Against the Peace*, 1945).

Germany's defeat in World War I brought a temporary halt to these plans. They resumed, however, once Adolf Hitler's Nazi Party came to power.

Nazi propaganda chief Joseph Goebbels wrote in the March 26, 1944, edition of *Das Reich* that "Argentina will one day be at the head of a tariff union comprising the nations in the southern half of South America. Such a focus of opposition against the United States of America will, together with Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay, form a powerful economic bloc; and eventually, by way of Peru, it will spread northward to place the dollar colony of Brazil in a difficult position."

It is unsettling how closely today's South America matches Goebbels's prediction!

domination, they chose to start with trade. The outcome in Europe was the original common market that morphed into today's German-dominated European Union.

Berlin and Rome are using a similar method to create their alliance with Latin America. Analysts such as Stratfor's George Friedman observe that Latin America is positioned to supplement China as a low-wage, high-growth world epicenter (*Beyond the Post-Cold War World*). That resource is not lost on Europe, which is seeking to replicate its European common market endeavors with the Mercosur trade bloc.

The Mercosur alliance includes Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay and Venezuela. Chile, Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru are associate members. The EU has built formidable free-trade ties with this bloc since signing an agreement in June 1999 that

provided for "the bilateral, progressive and reciprocal liberalization of trade, with no sector excluded." The agreement has had its ups and downs, but it has undeniably been the EU's main means of cementing trade interdependence with Latin America.

But this is not an end unto itself. It is a means to achieve the much greater imperialist vision of the Rome/Berlin axis. With trade interdependence well established, Rome now seeks to cement its *religious and political power* over Latin America.

Enter the new pope.

Reviving an Empire

Taking the papal throne under the watchful eye of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Pope Francis looks set to begin the third and final act in Rome's effort to draw the continent of Latin America under its influence and forge an intercontinental

The continent is composed of two tariff unions that are about to merge into an economic and political alliance. Argentina may not be the head of this union, but it is certainly a major member, and the former "dollar colony" of Brazil is already on board as the dominant member of the forming Union of South American Nations.

How did this happen? Not overnight!

In 1996, the American government declassified a World War II intelligence document relating shocking details of a secret Nazi meeting of industrialists that took place on Aug. 10, 1944, in Strasbourg, France. The Nazis' purpose was to instruct German industrialists how to conduct "a postwar commercial campaign" to finance the Nazi Party, "which would be forced to go underground," thus ensuring that "a strong German Empire can be created after the defeat."

These industrialists were specifically told to strengthen Germany "through their exports" and to "make contacts and alliances with foreign firms." Many of the corporations represented at this meeting, such as Krupp and Volkswagenwerk, chose Latin America as their site of foreign investment.

From 1943 until his death in 1967, Alfried Krupp chaired the board of directors of Fried Krupp AG, predecessor of today's industrial colossus ThyssenKrupp. Though he was convicted for war crimes at Nuremberg in 1947, the Allies released him from prison in 1951 and let him resume sole proprietorship of Fried Krupp AG. Loyal to the instructions his representative received from Nazi officials at the Strasbourg meeting, Alfried immediately went to work creating new export markets in Eastern Europe, Africa and Latin America, especially in Brazil.

When he died in 1967, Krupp's personal copy of *Mein Kampf* was still on his nightstand.

Almost all of the Nazis and their industrial agents have since died, but their children and successors are still working to strengthen the relationship between Latin American countries and the German Fatherland. The situation is just a bit more subtle and a bit more *sophisticated* than in the previous two world wars. The racist political activists of yesterday have become the respectable businessmen and technocrats of today! **ANDREW MILLER**

empire—in reality the biblically prophesied seventh and final resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire.

Pope Francis's role in absorbing Latin America into Europe's imperialist drive is crucial. As Langley Intelligence Group Network said, "he will be very strong towards bringing Argentina, Venezuela and Cuba into the Catholic fold."

Jorge Bergoglio grew up in the Latin American nation most sympathetic to Hitler's vision of world conquest. Argentina was a chief recipient of Nazi gold, and indeed of Nazi personnel, courtesy of the Vatican Ratlines (in which Joseph Ratzinger was heavily involved under the papacy of Pius XII). Its politics inevitably became heavily influenced by this connection. In fact, Argentine President Nestor Kirchner (who preceded the current president, his wife) was the son of a Nazi.

Many Nazis who escaped the Allies' war crimes tribunals ended up as active participants in the Argentine security, police and military forces and helped shape the postwar development of these institutions.

Pope Francis's anti-British attitude, reflected in his aggressively outspoken statements against British possession of the Falkland Islands, no doubt springs from his education in the postwar, anti-British, pro-German Argentine culture of his youth. His ready deference to the Bavarian pope emeritus, Benedict XVI, may as well.

Either way, this new pope, conscious and proud of his Italian roots, and hailing from one of the most German-influenced cultures in Latin America, would seem to be of a ready mindset to identify, together with his brother pope emeritus, with another man that biblical prophecy speaks of: the populist political leader of the Rome/Berlin axis. All indications are that this political leader will soon emerge on the world scene; as editor in chief Gerald Flurry has observed, he could even come to power as a result of the upcoming federal elections in Germany in September.

'The Holy Roman Empire Is Back'

Three years ago, our editor in chief made a startling announcement: "The Holy Roman Empire Is Back!"

"The Holy Roman Empire became official Jan. 1, 2010," he wrote in the February 2010 edition. "On that date, the European Union implemented its diplomatic service and appointed other officials. That made the Holy Roman Empire official.

"Now they have already begun to build their own military, which is destined to become a world-shaking superpower!"

"The EU constitution was signed in November 2009. IT IS FAR FROM BEING A DEMOCRATIC CONSTITUTION. The EU is absolutely domineered by Germany—a nation that started World Wars I and II!

"The empire is to be guided by the Vatican. That makes it a church-state combine—hence, the name *Holy Roman Empire*. But if you look at the previous six heads of that empire, you will see that

it was the opposite of *holy!*" (You can read more about this history in our free booklet *Germany and the Holy Roman Empire*.)

Belatedly, some of the press and mass media have come to this realization. The sensationalist conservative British tabloids *Daily Mail* and *Express* have more recently featured articles on the rise of the Fourth Reich. The pundits are late in catching on to this prophesied reality, and the Anglo-Saxon politicians are way behind them. It was ever the case in Britain and America.

Now it is time we faced the reality.

This political backdrop, viewed in light of the history of the Holy Roman Empire and its prophesied final resurrection, shows the true significance of the installation of a Latin American pope of Italian heritage linking with the spiritual vision of an incumbent German pope emeritus.

At the helm in Rome we have a historic duo, each having his ethnic and cultural roots deeply entrenched in the nations that produced the fascist and Nazi populist leaders of yesteryear. Veteran Vatican watcher Robert Moynihan has observed that by his behavior to date, Francis is giving every indication that he will tenaciously follow Benedict's spiritual vision. These papal representatives share a common vision for cementing relations between Latin America and Europe.

Indications are that it is time for the prophesied northern power to cross the ocean and forge the imperial link that will empower it as a real intercontinental empire, in a true *déjà vu* Holy Roman Empire moment!

Bible prophecy declares that the interdependence between the EU and its trading partners will inevitably lead to the latter's total trade dependence on the former (Revelation 13).

More is prophesied for this European empire, however, than a mere trade alliance with Latin America. In Isaiah 10, God says Assyria (modern-day Germany) would be the rod of His anger used to punish the hypocritical nations of Israel (modern-day America, Britain, and its dominions) and Judah (the Jewish state of Israel).

How might Latin America factor into this scenario?

Deuteronomy 28 describes several curses

coming upon these modern-day descendants of Israel because of their disobedience to God. Verses 47-51 describe a devastating assault by "a nation of fierce countenance"—revealed in other prophecies to be Germany. "And he shall BESIEGE THEE *in all thy gates*, until thy high and fenced walls come down, wherein thou trustedst, throughout all thy land: and he shall besiege thee in all thy gates throughout all thy land, which the Lord thy God hath given thee" (verse 52). These "gates" refer to land and sea gates, such as the Panama Canal, through which America and these other nations receive so much of their imports. This is a prophecy of a besiegement that will reduce these nations to conditions of dire poverty! Isaiah 23 sheds further light on this prophecy by foretelling a great economic siege against the United States.

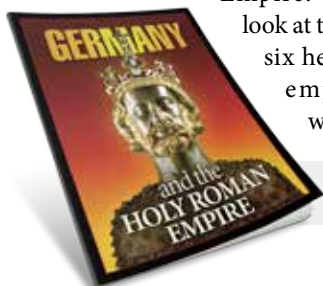
Germany and the Vatican are building a transcontinental alliance that will



TWO POPES
Watch for the new pope (Francis, left) to embrace the guidance of the old (Benedict, right).

ultimately include 10 European kings, an anti-Iranian alliance of Arabic regimes, and a loyal network of Latin American vassal states. With its left arm, this Vatican-dominated conglomerate will reach down southward and eastward into the Middle East to conquer the Holy City, Jerusalem. Then with its right arm, this "Holy" Roman Empire will reach southward and westward across the Atlantic TO TAKE CONTROL OF LATIN AMERICA AND BESIEGE THE UNITED STATES!

Recent events are destined to accelerate the onset of some of the greatest end-time prophecies in your Bible—prophecies leading up to the fulfillment of that greatest of all prophecies: the return of the Savior of humankind to set up His Kingdom of glorious peace and plenty—*forever!* ■



What's so holy about the Holy Roman Empire? Learn about its bloody past and what is in store for this newest incarnation. Request our free booklet ***Germany and the Holy Roman Empire***.

A.D. 476
Rome falls to the Barbarians.

A.D. 554
Justinian I issues the Pragmatic Sanction, reuniting Italy with the Eastern Roman Empire.

A.D. 732
Charles Martel defeats a Muslim invasion of Europe in the Battle of Tours-Poitiers, cementing Europe as a Christian continent.

A.D. 754
Pope Stephen II, who allied with Pepin to recapture what would become known as the Papal States, anoints him and his sons "patricians of the Romans."

A.D. 772
Adrian I counters Lombard invasions by allying with Pepin's son and successor, Charlemagne.

A.D. 960
At the request of the pope, Otto the Great invades Italy and defeats the descendants of the Lombards.

A.D. 1075
Church and state clash over supremacy as Pope Gregory VII fights with Holy Roman Emperor Henry IV in the Investiture Controversy.

1098
The first of many massacres of the Crusades takes place in Antioch.

1122
Pope Calixtus II signs Concordat of Worms with Holy Roman Emperor Henry V, setting aside differences after the Investiture Controversy.

A.D. 529
Based on Catholic law, Emperor Justinian begins issuing his "Corpus Juris," the basis of all European law for centuries to come.

A.D. 622
Byzantium Emperor Heraclius begins a "holy war" against the Persians, a forerunner of the Crusades.

A.D. 751
Catholic bishops anoint Pepin the Short, king of the Franks—the first time the Catholic Church appoints monarchs for a European power.

A.D. 755
Pepin invades Italy and defeats the Lombards at the request of the pope.

A.D. 800
Leo III crowns his defender, Charlemagne, "the 73rd emperor of the fourth world empire."

A.D. 962
Pope John XII makes Otto I emperor of the Holy Roman Empire.

A.D. 1095
Pope Urban II kicks off the bloody history of the Crusades with a rousing speech at the Council of Clermont, saying those who fight against Muslims will have their sins forgiven.

1099
Jerusalem falls to the Crusaders, who massacre Muslims and Jews.

1273
In Aachen, Pope Gregory X crowns Austrian King Rudolf of Habsburg king of the Romans, reviving the Holy Roman Empire.

JOHN PAUL II



OCTOBER 1979 Becomes the first pope to visit the White House.
NOVEMBER 1979 Makes a historic, three-day visit to Turkey, holding a religious summit with Greek Orthodox Patriarch Demetrios I. States his determination to reduce or end "intolerable" divisions in Christianity.
1982 Is first pope to visit Britain.
2004 Receives Medal of Freedom, the highest U.S. civilian award, from President George W. Bush.
2005 Rowan Williams, then archbishop of Canterbury, becomes first Anglican leader in history to attend a pope's funeral.

BENEDICT XVI



MARCH 2006 Drops "patriarch of the West" from his list of official titles—because it implied a limited jurisdiction.
SEPTEMBER 2006 Makes incendiary remarks against Islam.
2007 Pressures Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi to resign after a dispute over the legality of homosexual "marriages."
OCTOBER 2009 Vatican announces that the Catholic Church will offer a free ticket to Rome for all Anglicans who choose to reject the policies of their liberalized hierarchy.
NOVEMBER 2009 Decrees the establishment of the Ordinariate to allow Anglicans to enter into the full communion of the Catholic Church while retaining much of their heritage and traditions.
JULY 2012 Appoints a fellow German theologian, Bishop Gerhard Ludwig Müller, to head the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.
2012 Appoints 28 cardinals in just one year. (Sixty-seven of the cardinals who elected Francis were appointed by Benedict XVI; the other 48 by his predecessor, John Paul II.)

FRANCIS I



MARCH 18, 2013 Meets with Argentina's president, who requests his help against Britain to intercede and "facilitate dialogue" to help Argentina wrest away Britain's Falkland Islands.
MARCH 19, 2013 At the pope's request, an Orthodox Church leader attends his installment, marking the first such occurrence in a millennium; after the inauguration, Bartholomew I says he foresees a reunion between the Orthodox and Roman churches.
MARCH 22, 2013 In his address to the diplomatic corps accredited to "the Holy See," he indicates that he will maintain the same essential spiritual vision of his predecessor, Pope Benedict XVI.

EU POLITICAL RELIGION

Percentage of European heads of state and heads of government who are Catholic, versus other belief systems.

38% Catholic

33% Catholic daughters

29% Other or unknown

Numerous Bible prophecies describe a great religious power that heavily influences and guides European politics (Revelation 17:1-5). That power is the Catholic Church, which, for more than 1,500 years, has led Europe through its darkest chapters.

1440

Pope Nicholas V crowns Frederick III, the first of the Habsburg kings to receive the title of emperor.

1517

Martin Luther publishes his *Ninety-Five Theses*. Catholic control of Europe starts to crumble.

1545

Council of Trent marks beginning of Counter-Reformation, a forceful response against Protestants.

1804

Napoleon crowns himself emperor of the Holy Roman Empire, claims the throne of Charlemagne.

1929

Pope Pius XI signs Lateran Treaty with Mussolini, gains control of Vatican City in return for supporting the Fascists.

1939

Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli, who negotiated the Reich Concordat and helped Hitler's rise, becomes the new pope.

2004

With the blessing of Pope John Paul II, the constitution of the European Union is signed in Rome.

1492

Spanish Jews ordered to convert or leave.

1530

Pope Clement VII makes Charles V Holy Roman Emperor. The Habsburgs' Catholic empire peaks, controlling Germany, Spain, Italy and part of Latin America.

1801

Pope Pius VII and Napoleon sign a concordat that makes Catholicism the state religion and requires bishops to swear loyalty to the government.

1926

Mussolini takes over Italy, proclaiming his regime to be the Holy Roman Empire.

1933

The Catholic Church signs the Reich Concordat with Hitler's Nazi government. Bishops must swear allegiance to the Nazi regime.

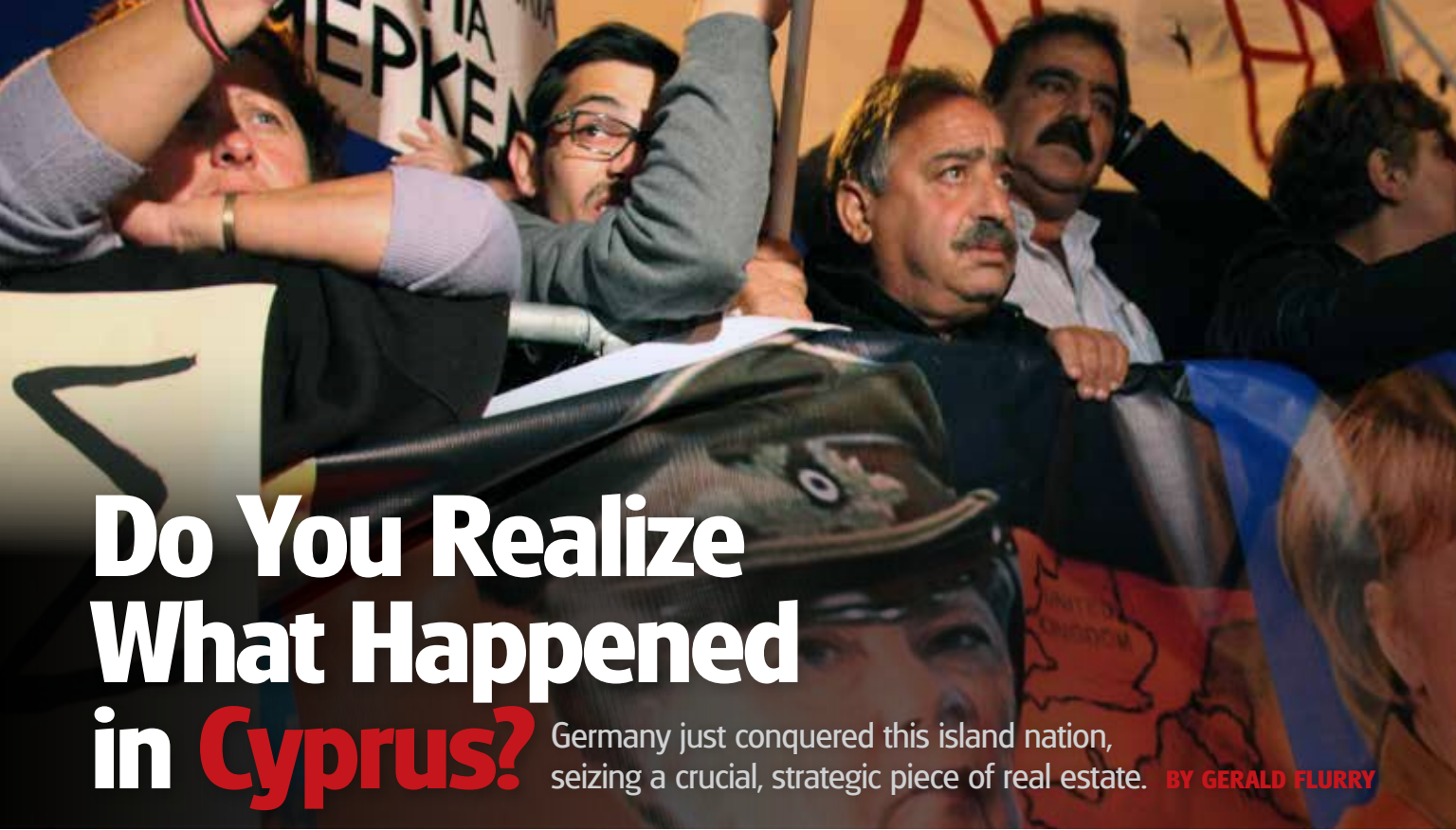
1940s

Pius XII undermines Catholic resistance in Germany; stays silent, or worse, during Nazi invasions; ignores, trivializes Holocaust.

2009

Pope Benedict XVI declares Pius XII as "venerable," a step toward granting "Hitler's pope" the status of sainthood.





Do You Realize What Happened in **Cyprus?**

Germany just conquered this island nation, seizing a crucial, strategic piece of real estate. **BY GERALD FLURRY**

THE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS NO longer rules its own country. In March, the world watched in shock as the Cypriot government prepared to obey the Germans and raid the bank accounts of its own citizens.

Why should you be concerned about this small island in the Mediterranean? Cyprus is one of the world's most strategic pieces of property. IT WILL PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE NEAR FUTURE, AND WILL PROBABLY BE THE LAUNCHING PAD FOR WORLD WAR III!

Why Cyprus Matters

Cyprus is a powerful watch-post for anybody who wants to survey events in the Middle East. This is precisely what Germany and Rome are interested in.

A confidential note from America's embassy in Cyprus published by WikiLeaks proves that America's diplomats see the importance of that island. Cyprus itself, they wrote, "simply is too small, too distant and too lacking in natural resources to affect U.S. interests." However, Cyprus houses British intelligence installations and radar stations that America relies on. If America lost access to these British bases, it "would

pose a threat to our national security interests in the eastern Mediterranean," the embassy said.

"It has been joked that 'a mosquito can't take off in Tehran without the radar watchers in Cyprus knowing,'" *Trumpet* contributor James Leigh and Predrag Vukovic wrote in an article for the GLORIA Center. "Cyprus is also a listening post from which to monitor electronic communication media, very helpful for signals intelligence. With the surveillance technology installed in Cyprus, for decades, Britain has been able to share intelligence data with the United States, and now, no doubt, with the EU, as a member state" (Dec. 22, 2011).

The tiny island nation is also greatly significant as a military base. Fighter jets based in Cyprus can cover much of the region without refueling.

Cyprus has been a bridge between Europe and the Middle East for millennia. It has allowed European nations to project their power into the Middle East, and for Middle Eastern powers to push against Greece and southern Europe. Even today, it still serves as that bridge. When the German military began patrolling Lebanon's coast in 2006 as part of a United Nations mission, those ships were based in *Cyprus*. This island is vital for getting ships, planes and even soldiers into the area around Israel.

Germany is deeply aware of the significance of this island. It is moving into the Middle East even as America moves out.

Germany wants control of the island as it watches a new power rise in the region.

I addressed this subject in our January 2011 issue: "More than one crusade has been launched from Cyprus. Will we see the last crusade launched from there as well? Is history about to repeat itself? ... Cyprus is now a member of the EU. Are European leaders already thinking about Cyprus as a launching pad from which to protect their Jerusalem interests? You can be certain that they are thinking about how to protect the holy places in and around Jerusalem. The Europeans have thought like this for almost 2,000 years!"

Germany Determined to Get Cyprus

The European Union currently has 27 presidents, or kings, but according to biblical prophecy, that number will soon be reduced to 10. Already, it's becoming clear that Cyprus will almost certainly be part of those 10 nations, or groups of nations, that will constitute the Holy Roman Empire.

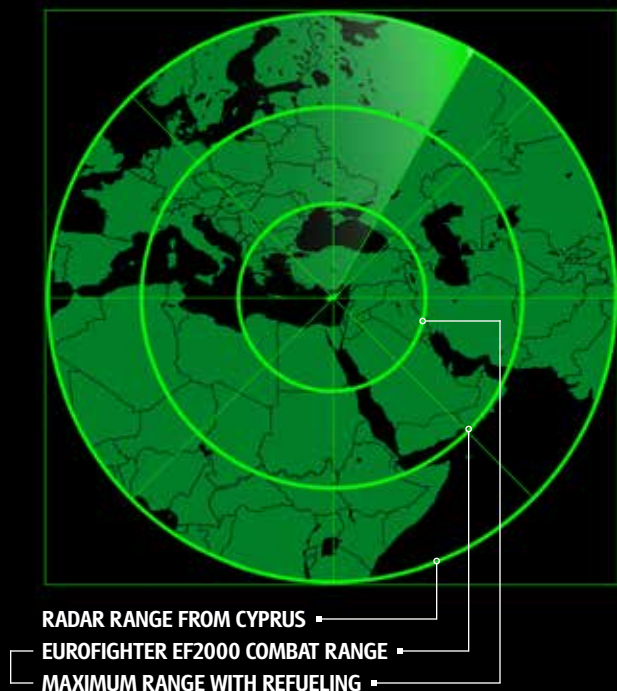
After being completely destroyed in World War II, Germany now rules Europe again. And it has Cyprus in bondage. The German government is so determined to get control of the island that it is willing to ignore the opinion of its own people to get it.

In a poll released in late February, 63 percent of Germans were *against* bailing out



AVTÍO, SOVEREIGNTY
Despite protesting against Germany and the EU, indebted Cypriots watched their government bid its own liberty goodbye.

Why is Cyprus so important to Germany?



Cyprus. Only 16 percent were for it. Sixty percent said the issue was something “very important” or “important” when it came to selecting Germany’s next chancellor.

Voters don’t want their tax money spent on Cyprus—which they see as merely a safe haven for corrupt Russian businessmen—even if it does give Germany control over strategic real estate.

Still, Chancellor Angela Merkel made the very unpopular decision to bail out Cyprus anyway. To appease the German public, Merkel’s government insisted that Cyprus come up with some of the bail-out money. Cyprus had to provide nearly €6 billion (us\$7.7 billion). That’s a lot of money for such a tiny island. For Germany—whose 2012 tax revenues are estimated to be €600 billion—it’s closer to pocket change. But in order to control Cyprus without upsetting its core voters overly much, Germany imposed conditions on Cyprus that are so severe they could upset the financial stability of the eurozone!

This bailout won’t be the last. It did not fix Cyprus’s economy. Just like Greece, Cyprus is now dependent upon Germany. Every few months, it will need German approval for the money it needs to keep its economy and government going. And it will have to meet Germany’s conditions to get it.

The Coming Clash

This Cyprus takeover marks the beginning of one of the greatest military missions in our time. Cyprus provides an intelligence outpost, a naval base, a launching pad and an aircraft carrier for Europe to send its forces into the Middle East.

Europe is watching radical Islam spread throughout northern Africa. Islamists are gaining control of the Red Sea and the Suez Canal. Germany conquering Cyprus is a preparation step for confronting Iran and radical Islam.

All these maneuvers and coming conflicts center on Jerusalem. Radical Islam wants to control Jerusalem, one of its most holy sites. But Europe, the Holy Roman Empire, *also* wants that city, which it *also* considers one of its holiest sites.

We are watching the preparations for a repeat of the Crusades!

You ought to take note of this coming clash. The *Trumpet* has forecast this very event for many years, but most people remain uninterested.

These events all bring to light the key-note prophecy in Daniel 11:40. The king of the north and king of the south are prophesied to clash. The king of the south (led by Iran) is already pushing at Europe (led by Germany). Sometime soon, Germany will attack and destroy radical Islam. Both of

these powers are *planning* for this conflict RIGHT NOW!

This will be the *final* crusade to take Jerusalem. It will sweep the entire world into war on an unprecedented scale!

Then, the Bible promises, Jesus Christ will return and establish His headquarters in Jerusalem. In the 1980s, Herbert W. Armstrong brought this message to Cyprus’s acting president at the time, Georgios Ladas. Mr. Armstrong told him, “The God of all of our religions is going to step in supernaturally, by supernatural power, and is going to shake up this world, and is going to bring about such a condition that He is going to change the nature in us.”

Ultimately, this is what this confrontation between the modern Holy Roman Empire and radical Islam is about. It will be a terrible time—but it is going to bring about a wonderful CHANGE to man’s nature. No longer will human beings live the way of *get*. We will learn to live the way of *give*, which will cause peace and happiness. This coming clash is the final step before God gets rid of Satan and the satanic nature in man that *causes* all our conflict and suffering. That means we are only a few years away from the reign of God on Earth! These recent events are a sign that man’s rule over man, and the suffering that comes with it, is almost over! ■

How Germany Conquered Cyprus

JAN. 1, 2002

The official beginning: euro coins and notes become legal tender.



MAY 1, 2004

Cyprus joins the European Union.

JAN. 1, 2008

Cyprus adopts the euro as its currency.

SEPT. 15, 2008

The bank Lehman Brothers files for bankruptcy. The cascading financial crisis exposes weaknesses not only in the U.S., but also at the heart of the eurozone.

MAY 2, 2010

The euro-zone and the International Monetary Fund agree to Greece's first bailout.



NOV. 29, 2010

The EU finances a bailout for Ireland.

MARCH 15

At an EU summit, Angela Merkel reassures Anastasiades that the bailout terms won't be too harsh. She gets him to agree to a small tax on bank deposits. This establishes the principle of withdrawing money from people's personal accounts.

That evening, EU leaders depart, leaving their finance ministers behind to negotiate a bailout for Cyprus. Anastasiades stays behind, but is reportedly not allowed in the meeting.



Merkel and Anastasiades

Friday evening and Saturday morning: German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schäuble tells Anastasiades that if he wants a bailout, he must remove €6 billion (US\$7.8 billion) from the bank accounts of account holders. Anastasiades refuses and walks out. "The president said, 'I can't do that,'" one member of the Cypriot delegation told the *Financial Times*. A German board member of the European Central Bank (ECB) gives Anastasiades the ultimatum: It's this, or the ECB cuts off its emergency lending to Cyprus's banks and lets its economy collapse, leaving the government with a bill of tens of billions of euros. Anastasiades gives in. The original plan taxes everyone with over €100,000 (\$131,260) in the bank. Fearful of how Russian depositors will react, Anastasiades changes the terms so that everyone has to pay.



Schäuble

MARCH 16

Cypriots rush to get what money they can out of ATMs, and take to the streets in protest.

AFTERMATH

Cyprus: A Vassal State of Germany

THE BANKING sector was the engine of Cyprus's economic growth. Taking money directly from depositors has destroyed that engine. Cyprus has no easy way to get its economy growing again, leaving it dependent on Germany. This bailout has solved none of the island nation's problems, and created some new ones.

As the hated bankers leave Cyprus, some may say "good riddance." But where else is Cyprus going to get the money to pay back its loans from Europe? Germany killed Cyprus's golden goose. Without the money from the banking system, Cyprus cannot raise the cash to keep its economy afloat. Like Greece, it will struggle to meet the bailout conditions. Each time it needs

more money, it will need approval from Germany and have to meet Germany's conditions. "From now on ... it cannot make decisions for its own good," wrote Charles Moore, former editor of the *Spectator* and *Daily Telegraph*. "It is a tiny, far-flung, vulnerable part of the new German Europe."

German voters, wrote Moore, "dislike shell-ing out for what they see as feckless Mediterraneans: they detest the idea of doing so for what they see as crooked Russians. The conflict between Teuton and Slav has never ceased. Mrs Merkel's policy for Cyprus has to be constructed round what her Teutons want."

Moore concluded, "After victory in 1945, Churchill broadcast that Germany 'lies prostrate

before us.' Today, most of southern Europe lies prostrate before Germany" (emphasis added).

Moore isn't the only one to notice Germany's victory. "History shows it is, always, only a matter of time before Germany ends up dominating Europe," wrote the *Daily Mail's* Simon Heffer. "After years of refusing to assert itself, Germany's time has come again. The Fourth Reich is here without a shot being fired: and the rest of Europe, and the world, had better get used to it."

The effects of the Cyprus bailout will stretch far beyond the Mediterranean island. As Heffer pointed out, the fact that the deal forced bank depositors to cough up funds "sends an ominous signal to other EU nations."

Stratfor's founder George Friedman described what a turning point this is: "What is

It is now well known that the euro, Europe's common currency, was, from the start, *designed to fail*. This failure would ultimately force reluctant European nations to relinquish power to a German-controlled central authority. A common currency creates economy-crashing imbalances—unless and until

it is administered by a common government. Since 1829, Greece has spent about half the time in default. Giving countries with this type of bankruptcy record access to the eurozone's cheap credit is inviting disaster. For European imperialists, the trick is not to let the disaster go to waste.

MAY 16, 2011

The EU finances a bailout for Portugal.

FEB. 21, 2012

The EU finances a second bailout for Greece. Its terms dictate that anyone who owns Greek debt will get just under half what they are owed. Cyprus's banks, which are already shaky, have lent a lot of money to Athens. Their balance sheets skew wildly. The nation is all but doomed to become the next to need a bailout.

DEC. 4, 2012

Cypriot President Demetris Christofias announces that Cyprus has no choice but to accept a bailout. Spiegel Online says Cyprus "will effectively lose its sovereignty."



Christofias

FEB. 24, 2013

Backed by Angela Merkel, Nicos Anastasiades wins Cyprus's presidential elections by a landslide. "We will be absolutely consistent and meet our promises," he says. "Cyprus belongs to Europe."

MARCH 19

After repeated delays, Cyprus's parliament votes on the deal. It is defeated: 36 no votes and 19 abstentions; zero yes votes.

MARCH 22

The parliament gives the government power to break up banks and impose capital controls. Anastasiades can now go back to Europe to negotiate a new deal without having to get parliamentary approval afterward.

MARCH 25

Monday morning, Cyprus finally agrees to a bailout deal. Germany gets its way. The EU doesn't have to provide any extra money. Instead, those with over €100,000 in Cyprus's top two banks will lose a huge chunk of their savings. Those with money in the Bank of Cyprus would lose around 40 percent of all savings over €100,000. At Laiki, they could lose up to 80 percent.

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Eurogroup head Jeroen Dijsselbloem indicates that the Cyprus bailout could be a template for future bailouts. Others deny his statements, but investors are left worried that the Cyprus model will be copied in other countries.



Dijsselbloem

Cyprus announces capital controls: Those with Cypriot bank accounts are severely limited in what they can take out of the country. This puts Cyprus halfway out of the eurozone, as Cypriot euros can no longer be freely exchanged with euros from another country.

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Banks open after being shut for almost two weeks.



certain is that an EU country, facing a crisis in its financial system, is now weighing whether to pay for that crisis by seizing depositors' money. And with that, the Europeans have broken a barrier that has been in place since the 1930s. They didn't do that casually and they didn't do that because they wanted to. But they did it."

We could be seeing the start of the new precedent for solving Europe's financial crisis. Jeroen Dijsselbloem, head of the group of Eurozone finance ministers, indicated that Cyprus could be a template for other countries. This new precedent could have far-reaching and

unpredictable consequences.

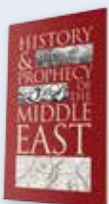
But the most important change comes from within Germany. The think tank Open Europe wrote on March 26, "In our daily monitoring of the German press, we've sensed a hardening of tone and rhetoric throughout the crisis, not least in response to the overtly anti-German tone of many of the anti-austerity protests in the south."

In *Die Welt*, Thomas Straubhaar, director of the Hamburg Institute of International Economics, called the bailout deal a "turning point." "Up until now, the bankrupt countries have been able to use fear of a domino effect to extort Europe," he wrote. "That is now over because

the strong eurozone countries have the better hand—and they should not be afraid to play it" (translation by Open Europe).

The think tank concludes: "The implications of a Germany more prepared to assert its viewpoint [have] huge implications for the future of the eurozone and the EU as a whole."

The euro crisis has many dramatic chapters still to come. Several other nations could need a bailout, and those that have already received one may need another. But what happened this March in Cyprus changes the game. Germany rules Cyprus, and its new uncompromising attitude is certain to contribute to the further spread of German power.



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God's Character and Purpose Revealed!

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WHAT IS GOD LIKE? MANY PEOPLE'S IDEAS about God are rather hazy.

When God formed Adam out of the dust of the ground, He made him in His own "likeness," or form (Genesis 1:26). God gave this unique shape *to man alone*. God also created in man the gift of *intellect*—the ability to think, to reason, to make choices and decisions. This God-like attribute of mind and character was not given to any animal—only man.

Why did God create man with His likeness and with unique intellect? The answer to that question is profound—and is plainly revealed in Scripture.

Our purpose in human life is to **BECOME LIKE GOD!** God intends that we grow in His righteous character—that we, as Jesus Christ expressed it, "Be [or rather, *become*] ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" (Matthew 5:48).

What, then, *is* the character of God?

God *embodies* perfect, holy and righteous character! He **LIVES** the way of perfection—of outflowing *love*. That **WAY** of life is a code of conduct, a **LAW**.

Let's look into the Scriptures to learn more about God and the kind of character He wants to develop within us.

The Love of God

1. How does the Bible define the nature and character of God? 1 John 4:8, 16. What is the love of God? 1 John 5:3.

The spiritual law of God enables us to know what God is like because it describes His character and way of life—summed up by the word *love!*

2. How did Jesus summarize the law of God? Matthew 22:36-40.

God's law of **LOVE** is defined in the two great commandments: love toward God and love toward neighbor. It is further divided into 10 points by the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17). The first four tell us how to love God, and the last six tell us how to love our fellow human beings.

3. What was Jesus prophesied to do regarding God's law? Isaiah 42:21. What are two examples of how Jesus "magnified" the Ten Commandments? Matthew 5:21-22, 27-28.

When you apply a spiritual "magnifying glass," so to speak, to the Ten Commandments, they are enlarged in spiritual principle into many more points. And in a larger sense, the *entire Bible* is a magnification of God's law. The law is the basis of all Scripture. It defines God's way of life—the way to peace, success, happiness, joy and eternal life. God's law is just like God!

4. Is the law of God *good*? Romans 7:12. God is good!

5. Is the law of God *just*? Same verse. God is just!

6. Is the law of God *holy*? Same verse. God is holy!

7. Is the law of God *spiritual*? Verse 14. God is spiritual!

8. Is the law of God *perfect*? Psalm 19:7. God is perfect!

The character of both God the Father and Christ the Son is spiritual holiness, righteousness and absolute perfection. It is the opposite of the "get" way of Satan the devil that we see so dominant in this world. It is the way devoid of coveting, lust, greed, vanity, selfishness, competition, strife, violence, destruction, envy, jealousy, resentment and bitterness.

God's inherent nature is the way of peace, justice, mercy, happiness and joy radiating outward toward those He has created.

9. Will the character of God ever alter? Malachi 3:6; Hebrews 13:8. Therefore, is the law of God—including all His commandments—subject to change? Psalm 111:7-8.

God's law is unchanging and eternal, standing fast forever and ever. God is eternal, and so is His law, because the law expresses the character and nature of God.

God's law, by definition, matches His character. It is the way of **LOVE**. It is the way of giving, serving, helping. God has that character! He has an outgoing concern for all of humanity. He **GAVE** His only begotten Son to reconcile us to Him, thereby making the *joys* of His character and everlasting life possible for us. He showers on us every good and precious gift, including the Holy Spirit.

The Power of God

The Holy Spirit is the key ingredient that enables human beings to begin to manifest some of the very character of God. It is the power by which God imparts His nature. We can receive this Spirit of power from the Father after we repent and turn from the wrong way of Satan's world, begin to resist it, and turn **TO** God through faith in Jesus Christ as our personal Savior.

1. What are some of the divine characteristics or "fruits" of God's nature that begin to be exhibited by God's children after they are begotten by His Spirit? Galatians 5:22-23; 2 Timothy 1:6-7.

Righteous, holy, godly character is the possession and practice of love, joy, peace, patience, mercy, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness, humility, temperance, self-restraint and right self-direction. Character also involves knowledge, wisdom, purpose and ability—all properly controlled and developed through independent choice.

2. What is the greatest single attribute of God's nature? 1 Corinthians 13:1-8, 13. Why? 1 John 4:16. How can we have it? Romans 5:5.

The word "charity" in the King James is *agape* in the Greek, which is the love of God. Love is the single greatest attribute of God's nature. We can have the Father's love if we have His Spirit and strive to live the way He, Himself, lives by keeping His commandments in both the "letter" and the spirit—the principle or intent.

Jesus magnified the Ten Commandments by showing how their principles expand to cover virtually every possible human infraction. 2 Corinthians 3 shows that God's law is to be applied *in principle*. It is summed up in one single word—love.

There are just two possible ways of life: God's way, expressed by His law of love and summed up in the Ten Commandments, the "give" way; and Satan's way of competition, greed and vanity, which we call the "get" way. This is the way of disobedience to God. All suffering—all unhappiness, fear, misery and death—has come from living by Satan's way of "get," instead of living by God's way of "give," which is the *only* way to peace, happiness and joy.

One third of the angels failed to develop the godly character that would have guaranteed them everlasting peace and happiness. They believed Satan's way of get was better than God's way of give and therefore developed evil character. Rebellious Lucifer had disqualified himself from ruling the Earth. Someone had to qualify to replace him. So God created Adam and gave him the opportunity to develop the godly character required of a righteous ruler. But Adam failed.

So Adam's descendants—all mankind—have been born in Satan's world of competition, strife and violence, and have transgressed God's law. God has actually *allowed* this for a great purpose. He wants man to learn, through *experience*—which requires time—that Satan's way of "get" and disobedience to God's spiritual law causes only misery, suffering, heartache and death.

Those who are called of God and voluntarily choose to reject and resist Satan's way and live a life of obedience to God *develop* the holy, righteous, perfect character of God. They *qualify* to rule and reign with Jesus Christ, the second Adam, who will **REPLACE** Satan as world ruler at His return to **RESTORE** the government of God to the entire Earth!

God Now Creating His Supreme Masterpiece!

What is the supreme feat of accomplishment possible for Almighty God the Creator? The angels? The heavens and the Earth? The entire universe beyond? Was it the first man?

It was none of these!

The supreme pinnacle of God's works is the creation of His very own perfect, holy, righteous *character* within His begotten children!

But this is something that even God with His

supreme power *cannot* do of Himself instantaneously!

King David mused on God's purpose for man: "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; what is man, that thou art mindful of him?" (Psalm 8:3-4).

Hebrews 2 quotes this psalm. It then reveals that God has determined to *complete* His most spectacular creation—in man! God's supreme goal is to create perfect and righteous spiritual *character* in man. His ultimate purpose is to bring man into the *God Family!* Yet God cannot do this by Himself. Man has his own part in this supreme masterpiece.

For God to complete mankind's spiritual creation, humans must learn not only to look like God but also to think like God, developing His *attitude* and *character* while flesh and blood. Perfect character must be *developed*—over time—by free choice. But even then, only the Holy God can instill it.

Perfect, holy, righteous character is the ability of an individual to discern the true way of God from the way of Satan; to choose to unconditionally surrender to God; and to determine, even against temptation, to *do* the right.

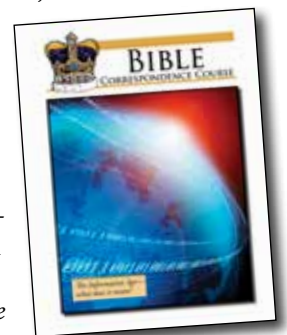
God is now in the process of creating His *same* godly character in Spirit-begotten Christians as they choose to live His righteous way of life with the help of His Holy Spirit.

At the resurrection to eternal life, when God's Spirit-begotten children are **BORN**, God will have *finished* this supreme masterpiece of creation! Then, when we are resurrected—changed into immortal spirit members of God's Family—we will possess the supreme character and awesome powers of God!

Those whom God has called and who have voluntarily chosen to work with their Creator in completing His supreme creation within them while flesh and blood will at last be a "finished" creation—created in God's own *spiritual* "image" with His perfect, righteous, sinless, holy character—eternal members of His divine ruling Family! (1 John 3:9).



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China's Xi greets locals as Tanzania's Kikwete looks on.

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Africa feeds Chinese dragon

CHINESE PRESIDENT XI JINPING'S first visit to Africa on March 24 highlighted China's increasing influence over African resources. Considering that Xi was officially sworn in as president a mere 10 days prior to the visit, the trip also showed where China's economic focus lies.

Xi's tour sent him from Tanzania to South Africa, then on to the Democratic Republic of Congo. The choice of nations was not coincidental. All three nations are serving to further China's trade dominance of the African continent and thus to propel the Chinese economy to new levels.

Some African nations will advocate China's actions as an effort to foster mutual economic growth and encourage independent, sustainable development for their nations. However, examining China's involvement will show that it is the one getting the better end of the deal. Any benefits to the Africans are coming as a side benefit to China's purposes.

The first stop on the president's tour was Tanzania, where he spoke before Tanzanian President Jakaya Kikwete in Dar es Salaam. Since the African country's departure from British rule in 1961, China has invested in over 100 vital economic initiatives, many of which have been agriculture-based. These initiatives

have helped Tanzania build a more solid economic foundation. Why the generosity from China? The truth is, Sino-Tanzanian relations benefit Tanzania short-term, China long-term.

In building Tanzania's infrastructure, China plays the "good Samaritan," helping a poor nation that lacks the means to construct roads and railways across the nation. But what do these roads and rails carry? Raw goods that flow straight to the docks, onto a ship, and off to China.

China is Tanzania's largest trading partner and second-largest source of investment. Bilateral trade reached US\$2.47 billion in 2012, up 15.2 percent from the year before. China has exploited Tanzania's lack of basic consumer goods, exporting necessary items for Tanzania's day-to-day functioning in exchange for the nation's valuable minerals.

China was once a small economic power itself. It was embraced as a friend, a nation that could replace the European influence. Most African nations have not awakened to the fact that since China has grown to become the second-largest economy on Earth, it is capable of throwing its weight around and making demands.

The second nation the Chinese president visited was South Africa, meeting with President Jacob Zuma. Last year,

trade between these two nations was a massive \$59.9 billion. That equates to nearly a third of all Sino-African trade.

While there has been much trade between China and South Africa, it hasn't come without some resistance to Chinese advancements in the nation. According to the South African Institute of Internal Affairs, "Chinese investment in S.A. is smaller than S.A.'s into China. Despite the strong Chinese appetite for S.A. mining resources and the attractiveness of its open market, S.A.'s significantly more complex socio-economic structure... has largely constrained the expansion of Chinese interests in Africa's largest economy" (Aug. 29, 2010). Xi's tour through South Africa is another indication of China's intensifying desire to loosen South Africa's constraints and to increase Beijing's investment in the country.

One nation that will undoubtedly see more of China in the coming months is the Democratic Republic of Congo.

China imported 5.4 billion tons of oil from the Democratic Republic of Congo last year. While this is a comparatively small amount—only 2 percent of China's imports—there is room for expansion. The Democratic Republic of Congo has one of the largest and deepest ports in West Africa. The only thing this underdeveloped nation needs is capital.

The recently elected Chinese president's visit to these three nations sheds light on the booming economic power's broader strategy for Africa. Chinese imports from Africa are skyrocketing. 2012 saw China import an immense \$113 billion worth of materials from Africa. It holds the title of Africa's largest trading partner.

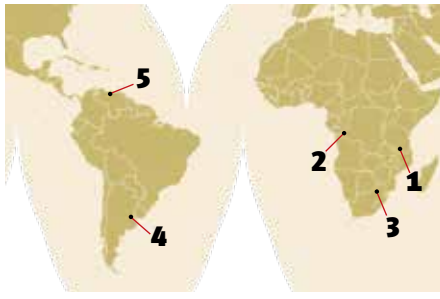
China is growing. It consumes more raw materials than ever because of its industrial and economic boom. It is gazing hungrily at resource-rich Africa and planning its future expansion. China has an important role to play in the fulfillment of prophecy in the latter days. Read *Russia and China in Prophecy* and see for yourself what China is planning to do with the resources it is devouring.

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26 **166** Billions of dollars in Chinese trade with Africa in 2012

92 Percent of populace in Venezuela that is Catholic

11 Governments brought down by euro crisis: Bulgaria, Slovenia, Italy, Greece, Netherlands, Spain, Portugal, Czech Republic, Latvia, Hungary, Ireland



4 | ARGENTINA

Falklanders make voice heard

On March 10-11, the debate on whether the Falkland Islands belong to Argentina or Britain went to the polls in a referendum. Ninety-two percent of eligible voters showed up, and 99.8 percent voted to remain a British overseas territory. Argentina is suffering terrible economic woes, so the government is trying to distract the population by focusing on the Falklands. It may not have the islanders' support, but it does have America's support, which has repeatedly called on Britain to sit down and talk to Argentina about the islands. Britain wants the fate of the islands to remain in the hands of the islanders. As Britain loses its allies, and the cost of defending the islands keeps rising, expect British support to waver as well.



Falkland Islanders celebrate as referendum results are announced on March 11.

4 | ARGENTINA

Falklands on pope's radar

Argentine President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner met with Pope Francis on March 18, becoming the first head of state to converse with the new pontiff. Kirchner asked the pope to intervene in the dispute over the Falklands. Before Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio was elected pope, he made statements to the effect that the British were usurpers who wrongfully took the Falklands from Argentina. Expect the world's first Latin American pope to strengthen alliances between Europe and Latin America, at the expense of Britain and the United States.

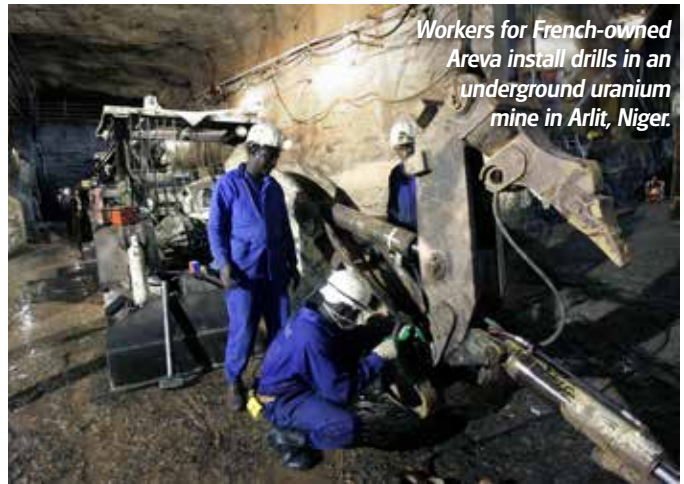
5 | VENEZUELA
End of an era

World leaders paid their last respects to Venezuelan President Hugo Chávez on March 8. Chávez's death has left the country in uncertainty. Venezuela is deeply divided, and Chávez's death could usher in big changes for the government in Caracas.



CHÁVEZ

Both opposition leader Henrique Capriles and incumbent Nicolas Maduro are seen as being more friendly to the Catholic Church, which Chávez had suppressed within the country. Following Pope Francis's election, Maduro credited Hugo Chávez for swaying Jesus to inspire the College of Cardinals to elect the first South American pope. "Some new hand arrived and Christ said, 'Now is the opportunity for South America,' it seems to us," Maduro said. Regardless of the election outcome, Bible prophecy says that soon, Europe and Latin America will draw much closer—cemented together by the Catholic Church.



Workers for French-owned Areva install drills in an underground uranium mine in Arlit, Niger.

EU moving in on Africa

EUROPEAN COMMISSION PRESIDENT JOSÉ MANUEL BARROSO met with the chairman of the African Union (AU) on February 20 to emphasize the importance of strengthening EU-AU ties. Barroso stressed Europe's commitment to the economic development of African nations and cited the EU intervention in Mali as an example of joint EU-AU security policy. Expect the emerging European empire to continue pushing south and east into North Africa and the Middle East.



"The strengthening of the relations between the European Union and Africa is one of my top political priorities."

JOSÉ MANUEL BARROSO
EUROPEAN COMMISSION PRESIDENT

U.S. losing ground to China on Africa trade

Sen. Chris Coons of Delaware warned on March 7 that America is losing ground to China on African trade. He called for an early renewal of trade benefits for Africa as part of a broader strategy to counter growing Chinese investment and influence. The chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on African Affairs said in a report, "China, which has made dramatic inroads across the continent in recent years, may undermine or even counter value-driven U.S. goals in the region." He said that this should be "a wake-up call for enhanced American trade and investment." Meanwhile, Scott Eisner, vice president of African affairs at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, said the United States "probably has a small window in the next couple of years before China, India and Brazil take over all the ownership on the continent and trade relations are theirs to own." Keep watching the race for African trade; global struggles for natural resources are prophesied to intensify in the near future.



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1 | GERMANY

Arming the Middle East

GERMANY exported €1.42 billion (US\$1.88 billion) worth of weapons to the Arabian Gulf during 2012, *Süddeutsche Zeitung* reported February 22. In 2011,



A German Frankenthal class minesweeper patrol boat

that figure was only €570 million (\$751 million). Two thirds of those exports went to Saudi Arabia, an increase of 900 percent. The rest went to Bahrain, Qatar, Kuwait, Oman and the United Arab Emirates. More than €1 billion went to border security equipment for Saudi Arabia. The newspaper claimed it received the data after a formal question from Germany's Left Party.

Earlier in the month, German media reported that the government had given Saudi Arabia permission to buy €1.5 billion (\$2 billion) worth of patrol boats, enough to buy 60 to 150 vessels.

Trumpet editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote as early as 1994 that Saudi Arabia would be among several Middle Eastern countries to ally themselves with Germany. His forecast was based entirely on biblical prophecy, since back then, German arms trade with Saudi Arabia was almost non-existent. In the entire decade of the '90s, Germany sold the Saudis 36 reconnaissance tanks and 100 diesel engines. Now, Germany is using strategic arms sales to build an alliance of anti-Iranian nations across the Middle East. The explosion of its arms trade in the region is gaining the attention of the world—and should strengthen readers' faith in the accuracy of the Bible's prophecies. For more information on this alliance, see our article "Next in Line, Please" in the December 2012 *Trumpet*.

1 | GERMANY **Naval presence encircling Iran**

Germany has deployed the frigate Hamburg to the waters off Iran's coast. Both the choice of vessel and its patrol zone are significant. The Hamburg, Germany's latest and most advanced air-defense frigate, reportedly employs stealth technology and sensors that can detect stealth-equipped targets. The Hamburg has joined Carrier Strike Group Eight, which sails with the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower aircraft carrier in the Persian Gulf. Its mission includes war games with the U.S. Navy, according to German-Foreign-Policy.com, the second time the Bundesmarine has joined the U.S. Navy for such a function. German-Foreign-Policy.com claims, "Experts believe that German war ships will practice this function more often in the future" (March 5; translation ours). This is in keeping with the defense strategy of

German elites: to gradually encircle Iran and to bide their time until they are ready for a swift reaction to Iran's ongoing push against Europe.

1 | GERMANY

Political party calls for EU superstate

The European Commission should expand its powers to become a fully fledged European government. That's the position of Germany's Social Democratic Party (SPD) in a draft of its manifesto that was reported by the German media on March 9. Germany's second-largest party reportedly wants to transform the European Union into a superstate, with its new government elected by the European Parliament. It also recommends adding a second chamber to the parliament that would represent national (formerly sovereign) governments. The SPD could do well in Germany's September elections. Current polls show Angela Merkel and her allies receiving 45 percent of the vote, and the SPD and its ally receiving 43 percent, so it is currently too close to call. Regardless, all of Germany's major parties are pro-EU. Watch for this type of vision of a European superstate to become more popular.



2 | BULGARIA 3 | SLOVENIA
Euro crisis brings down governments

Protests triggered by rising energy prices forced Bulgaria's government to resign on February 20. "The people gave us power, and today we are returning it," Prime Minister Bojko Borisov said—just a day after insisting that he would not step down. "I will not participate in a government under which police are beating people," he said. "Every drop of blood is a shame for us." Bulgaria's currency, the lev, is pegged to the euro. Bulgaria has been planning to join the euro in 2015. Although protesters voiced other grievances against the government, many of the country's problems trace back to the euro peg. Combined with local factors, the social problems that arose from the ongoing euro crisis are to blame for bringing down the Bulgarian government.



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Just a week after Bulgaria's prime minister was forced to resign, the prime minister of Slovenia was also forced out of office. Defectors from his own party joined with the opposition to force Janez Jansa out of office in a no-confidence vote. Alenka Bratusek, leader of the largest opposition party, succeeded Jansa, becoming Slovenia's first female prime minister. Slovenia is a eurozone member and is struggling with its banking system and economy. The fall of the government is another example of the destabilizing power of the euro crisis. The chain reaction has affected several countries already, and will continue to spread as long as Europe suffers from staggeringly high unemployment rates.



Ahmadinejad
and Zardari

4 | IRAN 5 | PAKISTAN

A Middle East 'peace pipe'

Iranian and Pakistani officials met on March 11 for the groundbreaking ceremony of a controversial gas pipeline that defies U.S. sanctions. Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari shook hands and prayed together following the announcement of the deal. When it is completed in late 2014, the "peace pipeline" will run the 700 miles from Assaluyeh in southern Iran to Nawabshah in Pakistan. Iran will then be able to pump 750 million cubic feet of natural gas per day into Pakistan, meaning plenty of cash for Iran. Iran has the second-largest natural gas reserve in the world, yet international sanctions hinder its ability to sell the resource. For President Ahmadinejad, the pipeline is a lifeline serving to sidestep the sanctions.

4 | IRAN Supplying Hamas with missiles

Iran successfully tested two types of short-range missiles in military operations on March 9 during a three-day drill by ground forces in the country's southwestern province of Khuzestan. The two missile types were the Fajr-5 and the Nazeat-10.

The Fajr-5 made global headlines when a number were launched in the missile barrage from Gaza into Israel in November. Hamas forces in Gaza readily admit they get weapons from Iran. The Fajr-5 can travel about 45 miles; the Nazeat-10 can reach up to 62 miles.

In 2008, Israel launched Operation Cast Lead to stem Gaza-based attacks, but Hamas came back stronger than ever in 2012, using rockets such as the Fajr-5. Israel's response, Operation Pillar of Defense in late 2012, again failed to wipe out the enemy.

Watch Iran and its allies. Missiles developed and tested in Iran invariably find their way to the Gaza Strip, where they are launched not at practice targets, but at Jews.

6 | EGYPT

Women fear Tahrir Square

AFTER TWO YEARS OF THE "NEW EGYPT," SEXUAL HARASSMENT in the country has increased beyond pre-revolution levels. Egyptian women are now walking city streets in fear of attack and exploitation in a way they never did before. It is yet more evidence that Egypt's "new and improved" government is a far cry from the democracy the Western world hoped for.

Since February 2011, 531 acts of sexual harassment have been reported in Cairo. Some victims blame President Mohamed Morsi and claim that their attackers are sent by people seeking to quell any uprising against his administration. Women make up a large portion of protesters; if they can be frightened off the streets, protests will lose numbers and their momentum will slow. In December, soldiers were caught on camera stripping a female protester and dragging her through the streets. Scenes such as this have become more common in post-revolution Egypt.

As the current administration pushes a more radicalized agenda, watch for the women in the country to suffer under more oppression. This abuse should be setting off alarm bells worldwide that the Egyptian democracy project has failed.



Protesters in
Cairo demand
an end to sexual
violence against
women on
February 6.

Bahraini protesters run from
tear gas on February 14.



7 | BAHRAIN

Arab Spring fever stirs

Protests were held in Bahrain on February 14, the second anniversary of the beginning of unrest in the small Middle Eastern nation. The day of protesting, demonstrations and street fighting led to the death of a 16-year-old and numerous arrests as police attempted to suppress the uprising. Numerous Shiite opposition factions have been protesting in an attempt to pressure the ruling Sunni monarchy into relinquishing some of its political power. The king has made some concessions, and talks between the monarchy and opposition factions began on February 10, but so far there has been little headway.

This tiny nation serves as a strategically both to neighboring Sunni-dominated Saudi Arabia and to the United States, which uses the country to launch operations in the Persian Gulf. Just 150 miles or so across the Gulf, Iran would like nothing more than to see the Sunni government overthrown and a more pro-Iranian Shiite government take control. This could upset the balance in Saudi Arabia and ultimately force America's military presence out of Bahrain. The tiny island nation may be small, but it is perfectly placed to help tip the scales in the Middle Eastern balance of power.



1 | NORTH KOREA
The truce is over

On March 11, Pyongyang officially nullified its 1953 truce that ended the Korean War. The North's intensifying provocations appear due in part to the desire of Kim Jong-un—who recently rose to power—to prove himself worthy to his hardline military. In February, Pyongyang conducted its third nuclear weapons test, prompting the UN to impose new sanctions on the isolated rogue state. The North responded by threatening preemptive nuclear attacks on South Korea and the U.S. In 2010, North Korean artillery killed four South Koreans, and also sunk a South Korean ship, killing 46 sailors. Pyongyang was only slapped on the wrist for those incidents; it appears to believe it can antagonize again without retaliation from the U.S. If North Korea increases its provocation and America continues to struggle for an effective response, it may signal to China—and Russia, Iran and other nations—that they too can afford to push the U.S. around.



KIM JONG-UN

2 | RUSSIA
To patrol the Mediterranean

The Russian Navy plans to resume a permanent presence in the Mediterranean Sea, a source in the General Staff said on February 26. It is slated to begin in 2015. President Vladimir Putin has been rebuilding Russia's influence in its former Soviet periphery and beyond; Moscow's plan for the Mediterranean reflects an intensification of these efforts.

3 | CHINA
Stealth frigate launches amid tensions

China launched the first ship in a new class of stealth missile frigates, the country's state media reported on February 26. The launch comes during ongoing disputes between China and neighboring nations over Beijing's maritime claims. The People's Liberation Army Navy is building 20 Jiangdao-class frigates to replace less-advanced models and to boost China's ability to conduct patrols and escort vessels in parts of the South China and East China seas, disputed water that Beijing claims. China has made no attempt to disguise its goal of extending its navy's global reach, and nations of Asia are taking note. China launched its first aircraft carrier last year, and the navy has injected its fleet with a growing number of nuclear submarines and ultra-modern surface ships. The West is concerned about China's mushrooming naval might, and rightly so.



Former President Hu Jintao (left) and President Xi

3 | CHINA
Enlightened dictatorship?

ON MARCH 13, CHINA'S PARLIAMENT FORMALLY ELECTED Xi Jinping as the nation's new leader, placing the final seal of approval on a generational transition of power. Xi's appointment as president came four months after he was appointed as both chairman of the Central Military Commission and general secretary of the Communist Party, giving him all three top offices—party, army and state—through which he is expected to rule for the next decade. Xi has demanded complete loyalty from the military and other officials, and has scorned any turn toward Western-style political liberalization. China has been traveling in this direction for some time, in one sense. But its new president/military ruler could use his consolidated powers to take China toward unprecedented belligerence.

"I think that he's attracted to the idea of a kind of enlightened dictatorship, or neo-authoritarianism. He [Chinese President Xi Jinping] rejects fundamental political reform."

LI WEIDONG POLITICAL COMMENTATOR

3 | CHINA 2 | RUSSIA 'You and I are good friends'

On his first foreign trip as president on March 22, Chinese President Xi Jinping honored Russia, highlighting the importance of Beijing's warming ties with Moscow. The visit signaled that Russia and China want to boost their collective power as a geopolitical and financial counterweight to Washington. Russian President Vladimir Putin has long worked to diminish America's international power, and China is irate about the U.S.'s expanded military and economic presence in its backyard. Moscow and Beijing have joined forces to thwart Western-backed measures in the Syrian war, and Russia has loyally backed China's support of North Korea. Putin said Xi's visit "will give Russian-Chinese ties a new and powerful impulse." Xi replied that he and Putin "always treat each other with an open soul. ... You and I are good friends." Watch for Russia and China's lockstep movement across the global stage to continue, and for it to give European nations more impetus to rally behind Germany.

Put First Things First

What are the 'big rocks' in your life?

IN ONE OF HIS BOOKS, AUTHOR STEPHEN COVEY RELATED A story about a professor who placed a one-gallon container on a table in front of him. He then set about a dozen fist-size rocks on the table and, one at a time, placed them into the jar. After putting all the rocks inside the jug, he asked, "Is this jar full?" "Yes," the class said.

He then grabbed a bag of gravel from under the table and proceeded to dump these smaller rocks into the jar. He shook the container, working the smaller pieces into the spaces between the bigger rocks.

"Is the jar full?" he asked again.

"Probably not," the class said, sensing that he was going to take it a step further.

He then poured a bag of sand into the container and again shook the jar to help the sand fill in all the cracks between the larger rocks and the gravel. Finally, the professor grabbed a pitcher of water and emptied it into the jar, filling it all the way to the brim.

"What is the point of this illustration?" he asked the class.

"No matter how full your schedule is, if you try really hard, you can always fit some more things into it!" one student blurted out.

"No," said the professor. "The truth this illustration teaches us is: *If you don't put the big rocks in first, you'll never get them in at all.*"

Spiritually speaking, the two biggest rocks we must place into the jar every day have to do with our relationship with God. Prayer and Bible study are our most important activities each day. And unless we get into the habit of placing those two rocks in the jar *first*, they may not fit into the jar later as it fills with other material.

Galatians 6:7 says, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." As any farmer knows, in order to reap a bountiful harvest, you must first prepare and work the soil, carefully planting each seed and nurturing each plant as it sprouts, protecting it from weeds, watering it, and so on. Then, at the absolute end of that process, you will finally be able to reap the fruit.

The principle God is teaching with this parable is that diligent work and effort always precede fruitful blessings and rewards. And sometimes, those blessings don't appear until after many months or even years of hard, diligent labor.

We can't skip all the hard work and rush to the harvest! God says that if we want to reap the blessings of growth and prosperity, we must sow the right way. As Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 9:6, "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."



"The light of the body is the eye," Jesus taught, "if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light" (Matthew 6:22). If your mind is focused right, then your whole life will be full of light!

Later, Jesus said, "Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?" (verse 25). God *knows* we have physical needs (see verses 31-32). What Jesus is saying is that *God will help to supply those needs as long as we tend to the spiritual needs first.*

Notice! "But *seek ye first* the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (verse 33).

After establishing the right priorities, we must maintain our focus on each of those priorities. "Focus is the most important factor in determining whether you'll achieve a goal or stick to creating a new habit," Leo Babauta wrote in *The Power of Less: The Fine Art of Limiting Yourself to the Essential ... in Business and in Life*. "If you can maintain your focus on a goal or habit, you will more often than not achieve that goal or create that habit. If you can't maintain your focus, you won't achieve the goal, unless it's such an easy goal that it would have happened anyway. It's that simple."

Our overarching spiritual goal is to seek first the Kingdom of God and God's righteousness. But we must *go after it!* As Mr. Armstrong wrote in *The Seven Laws of Success*, "You must make the decision. You must set this right goal. You must set your will. You must expend your full effort. You must work at overcoming, growing and developing spiritually, and sticking with it. Yet God supplies the all-important ingredient—His power, His love, His faith—His guidance—His life!"

What a fantastic, life-altering promise! Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. Make that your first goal—your biggest rock. Then, work to maintain your focus on that singular objective. Put God first, and everything else will fall into place.

Then, at the end of the day, you will have squeezed more into the jar than you ever thought possible!



PRINCIPLES OF LIVING
STEPHEN FLURRY

DISCUSSION BOARD

The buck stops here

Spending problem, moral problem, value problem and the list goes on and on (“We Don’t Have a Spending Problem,” April). Out-of-control spending and debt will bring this nation to see its reality. Once there is no more money, this country will only be left with its wretched value system to stand on. This will result in full-fledged chaos. Thank God that He has a plan for all of this to work for our own good.

Christina Godfrey—PENNSYLVANIA

Strong families are needed!

What an excellent and timely article (“Sex Is More Important Than You Think,” April). Thank you for reminding people of just how important strong marriages and strong families are needed! Unfortunately in this world, men are taking a second role under women; this will never work as we can see from looking at the world today. It grieves me to see everything upside down.

Toby Lynn Johnson—COLORADO

Iran is picking the wrong fight

Whichever country controls Algeria and other North African states (Libya, Egypt and Morocco) will control the Mediterranean, Middle East and southern Europe (“Watch Algeria!” April). Germany is not going to allow Iran to control the region. Iran is picking a fight it will soon regret.

Theo

“You are going to see these two powers clash very soon—like a year or two or three.” It has been building and this time frame seems very plausible. With so much prophecy having been fulfilled so far in 2013, and so much more eluded to real soon, this too is real. Can we see it all building rapidly?

Gary Restall—MASSACHUSETTS

Not evolving into something better

Outstanding article (“The War Against the Constitution,” April). Al Gore and others talk about an evolving Constitution. The false theory of evolution is based on the idea that animals evolve to something



better. The progressives choose this name to indicate they are moving forward to a better form of government. But the proof of their “success” or evolving or progression is failure after failure. They are actually devolving and regressing into a far worse state of governance.

The further they devolve the nation, the more we become their slaves and the more our freedoms are lost, which is in direct proportion to the destruction of the Constitution. God’s Kingdom continues to look better and better as each day of destruction passes.

Roland Young—KANSAS

Our forefathers had the nobility to write a document that was way beyond its time. It is a work that encompasses the foundation of law and holds the vital element of vision. Plain and simple for the American people, as God says: Where there is no vision the people perish.

Moses Figueroa—CALIFORNIA

A sense of pride

This is a very moving article (“Broken Will—Broken Soldiers,” April). When I was a nurse I saw, firsthand, what war does to our soldiers. I haven’t practiced nursing since my children were born but I will tell you I noticed a difference between the soldiers who fought in World War II versus those who fought in Vietnam. The World War II veterans I took care of did not have the mental health issues that the Vietnam veterans had. They had a sense of pride with no regrets. The Vietnam soldiers I took care of had many regrets and suffered from PTSD. Many of these had health issues related to their substance abuse. The new counterinsurgency is disheartening. True soldiers would rather die doing the right than live with themselves not having done so. I can understand why we have so many broken soldiers. God speed the day when “nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore” (Isaiah 2:4)

Christine—CONNECTICUT

Unrequited love

How on Earth can Obama and Biden believe this country is loved by the leaders of Europe when we started the present meltdown of global finances with our greed and lack of integrity? (“America’s New Best Friend,” April). We prove this every day as we selfishly print billions of empty dollars and then expect the world to honor them as worth anything. Dollars are backed by nothing except faith, and there is little faith in a fading country that is now devoid of God.

Terry Szall—PENNSYLVANIA

The president’s numerous anti-British “gaffes” seem to expose a veiled hatred for Britain. (Incidentally, the British jailed his grandfather.) This could be another reason his administration looks to Germany and Europe instead of the “unexamined” Anglo-American “brotherhood” that Sir Winston Churchill spoke of so insightfully.

Richard Howard—UNITED KINGDOM

What’s good about Germany taking lead

Germany is already working towards getting its free hand, and when it finally does it will not be a good thing for America and Britain, or anyone else (“Why Does Germany Want Its Gold Back?” April). That line of thinking that Germany could be the answer to the world’s problems is what will finally bring this world very soon to an atomic World War III. Only the return of Jesus Christ will be able to stop it before all civilization is completely annihilated. That’s what will finally be good about Germany taking the lead.

Al Paille—RHODE ISLAND

Love God above all else

I hope to make this more than just an excellent article in my daily life (“A Word About Love,” April). We can read great articles like this and still not realize how human we really still are. It’s when we’re put to the test that we find out what we need to do and what we need to change to become love as God is love (1 John 4). It’s only by applying what this article so beautifully illustrates that we start to understand God as He is defined as love. Thank you for giving your time to write this article!

Aimee Goulet—OKLAHOMA

ONLINE CONVERSATIONS

Why Does the Vatican Insist on Priestly Celibacy?



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Kurt Johnson: With all due respect, the Apostle Paul never married (during his ministry at least) and was celibate. Doesn't that make him the biggest hypocrite concerning this subject? The Bible contradicts itself by teaching marriage is the right of every man and woman, yet in today's society, if you're a Christian, especially a struggling true Christian, you will be very hard-pressed to find a like-minded mate! I say this from personal experience and not trying to be sarcastic or anything.

Brad Macdonald (author): Marriage was created by God, and is a God-plane relationship. On a practical level, marriage and sex within marriage is encouraged by God in order for humans to reproduce, to display love for one another, and, as the Apostle Paul explained, to avoid fornication and sexual impropriety. However, while God encourages humans to marry, He does not *command* it for every human being. A person is not disobeying God's law by not marrying. (Although one is clearly disobeying the law by participating in sex outside of marriage.) Therefore, the Apostle Paul is not being hypocritical by encouraging marriage while he himself remained single.

A quick word on your second point. The Bible defines the godly lifestyle, which includes a stable, healthy marriage for most men and women. A godly lifestyle can only be created when God's laws—about the roles of the sexes, and the roles of husband and wife, for example—are implemented. You are right, it is difficult to find a "like-minded" mate, someone

willing to fulfill their role as God defines it within marriage, today. This does not mean the Bible's teachings about marriage are contradictory or wrong. Rather, it's difficult because virtually all humans today have rejected God's laws regarding the roles of husband and wife.

Pope Francis: What the Mainstream Media Doesn't Know



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Scott K.: No disrespect intended, but why didn't the *Trumpet* know ahead of time who the next pope would be? You very accurately predicted Ratzinger, well done. But I don't remember seeing any articles at all about Bergoglio. (You guys at the *Trumpet* are so good at knowing what's going to happen before it actually happens it's amazing.)

Andrew Miller: As the Apostle Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 13:12, where prophecy is concerned, we can only "see through a glass, darkly." The Bible tells us to watch and pray, but we can only see the general trends of end-time prophecy.

By combining Bible prophecy with current events and world history, the *Trumpet* staff is often able to connect the dots and make very specific predictions. This is why editor in chief Gerald Flurry and the news bureau accurately predicted Ratzinger in 2005. The Bible predicted a strong, pro-European, ultra-traditionalist pope, and Ratzinger was clearly a behind-the-scenes manipulator routinely making news headlines.

This time around, the Bible also indicated that a pro-European, ultra-traditionalist pope

would arise out of the conclave. Since all 115 cardinals currently fit that description, however, there was no way of knowing for sure which one it would be.

Pope Francis fits the description of the sort of man the *Trumpet* predicted would be pope. We cannot say with 100 percent certainty that he will be the last pope, but we can say that he will be instrumental in the final transformation of the EU into the Holy Roman Empire.

Europe Dominates South America's Militaries



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Roland R.: All of Argentina's destroyers are German? So, what you are saying is that Type 42, otherwise known as the "Sheffield class," were built in Germany?

Richard Palmer (author): According to *Jane's Fighting Ships*, Argentina's type 42s are unlikely to be fully operational. One of them sank recently. The other is no longer designated as a destroyer by the Argentine Navy, but as a "fast amphibious transport."

CORRECTIONS

The article on page 1 of the March issue incorrectly cited verse 14 of 1 Corinthians 6 rather than verse 18; it also cited verse 7 of Isaiah 10 instead of verse 6.

The map on page 17 of the April issue had the Democratic Republic of the Congo incorrectly labeled as Congo.

The *Trumpet* regrets the errors.

Get the news before it happens

One week before the headlines were dominated by Germany's economic subjugation of Cyprus, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry posted a Web exclusive video titled "**Cyprus in Prophecy**" explaining why Germany finds this little island so important and how it plans to use Cyprus in its future military strategy. Visit theTrumpet.com and stay ahead of the news.

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SOCIETYWATCH



Detroit's mean streets reveal its economic havoc.

The lawyer who ruled a city

IN MARCH, DETROIT BECAME THE LARGEST CITY IN AMERICAN history to be placed under the supervision of an emergency manager. On March 14, Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder appointed Kevyn Orr as the city's financial manager. Governor Snyder told the media the state was intervening in Detroit because the city's finances had reached "a true crisis point." Orr is a bankruptcy lawyer who helped one of Detroit's automakers, Chrysler, restructure its finances after it went bankrupt in 2009. In his new role, Orr has the power to control all city spending.

Detroit was once synonymous with wealth and prosperity. About a century ago, it boasted the fourth-largest population of any city in America. That figure has dropped from the millions to only 700,000—40 percent of whom live in poverty. Automakers and other manufacturers have left the city, along with jobs and citizens. Over the past decade, 25 percent of the city's population has fled. But Detroit's crises have not just been economic; its families have been obliterated. By some estimates, three out of every four Detroit families have only one parent. This social wreckage has contributed to an unbelievable state of affairs in the city. Nearly half of all Detroit adults are functionally illiterate. In about one in three households, no one has worked a job in the last 12 months.

Detroit is an indication of what is ahead for cities across the country. American families are already disintegrating, and social structures are crumbling. The Bible prophesied this would happen due to rampant sin. It also forecast the next step: American cities experiencing financial collapse, social upheaval, violence, riots and burning.

Unclaimed corpses online

For the first time, the Cook County medical examiner's office in Chicago has posted photos of unclaimed bodies on its website in an effort to identify them. As drug cartels and street gangs spread throughout the city, the death toll has risen to a point where it is becoming hard to identify all the dead. The program is generating controversy because of the graphic images, but for the sake of people whose loved ones are missing and have been murdered, officials believe the ends justify the means. It is a chilling picture of the sad state to which one of America's great cities has descended.

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Farrakhan to gangs: Protect us

Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan stated on February 24 that Chicago's gang members could serve a better purpose by training to become soldiers to protect his group's assets. "[W]e know you love to shoot, but you're killing yourselves," the controversial leader said. "All your weapons are illegal, and you're using them like savages." Instead of fighting other gangs, Farrakhan suggested that gang members are "natural soldiers" who could be instructed in "the science of war" to protect the Nation of Islam's property and assets. Such violent rhetoric is pushing the nation toward a period of violence and intense racial strife.

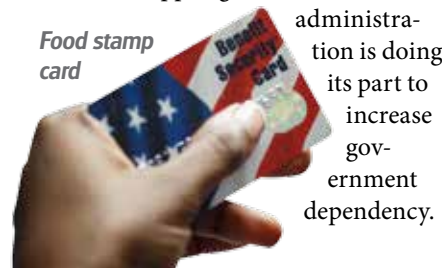


FARRAKHAN

Food stamps for everyone!

Thanks to the Obama administration's drive to get more citizens enrolled in the food stamps program, more Americans are now receiving this aid than ever. On March 8, the U.S. Department of Agriculture released new statistics showing that throughout 2012, the program averaged 46,609,072 people enrolled each month, with a record-breaking 47,791,996 drawing benefits in December.

At the end of the Clinton administration, only 1 in 16 Americans needed food stamps; now the number is almost 1 in 6. U.S. Rep. Kevin Brady and others insist that the growing number of recipients are "forced to subsist" on the handouts. That claim is undermined by the fact that the Obama administration is actively encouraging more Americans to sign on to the program—even *paying for advertising* to boost participation. It makes no economic sense, especially for a cash-strapped government, but this



Food stamp card

administration is doing its part to increase government dependency.

That's one way to cut the budget

In anticipation of looming budget cuts, the Department of Homeland Security has started releasing hundreds of illegal immigrants held in local detention centers. In Pinal County, Arizona, Sheriff Paul Babeu said on February 26 that Immigration and Customs Enforcement had released more than 500 detainees in his county alone. Though numbers have been disputed, a spokesman for Babeu claimed that immigration officials plan to release nearly 10,000 illegal immigrants. This unexpected influx of illegal immigrants will likely fuel a rise in crime. The biblical book of Isaiah foretells a time when foreigners burn the cities of end-time Israel.



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Same-Sex 'Marriage'—the New Mainstream

BY JOEL HILLIKER

PUBLIC PERCEPTION OF HOMOSEXUALITY IS UNDERGOING a rapid, unprecedented change. Aggressive homosexual activism has shifted the fringe view to the center and shoved the center to the fringe. In March, as the Supreme Court considered two cases aimed at granting homosexuals the right to the legal status of marriage, the subject dominated the national conversation—with unambiguous bias.

One CNN talk show was held in a theater-in-the-round format, with the host—plainly pro-same-sex “marriage”—in the center at a table with a lesbian celebrity in a 12-year relationship. A man in the audience was given the unenviable task of defending traditional marriage in a noticeably unreceptive crowd. Welcome to modern America: a land of nationally televised bullying over homosexual “marriage.”

“I find it extraordinary that you ... don’t want [this woman] to have the right to marry,” the host lectured the man. The two at the table asked the audience to voice, as a mob, their disapproval of the marriage advocate’s position, showing this man how outnumbered he was. The host concluded, “The idea that you want to stop people ... from getting married in America in the modern era, I just find a bit offensive these days. It’s not fair, it’s not tolerant, it’s not American.” (The host is British, by the way.)

Public opinion at large is not nearly so enthusiastic for same-sex “marriage” as that CNN studio audience. Polls show that its supporters have just edged past half of the country. Nevertheless, it’s clear we’ve passed a tipping point. Suddenly, defense of traditional marriage—until recently a *majority opinion in America*—is something the mainstream media now feel able to characterize as out of touch and intolerant. News networks aren’t merely reporting; they are pushing homosexual “marriage” toward public acceptance using schoolyard intimidation.

It was just as instructive to hear this man’s argument for traditional marriage. “I think all Americans have the right to live and to love how they choose to,” he said repeatedly. His primary concern over the Supreme Court cases was not morality versus immorality, but states’ rights versus federal power. “It’s up to *citizens* to VOTE for what marriage is,” he argued.

Of course, popular resistance to same-sex “marriage” is in rapid retreat. A CNN poll showed that whereas in 2007, 60 percent of Americans were against it, that number has since shrunk to 47 percent. Soon enough, letting states vote on it will produce the same result as a Supreme Court shortcut.

Only 16 years ago, a *liberal, Democrat president* signed a law to ensure the federal

government defined marriage as a male-female union. The Defense of Marriage Act was passed by large majorities in the House and Senate. Now, Bill Clinton says it was a mistake. The current administration says DOMA is *unconstitutional*. Eight federal courts have agreed. Most observers believe the law is about to be killed. After all this time, we’ve *suddenly* recognized that defining marriage as a male-female union VIOLATES THE FOUNDING DOCUMENT OF THE COUNTRY.

Mainstream opponents of same-sex “marriage” are being shouted down as they try to argue logically why *homosexuality* is okay but homosexual “marriage” is not. Homosexuals have *already* won the arguments that homosexuality is morally acceptable, that homosexuals are entitled to legally recognized “civil unions,” and that homosexuals should raise children (through artificial fertilization or other means).

And—they have absolutely won the argument that *the Bible* has no place in determining public policy or law. Discussing the Supreme Court cases, a major Fox News personality said disdainfully that same-sex “marriage” opponents’ only argument is to “thump the Bible.” Yes, as much as the Constitution is under attack, the Bible’s status is far worse. “While most politicians take their oaths of office on the Bible, many of them prove by their actions that they don’t believe, or follow, what’s in it,” wrote Cal Thomas recently. “Better they should place their hands on *Rolling Stone* or *People* magazines, which more accurately reflect the direction and attitude of contemporary culture.”

Where did marriage come from? *The Bible*. It was created by God at the beginning of human history, in the second chapter of Genesis. The laws defining and governing marriage are contained throughout its pages: restricting sex to marriage; forbidding divorce; placing the man as the head of and provider for the family; enjoining parents to love and teach their children; putting children under the authority of their parents. People can *vote* on these things if they’d like, judges can ignore them, governments can define and redefine. But GOD’S LAWS OF MARRIAGE DO NOT CHANGE.

When we break those laws, we suffer. To see the proof, just look around. Our “traditional” marriages have trashed God’s laws to the point where fornication, cohabitation, adultery, divorce, shattered homes and fatherlessness are epidemic. Many people recognize the resulting crises and are desperate for answers: how to have harmonious marriages; how to control wild kids; how to bring sanity to their home lives. Sadly, too few look to *the Creator of marriage and family* for answers.

Advocates of same-sex unions are completely ignorant of how marriage even came to exist. They ignore God’s wisdom in creating humans to reproduce through male-female sex, which He safeguarded within marriage so every child would grow up with his father and mother, having strong male and female role models. They have no idea of the profound, inspiring *purpose* for which God created marriage and family in the first place.

They can dress up what they’re doing in the language of love, and say it will help “fix” marriage and family. But this bullying, freight-train crusade to stretch the definition of marriage is a supreme example of a “solution” far worse than the problem. ■



To understand the biblical answers to why God created the sexes and marriage, request a free copy of *Why Marriage—Soon Obsolete?*

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India and South Africa to create a BRICS bank to fund international development outside the purveyance of the U.S.-based financial system and the World Bank. In March, China also announced a \$30 billion currency swap with Brazil designed to make each nation less reliant on the U.S. dollar. That same month, it also announced that it was concluding a deal with Australia to cut out the U.S. dollar middle man and conduct bilateral trade in yuan. In this case, it seems to be Australia that is pushing for the deal. The two countries conduct a whopping \$120 billion in trade each year. China is also bypassing the dollar in bilateral currency deals with Japan, India and Russia.

We are now in the late stages in the run-up to World War III—locked in a vicious currency war that is \$getting ready to morph into a trade war. And in today's high-speed electronic world, the train wreck will happen much faster. The slide from currency war to trade war to hot war could be orders-of-magnitude faster—and orders-of-magnitude more damaging.

Experts say those countries that first devalue their currencies gain the most. The same could be said about actual war. Those countries that act first—surprising their rivals—gain a distinct advantage. When Japan surprise-attacked Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, it hoped it would be a catastrophic blow to America, and it could have been.

Today, most Americans have no idea an economic war is being waged, but they will soon. Only this time, instead of awaking to the sound and images of bombs exploding over Hawaii, America risks awaking to the sounds of riots, images of frantic bankers and empty store shelves—and to newspaper headlines calling today “The Day the Dollar Died.”

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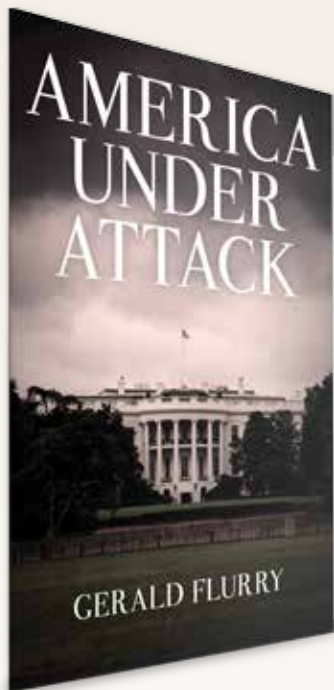
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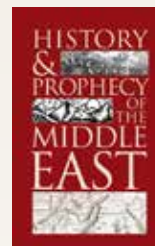
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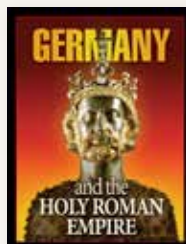
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