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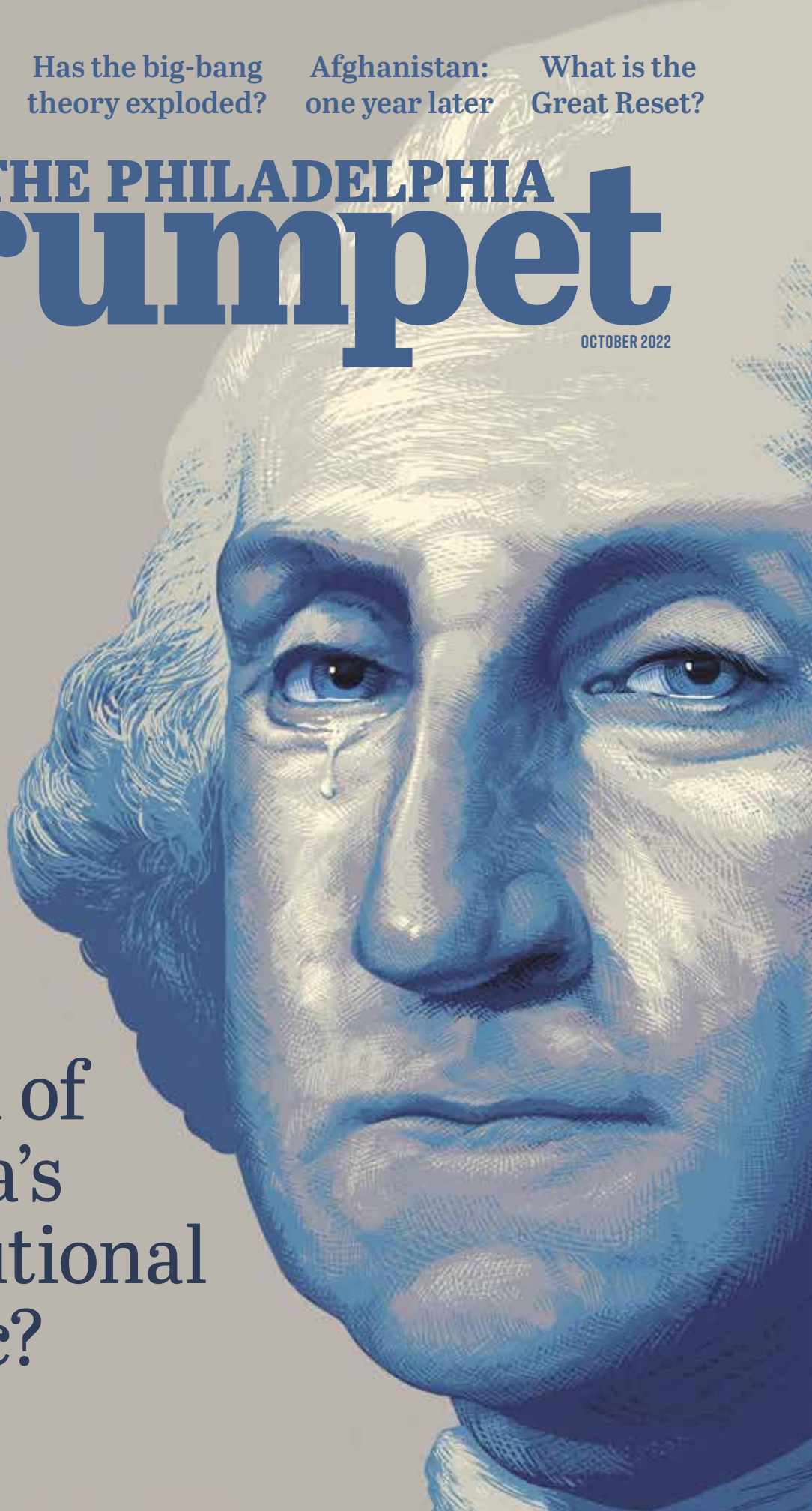
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FROM THE EDITOR  
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# Lincoln's Fight for True Freedom

Amid the darkest chapter in American history came a noble message we all need to heed today.

**T**HE CIVIL WAR HAS BEEN CALLED “THE GREATEST MAN-MADE disaster in American history.” Between 1861 and 1865, about 1 out of 11 American men of service age was killed—an estimated 623,000 total. By comparison, 37,000 Americans died in the Korean War; 58,000, in the Vietnam War. In World War I, 117,000 American soldiers died. In World War II, 405,000 died. In proportion to the population, deaths during the Civil War were equivalent to America losing 2½ million men in World War II. Nearly every home was touched by death and despair.

The man who led the United States during its bloodiest war was Abraham Lincoln.

The first three days of July in 1863, the Battle of Gettysburg was waged. It ended up being a critically important victory for the North, as Robert E. Lee and the Confederate soldiers retreated across the Potomac River into Virginia. Yet it came at a horrifying cost: Nearly a third of the men who fought there became casualties—28 percent of the Union Army and over 37 percent of the Confederates. More than 33,000 men were wounded, over 10,000 went missing, and 7,058 were killed.

And though Union Maj. Gen. George Meade was praised for his victory, Lincoln harshly criticized him because he didn't finish off the Confederate soldiers—he allowed them to retreat! Lincoln knew how badly they needed to conclude the war, yet he despaired because it felt as if there were no end in sight.

On November 19 of that year, the Soldiers National Cemetery was dedicated in Gettysburg. It was a prominent national event. Edward Everett, considered the greatest orator in America at the time, spoke for two hours.

Then Lincoln got up and spoke. When you understand what was at stake, you recognize that delivering that address was a heavy burden.

In *Lincoln's Mentors*, Michael Gerhardt writes, “[H]onoring the battle was secondary to Lincoln. He had his eyes on the bigger picture. What had happened at Gettysburg was monumental, but it was only part of the larger Civil War, which remained unsettled.”

The burning question in so many people's minds was: Why must this horrendous war continue? Lincoln was well aware that people were asking this. It was an agonizing question! It was foremost in his mind as well. And at Gettysburg, he had to explain why the war was necessary.

He spoke for less than three minutes. But Lincoln's Gettysburg Address is one of the finest speeches in American history.

## All Men Are Created Equal

Why did the Civil War have to continue? Lincoln answered in the first sentence of his address: “Fourscore and seven years ago, our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that *all men are created equal*.”

“Fourscore and seven years ago,” he said—87 years before 1863. Lincoln was referring to the Declaration of Independence, signed on July 4, 1776.

He was not speaking of the United States Constitution. Why did Lincoln want so much to talk about the Declaration of Independence?

Just after the victory at Gettysburg, on July 7, 1863, Lincoln told a crowd gathered outside the White House that the Declaration of Independence was “the first time in the history of the world a nation by its representatives, assembled and declared as a self-evident truth that ‘all men are created equal.’”

The fact that Lincoln was so focused on the Declaration of Independence upset a lot of people. Some of the newspapers at the time condemned him, saying: *You don't need to talk about equality; just talk about liberty!* Saying “all men are created equal” was shocking to some, especially people in the South. They believed the slaves were property; they didn't want to discuss equality or all men being “under God.”

Lincoln linked the Declaration of Independence to the Constitution and showed an unbreakable connection between the two. Without the Declaration, there would be no Constitution. And the Constitution was crafted to realize the ideals articulated in the Declaration.

ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL—what a powerful statement. And the Declaration of Independence was the first time in history that a nation declared it. How amazing that the Founding Fathers proclaimed it to the world! They sought to make this new country an example to the world. They shouted this out to the nations: ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL! And then Lincoln connected that declaration with the Constitution.

The Gettysburg Address reached deeper than any other speaker had ever reached on this subject. Just the introduction showed that Lincoln saw something about history, and about America, that Edward Everett didn't even touch on in his two-hour speech.

Gabor Boritt writes that "Lincoln's speech rose to be American gospel, the good news, for it was not that at birth" (*The Gettysburg Gospel*). Because slavery existed, the nation didn't live up to its founding principle.

Quoting the Declaration of Independence cut a lot deeper in 1863 than before because that supported the Emancipation Proclamation, which Lincoln had passed on January 1 of that year. This declared some 3.5 million slaves in the Confederate states to be free. That changed the character of the whole war.

Many people supported the Emancipation Proclamation. Slavery was a worldwide problem. The African authorities themselves sold their people as slaves. There was no better place in the world to pursue happiness than in America. Many people agreed with Lincoln and wanted to eradicate slavery.

Lincoln repeatedly referenced Genesis 3:19, which says: "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground ...." In *Lincoln Unbound*, Rich Lowry says Lincoln saw in that scripture "the most elementary justice. It was simply wrong for anyone to take the fruits of someone else's labor, someone else's *property*." Every man has a right to receive what he worked for with the sweat of his brow.

Lincoln was working toward A NEW BIRTH OF FREEDOM! He wanted to do what the founders established when they declared independence for the nation. He reaffirmed that all men are created equal and then established the Emancipation Proclamation to begin to make it reality. Slavery would no longer be tolerated in the rebellious states and not much longer in the rest of the Union. Lincoln was taking freedom to the highest level. He was a real leader of men.

Abraham Lincoln had to explain to the people why they had to continue this bloody war, and he told them—in three minutes. What a mighty accomplishment!

### Abhor Slavery

In *November: Lincoln's Elegy at Gettysburg*, Kent Gramm writes: "If we Americans can't find Lincoln, we are lost." That is oh so true. Do we really *abhor slavery* today? Are we truly convicted that this founding principle of America—actually a fundamental *absolute truth*—that ALL MEN are created equal, is a great thing?

So many people today brand America as racist. Yet think on this: Seventy-three percent of players in the National Basketball Association are black. They make millions of dollars playing their games in China—that is, IF they will keep their mouths shut about the Uyghurs. The Uyghurs are SLAVES in

China. They are treated barbarically and abused unmercifully. Their women are raped. Yet the NBA willingly stays quiet about this atrocity! There is simply too much money to be made there.

The same is true of all the technology companies and corporations. They make *billions of dollars* by doing business with China. Therefore, they dare not say anything about the Uyghurs or China's plan to take over Taiwan.

What would Abraham Lincoln think of that? There is much we have yet to learn from the Gettysburg Address.

Do we really believe ALL MEN are created equal? That is not just Abraham Lincoln's view or Thomas Jefferson's. THAT IS GOD'S VIEW! America's founders got that from the Bible!

Lincoln simply read the Bible and believed it. He wouldn't even attend church because he didn't hear the preachers speaking *what the Bible actually says*.

Lincoln made clear that *emancipation* was an ideal the world ought to teach and uphold and even fight for! He called slavery as it was widely practiced in America a SIN because GOD calls it a sin! That is clear in the Bible. God's law shows that God does not intend people to be owned by other people. He wants all men to be free! His law is a law of LIBERTY (Exodus 20:2; James 1:25; 2:12). But as Lincoln said, how can you even know what is right from wrong if you don't know the Bible? Lincoln knew the Bible.

Boritt writes: "[W]hatever expectations he may have taken to Gettysburg, however reluctant he was to make a personal profession of Christianity, much of what Lincoln said carried the rhythms of the Bible." Lincoln's language and his beliefs were rooted in the Bible; that's why this address was so powerful!

Why did Lincoln say, "Fourscore and seven years ago," rather than "87 years"? Psalm 90 records "A prayer of Moses the man of God." The King James Version renders verse 10, "The days of our years are *threescore years and ten*; and if by reason of strength they be *fourscore years*, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away." Lincoln knew his address would be scrutinized. He evoked this biblical poetry because he sought to bring the weight of Scripture into it. "Fourscore and seven years ago"—only Lincoln would have phrased it that way.

Lincoln's understanding of the relationship between the Declaration and Independence was enriched by Proverbs 25:11: "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver." Lincoln wrote a note in 1861 about how this verse applied to America's founding. He likened the principle in the Declaration of "liberty to all" to the word fitly spoken, the golden apple, while the Constitution was the silver frame. "The Union and the Constitution are the picture of silver, subsequently framed around it [the Declaration]," he wrote. "The picture was made



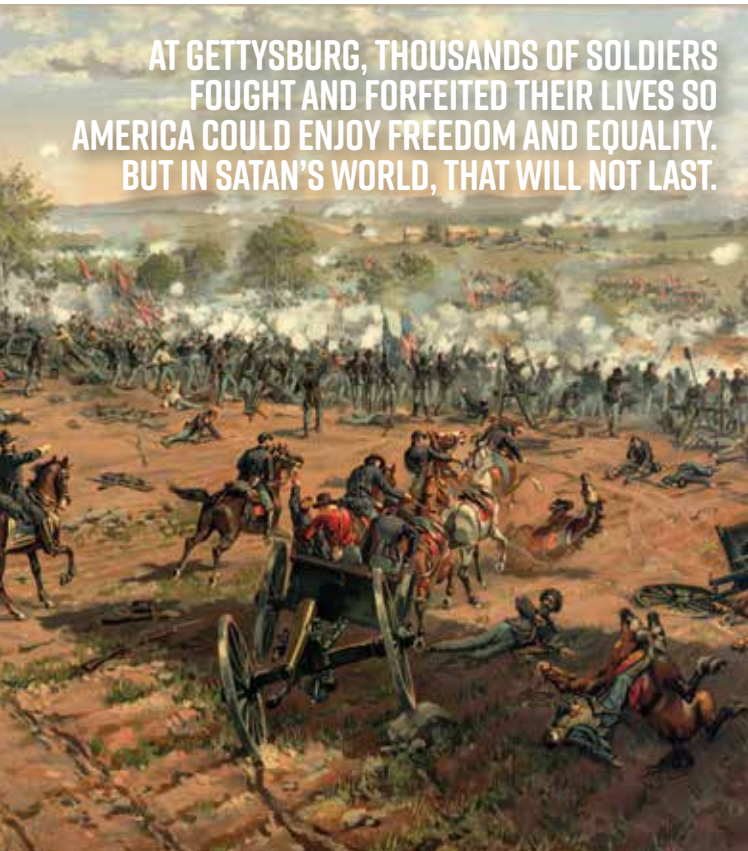
not to conceal or destroy the apple, but to adorn and preserve it. The picture was made for the apple—not the apple for the picture.” He then implored the nation to ensure that neither the picture nor the apple become broken or bruised.

Lincoln brought the Bible into his speeches. And he brought God into the Civil War.

### Unfinished Work

Lincoln’s speech continued: “The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated here to

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the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced.” Those thousands of men died so America could continue its progress toward freedom and equality.

In essence, Lincoln was asking, *Do you want those soldiers to die in vain? Is that to be the end result of all this bloodshed? Will you allow that to happen? How convicted are you that all men are created equal?*

Look at America today, and you must acknowledge that the “unfinished work” of which Lincoln spoke remains unfinished. There is terrible confusion about liberty in the world today. Freedoms are being eroded and trampled—sometimes in the name of causes like “equality.” In America, to give just one example, government authorities are investigating and attacking parents who question the perverse curricula being pushed on their children in public school! That is insanity when you think about it in terms of what Abraham Lincoln was teaching. These authorities are *trashing* the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence!

The vital truth is, Satan has been cast down, and he is orchestrating this attack on liberty (Revelation 12:9). The people he is inspiring have no interest in freedom or true equality—they want to blot out the name of Israel! (2 Kings 14:26-27).

Lincoln spoke of an “unfinished work” to which they needed to dedicate themselves. The cruel war had to continue! Jesus Christ said, “My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work” (John 4:34). We too have a WORK to do.

Many people likely would have preferred that Lincoln had said, *I suppose it best that we end this war—even if it means dividing the country.* To live up to a sublime ideal like “all men are created equal” is exceedingly difficult. It requires supreme conviction. Few have the requisite character. It is far easier to proclaim that ideal and fall short of it.

As America’s founders said, if the people lack religious character, the Constitution will never work. It was not designed for an immoral people. Lincoln understood that.

But the Gettysburg Address spoke of a “new birth of freedom.” The Civil War afforded the opportunity to finally get it right and fulfill the ideals America had proclaimed to the world!

It takes leadership to say such things. Lincoln was quite a leader, one of the greatest America has ever had.

### A New Birth of Freedom

Lincoln concluded: “It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the Earth.”

Apparently he added “under God” the night before he spoke. For a government to truly succeed, Lincoln said, it must be “under God.” Of course, America’s government is flawed because it is of men, but it was built upon many biblical principles. Lincoln knew the Bible, and he knew the founders’ thinking and was passionate about it.

Lincoln felt responsible to safeguard the survival of a government that defended freedom—to ensure it didn’t perish from the Earth! He wanted that type of government to reach the whole world! Tragically, the noble type of government of which Lincoln spoke, “for the people,” *has* perished from the Earth today! America no longer exemplifies that ideal: People can’t even vote in this country without evil men stealing the election. And the illegitimate leaders are imposing policies terribly destructive to the people they are supposed to serve. That “new birth of freedom” isn’t coming from America today.

At Gettysburg, thousands of soldiers fought and forfeited their lives so America could enjoy freedom and equality. But in Satan’s world, that will not last! It cannot last unless you bring God into the picture, which Lincoln was trying to do as he understood it.

Lincoln said this was a government FOR THE PEOPLE. It’s not for some tyrant or dictator to rule over us. Such a man will not treat all men as equal under the law, and he is certain to take your freedom! The Uyghurs mean nothing to China—nor to the big tech corporations or the NBA. Those people couldn’t care

# Has the Big-Bang Theory Exploded?

Scientists thought they had the universe's origin figured out. New facts are proving otherwise. **BY RICHARD PALMER**

**T**HE JAMES WEBB SPACE TELESCOPE had been sending back data for just a matter of weeks, and it was already causing major problems for the main theory to describe a creation with no need for a Creator.

This theory states that the universe began with a big bang and evolved from then on out. Random variations in this cloud of particles caused some to clump together. Their gravity attracted more. Stars ignited and then drew together other stars to form galaxies. (What *caused* this colossal instantaneous expansion of particles and energy isn't addressed.)

Mountains of work have been invested into supporting this theory, with massive, complex experiments designed to discover every detail of how particles would behave under those conditions. It has led to thorough predictions of the way galaxies gradually evolve, with smaller, simple galaxies dominating the early universe, and bigger, brighter, more complex ones forming later.

The trouble is, those predictions don't match with the early results from the James Webb Space Telescope.

## 'Hardly Any Empty Space'

As Webb peers out into the universe, it is looking back in time. Light from the most distant galaxies has spent billions of years traveling to us. Scientists believe that some of the galaxies Webb has photographed appear to us in the state they were in some 13 billion years ago—from 300 to 400 million years after the beginning of the universe. This is very early; scientists believe the first stars formed 250 million years into the universe's existence. Webb is already giving us our best-ever view at the universe's ancient history.

And what is that view showing? Alexandra Witze wrote in *Nature*, "The telescope's astonishingly sharp pictures

have shattered astronomers' preconceptions about the early universe" (July 27).

The first problem is that it's much easier to find these ancient galaxies than experts thought it would be. Six years ago, a team led by P. A. Oesch wrote in the *Astrophysical Journal* that the discovery of an ancient "unexpectedly luminous galaxy may challenge our current understanding of galaxy build-up." Well, unexpectedly luminous galaxies appear to be quite common.

Pre-print scientific papers all expressed surprise at how easy it was to find bright, ancient galaxies. Rohan Naidu, from the Harvard and Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, and colleagues found one bright galaxy easily. Current theories say they should have to search 10 to 100 times more of the sky before finding it.

Steven Finkelstein et al. said their discovery of a particularly distant galaxy hinted at "significant differences between the physical assumptions in these models and the real early universe" (July 25). "Should follow-up spectroscopy validate this redshift, we will learn that our universe was already aglow with fairly massive galaxies less than 300 [million years] after the big bang," they wrote.

Haojing Yan of the University of Missouri-Columbia et al. concluded after a search for candidate galaxies, "Neither the high number of such objects found nor the high redshifts [or ancient age] they reside at are expected from the previously favored predictions" (July 23).

"We had in mind an idea of what galaxies at these [distances] would look like, and how much detail we'd be able to see, but I think the reality is just kind of blowing our mind," Jeyhan Kartaltepe of the Rochester Institute of Technology in New York told *Nature* (op cit).

"There's hardly any empty space that doesn't have something," he said.

Again, all these papers were released just weeks into Webb's lifetime. "This is just the beginning of the beginning," Naidu said.

## 'We'll Have to Figure That Out'

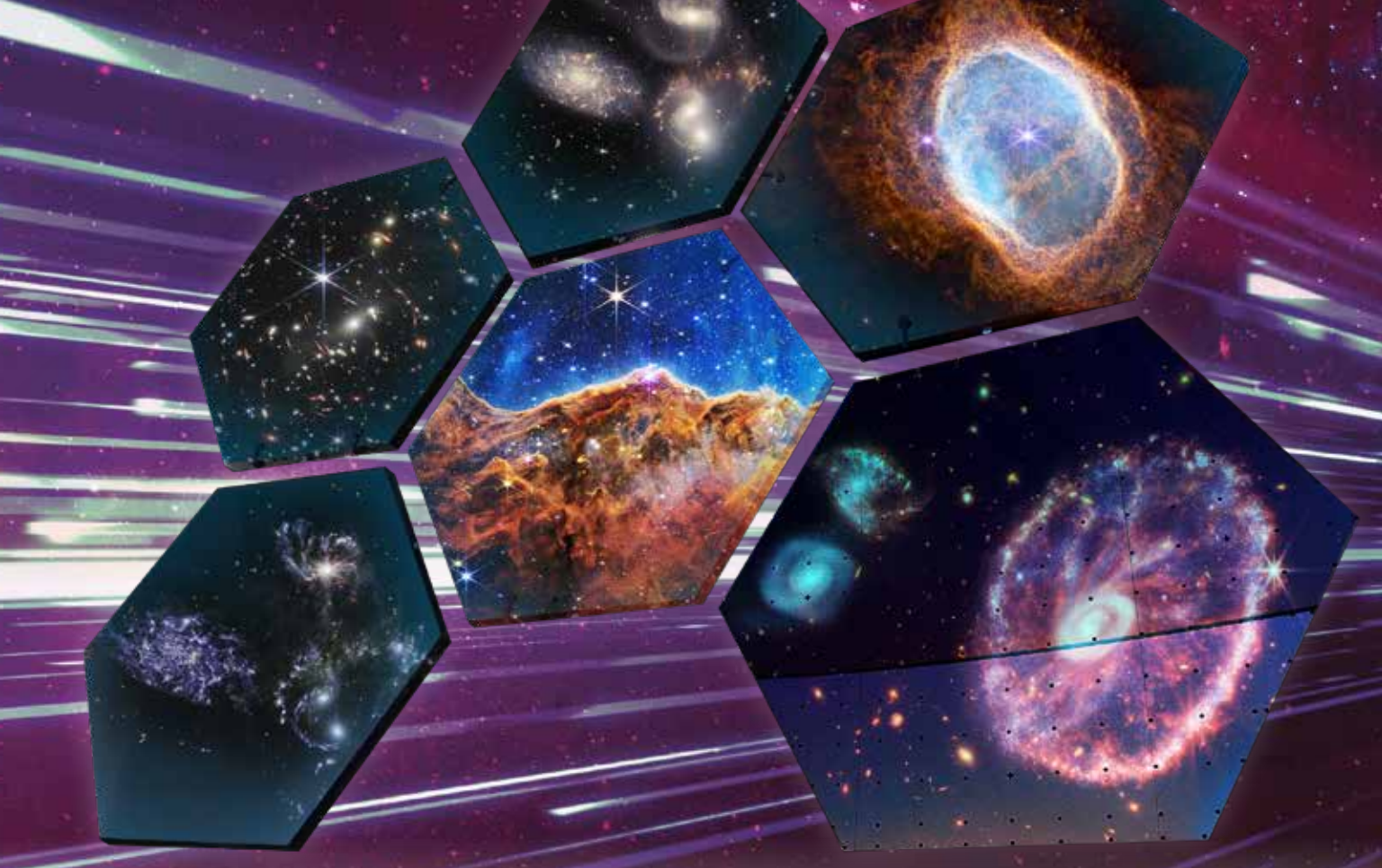
The *type* of galaxies Webb is uncovering is also at odds with the latest theories.

Leonardo Ferreira of the University of Nottingham et al. titled their paper "Panic! At the Disks." Current theories of galactic evolution say that older galaxies are less uniform in shape—twisted and distorted by their formation in the more cramped earlier universe. Webb is already indicating that neat, disk-shaped galaxies are in fact 10 times more common in the early universe than the theories suggest. *Nature* described the find, writing: "With the resolution of James Webb, we are able to see that galaxies have disks way earlier than we thought they did," says Allison Kirkpatrick, an astronomer at the University of Kansas in Lawrence. That's a problem, she says, because it contradicts earlier theories of galaxy evolution. "We're going to have to figure that out."

Another problem is the *ingredients* of the galaxies. Theories of galactic evolution say that stars started out mostly hydrogen—the most simple element. Over time, these stars used this hydrogen to build up more complex elements. Look into the earlier universe, and these more complex atoms won't have been built yet.

Again, the reality is different. A study by Jonathan Trump of the University of Connecticut and others found that Webb indicates the early universe is much richer in elements like oxygen than the models had predicted.

This all adds up to a serious challenge to these theories of galactic evolution. Kirkpatrick told *Nature*, "Right now, I find myself lying awake at 3 in the morning, wondering if everything I've ever done is wrong."



### The Handiwork of God

Thus far, these scientists aren't rejecting the idea of galaxies slowly evolving. Instead they pushed back the formation of galaxies to a point "extremely early in the history of the universe," as one study put it. But if this is what we have received in just a few weeks, how long will these theories last when more data comes pouring in?

As Webb launched, NASA administrator Bill Nelson looked back to when "a shepherd grazing his sheep would look up at the night sky. He became a poet. And he penned the words, 'The heavens declare the glory of God; the firmament shows his handiwork.' That shepherd, that poet, became king. And those immortal words in Psalm 19 encapsulate the expressions that we have today—the handiwork of God—as we peer back in time, over 13 billion years ago, [and] capture the light from the very beginning of the creation."

Webb, like so many science experiments before, declares God's glory. It points to a Lawgiver who set up the entire universe to run according to consistent, discoverable laws. But Webb is also clearly revealing God as Creator.

Flaws in these theories of an accidental and gradual development of the universe are already being exposed.

In June, before we'd received the first images from Webb, *Trumpet* managing editor Joel Hilliker wrote, "Plenty of scientists are sure to explain every image and data set that Webb sends—though it be the infrared signature of the Creator Himself—as proof that there is no Creator. But as the images and data provide an ever clearer picture, there are many scientists who are turning to face reality. They are willing to look at the data in good faith and see what it actually teaches us, even where it further proves that the universe has design and intent. ... Webb is ready to literally see invisible things from the creation. If it works, we are about to see power, beauty and even more dazzling proof of the great God who made it, and who made us. There is absolutely no other way that all of this could have come together. Scientific knowledge is increasingly aligning with the descriptions of creation contained in the Holy Bible. Looking at the cosmos, you are looking at the handiwork of God! With advanced telescopes and other

extraordinary instruments, the more we learn, the more impressive it becomes."

Here was a prediction, set in writing, before any of the data were released. And that prediction has stood up much better than these theories of galactic evolution.

Watch this telescope for more proof. Romans 1:20 says, "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse."

We can see proof of a great Creator and Lawgiver all around us. With high-powered telescopes, that proof is only becoming clearer, the excuses more tenuous. Keep watching the results of this space program as it points back to your Maker and forward to your future.

The only question is, *will we listen to Him?* ■



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# Once Dead Sea RETURNS TO LIFE

A remarkable story of destruction and revival, and a preview of a verdant future for all of Earth **BY JEREMIAH JACQUES**

Fishermen working on the Aral Sea

“**T**HE QUIET CHERNOBYL.” “THE epitome of environmental malpractice.” “One of the planet’s most shocking environmental disasters.” Ecology experts describe the collapse of the Aral Sea in the starkest terms. And it’s no exaggeration.

Located in what is now Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan, the Aral Sea was massive and thriving for thousands of years. With a surface area around 26,000 square miles, equivalent in size to West Virginia, it was the fourth-largest lake in the world. Its waters contained only about 10 grams of salt per liter, so it was rich in both freshwater and saline fish. Bream, carp, trout, flounder and sturgeon were particularly bountiful. In the 1950s, anglers pulled more than 45,000 tons of fish from its waters each year. It was a major hub of life and a major source of food—a vast oasis soothing the deserts of Central Asia.

The Aral lost millions of gallons annually to evaporation and seepage. But the 14 cubic miles of water it received each year from two great rivers, the Amu and

the Syr, balanced out the losses and kept the ecosystems thriving.

That was the general situation for millennia. And during the first decades of the Soviet era, little changed. The Soviets depended on the Aral’s catches, so towns bustled along its shores with some 60,000 people working in fishing and related industries.

But shortly after World War II, Soviet leaders developed a new obsession that would change everything.

## ‘White Gold’

This obsession was over a certain versatile raw material. It was a key element in weapons production, which was a priority for the Soviets, as well as in the manufacture of everything from books to soaps to plastics to animal feeds to clothing of all kinds. At times it was spun so finely, textile workers called it “woven wind.” Importantly, it could also be exported to European markets at premium prices. This material was of such strategic importance that in a landmark

speech about the pillars of the Soviet economy, dictator Joseph Stalin listed it right alongside metals, fuel and grain.

This raw material was cotton. The Soviets called it “white gold,” and in the mid-20th century they began dramatically increasing production.

In areas near the Aral they focused on a particularly prized, long-stemmed variety. The trouble is that long-stemmed cotton is one of the world’s thirstiest plants. So in 1961, the Soviets began diverting great quantities of water from the Amu and Syr rivers toward the cotton fields, part of Stalin’s “Great Plan for the Transformation of Nature.”

The Soviets were soon harvesting millions of tons of cotton from the region each year. By 1974, the Aral was receiving only two cubic miles of river water annually. It was obvious that this was reshaping the ecosystem in awful ways, but the Soviet priority was white gold. They doubled down, and by 1989, the Aral was receiving just one cubic mile of water each year.



In 30 years, the flows into the Aral Sea had dropped by more than 90 percent.

### One Sea Becomes Four

During the 1960s, the Aral's level fell by 8 inches per year. In the 1970s, it fell by 22 inches per year. In 1987, the shrinking sea split into the North Aral Sea and the South Aral Sea.

Dozens of vessels that failed to outpace the evaporation ran aground as their waterways transformed into dry land. There they lay, in ship graveyards, rusting under the relentless desert sun and collapsing in on themselves.

By 1997, the retreating Aral was four separate lakes. Their combined surface area was about 10 percent the original size, shrinking from the size of West Virginia to the size of Delaware. "No large body of water in modern history has disappeared at such a rate," wrote Oklahoma State University professor of geography Reuel R. Hanks. This was "the greatest human-induced ecological catastrophe in history."

The remaining waters had become far saltier. By 2003, the southern lakes were seven times saltier than the Aral had been in 1960, twice as salty as ocean water, and the North Aral was three times saltier. The fish died, as did the majority of plants. Great numbers of birds, mammals and other animals vanished from the area. Only brine shrimp and bacteria could survive.

As the sea dried up, so did the local economy. Towns that had long hummed with fishermen were now miles away from the sinking shorelines. They too began to empty, and the people who remained began suffering a range of health problems. The receding sea had exposed 20,000 square miles of seabed, much of which was choked with salt and poisoned by extremely destructive pesticides, fertilizers and other chemicals brought in by runoff from farming. Windstorms blew the contaminated dust around the region.

"[T]he local population suffers from high levels of respiratory illnesses, throat and esophageal cancer," the *Scientific American* wrote in April 2008, as well as "digestive disorders caused by breathing and ingesting salt-laden air and water. Liver and kidney ailments, as well as eye problems, are common."

Rates of jaundice and Hepatitis A were also sky high. In some areas, 1 out of every 10 newborns died.

These tragic numbers show that an environmental disaster can quickly become an economic crisis and a health catastrophe. It was a multifaceted ruin, brought about by the extreme greed of a totalitarian government. The Soviets had virtually asphyxiated the Aral.

But this history does not end with Soviet avarice destroying the Aral Sea—at least not all of it.

### 'Like a Fairytale'

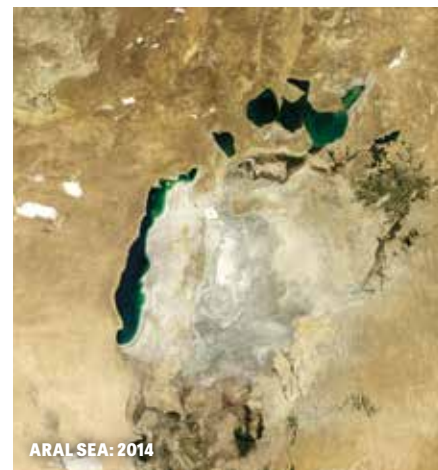
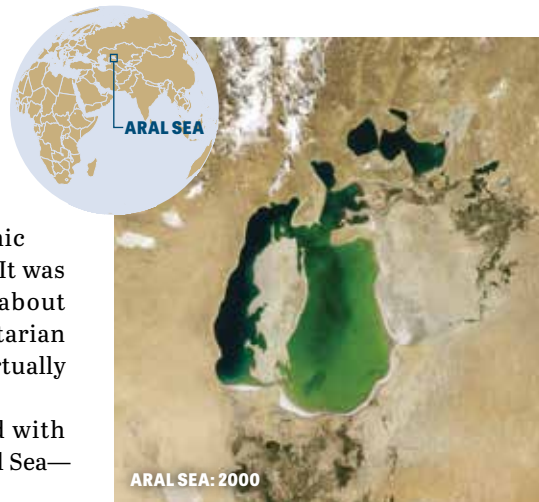
The Soviet Union collapsed in 1991, and Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan became autonomous nations. The border drawn between them went through the Aral area, with Uzbekistan controlling half of the South Aral Sea, and Kazakhstan controlling the other half and the North Aral.

The Kazakh leadership acknowledged the colossal damage that had been done and set out to reverse it. They built a large earthen dike along the North Aral's edge to prevent outflow of water to areas where it would rapidly evaporate. This action, though small-scale and imperfect, raised water levels by a measurable amount and reduced salinity. The effort looked promising until 1999, when the dike collapsed and all gains were lost.

But hope was not lost.

This effort had showed the Kazakhs that the water level could be improved, which would lead to other positive trends. So Kazakhstan, along with the World Bank, began building a more resilient dike. The Kok-Aral Dam, 8 miles long with gated concrete fortifications, was completed in 2005. At the same time, the Kazakhs made major improvements to the irrigation works on the Syr River, diverting less of its water and increasing flows into the North Aral.

These efforts combined to lift the North Aral's water level 6 feet in just eight months. Surface area grew by 18 percent, and salinity steadily dropped. Years passed, water levels kept rising and salinity kept falling. The World Bank reported in 2008 that overall volume had increased by 68 percent and that the benefits had "exceeded the project expectations." Officials began



reintroducing freshwater fish species. About 20 began to thrive.

In 2016, the Aral Fish Inspection Unit recorded 7,106 tons of fish caught in the North Aral—a 422 percent increase in the 11 years since the completion of the Kok-Aral. With the return of fish came the return of a wide range of flora and fauna.

"Suddenly, in the Aral Sea, life is coming back," French photographer Didier Bizet wrote during a 2016 visit to the village of Tastubek near the shore of the North Aral. "The water is back—it's like a fairytale."

The water returned, the wildlife returned, and so did the people. Local media reported in 2017 that more than 5,000 individuals had returned to the area and that the trend was accelerating each year.

The Kazakhs also put a plan in place for areas where water will not return soon, if at all, including planting 4,000 square miles with saxaul trees. The soil is still contaminated with salt and chemicals, but these small trees can still take

root, preventing much of it from blowing into the air. With about a quarter of the plantings completed, Kazakhstan's Ministry of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources reported that the effort had made noticeable improvements to air and water quality.

Seeing part of the North Aral returning to life "like a fairytale" is inspiring. But the sea as a whole remains a desiccated shell of its former glory. That oasis of life is still overwhelmingly dried, wasted, polluted, deserted and dead—a magnificent desolation.

A great deal of the Earth's surface is in this condition. Almost one third of the landmass is desert, partly because of exploitative, destructive human activity.

Is this just the way it is? Is this meant to be? Is there hope for the Earth and its inhabitants?

### 'The Desert Shall Rejoice'

This planet, abundant with life, is a massive, resilient, timeless testament to its Creator. He designed it, built it and sustains it, and He cares deeply about its lands, waters, animals and especially its people. He sees its ecological catastrophes. And He has a plan for the whole Earth far beyond this "fairytale."

"The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing ..." (Isaiah 35:1-2).

This is a scripture for the future. Human activity today is inflicting mass destruction upon ourselves and our environs that is beyond imagination. But the Creator holds out hope: An astounding rejuvenation will happen not just across a few hundred square miles, but across deserted lands worldwide.

Isaiah 41:19 provides some specifics of how this blossoming will come about: "I will put in the wilderness the cedar, the acacia, the myrtle, and the olive; I will set in the desert the cypress, the plane and the pine together" (Revised Standard Version).

The photos of those small, scraggly saxaul trees defiantly putting forth green growth in the dead Aral basins are inspiring. Yet the ecosystem described in Isaiah will be lush with a range of much larger trees growing from much

richer soils. There will be "water in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert" (Isaiah 43:19-20). This will create verdant and diverse biomes, fostering all manner of plants and animals. Vast tracts of dead land will become fertile. Other scriptures describing this same revival specify that waters currently dead with salinity will be healed and become rife with life (see Ezekiel 47).

The deserts of the world will teem with life, growth and abundance.

The late educator Herbert W. Armstrong wrote about this future global greening project in his booklet *The Wonderful World Tomorrow—What It Will Be Like*. "Can you imagine such a fabulous scene? Deserts becoming green, fertile, garden lands of trees, shrubs, bubbling springs and brooks ...," he wrote. "Multiple millions of acres of unbelievably fertile, productive, wonderful farmland suddenly become available—just waiting to be discovered and pioneered. ... Think about the vast wastes of this Earth. Does it sound incredible, unbelievable that God could make them blossom like a rose? Why should it?"

These questions, especially in light of the North Aral "fairytale," give a reader much to meditate on. People in a poor nation, using a relatively simple dam project, lots of hard work and humble saxaul trees give us an inspiring, if limited, example of the restoration of what we previously destroyed. How much more effective will the God who created Earth and its ecosystems, rivers, lakes, seas, trees and fish be when He sets His hand, and works through His perfect government, to restore the wastes? ■



## How will the planet be saved?

Hint: not by driving Teslas. To learn how the planet will be revived, order your free copy of Herbert W. Armstrong's ***The Wonderful World Tomorrow—What It Will Be Like***.



# YOU CAN DO BODYWEIGHT EXERCISES

Changing your thinking can lead to changing your body.  
BY JORG MARDIAN

**O**UR WORLD IS DESIGNED FOR PEOPLE to sit. But being sedentary is more detrimental than you might think!

Resting your body on a couch, driver's seat or office chair for most of your waking hours contributes to poor health. After age 40, muscle loss accelerates at about 5 to 10 percent every decade unless you exercise regularly, states the National Academy of Sports Medicine.

You may know that exercise prevents and reverses much of the damage caused by inactivity. But if you're like many others, you feel that time constraints, costs, injuries or just a lack of motivation are obstacles too great to overcome. Take heart! You can change your future health, starting now, with no costs, little time and low-impact, healthy exercises in the privacy of your own home that require nothing more than moving your body.

## A Home Routine

Here are seven examples of exercises to build muscle and gain functional strength without using any weights:

### Squat

Stand with your feet shoulder-width apart and slightly turned out. Hinge at your hips, with your back straight, your bottom going back, and your knees bending until your thighs are parallel to the ground. Pause. Drive through your heels to stand back up straight. You can start out by completing this movement while holding the back of a chair with your hands.



### Squat Jump

Squat down a few inches and throw your arms backward. Then jump up and reach your arms overhead. Land softly on your toes, bending your legs to soften the landing.



### Lunge

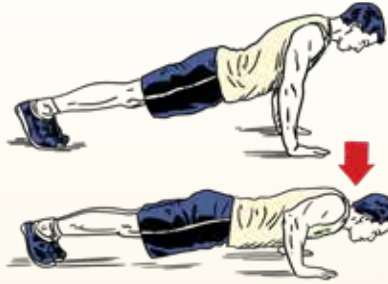
Stand straight. Step forward. With your weight on your front leg, lower the knee of your back leg down to within a few inches of the floor, while keeping your upper body upright. Step back to standing position. Repeat with the other leg. You can start out with a table or chair at your side that you can hold with your hand for balance.



### Push-up

Get into a straight-arm plank position. Keeping your body in a straight line from head to heel, lower yourself until your chest is within an inch or two of the floor. Then, push back up to a straight-arm position. You can start out by performing this same exercise from

your knees, or by pushing up from a bench or countertop rather than from the floor.



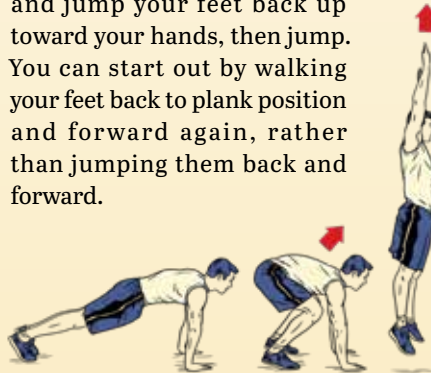
### Prone Back Extension

Lie on your stomach and hold a rolled towel straight in front of you. Pull the towel toward your chest and contract your lower back. This strengthens your core and lower back muscles.



### Burpee

Stand with your feet hip-width apart. Squat down and plant your hands on the floor. Then jump your feet back into a plank position, forming a straight line from head to heels. Engage your core and jump your feet back up toward your hands, then jump. You can start out by walking your feet back to plank position and forward again, rather than jumping them back and forward.



### Russian Twist

Sitting on the floor with your legs in front of you, lean back slightly. Lift your feet a few inches off the floor. Extend your arms out in front of you. Keeping your core engaged, twist your upper body to



the right and then to the left without lowering your feet or arching your back. You can start out by putting your heels on the ground rather than lifting them off the floor.

Other bodyweight exercises include mountain climbers and jumping jacks. Search online for more options or check out a book like *Bodyweight Strength Training Anatomy*, by Bret Contreras.

Focus on doing each movement properly, in a controlled manner. This will affect your neuromuscular system, and your body will respond with muscular growth. You will then be able to make your workouts even more productive by doing them more often, increasing the number of total sets you do, slowing down your movements (so your muscles are under more continuous tension), or by performing supersets (two exercises back to back) and circuits (combinations of exercises).

Bodyweight training can be done anywhere: at home, in a hotel room, on a lunch break, etc. It burns a lot of calories, strengthens you for everyday movements, and lowers the odds of dying from cardiac problems by 41 percent and dying from cancer by 19 percent. *The Journal of Aging and Health* reported that seniors who did strength training at least twice per week increased overall strength by 113 percent.

Bodyweight exercises are easy to start and maintain, simple to modify until you get strong enough to do without modifications, and simple to build on once you're strong. They are challenging and stimulating, they yield noticeable results, and they strengthen and stabilize muscles, ligaments and tendons to mitigate and prevent injury.

Here's a challenge you can do: Start a habit of exercising three days per week. Pick six of these movements and do 10 repetitions (reps) of each: See how many you can get through in 30 minutes. Modify them as described above if you need to. After a day or a week of getting comfortable with these movements, try a different mix of movements, extend your time to 45 minutes, or add one or two reps to each movement.

What better way to spend 30 minutes, three times per week? You can do bodyweight exercises. Start the habit today!



# Afghanistan: One Year Later

The most humiliating surrender in American history, one year on  
BY ABRAHAM BLONDEAU

**A** YEAR HAS PASSED SINCE THE world watched Zabi Rezayee plummet to his death after losing his grip while clinging to a giant C-17 cargo plane as it took off from Kabul Airport. The 17-year-old, his 19-year-old brother, Zaki, and two others were trying to escape as Taliban terrorist forces closed in on the capital city. Zabi's father found pieces of his son on the runway; he has not found Zaki. Others fell on top of houses. One body was recovered after a plane landed in Qatar: The person had been crushed by the folding landing gear.

This was at the peak of chaos and desperation in Afghanistan. That C-17 belonged to the United States Air Force. That grisly event is a symbol of America's hasty, unforced, disastrous withdrawal from the country.

In April 2021, Joe Biden announced the removal of all American troops by September 11, blindsiding Americans and allies in the country. On July 5, the day after Independence Day, U.S. forces

inexplicably abandoned the strategic Bagram Airfield in the middle of the night, not even informing the Afghan commander.

The Taliban went on the attack.

Within a month, the Taliban went from controlling provinces on the periphery to closing in on the capital. Losing U.S. support, many Afghan troops fled to Iran. On August 10, the White House said a Taliban takeover was not inevitable. Biden promised there would be no "Saigon moment," the humiliating and shameful helicopter evacuation of U.S. Embassy personnel as American leaders allowed the Communist North Vietnamese to conquer the South Vietnamese and their capital. Five days after he said that, the world watched a humiliating and shameful helicopter evacuation of U.S. Embassy personnel.

Biden ordered U.S. troops to stay within the Kabul Airport compound. Thousands and thousands of Afghans rushed to the gates to try to escape.

Several thousand were American citizens and Afghans who had worked closely with the Americans against the Taliban. Desperate mothers passed their infants over the top of a crowd to troops on the compound wall. Several children died entangled in the barbed wire on either side of the barrier. Some children were even *thrown* over the wall by parents desperate to give them a future outside of the Taliban's Afghanistan.

Also in those final days, the U.S. shared biometric data with the Taliban, ostensibly so the terrorist forces who were connected to flying planes into the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001, would bring certain people to the airport for evacuation before Sept. 11, 2021. On August 26, two bombs exploded in the dense crowds around the airport, killing 169 Afghans and 13 U.S. marines. Biden responded with a retaliatory drone strike that accidentally killed 10 innocent Afghans, mostly children.

Finally, on August 30, desperate people on the ground watched the last U.S. transport plane depart, leaving behind more than 9,000 American citizens, \$85 billion in military equipment, and the nation once again under Taliban rule.

"THIS HAS BEEN THE WORST FOREIGN-POLICY DISASTER IN THE NATION'S HISTORY," *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote in the October 2021 issue. "This terrible defeat was a spectacle seen by the entire world—and they were watching intently! It will mar our history, perhaps for the rest of time."

One year later, Afghanistan, America and the world are suffering the disastrous effects. This event changed the world. It was deliberately designed to do so.

## Return to Barbarism

Mr. Flurry continued: "It sent an unmistakable message to both allies and enemies worldwide: *America does not keep its promises. We do not honor commitments. We cannot be trusted even to protect our own people!* Now, millions of people are going to be greatly persecuted and killed. Children and women are going to be abused, raped and murdered."

This has happened. Afghanistan has reverted to barbarism, and it teeters on the verge of collapse. Once the U.S. and its allies left, the Taliban began beating people in the streets for violating sharia

law. People were publicly executed in stadiums. Bodies were hung from cranes as warnings.

“Women’s rights have sharply regressed,” the *New Statesman* reported on August 15. “Contrary to the Taliban’s promises before the takeover, women and girls have mostly been prevented from receiving an education, just as they were during the 1990s.” Girls are again being forced into marriage and into sex slavery. Women and girls as young as 15 have been taken as “war brides” for Taliban fighters. In a few cases, girls as young as 1 year old have been sold as future brides for men.

“Afghanistan’s economy has collapsed in the year since the takeover. International aid, which before the takeover was worth almost half of the country’s [gross domestic product] and funded three quarters of public spending, has dried up. ... The World Bank estimates that Afghanistan’s GDP has dropped by between 20 and 30 percent over the past year” (ibid).

Nine in 10 Afghans now live in poverty. Most suffer daily from shortages of basic necessities. Famine is a persistent threat. Some have sold their children into slavery for money to survive.

Biden promised that al Qaeda would never return, but on July 31, a U.S. drone strike killed the leader of al Qaeda, Ayman al-Zawahiri. Where was he? At a safe house in the middle of Kabul. U.S. intelligence has also discovered several terrorist groups building training camps in Afghanistan. Many of us remember what such terrorist training camps wrought in New York City, the Pentagon and a field in Pennsylvania.

Twenty years of American blood and treasure have been thrown away in a matter of months, and with it the hopes of the Afghan people.

### Death Throes of a Superpower

Another deadly ripple effect is how this defeat signaled the end of the American superpower.

“America is not just declining, it is in the last throes of death,” Mr. Flurry wrote. “It is being destroyed before our eyes. Many are now in open despair. This Afghanistan disaster is the *worst evidence ever* of how the United States has COLLAPSED as a superpower!” (op cit).

Victor Davis Hanson pointed this out in “How to Erode the World’s Greatest

Military”: “The global aftermath was eerie. Russia in a few months thereafter invaded Ukraine. Iran proudly announced it would soon have enough fissionable material to make a nuclear weapon. North Korea resumed its provocative missile launches. China openly talked of storming Taiwan.

“The common denominator was the global perception that any president and military responsible for such colossal, televised incompetence would or could neither deter enemy aggression nor protect allied interests” (July 26).

Top military and political officials in Europe remarked that Putin would not have invaded Ukraine if America had not sent a signal from Afghanistan. Russia, China, Iran and Germany have been strategizing for decades to undermine America’s leadership position in the world. Afghanistan was a green light for these nations to take advantage of weak American leadership.

The debacle has even impacted recruitment in the U.S. Armed Forces, as nearly every major branch is facing a shortage. Afghanistan is a black stain on the reputation and prestige of the armed forces. It soured patriotic Americans and many veterans who had risked life and limb in Afghanistan for 20 years.

The withdrawal from Afghanistan introduced a new world order where America is becoming a *former* superpower.

Yet to this day, none of the leaders responsible for the debacle have been held to account. All of them still have their jobs. The only individuals to lose their jobs were those who criticized the Biden regime.

This debacle was not inevitable. It was not incompetence. It was deliberate.

### The Legacy of Obama

The most important point to remember from this anniversary is *why* it happened. This is a truth you will only find explained by the *Trumpet*. Mr. Flurry revealed the real reason for this

### Will America’s leaders be held accountable?

Yes—just not when, where or how you think. It will happen—but according to God’s plan and timing. To understand God’s plan for the American people, request your free copy of Herbert W. Armstrong’s ***The United States and Britain in Prophecy***.

disastrous withdrawal: “Many people say it proves Joe Biden’s incompetence. But this catastrophe isn’t the result of bungling and bad judgment. IT IS A DELIBERATE, PLANNED EFFORT TO DESTROY AMERICA. ... This is not mere incompetence. It is calculated destruction. IT IS TREACHERY!” (op cit).

The bitter fruits Afghanistan, America and the world have tasted over this past year are the fruits of treason. This destruction is the legacy of the radical-left leadership of the United States, led by Barack Obama through Joe Biden. It is motivated by Obama’s hatred for what America has been, and it is part of his ongoing transformation of America into something very different.

This somber anniversary is a reminder of the ultimate motive of the Biden administration, which is really the third term of Barack Obama: to undermine American power abroad. These radical Communists want to “blot out the name of Israel” (2 Kings 14:27). This is an attack on what America is and has been, and especially anything that gives America its power. The radical left wants to abase America on the world stage and empower its enemies. This is treason. It is the reason behind this foreign policy of destruction.

This is not just about Barack Obama, however. It is about the American people. The American superpower was not a historical accident. It was a blessing from God that was specifically prophesied in the Bible. Americans are losing that blessing because of their own beliefs, actions and apathy. This too is prophesied throughout the Bible. For proof, request your free copy of *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, by Herbert W. Armstrong.

This history is important to remember. It is the fulfillment of Bible prophecy and a reminder that only the Bible can truly explain what is going on inside America, and the world, right now.





# THE END OF AMERICA'S CONSTITUTIONAL REPUBLIC

The grand American experiment is failing and collapsing into the tyranny it was designed to prevent. **BY STEPHEN FLURRY**

**W**HAT IS THE GREATEST threat to the United States' national security? Federal intelligence officials cite Russian strategy, Chinese espionage, Iranian ambition, North Korean unpredictability and other dangers. These are major threats to U.S. national security, clearly. One could argue, however, that a graver, more immediate and advanced threat to the nation is that posed by federal intelligence officials.

America is supposed to be a constitutional republic governed by representatives chosen in free and fair

elections. Yet the Federal Bureau of Investigation, one of the government's security agencies, has been meddling in these elections, almost always in favor of one side.

The FBI lied to obtain a warrant to spy on the campaign of Donald Trump in 2016. It contorted itself to avoid political harm to Trump's opponent, Hillary Clinton. It raided the homes and offices of three of President Trump's attorneys in 2018, 2021 and 2022. It undermined derogatory information connected to Joe Biden's son Hunter by falsely asserting it was Russian disinformation. It raided the apartment of an investigative journalist to intimidate those who published

information relating to Joe Biden. It has confronted people who have worked with President Trump, seizing their phones and even putting one in jail for a short time. And it has put dozens of less powerful Trump supporters in jail without trial or any semblance of due process for well over a year.

It is now undeniable that the FBI has been weaponized against opponents of the radical Biden regime.

After the FBI raided President Trump's Mar-a-Lago home on August 8, military historian Victor Davis Hanson told Fox News host Mark Levin that he believes America no longer has a form of government where the people rule themselves through their elected representatives.

"I don't think we're a republic anymore," he said. "I would say we're in a transition



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to a radical democracy, and by that, I mean that what anybody wants to do on any given day, if they have power or the votes, they do it. So, we don't respect immigration law; people in the administration want to get rid of it and make the border open, they do it. If you want to have a warrant for a particular FBI operation, you can find a judge and you do it. So what I'm getting at, Mark, is if you have an agenda and you feel you have elected power, you don't respect any guardrails or prohibitions that constitutional republic set up to protect the abuse of power."

This is a shocking yet accurate description of today's America. *A regime using armed agents to raid political opponents is a Third World-style dictatorship.*

America's Founding Fathers devised an elaborate system of checks and

balances to limit the power of any one individual, or even one branch of government—and to keep most of the power over the citizens' lives in *the citizens'* hands. Now their grand experiment in government is failing. Radical Democrats are circumventing and destroying these checks and balances with impunity through unelected "deep state" bureaucrats. The nation has moved into a dangerous new era where the only constraints on presidential power are no longer constitutional but merely *political*.

### Prosecuting Trump

Federal police routinely prosecute, convict and jail former leaders in *Third World countries*. Never in America—until now. After making sure President Trump and his family would be away on August 8, dozens of armed FBI agents spent 10 hours rummaging through his private residence, breaking into his safe, and confiscating memos, letters, e-mails and documents.

What was the legal justification for the raid? The Fourth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution protects people from unreasonable searches and seizures, so these FBI agents needed actual evidence that President Trump had committed a crime that must be investigated before they could raid his home. They never presented any such evidence. Instead, they simply got a warrant from Florida magistrate judge Bruce Reinhart that authorized them to seize "any government and/or Presidential Records made" during Trump's four-year term in office.

The warrant stated that the FBI was investigating Trump for a potential violation of the Espionage Act, but it failed to present probable cause that a crime had been committed. So it is obvious that the purpose of the FBI raid on Mar-a-Lago was to *get Trump*, not any particular documents in his possession.

This truth is further highlighted by the fact that Reinhart, the judge who issued the warrant, is an anti-Trump official who worked for years as an attorney for people close to sex trafficker Jeffrey Epstein.

After thoroughly searching Trump's home, office and storage shed, the FBI ended up seizing a birthday party menu, a cocktail napkin, a list of telephone numbers, three passports,

some miscellaneous memorabilia from Trump's White House years and 11 sets of classified documents. Yet since Trump willingly returned 15 boxes of records to the National Archives in February, there was no need for a surprise raid on his home to confiscate more. Other presidents have had disagreements over what is considered to be presidential records, which they

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have worked out with the government after they left the White House. The whole operation was really a politically motivated raid fishing for any dirt they can find on Mr. Trump—just like the 2016 operation to wiretap Trump Tower.

In fact, investigative journalist Paul Sperry uncovered that the FBI agents and officials involved in this raid work in the same counterintelligence division that investigated Trump during the Russiagate hoax. So, many of the same people currently under investigation for manufacturing evidence saying Trump illegally colluded with Russia to steal the 2016 presidential election were searching through Melania Trump's wardrobe for anything they can use against her husband.

"These are dark times for our nation," Trump wrote in a statement. "After working and cooperating with the relevant government agencies, this unannounced raid on my home was not necessary or appropriate. It is prosecutorial misconduct, the weaponization of the justice system, and an attack by radical-left Democrats who desperately don't want me to run for president in 2024, especially based on recent polls, and who will likewise do anything to stop Republicans and conservatives in the upcoming midterm elections."

Dark times, indeed. If FBI agents can raid the president's home with barely a pretext of legality, then no one is safe. *The FBI has morphed into the paramilitary arm of the Democratic Party.*

## Weaponized Justice

When radical Democrats wanted to keep Trump out of office six years ago, the Clinton campaign had one of its prominent lawyers, Marc Elias, hire the commercial research firm Fusion GPS to compile the infamous Steele dossier. This vile document falsely accused Donald Trump of escapades with Russian prostitutes and criminal links to the Russian government. It was filled with rumors and lies that former Clinton aide Charles Dolan told Russian-American analyst Igor Danchenko to repeat to hired British agent Christopher Steele. Yet despite knowing all about the corruption within the Clinton campaign, the FBI still used the Steele dossier to launch a counterintelligence investigation against Trump.

Now that Russiagate has been exposed as a hoax, you would think people would stop listening to Marc Elias. Yet Elias thrust himself into the limelight immediately after the FBI raid on Mar-a-Lago, saying that U.S. Code Title 18, Section 2071, should allow Democrats to bar Donald Trump from ever holding public office again if they can prove he mishandled classified information at his residence.

This is the same Marc Elias who worked for the same Hillary Clinton while she was under investigation for *mishandling classified information* by deleting tens of thousands of e-mails and by using a secret e-mail server while serving as secretary of state. He never argued that Clinton should be barred from office because of her secret e-mail server, yet he wants Trump prosecuted for keeping some personal notes and mementos given to him by Kim Jung-un and other world leaders. The double standard is stunning.

Elias's rationale is unlikely to keep Trump from office, however. As legal columnist Andrew McCarthy wrote, "The Justice Department well knows that the qualifications for a presidential candidate are set out in the Constitution. They may not be altered by statute, precisely because the framers did not want the executive branch to be dominated by the legislature, as would happen if Congress could disqualify incumbent or potential presidents simply by passing a law. ... Moreover, the Constitution also prescribes the basis for disqualifying a person from seeking the presidency or other federal office: conviction by the

Senate on an impeachment article voted by the House. Again, what is prescribed by the Constitution may not be altered by a mere statute. To trigger disqualification, Congress would have to impeach and convict Trump; it cannot be done by criminal prosecution" (*New York Post*, August 9).

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to be presidential records, which they worked out with the government after they left the White House. So the raiders were looking for something other than National Archives; they were looking for anything they could find to prevent the American people from ever being able to cast a ballot for Trump again.

### Double Standard

America's founders believed that the rule of law was the fundamental first principle of a free and just government. That is why Samuel Adams wrote, "There shall be one rule of justice for the rich and the poor; for the favorite in court, and the countryman at the plow." True freedom can only exist when the government governs people according to set legal principles, not by leaders' fancies or whims.

Yet America today is being governed by the fancies and whims of the radical Biden administration. The FBI is covering up Hunter Biden's sordid crimes while trying to frame Trump for imaginary crimes. The nation no longer has one standard for the "favorite in court" and "the countryman at the plow." Instead, the nation's liberal elite operate with impunity while everyday conservatives are bullied into submission.

Do not expect FBI Director Christopher Wray or his underlings to apologize for this double standard. During a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on August 4, four days before the Mar-a-Lago raid, Wray refused to confirm that the Russia collusion story was a hoax or

that the Hunter Biden laptop was not disinformation (despite overwhelming evidence that Donald Trump was innocent and Hunter Biden was guilty).

Sen. Marsha Blackburn asked Wray, "Do you agree that the allegation of secret collusion between President Trump and Russia was a hoax, yes or no?" Wray dodged the question, saying, "I don't think that's the terminology I would use. But I think there's been a lot written on this subject, both in the special counsel's report, the inspector general's report." Blackburn asked Wray to answer her question with a simple "Yes" or "No." But Wray dodged again, reiterating that "hoax" was "not a term I would use."

Special Counsel Robert Mueller's 2017-2019 investigation found no evidence of Trump colluding with Russia. Inspector General Michael Horowitz's report outlined 17 treasonous crimes the FBI committed in launching the Trump-Russia investigation that he identified as "significant errors or omissions." Special Counsel John Durham's report revealed that the Hillary Clinton campaign was working with Russian operative Igor Danchenko to feed the FBI information that Barack Obama and FBI officials knew was false. Yet for some reason, the current director of the FBI cannot bring himself to say the Trump-Russia hoax was a *hoax*.

Equally shocking is that Wray refuses to admit that Hunter's laptop was not Russian disinformation. When Blackburn asked Wray, "Do you agree that the Hunter Biden laptop was not Russian disinformation?" he replied, "Now you are asking about an ongoing investigation that I expect our folks to pursue aggressively, and I just can't comment on that." You read that correctly. Even the *New York Times* admits Hunter's laptop full of evidence of corruption, drug use and debauchery is real, but the director of the FBI refuses to comment.

The Russia-Trump collusion narrative was a hoax. The Hunter Biden laptop scandal is real. But admitting these facts would confirm to the public that Obama's FBI was trying to control the presidency!

### Attacking America

The U.S. Constitution has been under attack for decades, but its fiercest foe



# WHY YOU CAN'T BEAR ARMS BUT THE IRS CAN



As the Biden administration tries to ban citizens from owning assault weapons, it is giving thousands of guns and millions of rounds of ammunition to 'deep state' bureaucrats. **BY ANDREW MILLER**

**T**HE UNITED STATES IS NO LONGER a constitutional republic. Its presidency has been stolen, its border lies undefended, and its administrative agencies have been weaponized against the people. The August 8 raid on Donald Trump's home spotlighted the danger of out-of-control law enforcement agencies. But this raid was far from the first time an administrative agency has abused its authority.

Over the past several years, the size, scope and power of America's federal government have grown at an alarming

rate. Even liberal law professors are now warning that the vast majority of the nation's laws no longer come from the people's elected representatives in Congress and state governments. Instead, people are governed by laws decreed as "regulations," imposed by an army of unelected, unaccountable, unreachable bureaucrats.

And the word *army* is an apt metaphor. There are now 103 executive agencies (outside the United States military) that spend millions of dollars per year stockpiling rifles, pistols, ammunition,

tactical gear and other equipment. A December 2020 report from American Transparency noted that from 2006 to 2019, the Department of Veterans Affairs spent \$11.6 million on weapons and military gear; the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service spent \$3.9 million on weapons, drones and LP gas cannons. Even the Railroad Retirement Board purchased \$50,000 in weapons.

The Internal Revenue Service's purchases are stunning: It has stockpiled an estimated 4,500 firearms and 5 million rounds of ammunition, and spent \$725,000 on ammunition this year. And it's not done yet.

Federal officials and representatives, especially those who are radical liberals, routinely decry the destructive power of "military-style assault rifles." So why do they have so many?

The "deep state" is arming itself to the teeth for a sinister reason.

## 'Deep State' Arsenal

The Biden administration is overseeing the most significant expansion of the domestic police state in U.S. history. The deceptively named Inflation Reduction Act does nothing to reduce inflation but earmarks \$80 billion for the IRS to hire 87,000 new employees, more than doubling its personnel, many of whom will carry weapons. One IRS job posting for criminal investigation special agents called for applicants who were willing to "carry a firearm" and "willing to use deadly force." After a public outcry, this job posting was edited. Yet the government still plans to hire 300 IRS special agents with firearm authority.

Democratic lawmakers say these new hires are necessary to prevent tax evasion. Still, many Republicans find the sheer volume of guns and ammo the deep state is stockpiling concerning.

Rep. Matt Gaetz told Fox News on June 21, "So here's the Biden plan: Disarm Americans, open the border, empty the prisons—but rest assured, they'll still collect your taxes, and they need \$725,000 worth of ammunition, apparently, to get the job done."

Gaetz introduced a bill in Congress on July 7 called the Disarm the IRS Act, which would ban the agency from purchasing guns, ammunition and military equipment. Congress passed the

Inflation Reduction Act instead. Radical Democrats want federal agencies to have *more* firepower, not less.

The founders of the United States specifically avoided granting the federal government any policing power. Policing was left to the states and the electorate. Over time, the federal government has accorded to itself more and more policing power. Now over 100 agencies have

200,000-plus agents to prepare for a future conflict with everyday Americans.

This deep state has a leader and an agenda. This is perhaps most visible in one of its most powerful agencies. The Federal Bureau of Investigation, which many recognize as an unconstitutional agency, was caught helping Barack Obama frame Donald Trump for Russian collusion, assisted Hillary Clinton's pres-

executive and judicial branches and why it delegates the vast majority of law enforcement over local populations to their local representatives in their state and local governments.

This is why America's law enforcement system comprises around 18,000 separate state and local entities. When law enforcement responsibilities, including authorization to use deadly force, are divided among 18,000 agencies led by elected local officials, it becomes difficult for anyone to set himself up as a tyrant. If a county sheriff abuses his office, he is directly accountable to his own electorate. The state and the nation as a whole remain unaffected.

The FBI, the IRS, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Small Business Administration, the Railroad Retirement Board, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and dozens of other federal agencies have a grand total of zero elected representatives. Each officer reports up a chain of command comprised of zero elected officials until it reaches the president of the United States. If a federal officer abuses his office, he is accountable only to his agency superiors.

Outside of a few well-defined crimes, such as counterfeiting, treason and piracy, constitutional law mandates that law enforcement be a function of state and local government. The Constitution does not grant the government any power to establish a national police force, and the 10th Amendment states that powers not expressly granted to the federal government "are reserved to the states, respectively, or to the people."

Local officials are accountable to the people. Many local sheriffs across America have refused to enforce unconstitutional gun grabs, mask mandates or vaccine requirements. The Biden regime is therefore attacking local police departments and the gun rights of American citizens while simultaneously empowering U.S. executive agencies. The man leading the regime, Barack Obama, understands that federal officials ultimately report to the federal executive: the president.

The national police force the founders avoided is now a well-armed reality. "A standing military force, with an overgrown executive," Madison said, "will not long be safe companions to liberty."

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such powers and authorization to use deadly force against American citizens. This includes not just the Marshals Service, the Department of Justice, the Department of Homeland Security and the Secret Service, but also the Social Security Administration, the Small Business Administration and the National Archives and Records Administration.

Investigative journalist Adam Andrzejewski, founder of American Transparency, has been reporting on the militarization of U.S. executive agencies since the Obama administration. "Just who are the federal agencies preparing to battle?" Andrzejewski recently asked *Epoch Times*. "Our data shows that the federal government has become a gun show that never adjourns. Taxpayers need to tell Washington that police power belongs primarily to cities and states, not the feds."

There are more than 900,000 sworn law enforcement officers in the U.S., who are generally, if not completely, appointed by the communities they serve. But federal agents do not trust local law enforcement to enforce their unconstitutional dictates. So it is putting guns in the hands of its

identical campaign, has helped install and maintain Joe Biden as president, and is hunting down Trump supporters who protested the theft of the 2020 presidential election.

### **The Founders' Intent**

The framers of the Constitution were deeply wary of standing armies in peacetime. They could have written an article, section or at least a clause that accorded the federal government a police agency to enforce regulations made by the executive branch and to raid the homes of citizens suspected of opposing the current president's policies. They deliberately did not. Instead, they limited the power of the government, in particular the power of the federal government. They understood human nature and wanted to reduce threats to individual liberty.

James Madison noted, "In framing a government which is to be administered by men over men, the great difficulty lies in this: you must first enable the government to control the governed; and the next place, oblige it to control itself." This is why the Constitution separates the powers of the federal government into legislative,

## Hurling Toward War

Many Americans now realize that they no longer live in a free republic but in an increasingly authoritarian technocracy run by powerful, unelected bureaucrats, civil servants, military leaders and intelligence agents. Many federal bureaucracies now possess the powers of the legislature (regulations), the judiciary (administrative “courts”), and the executive (enforcement by armed agents). So there is little the people can do to stand against deep state tyranny.

A Yahoo News–YouGov poll of 1,672 U.S. adults in July found that 33 percent of Trump voters in conservative states now believe they would be better off if their state seceded from the union and “became an independent country.”

In “What Will Happen After Trump Regains Power” ([theTrumpet.com/23957](http://theTrumpet.com/23957)), *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry explained that Donald Trump was the legitimate winner of the 2020 election. He showed how the Bible prophesies that Trump will return to power, but that he “will have to fight for it. It doesn’t have to be military action, but it certainly could. President Trump could also lead some states to secede from the union.”

Mr. Flurry has explained that President Trump is an end-time type of King Jeroboam II, and he emphasized 2 Kings 14:26-28, which state: “For the Lord saw the affliction of Israel, that it was very bitter: for there was not any shut up, nor any left, nor any helper for Israel. And the Lord said not that he would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven: but he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash. Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, and all that he did, and his might, how he warred, and how he recovered Damascus, and Hamath, which belonged to Judah, for Israel, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?”

God used President Trump to save America from the forces seeking to destroy it six years ago, but the campaign to transform America into an authoritarian technocracy is stronger than ever. The radical Biden administration now has more than 200,000 agents authorized to use deadly force and millions of rounds of ammunition at hand. President Trump may truly be forced into a fight to save America! ■

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has been Barack Obama. In a 2001 radio interview, a 40-year-old Obama condemned former Chief Justice Earl Warren for not *breaking free* “from the essential constraints that were placed by the Founding Fathers in the Constitution.” Then he condemned the Constitution for being a “charter of negative liberties” that says “what the federal government *can’t* do to you, but it doesn’t say what the federal government or the state government must do on your behalf.”

The purpose of the Constitution was to limit government, but Obama viewed the limiting of government as the document’s fatal flaw and dedicated his life to circumventing its checks and balances. He did this by hijacking America’s executive agencies and using them to undermine both Congress and local governments.

My father, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry, writes in *America Under Attack*: “Of all the intel agencies, the one Obama wanted control over most was the FBI. The FBI does the domestic investigative work on anyone who needs or holds a security clearance, so control over the FBI put him in charge of who can access what information. ... The intelligence branch has full control over what is considered classified information. That is why this ‘fourth branch’ has control over the three actual, constitutional branches: executive, legislative and judicial. When other branches ask for intelligence information, often the agencies will provide it with key parts redacted to hide what is really going on. They control that, without oversight. THE ONLY ONES WHO SEE THE WHOLE PICTURE ARE BARACK OBAMA AND HIS TOP MEN. This gives these people unparalleled control!”

The surprise FBI raid on Mar-a-Lago has Obama’s fingerprints all over it. It gives him and the administration he controls new material to redact and add into the case of the Capitol riot in order to frame Mr. Trump as trying to stage a coup against a duly elected president. It is clear that Obama and Biden will stop at nothing to keep Trump out of office so

they can continue using their deep state to end America’s Constitutional Republic.

It is no coincidence that many of the men supporting Obama were trained by card-carrying Communists. Obama himself was mentored by Frank Marshall Davis, a card-carrying Communist. Obama’s single closest adviser, Valerie Jarrett, is the granddaughter of Robert Taylor, one of Davis’s closest associates. And Obama’s Central Intelligence Agency director, John Brennan, literally voted for Gus Hall, a Communist Party USA presidential candidate.

The late Herbert W. Armstrong warned that communism was the devil’s tool to destroy governments, the United States government in particular. “Satan is not a visible red devil with tail, horns and a pitchfork,” he said in an article written toward the beginning of the Cold War. “The real Satan is invisible. The world doesn’t see him or recognize his works. ... It doesn’t grasp the diabolical deception of communism—Satan’s *economic* delusion, employing propaganda based on false economies as its first arm of attack, backed up by the Red army, as the means of putting its third arm, totalitarian government, in power over the whole Earth” (*Plain Truth*, October 1951).

The Obama-Biden administration is filled with radicals who want to destroy America’s Constitution and replace it with totalitarianism. That movement has made enormous progress for decades by influencing the culture and education of young Americans. But resistance to that movement is coalescing around Donald Trump.

More Americans are realizing that there are serious problems in Washington, D.C., but almost nobody realizes that God does not place the primary blame on political leaders the way many political commentators do. In the end, government corruption is *correction from God* to help people see their sins and repent. Americans must come to realize that only God and the Bible can solve the problems in their government! ■

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## Traditional Federal Law Enforcement Agencies

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE** \$438,840,913 spent on guns, ammunition and military-style equipment since 2006; \$182,098,001 \$4 million for unmanned aircraft; \$109 million for tactical kits and armor

### U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION

\$136,913,462 \$333,676,480 spent on guns, ammunition and military-style equipment since 2006; 43,714 full-time personnel with arrest and firearm authority (2016)

### U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT

\$121,197,188 \$4.8 million spent on over-the-air tracking equipment; \$3.5 million spent on 40-caliber jacketed hollow-point ammunition

### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

\$83,353,210 \$198,400,736 spent on guns, ammunition and military-style equipment since 2006

### Federal Law Enforcement Training Center

\$43,821,636

### U.S. Coast Guard

\$42,816,307

### Federal Prison System

\$34,938,121

### Federal Prison System/Bureau of Prisons

\$29,407,184

### U.S. Marshals Service

\$29,111,740

### U.S. Secret Service

\$25,319,535

## General and Administrative Agencies

**Federal Aviation Administration**  
\$14,849,804

## STOCKING UP

Purchases of guns, ammunition and military-style equipment by agency (2015–2019)

### DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

\$11,624,381 Purchased 11 million rounds of ammunition since 2010; purchased camo uflage uniforms, riot helmets, shields, specialized image-enhancement devices and tactical lighting; 3,957 law enforcement officers (an increase from zero in 1996)

**Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration**  
\$11,512,250

**National Park Service**  
\$10,245,444

### INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

\$8,697,142 Owns 4,600 firearms, including shotguns and military-style automatic weapons; stockpiled 5 million rounds of ammunition; significant expenditure on tactical equipment

**Department of Energy**  
\$7,839,990

### EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

\$5,782,419 The Trump White House did not purchase any guns, ammunition or military-style equipment.

**Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service** \$3,900,483

# DEEP STATE POLICE STATE

In recent decades, the size, scope and power of the federal government have dramatically expanded. A growing number of both conservatives and progressives are questioning the amounts and types of weaponry stockpiled by agencies whose primary purpose is not law enforcement.

Source: *The Militarization of the U.S. Executive Agencies* by Open the Books

General and Administrative Agencies  
\$503,767,270



**Drug Enforcement Administration**  
\$20,820,783

**Federal Prison Industries/UNICOR**  
\$17,845,129

**ATF Acquisition and Property Mgmt Div**  
\$14,908,953

**Transportation Security Administration**  
\$13,845,993

**Combined Agencies**  
\$2,939,183

## FEDERAL FORCE

In 2008, there were 762,944 state and local law enforcement officers with the power to make arrests. By 2018, that number had dropped to 686,665.

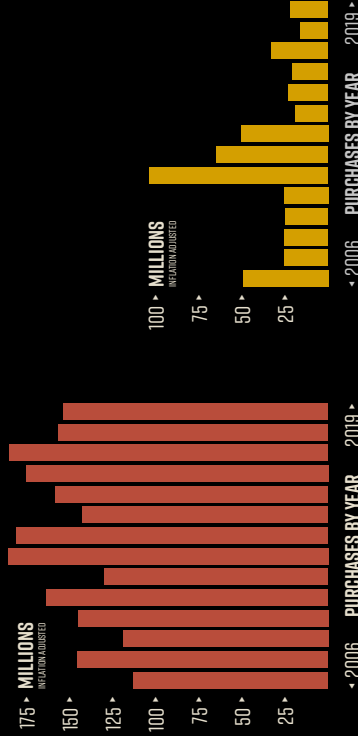
Over the same period, the number of federal law enforcement officers with the power to make arrests rose from 120,000 to 200,000. There are now more federal officers with firearm authority than U.S. marines.

FEDERAL	STATE/LOCAL
13.6%	88.4%
2008	2008
22.6%	77.4%
2018	2018

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**\$2,156,453,080**  
Traditional Law Enforcement Agencies



## DECADES OF MILITARIZATION

One hundred three executive agencies outside of the Department of Defense spent \$2.7 billion on guns, ammunition and military-style equipment between fiscal years 2006 and 2019 (inflation adjusted).

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers—Civil Program** \$3,987,273

**Forest Service**  
\$3,329,876

**Agency for International Development**  
\$2,395,417

**Departmental Offices**  
\$2,178,836

**U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service**  
\$1,744,014

**Office of Inspector General**  
\$1,694,942

**Combined Agencies**  
\$20,672,394

**Environmental Protection Agency**  
600 guns

**Social Security Administration**  
800,000 rounds of ammunition  
250,000 rounds ordered in 2017

**National Aeronautics and Space Administration** Special agents equipped with machine guns and AR-15s

**Smithsonian Institution** 620 armed special agents (an increase from zero in 2008)

Office of the Inspector General for Tax Administration • Bureau of Land Management • Federal Acquisition Service • Federal Railroad Administration • National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration • Food and Drug Administration • Bureau of Reclamation • Bureau of Indian Affairs and Bureau of Indian Education • Bureau of Engraving and Printing • Agricultural Research Service • Office of the Inspector General • Environmental Protection Agency • United States Mint • Public Buildings Service • Social Security Administration • Office of Policy, Management and Budget • National Aeronautics and Space Administration • Department of Housing and Urban Development • National Institutes of Health • Smithsonian Institution • Bureau of Indian Affairs • Bureau of Industry and Security • Department of Commerce • Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program • Department of Education • Food and Nutrition Service • Centers for Disease Control and Prevention • Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency • Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency • Office of the Secretary • General Services Administration • Immediate Office of the Secretary of Transportation • Inspector General • Office of Personnel Management • National Gallery of Art • Office of the Secretary of the Interior • Small Business Administration • Consumer Product Safety Commission • Securities and Exchange Commission • United States Agency for Global Media • Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management • Nuclear Regulatory Commission • Railroad Retirement Board • Bureau of Labor Statistics • Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts • Federal Highway Administration • Food Safety and Inspection Service • Indian Health Service • Financial Crime Enforcement Network • Federal Labor Relations Authority • U.S. Geological Survey • Natural Resources Conservation Service • Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy • Federal Communications Commission • National Transportation Safety Board • Geological Survey • Department of Agriculture • USDA, Office of Communication • USDA, Office of Operations • USDA, Office of the Chief Information Officer • National Science Foundation • National Archives and Records Administration

# What Is the Great Reset?

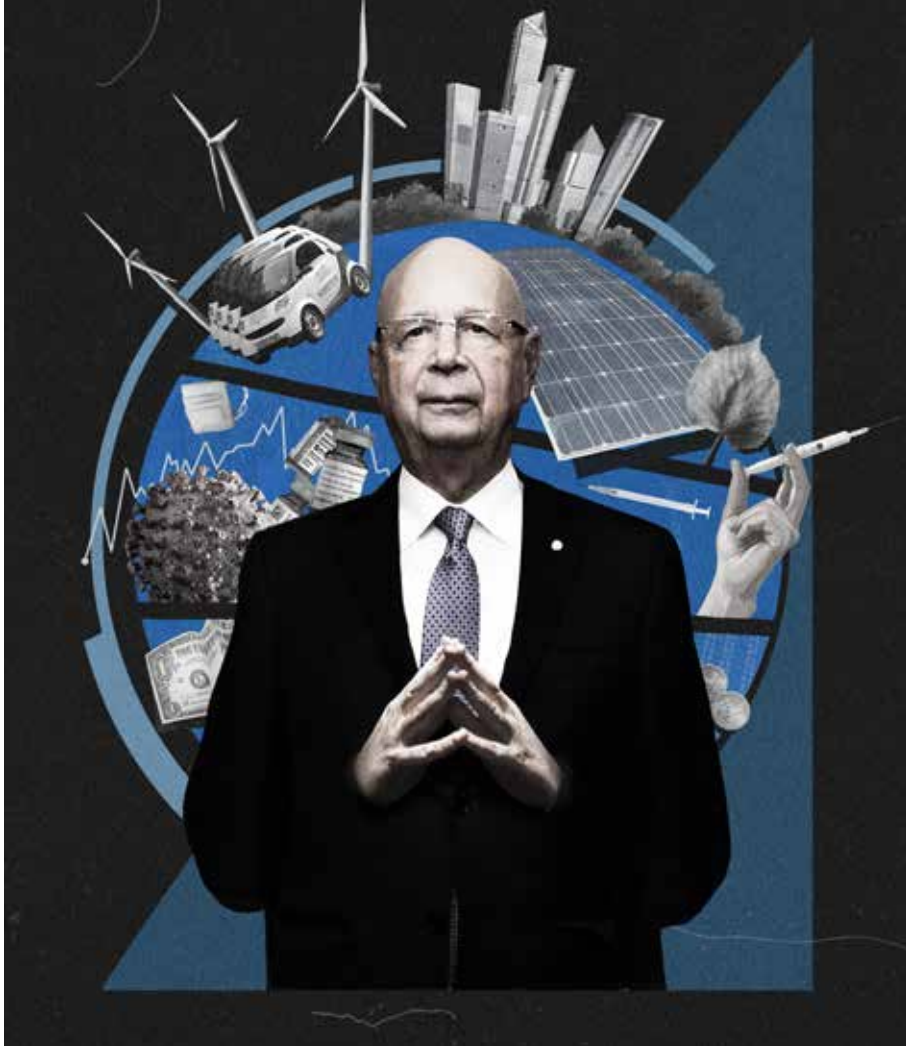
Does anyone benefit from surging costs for fuel, housing and food?

BY ANDREW MILLER

**T**HE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC IS probably the most globally destructive event to take place in our lifetimes. In America alone, it crashed the economy, caused the gross domestic product to fall by the biggest percentage since the Great Depression, pushed 22 million Americans into unemployment, and increased the national debt by nearly \$10 trillion. It also caused school closures, anxiety, obesity, alcoholism, crime, drug overdoses and suicide, and it gave radical leftists a means of stealing the 2020 presidential election with fraudulent ballots.

Yet despite all this destruction, many politicians are excited. Key leaders at international institutions like the World Economic Forum and the United Nations say the coronavirus pandemic is a golden opportunity to “reset” the world’s economic and political systems. They say it is time to abolish free markets and implement wealth taxes, government regulations and massive infrastructure spending programs. Having successfully shut down the global economy, they are attempting to convert it into a socialist system governed by central planners.

Klaus Schwab, a German engineer and economist, wrote that “the world must act jointly and swiftly to revamp all aspects of our societies and economies, from education to social contracts and working conditions. Every country, from the United States to China, must participate, and every industry, from oil and gas to tech, must be transformed. In



short, we need a ‘Great Reset’ of capitalism” (June 3, 2020).

Schwab is not a random blogger. He is head of the World Economic Forum. This international lobbying organization based in Geneva, Switzerland, is funded by over 1,000 large corporations, each with an annual turnover of at least \$5 billion. It serves as an influential brokering organization between the economic and political worlds. And Schwab has openly bragged that it penetrates political cabinets around the globe.

Many prominent leaders pay attention to Schwab’s ideas. Former U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry declared that the Biden regime supports the Great Reset. Prince Charles of Great Britain said the Great Reset is a chance to prioritize sustainable development without further damaging the planet. Pope Francis has used the opportunity to attack free markets, saying that they make people vulnerable to disease.

Powerful, wealthy, influential people are openly pushing for this Great Reset.

So what is it exactly? Is it a fictional conspiracy theory? Is it real? Is it good? Is it evil? Will it affect you?

## A Planned Crisis

The term “Great Reset” was popularized by a July 2020 book written by Schwab and Thierry Malleret, titled *COVID-19: The Great Reset*. Yet the idea goes back decades.

Schwab founded the World Economic Forum in 1971 and introduced a concept he would later call “stakeholder capitalism.” This term sounds innocuous, but the Italian philosopher Giorgio Agamben calls it “Communist capitalism.” Michael Rectenwald, of American Scholars, calls it “corporate capitalism.” This is because it resembles the “corporate socialism” system used by Nazi Germany, fascist Italy, Falangist Spain, Vichy France, Peronist Argentina and many other nations.

Former judge Andrew Napolitano defines fascism as “private ownership, but government control.” Such an

economic system differs from communism (government ownership and government control) and capitalism (private ownership and private control). “Stakeholder capitalism” is fascism, updated for a 21st-century audience.

Schwab has been trying to spread his neo-fascist ideas worldwide for the past five decades. He has attracted an incredible number of elites to the World Economic Forum, but he had little success in implementing them on everyday people until the coronavirus pandemic convinced millions of people to accept drastic government interventions. This makes Schwab’s role in planning the world’s economic and political response to COVID-19 seem almost sinister.

In May 2018, more than two years before COVID-19 leaked out from the Wuhan Institute of Virology, the World Economic Forum collaborated with the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security to simulate a national pandemic response. Dubbed Clade X, this simulation previewed almost every aspect of the COVID crisis, from lockdowns to mass unemployment to stimulus spending. Afterward, the World Economic Forum collaborated with Johns Hopkins and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to conduct Event 201, another simulation of a national pandemic response involving a novel coronavirus.

While Obama administration officials like Dr. Anthony Fauci were working with officials at the Wuhan Institute of Virology to engineer a virus, officials at the World Economic Forum were working to engineer a lockdown. These facts should concern everyone! We don’t know what went on behind closed doors, but we do know that world leaders were not caught off guard by the pandemic. Just days before President Donald Trump was inaugurated, Dr. Fauci warned that a pandemic was coming, and top officials at the World Economic Forum already had a plan in place that would be triggered by a disease epidemic. Lockdowns, unemployment and government stimulus spending were part of this plan.

In other words, global elites not only anticipated a disease outbreak, they were excited by the opportunity. It would help them fundamentally transform the world’s economic system and their control over everyday people.

## A New System

In *COVID-19: The Great Reset*, Schwab and Malleret explain how hyperinflation destroyed the German deutsche mark in the 1920s and how rising debt levels may destroy the American dollar today. Their logic is unassailable. Yet given their role in planning pandemic stimulus spending before there was even a pandemic, you have to wonder whether they engineered the Great Reset to destroy the dollar.

“The deep disruption caused by COVID-19 globally has offered societies an enforced pause to reflect on what is truly of value,” write Schwab and Malleret. “With the economic emergency responses to the pandemic now in place, the opportunity can be seized to make the kind of institutional changes and policy choices that will put economies on a new path towards a fairer, greener future. The history of radical rethinking in the years following World War II, which included the establishment of the Bretton Woods institutions, the United Nations, the EU and the expansion of welfare states, shows the magnitude of the shifts possible.”

So here we have two neofascist economists writing about “economic emergency responses” of their design representing an opportunity to rethink the entire free-market economic system that has dominated the Western world for a lifetime since the defeat of the Axis powers (and their economic systems) in World War II. This is some shocking analysis to read. Even if Schwab and Malleret didn’t deliberately engineer the Great Reset to destroy the dollar, it is evident that they would love to see the dollar fall.

“Even though the Fed and the U.S. Treasury manage the dollar and its influential network worldwide with efficacy, skeptics emphasize that the willingness of the U.S. administration to weaponize the U.S. dollar for geopolitical purposes (like punishing countries and companies that trade with Iran or North Korea) will inevitably incentivize dollar holders to look for alternatives,” they continue. “The Chinese renminbi (RMB) could be an option, but not until strict capital controls are eliminated and the RMB turns into a market-determined currency, which is unlikely to happen in the foreseeable future. The same goes

for the euro; it could be an option but not until doubts about a possible implosion of the eurozone dissipate for good, which again is an unlikely prospect in the next few years. As for a global virtual currency, there is none in sight yet, but there are attempts to launch national digital currencies that may eventually dethrone the U.S. dollar supremacy.”

They admit that the only reason the dollar is still the reserve currency is that the renminbi and the euro are in even worse shape. But this could change if China implemented free-market reforms or Europe united into a super-state with the authority to dictate its members’ fiscal policy.

Some might reason that it makes little sense to provoke a currency crisis to destroy the dollar if that crisis also destroys the euro and every other major currency. But the *Trumpet* has noted for years that the euro was designed to fail from its inception. Good economists know you cannot have a stable monetary union without a centralized body making decisions about the collection and expenditure of taxes. So the euro will never be stable until the nations within the eurozone surrender their independence to a federal government in the same way U.S. states surrendered to Washington, D.C. The World Economic Forum’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic is forcing these member states to do just that.

## A Fourth Reich

The World Economic Forum’s role in the Great Reset becomes even more concerning when you realize that its founder has ties back to Nazi Germany. Klaus Schwab was born in 1938 to Eugen Wilhelm Schwab and Erika Epprecht. His father moved from Switzerland to Germany during the Third Reich and became a director at Escher Wyss AG, a company that used slaves to manufacture key atomic bomb technologies for Adolf Hitler’s Third Reich.

Of course, Klaus was too young to be complicit in his father’s crimes. Still, look at his ideology and the changes he is pushing for in the world. His “stakeholder capitalism” is close enough to the “corporate socialism” of Nazi Germany that you could say the Great Reset is succeeding where Hitler’s economists and generals failed.

The declassified document known as the Red House Report provided a detailed account of a secret meeting at the Hotel Rotes Haus in Strasbourg, France, on Aug. 10, 1944, where Nazi officials ordered an elite group of German industrialists to plan for a Fourth Reich. This report is reprinted in our free booklet *Germany's Conquest of the Balkans*. Many of the eurozone's founders were closet Nazis building an empire.

These men understood economics and designed a monetary union that would force the nations of Europe to unite into a superstate. In his 1997 book *The Principality and Power of Europe*, Adrian Hilton described the ambition of the eurozone's founders: "Europe's nations should be guided towards a superstate without their people understanding what is happening. This can be accomplished by successive steps, each disguised as having an economic purpose, but which will eventually and irreversibly lead to federation." Euro Pacific Capital's John Browne elaborated, "In essence, the euro was created as a lever to encourage a complete European political union rather than as a currency representing ... an already unified economy."

In other words, the eurozone's founders deliberately planted the seeds for a future crisis that only they could fix.

Schwab's World Economic Forum was initially called the European Management Forum, and its first meeting was under the patronage of the European Commission and European industrial associations. Its allegiance is to the EU, and its goal is to create a crisis that will overthrow the dollar and force the nations of Europe to unite into a superstate. Toward this end, the COVID-19 outbreak has given it an unprecedented opportunity to create a hyperinflation crisis that robs ordinary citizens of their money until they are willing to surrender their freedom for a new currency. The late Christopher Story, a former adviser to British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, believed Germany might introduce a gold-backed "new deutsche mark" once the euro inevitably failed.

Regardless of Germany's exact plans, the Great Reset will cause people to surrender their liberty in return for economic security and relief from hyperinflation.

The late Herbert W. Armstrong predicted that a financial crisis would likely be the catalyst prompting European nations to unite into a "United States of Europe." Specifically, he warned that a massive banking crisis "could suddenly result in triggering European nations to unite as a new world power larger than either the Soviet Union or the U.S." (co-worker letter, July 22, 1984).

Once the euro is supported by a central government strong enough to regulate its member states' taxation and spending policies, the dollar's days as the world's dominant reserve currency will be numbered.

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### Prophesied Destruction

In his book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, Mr. Armstrong explained that the Anglo-Saxons who settled in the U.S. and Britain are descendants of the ancient Israelites. This means that end-time prophecies in the Bible concerning Israel are directed at the U.S. and British Commonwealth. A series of prophecies in Deuteronomy reveals the specific curses that would descend on end-time Israel if it turned from God's law.

"But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee. ... The stranger that is within thee shall get up above thee very high; and thou shalt come down very low. He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him: he shall be the head, and

thou shalt be the tail. ... The Lord shall bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth, as swift as the eagle flieth; a nation whose tongue thou shalt not understand .... And he shall besiege thee in all thy gates ..." (Deuteronomy 28:15, 43-44, 49, 52).

This chapter specifically foretells debt problems when it says, "He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him." It also indicates trade war when it says, "[H]e shall besiege thee in all thy gates."

Other prophecies reveal that Assyria will be "the rod" and "the staff" that God uses to punish America (see Isaiah 10:5; Lamentations 5:6; Ezekiel 23:9). *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* further explains how Assyrians settled in the European states that became modern-day Germany. Germany will ultimately partner with nine other European nations to besiege and invade the U.S. (Revelation 17:12-13). This prophecy can only be fulfilled if a European superstate surpasses America in economic and military might.

*Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry explained in his television program "Coronavirus and the Holy Roman Empire" that the pandemic will prompt 10 European nations to unite into a German-led superstate that will attack America. Right now, the militaries of Europe cannot match the might of the U.S. military. Still, prophecy shows that a great reset will make Germany the head of nations and America the tail of nations. The recent actions by the son of Eugen Wilhelm Schwab may end up being tremendously significant.

Now is the time to heed God's warning and understand that He is allowing calamity to come upon the world for a reason: to correct people for turning away from His commandments and statutes. These prophecies are alarming—but if you are stirred to seek God and His protection, there is nothing more exciting on this planet. ■

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# Get This Message While You Can

Bible prophecy warns of a time when it will abruptly cease.

BY JOEL HILLIKER AND ERIC ANDERSON



**I**F YOU KNEW A FAMINE WAS COMING, wouldn't you prepare for it? You would feverishly take action to provide your family with enough food to survive. You would fear the consequences of not taking action quite soon enough or strong enough. The consequences are devastating sickness, starvation and a terrible death.

But did you know the Bible prophesies that a *spiritual famine* is coming?

“Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord” (Amos 8:11).

There is only one way to prepare, and you *must* take drastic action!

Right now, God's word is readily available. You are holding it in your hands: a message in plain language unlike any other that shows you how to understand the teachings of the Bible based on revealed and provable truth, and that shows you how to apply the Bible to understand and even thrive in this insane world. It makes life understandable, workable, hopeful.

God's work is diligently broadcasting and streaming the message of God and the truths of the Bible through the Internet, over cable tv and television and radio airwaves. It is publishing

regular magazines, books and booklets. It is sending out all kinds of literature, including a Bible correspondence course. It is operating at full capacity, virtually unrestricted and unhindered. And people the world over can easily access this truth and receive it freely, at no cost.

Yet the time will come when the Philadelphia Church of God headquarters in Edmond, Oklahoma, and its regional offices in other countries will close, permanently. The broadcast, the websites, the e-mails, the magazines, the books will cease.

The people who have watched the programs and read the literature will find themselves suddenly cut off.

God says His word will become scarce. The life-giving truth will be as hard to find as a morsel of meat in a wasteland.

People will panic. “And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it” (verse 12). This message, so freely available, so abundant, so nourishing today will be gone in just a few more tomorrows.

## One Day Soon ...

You have subscribed to the *Philadelphia Trumpet* for a while now, and you have been watching *The Key of David* for a year

or so. You turn on the television at 7 a.m. almost every Sunday and make your coffee as Gerald Flurry begins, “Greetings, everyone.” You appreciate what you hear and how much it clears away so much of the confusion in this world and even the confusion in your life. You've found yourself watching the news and particularly the *Trumpet Daily* online more and more. You have called in and ordered some of the booklets and learned that the call center is staffed by members of the Philadelphia Church of God, which produces all of these programs and publications. You have finished a couple lessons of the *Herbert W. Armstrong College Bible Correspondence Course*, you just got your first copy of *Royal Vision*, and you just found out about *Let the Stones Speak*.

It's 7 a.m., Sunday morning, and you turn on the television. But instead of that familiar introduction, a different program is on. You pick up your *Trumpet* from a side table and find a phone number on the back cover to call and find out what channel and time *The Key of David* moved to. But instead of a friendly voice, you hear a busy signal.

Now this issue has your attention. You open up your laptop and type in *the-Trumpet.com*. 404 error. You type in *pcg.church*. 404 error. You check your inbox. It loads, but you have to scroll down a bit to get to the last *Trumpet Brief* or *PCG Signposts* e-mails.

A sinking feeling takes hold. *No. There's got to be a way! It has to be somewhere. It has to be—doesn't it? It was right there the whole time. There's got to be a way.*

*This is the famine of the word.*

When will this famine strike? And why? Bible prophecies that the *Trumpet* has emphasized for decades provide the answer.

## Great Tribulation

The Bible forecasts that conditions in this world are going to get more and more deceptive, more violent, more deadly. Serious persecution will come against God's message. At the peak of persecution, God's people who have proclaimed that message must flee. The broadcasting and publishing work as it exists today will cease.

Then the Tribulation begins.

Jesus Himself prophesied this unprecedented cataclysm, a time of “great

tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be” (Matthew 24:21).

Other prophecies show that conditions in the world will be so devastating and people so unable to understand the insanity, suffering and violence that they will be hunting for the truth but *starving*. This will be a time of *crazed hunger* for God’s word.

Prophecies say that this “great tribulation” will last 3½ years (Daniel 12:11; Revelation 11:2; 12:6; 13:5). *Years* of the worst suffering imaginable!

Daniel 12:11 describes this period this way: “And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.”

“The abomination that makes desolate” is referred to in other prophecies as the armies of “the king of the north,” or a “beast power.” It describes European armies surrounding Jerusalem. Many other prophecies state that Europe will unite economically, politically, religiously and militarily. The military of that superpower will enter the Holy Land.

Daniel says at that time, the “daily sacrifice,” a symbol of the work of God, will be “taken away.” Just what that means becomes clear when aligned with Revelation 12, which shows that during the Great Tribulation, God will protect His Church in a place of safety, flying her “into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time” (verse 14).

Daniel prophesies that from the time God’s people are taken away and those armies surround Jerusalem, there are 1,290 days—a countdown to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. This countdown, then, must begin 30 days before the 1,260 days of the Great Tribulation.

In Matthew 24, Jesus Christ said that when you see those European armies surrounding Jerusalem, you must flee. That is God’s signal that the Tribulation is about to begin—apparently within 30 days.

It’s also interesting that Daniel 12:12 says, “Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.” This 1,335-day period must start 45 days *prior* to the 1,290-day period. This is *probably* when



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God’s work will END and the famine of God’s word will begin: 1,335 days before Christ returns.

How close are we to the fulfillment of the “famine of the word” prophesied in Amos 8:11-12? We can get an important clue by looking at the context of those verses.

### When Will This Happen?

Amos 7 is a prophecy specifically about America, the superpower among the modern nations of Israel. *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry has written a lot about this in recent years. His new book *America Under Attack* explains.

In verse 8, God says He is measuring our peoples and giving His *final warning* before He allows the nation to be destroyed. “I will not again pass by them any more,” He says.

We are in the time frame of this prophecy *right now*.

Verse 9 prophesies that the nation will be ruled by a modern version of King Jeroboam II, a prophetic role that, as Mr. Flurry proves in *America Under Attack*, is being fulfilled today by Donald Trump.

Yet *most* of this prophecy in Amos 7 has not yet been fulfilled. This is the uppermost reason why Mr. Flurry believes Mr. Trump will return to the presidency: to fulfill the remainder of this prophecy.

This passage describes a confrontation between the political leaders and the Church of God—in a time when “the land cannot bear” the message coming from God’s Church.

This will be a time of *terrifying crises* battering the nation. God’s Church will be explaining WHY God is cursing us—but the people will not bear it. This shows you how much stronger the message from God’s Church is certain to become—and how intractable human nature is. Rather than hear and act on the message—or even hear the message—they will try to *silence* it.

This passage shows that these unteachable people will then *exile* the people God is using to warn them. In verse 12, authority figures order God’s messenger to *get out of the country* and move all the way to the Jewish nation in the Mideast.

“These powerful men told Amos, *SHUT UP! SHUT YOUR MOUTH!* But this mighty prophet remained loyal to God and refused to do so,” Mr. Flurry writes in *The Lion Has Roared*. “Do we have the spiritual courage required to tell people, including the leaders of nations, exactly what is about to happen? God’s prophecies will not go unfulfilled—they will happen precisely as God has ordained! Look how strong Amos was! How easy would it be, if the land couldn’t bear the message, to give up? Amos never did.”

In this passage, Amos responded by delivering an even *stronger* message, describing exactly what God’s judgment will be for the people’s rebellion.

These events are the prelude to the Amos 8 prophecy of the famine of God’s word.

### The Two Witnesses

During the horrifying 3½ years of the Tribulation and Day of the Lord, religious freedom will be extinguished globally. The entire Western world will be dominated by a church-state union of the resurrected Holy Roman Empire. Worship and education will be governed by a Catholic religious order and enforced by the civil police. The Eastern world, meanwhile, will be in the

bondage of atheistic authoritarianism.

Nowhere will the preaching of the true gospel be permitted!

The misery and suffering in this world will escalate to unprecedented levels—and people will be desperately searching for hope.

“Soon, people will not be able to find any of these booklets,” Mr. Flurry writes. “They won’t be able to find any spiritual food! People will be *crying out* for ... God’s word—His revealed prophecies. But then it will be TOO LATE physically. God’s very elect will be in a place of safety. Those who paid attention are going to realize what they didn’t do and what they should have done. God’s word will cease being preached (except by the two witnesses)” (ibid).

That parenthetical comment alludes to the prophecy that, thankfully, God will not withhold this hope for long. During the 1,260 days of the Great Tribulation, “two witnesses” will do God’s work of prophesying (Revelation 11).

These two faithful messengers will be the lone voices of warning heard during this time of world war. They will be pleading with mankind to repent and turn to God—particularly warning the European empire about the coming Asiatic hordes out of the East.

Then, at some point during that horrifying time, God will revive His work in the place of safety.

From their place in the wilderness, God’s elect will amplify the message of the two witnesses. Somehow, even with the world convulsing in warfare and barbarity, a powerful work will be done. God’s people in that place of protection will be *working* and continuing the “daily sacrifice” that had been taken away (Daniel 12:11).

Prophecies show that these saints will be beautifying that wilderness, fashioning it into a lush “garden of Eden.” They will be demonstrating to the whole world how to build and beautify—to make even a desolation “blossom as the rose” (Isaiah 35:1). God’s work in the place of safety will literally be the World Tomorrow in embryo! This work will convey an unmistakable message, complementing the grave warning proclaimed by the two witnesses, of mercy and hope.

This prophecy is about to be fulfilled. The context shows that the time is close.

### Time Is Short

Thankfully, the Tribulation will be suddenly cut short by God’s supernatural intervention. If God did not act swiftly to cut short man’s diabolical, Satan-influenced inhumanity to man, no human flesh would be saved alive (Matthew 24:22).

After Jesus Christ returns and resurrects His firstfruits, including the two witnesses, He and His saints will restore God’s government on Earth. Peace will reign from henceforth. The knowledge of God will envelop the globe as the waters cover the sea (Isaiah 11:9; Habakkuk 2:14). There will be no more famines ever—physical or spiritual!

Yet what chilling darkness will precede those days because of the hardness of man. The correction God will have to send before people will actually turn to Him in repentance is staggering. Witnessing man’s inhumanity to fellow man will drive people mad searching for reason, for understanding. How sad that they would not seek it in the current time of lesser curses.

What about you? Will you heed the warning you hold in your hands before such time as it is snatched from you? Will you ACT on the message of God’s work before the opportunity closes?

Anciently, when Joseph was in Egypt, God made known to him exactly when seven years of famine would come. Joseph had seven years to prepare. He set to work immediately. Had he not, Egypt would have been devastated.

Like Joseph, we should be preparing for the famine of the word now while the truth is still plenteous. In fact, this prophecy should motivate us to be urgent in supporting God’s work while we can yet reach people, *before* this famine sets in.

Time is short! Christ told us in John 9:4 to work while it is day, for the night comes when *no man can work*. The most important thing now is to publicize as boldly and broadly as possible God’s warning message, as well as the advance news of the soon-coming reestablishment of God’s rule on Earth.

The end of this age of man is near. Soon a famine of the Word of God will descend. Take heed: Our days of opportunity are numbered. ■

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Those of us who write for the *Trumpet* do not desire to be negative. But we do want to help you boldly face some of the stark realities of our world. We live in a perilous time, hurtling toward a cataclysm. Yet practically everyone is confused about what is happening and mystified as to what to do about it. Why?

When you are done checking the news, you are left as helpless and as hopeless as when you began.

We must recognize that there is something important missing from our nightly, hour-by-hour, minute-by-minute news. Today’s newscasters and news programs cannot explain the importance or meaning behind current events.

You do need to watch world events, but you also need to comprehend their origin, their destination and their *meaning*. To gain this perspective, you need the truth, the whole truth.

Journalists fail to provide you with the meaning of the news because they share a strong bias. This bias exists not only inside radicalized news organizations but across the field of journalism and, in fact, across the world. This bias ignores and denies the whole truth. It denies the Creator of human beings: His existence, His involvement in current events, and especially His authority. This bias even affects the vast majority of faith-based news outlets. Thus blinded, journalists will continue to bring you partial truths and a conspicuous lack of understanding and hope.

You need the missing dimension in news. You need the whole truth. You need to factor in God, and you need to understand Him.

Only the **Philadelphia Trumpet** and **The Key of David** give you God’s perspective and the real meaning behind today’s news. Learn it while you can. And act on it.



Pope Francis prays with priests in the Vatican.

# Why a New Catholic Constitution

Rome's desire for dominance revives with a new evangelical crusade. **BY ANDREW MILLER**

**P**OPE BENEDICT XVI SHOCKED THE world when he became the first pope to resign since the Middle Ages. After his butler leaked confidential documents to the press, exposing power struggles and infighting in the Vatican, Benedict said he was too weak to implement the necessary reforms of Vatican leadership. Cardinals then elected Pope Francis with a mandate to reform the Vatican.

The Roman Catholic Church's influence spans the globe, but it has not been a geopolitical superpower since the breakup of the Holy Roman Empire. Many Catholics hope Francis's reforms will change that.

Upon his election, Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio chose the name Francis to send a signal that he intended to unite the Catholic Church. Cardinal Bergoglio was a Jesuit, and St. Francis of Assisi was the founder of the Franciscan, a religious order often seen as the Jesuits' rivals. So a Jesuit pope who chooses the name Francis seeks to unify Jesuits,

Franciscans and all other Catholic orders under his personal authority.

Toward this end, Francis appointed a panel of cardinals to advise him on the best way to reorganize the Roman Curia. The Curia is the administration that governs the Catholic Church and Vatican City, which is its own sovereign country. The pope and the cardinals published their constitution, titled *Praedicate Evangelium*, on March 19, and it went into force on June 5. The official English translation, *Preach the Gospel*, was not published until June 29. It reveals the most radical shakeup of the Curia in a generation.

Most of the news coverage about the Vatican's constitutional reforms revolves around the pope's decision to allow lay Catholics (including women) to lead curial departments and around his decision to incorporate a clergy abuse commission into church government. But these are *not* the most significant reforms. The most significant change is the restructure of all Curia activities under one simple mission: support the pope in his crusade to convert all nations to Roman Catholicism.

This is more than just organizational reform. This will cause major political and moral repercussions worldwide.

The Bible prophesies that Protestants around the world will gravitate toward reuniting with the Roman Catholic Church. The new constitution is designed to accelerate this process.

## Restructuring Catholicism

To unify feuding factions, Francis gave them a mission before delving into the details of church organization. The preamble of his constitution says, "[Preaching the gospel] is the task that the Lord Jesus entrusted to His disciples. This mandate constitutes 'the primary service that the church can render to every individual and to all humanity in the modern world.' To this end, she has been called to proclaim the gospel of the Son of God, Christ the Lord, and thereby to awaken in all peoples the hearing of faith."

With this mission established, the rest of the document is a blueprint for the church. "The Roman Curia is at the service of the pope, who, as the successor of Peter, is the perpetual and visible source and foundation of the unity both of the bishops and of the whole company of the faithful," it states. "The Roman Curia is not set between the pope and the bishops, but is at the service of both ...."

In the centuries since Pope Paul III established the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in 1542, an idea has arisen that the pope leads the Curia, and the Curia leads the church. The new constitution reestablishes the teaching that each diocese is led by a bishop, and the bishop reports to the pope. It establishes that the curia does not lead the church; it only exists to assist the pope and the bishops with certain tasks. Francis's decision to let lay Catholics lead curial departments is meant to emphasize that the Curia does not wield spiritual authority like the pope and the bishops.

After emphasizing that the pope is the head of the church, the constitution establishes a secretary of state to oversee the governance of Vatican City. It also gives a top spot to a new Dicastery for Evangelization. The dicastery merges the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, which coordinates missionary activities, with the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of New Evangelization, which is dedicated to reversing secularization in Western countries. The Dicastery for Evangelization supersedes

all other departments, including the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, which is responsible for doctrine.

Some ultra-traditionalist Catholics fear that prioritizing evangelization will liberalize the church. Francis countered that all his decisions follow precedents set at the Second Vatican Council. In comments published on June 14, Francis told Jesuit editors, “Restorationism has come to gag the [Second Vatican Council],” before adding that he knew priests (particularly in the United States) who viewed the 16th-century Council of Trent as more important than the 20th-century Second Vatican Council.

Yet ironically, Pope Francis may be more restorationist than the restorationists themselves.

For the past 500 years, the Vatican has been run by bureaucrats intent on defending Catholic dogma from Protestantism and secularism at all costs. But during the early Middle Ages the power structure was different. The sixth-century Pope Gregory the Great wrote a letter advising Augustine of Canterbury to compromise with pagan beliefs to bring Anglo-Saxon tribes into the Catholic Church. The Catholic Church grew due to an “evangelization” that merged pagan practices with Christian doctrine.

Before John Paul II was elected, the late Herbert W. Armstrong described the heated power struggles between liberal and conservative cardinals within the Catholic Church in an article titled “Where Are We Now in the Panorama of Prophesied World Events?” He predicted a conservative pope would save the church by suggesting that the Vatican lead in uniting the nations of Europe. But he also predicted that even such a strong pope may have to slightly change Catholic doctrine for the sake of reigning over a church extensive and united enough to wield major political power.

Francis may not be the last pope; he has said he may resign if he becomes too frail. But the constitution he has implemented will empower any future pope to rule the church with authoritarian power, without excessive interference from cardinals in the Curia who have other ideas.

### Evangelical Crusade

Some may take offense at the idea that Catholicism has been influenced by

paganism, but practically any encyclopedia will confirm this assertion.

Mr. Armstrong understood Catholicism’s pagan history. “Where did Sunday observance originate?” he wrote in *Who or What Is the Prophetic Beast?* “Not with the church, but with the pagan religion of the Roman Empire! It is the day on which the ancient pagans assembled at sunrise, faced the east (as they do Easter Sunday morning today), and worshiped the rising sun. It was Constantine, emperor of the Roman Empire, not a pope, who made Sunday the official so-called Christian day of rest. But it was enforced—people were caused to accept it universally—by the CHURCH!”

Constantine was a worshiper of the Syrian sun god Sol Invictus before he converted to Catholicism. It made sense for him to promote Christian worship on Sol’s Day instead of on the Jewish Sabbath.

After explaining the origins of Sunday worship, Mr. Armstrong explained that the Catholic Church adopted the government structure used by the Roman Empire. “Where, then, did human church government derive its present form?” he asked. “The first pope, in the real sense of the word, was Leo I (A.D. 440–461),” says the *Cyclopedia of Biblical, Theological and Ecclesiastical Literature*, Vol. 7, page 629. To him the form of government of the Roman Empire was the most marvelous thing on Earth. He applied its principles to the church, organized the church into a government, forming the papacy.”

The provinces of the Roman Empire were called *dioceses* long before Catholic bishoprics were. The chief high priest of the pagan Roman College of Pontiffs was styled *Pontifex Maximus* for 2,600 years before Pope Francis adopted @Pontifex for his Twitter handle. It is easy to see that the Vatican’s new constitution is just a codified version of the unwritten governance of Constantine’s empire. It is quite different from the true Church described in the Bible.

The gospel Pope Francis wants his bishops to evangelize people with is also a counterfeit gospel. In his book *The Incredible Human Potential*, Mr. Armstrong explained that Jesus Christ preached a gospel about the coming Kingdom of God, while Simon the

sorcerer preached a substitute “gospel” about the person of Christ—proclaiming the Messenger but suppressing the message (Acts 8:9-24).

Catholics today believe Simon was a heretic for the various gnostic doctrines he preached. Yet unknowingly, they have fallen prey to his basic error—proclaiming the Messenger but suppressing His message—and other pagan beliefs (like Sunday worship and the belief in a trinity) prevalent in his day.

The Bible uses a woman to symbolize a church (e.g. 2 Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 5:22-27; Revelation 19:7). And Isaiah 47 describes a woman called “daughter of Babylon,” “daughter of the Chaldeans” and “lady of kingdoms.” This woman says, “I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children” (verse 8).

The Chaldeans of the Neo-Babylonian Empire emigrated to Italy during and after the reign of Julius Caesar. *New Testament Survey* author Merrill C. Tenney described the Babylonian mystery religions that became prevalent in Rome as Chaldean immigrants poured into Italy. Many of the doctrines of these Eastern mystery religions were adopted by the early Christian church; therefore, Catholicism is the “daughter of Babylon” and the “MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT,” which the Prophet Isaiah and the Apostle John spoke against.

When this “lady of kingdoms” says, “neither shall I know the loss of children,” she means she will not allow the Protestant denominations that rebelled against her authority to remain independent.

The pope’s new constitution is an attempt to recover Catholic authority over those churches. While it is unlikely the Vatican will make any sweeping doctrinal changes, the church may make strategic compromises—standing firm in one area while compromising in another—to draw converts and to attract entire churches, such as it has with the Anglican Church. But when the Vatican garners enough power to enforce its dictates, all people under Rome’s authority will be forced to adopt Sunday worship.

Only God can deliver His people from this “lady of kingdoms,” but they must first turn to Him in repentance. ■

# How Germany Can Repent

The nation will soon be haunted again by its past. There is only one way to alter history. BY JOSUÉ MICHELS

**G**ERMANI. “WAR MEN.” THAT IS HOW the Romans described the tribes they encountered in the heart of Europe. They warred among themselves, they warred against surrounding nations, and they warred against Rome—and won. They would go on to make war as the Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation. They would plunge Europe and the world into the Great War. They would initiate the horrors of Nazism and World War II. And even before that war concluded, they began planning the next round. The world is well acquainted with the warring of these “Germani.”

It is assumed that Germany today has repented of its past genocide and aggression, that it is thoroughly denazified, that it has transformed into a gleaming example of a modern peaceful nation. This view overlooks the fact that, as recently as the 1990s, Germany *conquered the Balkans* in what *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry called “the first conquest of World War III.” It ignores the reality that Germany has strong elements of extremism and anti-Semitism, and the people are demanding military dominance and even an authoritarian leader. It overlooks the fact that Germany has cooperated closely with Russia, enabling its war against Ukraine.

Sadly, the Germans remain unrepentant *war men*. But like all peoples, *repentance* is exactly what they need most.

Did you know that Germany once had a national, legal holiday called a Day of Repentance and Prayer? Given the nation’s history, it is clear that this day

has never caused a true change of course and national healing. But its history and meaning do point to a real solution.

## ‘Day of Repentance and Prayer’

Former Bundestag President Wolfgang Schäuble bemoaned in 2019 that this holiday had been abolished in 1994. “Repentance is healing, but unfortunately rare in our everyday lives,” Schäuble said (*Trumpet* translation throughout). It helps against “fantasies of omnipotence,” he added. Ironically, it was during the time that Germany was conquering Yugoslavia and indulging in a “fantasy of omnipotence” that this day was abolished.

First officially established in Prussia in 1893, this Protestant church holiday became a national day of remembrance in 1934. Five years later, Germany plunged the world into war for the second time. The Nazi regime reduced the importance of the day by moving it to Sunday.

After the war, the day was reintroduced, but was abolished in Communist East Germany in 1966. After Germany reunited in 1990, it became a nationwide work-free holiday. Just a few years later, Germany was looking to abolish a holiday to create more workdays. Except for the German state of Saxony, the nation decided to sacrifice this meaningful day for health insurance improvements. It was again moved to Sunday, as it had been under Adolf Hitler.

This has had a genuine impact on the nation’s perception of its own circumstances.

“If we lived 200 years ago, we probably would have observed one Day of

Repentance and Prayer after another during the coronavirus pandemic,” Germany’s *Merkur.de* stated in 2021. “In times of crisis, such as emergencies or wars, the Protestant church at that time scheduled several days of repentance and prayer in one year. The people were supposed to collectively ask for forgiveness and repent together.”

*Luther2017.de* noted that the word *repentance* (from the German word *Buße* usually translated “penance”) should not be understood here “as a way of making amends for wrongs committed. Rather, the holiday gives people the opportunity to self-reflect, repent or reflect on a change of heart and mind. Since the Day of Prayer and Repentance is now a working day, services are usually celebrated in the evening hours. They often focus on social and political problems to encourage communal self-reflection.”

In other words, any time such a day was called in the past, it caused the people to consider how they as a nation could repent, or turn from their sinful ways. The problem is the people as a whole never turned from their warring nature.

Though Protestant churches since the time of Martin Luther have always venerated this day more than their Catholic counterparts, they did not invent it. The tradition precedes the Protestant Reformation, before the Middle Ages, before Charlemagne in the eighth century, all the way back to antiquity when similar days were kept (*Luther2017.de*).

This day is said to be inspired by the example of *the city of Nineveh’s response to the warning of Jonah*. To this day, both Protestant preachers and Catholic priests often refer to the example of Jonah in their messages when commemorating this day in their churches.

## Example of Nineveh

The example of Nineveh is one that Jesus Christ drew on during His ministry, saying, “[T]hey repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here” (Matthew 12:41). Jesus Christ at the time lamented that the people in Judea did not repent as the Ninevites had done.

Nineveh was the ancient capital of Assyria. Just like modern Germany, Assyria had a history of war. In fact, its whole economy depended on successful military campaigns. To scare visitors,

the city was decorated with the skins of its enemies. The people of this once great city knew nothing but war—until a foreign prophet walked into their midst.

He claimed to have a message from God—who would destroy them in 40 days for their abominable wickedness. Likely astonished by the prophet's courage, they recognized the great God behind the man, believed the message, submitted, obeyed and repented. Historical references indicate that the king did not go to war that year.

This example has not only been recorded in the Bible but has evidently been seared into the nation's memory.

After Jonah's time, Assyrian tradition records incidents when fasts were proclaimed based on his preaching. Malankara World notes that local Assyrian tradition in the sixth century A.D. recounts that the people of Nineveh again responded to a plague with fasting; the spiritual leader at the time referenced the example of Jonah. Various churches in the region commemorate the "Fast of Nineveh" as a tradition to this day!

As our booklet *Germany and the Holy Roman Empire* explains, ancient Assyrians mainly settled into Central Europe, where Germany and Austria are located today. Could it be that these peoples carried with them this tradition of nationwide repentance through the millennia all the way from Nineveh?

The few Germans who do keep this day and hear messages about the repentance of Nineveh do not realize that the people who set this wonderful example were *their very own ancestors*.

This lack of historical understanding has grave consequences. After World War II, many have contemplated what proper national repentance would look like. But nobody decided to proclaim a national fast and collective repentance the way the rulers of ancient Assyria did. Germany failed to repent because it failed to see the example of ancient Assyria as its own history, Mr. Flurry explains in *Jonah: A Strong Warning to God's Church*.

But this example reveals the only kind of repentance that could enable Germany to break from its warlike history.

### **Genuine Repentance**

The people of Nineveh asked: "Who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn

away from his fierce anger, that we perish not?" (Jonah 3:9). "True repentance moves God deeply," Mr. Flurry writes in his booklet on Jonah. "Who knows when God may change His prophecies against an evil nation? Who knows if God will save an empire or nations? OUR MESSAGE COULD SAVE THE WHOLE WORLD FROM DESTRUCTION *if it would only repent!*"

The book of Jonah reveals the key to such repentance.

"So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them" (verse 5). "Here is an *amazing* truth," Mr. Flurry comments. "CARNAL-MINDED PEOPLE WHO DIDN'T EVEN BELIEVE IN THE TRUE GOD KNEW THIS MESSAGE CAME FROM GOD! The people of Nineveh proved that *everybody* throughout the ages should heed God's warning messages. ...

"The *king* and the *nobles* TOOK THE LEAD IN REPENTANCE. And THAT IS WHAT THE KINGS AND PRESIDENTS OF THIS WORLD SHOULD DO TODAY! Are they too proud to fast, wrap themselves in sackcloth, and sit in ashes? Are they ashamed of God and His message? Must they experience NUCLEAR DISASTER BEFORE THEY REPENT?" (ibid).

"The Prophet Jonah warned the Assyrian city of Nineveh to repent. It is the only biblical example of a city or nation ever repenting. About 150 years later, the Assyrians returned to their evil ways," Mr. Flurry writes in *Nahum—An End-Time Prophecy for Germany*. Germany could stop repeating its bloody history by again heeding God's message. And even though there are currently no indications on the world scene or in Bible prophecy that Germany will repent in the imminent future, there is still hope beyond.

### **Prophecies for Modern Germany**

Rising before our eyes is a Germany that has not learned from its past. As crises around it intensify, we see a push from Germany to turn its economic and industrial might again into a powerful

war machine. Bible prophecy indicates that, once again, a strongman will rise to use Germany's incredible might to inflict incredible evil.

Nahum 1:11 reads, "There is one come out of thee, that imagineth evil against the Lord, a wicked counsellor." Daniel 8:23-25 add, "And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people. And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand."

As Mr. Flurry explains, a strongman is about to rise in Germany who will lack the humility to repent. In fact, he will have the audacity to set himself up as a god. This man will revive German militarism on a scale not seen before. He will repeat the bloodshed of ancient Assyria multiplied by the power of modern weaponry. He will inflict a holocaust greater than Hitler even dreamed of, and he will be responsible for the death of nations.

But the good news is that all this will lead to the return of Jesus Christ, the Prince of princes. He will intervene in this final conflict to end German war-mongering forever and lead mankind into worldwide repentance. Germany and the nations it conquers—and is conquered by—will finally repent.

The book of Nahum contains one of the strongest warnings directed against any nation, but it also contains hope for peace! This prophecy shows that the German war machine will be destroyed and the German people will repent. Perhaps that is why God is choosing the German people to fulfill this prophecy. ■

## **How do you change history?**

Germany has perpetrated and will perpetrate global bloodshed. This is prophesied in your Bible, but so is the possibility of repentance. Request our free booklet ***Nahum—An End-Time Prophecy for Germany***.



less as long as *they* are not enslaved. In fact, they LIKE slavery when they can enslave other people.

If people really understood and believed in government for the people, they would never accept a dictator like they have for two tenures in the Oval Office, and a third at this time as well. That is the direct opposite of what Abraham Lincoln believed and was willing to die for.

Thankfully, God is about to stop slavery forever! It is *biblical* that all men are created equal. That is the law of God—the very love of God! God is enacting a plan to bring about a NEW BIRTH OF FREEDOM FOR ALL MANKIND WHO HAVE EVER LIVED. That is His promise in Scripture. You can read about it in our free booklet *The Wonderful World Tomorrow—What It Will Be Like*. God is about to establish a government that truly is *for the people*, and which SHALL NOT PERISH FROM THE EARTH. That is quite a vision!

### Lincoln's Finest Sermon

Lincoln loved the Bible. Biographer William E. Barton wrote that Lincoln “read the Bible, honored it, quoted it freely, and it became so much a part of him as visibly and permanently to give shape to his literary style and to his habits of thought.”

Commentators refer to his Second Inaugural as a sermon. In that address, he said, “Both [North and South] read the same Bible and pray to the same God; and each invokes His aid against the other. It may seem strange that any men should dare to ask a just God’s assistance in wringing their bread from the sweat of other men’s faces; but let us judge not, that we be not judged [quoting Luke 6:37]. The prayers of both could not be answered—that of neither has been answered fully. The Almighty has His own purposes.” He then read Matthew 18:7: “Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but WOE to that man by whom the offence cometh!” Lincoln labeled slavery a terrible *offense* that had brought the nation justly deserved WOE, permitted by the “living God.”

That was strong meat he was giving America! He was talking about the LIVING GOD. This is a horrendous warning even for us today. We need to learn from Lincoln. He was correcting the whole nation! He said, *This nation must be UNDER GOD. We must let God speak!*

“Fondly do we hope—ferently do we pray—that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away,” he said. “Yet if God wills that it continue until all the wealth piled by the bondman’s 250 years of unrequited toil shall be sunk, and until every drop of blood drawn with the lash shall be paid by another drawn with the sword, as was said 3,000 years ago, so still it must be said, “The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.”

What a message! When Lincoln asked Stephen Douglas what he thought of it, Douglas called it a “sacred effort.” Indeed it was!

Lincoln concluded by saying, “With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work ...” *Let’s finish the work!* That is similar to the message of *God’s Church* much of the time.

Ronald C. White writes, “The Bible occupied a more prominent role in this [Second Inaugural] speech than in any other

that Lincoln gave. Here Lincoln declared slavery a sin, mentioned God 14 times, quoted scripture four times, and invoked prayer four times.”

Charles Francis Adams Jr. said, “This inaugural strikes me in its grand simplicity and directness as being for all times the historical keynote of this war.” That message is *for all times*. And what a message it has for us today.

It was clear that by stating these truths so vehemently, Lincoln was putting his life on the line. Lincoln was a soldier too. He wouldn’t dare be *less* courageous than those soldiers who died at Gettysburg. He was determined to *finish the work*—and to keep fighting until he extracted unconditional surrender.

It took such a man to bind the wounds of the nation. And he was teaching us lessons today in many ways. We have to find Lincoln, or we are lost.

Lincoln was a powerful president and commander in chief, like this nation always needs. He, like those soldiers, was willing to surrender his life for a noble cause. He knew there were people who wanted to kill him. And he did end up sacrificing his life. Some people hated him so much that a crazed criminal shot him, and as Secretary of War Edwin Stanton said, “now he belongs to the ages.”

But oh, what a message he delivered. He was telling the people that this bloody war had to be won, or those soldiers would have died in vain! Lincoln knew clearly why the war had to continue: It was about bringing true freedom to all Americans of every race—and proclaiming that to the whole world!

Americans have shamefully abandoned that ideal. Today, toxic ideas like critical race theory are promoted, which is rank racism! Do they really hate slavery? The radical left doesn’t—they love slavery as long as they can be the slaveholders. That is evident in all they say and do, if you’re really listening. It is vile and obscene, and it is SIN.

WE TODAY MUST FIGHT FOR FREEDOM! We must clearly see what we are doing and have the proper vision. God’s people are going to help Christ free the whole world and the universe. All men are created equal—and at that time, everybody will uphold that truth! There will be love for everybody! We will extend freedom and equality and love throughout the universe. That is what we are working to achieve. The greatest emancipation proclamation is just around the corner. If you want to know how to get the picture and vision you need, study *Mystery of the Ages* (request your free copy).

Today, we must understand our quest to bring true freedom to this world! We have a vital message to proclaim and a work to do. And it is all about “a new birth of freedom”! We will usher in “a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that *all men are created equal*.” How real is that future to you? ■

## A new birth of freedom for all men!

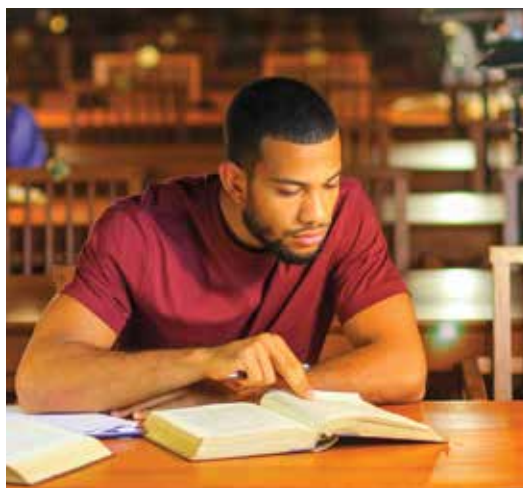
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## One Way to Get Focused

When everything seems to be coming at you from every direction all at the same time, your only defense is to take command of your own mind.



**I**S YOUR ATTENTION SPAN SHORTER THAN IT USED TO BE? Science has proved that technology is rewiring our brains and making it more difficult for us to focus and think deeply. Studies show that in the United States, teenagers focus on one task for an average of only 65 seconds. Office workers focus for an average of only three minutes. Such are the effects of the rise of texting and TikTok.

Inability to focus creates many problems: You can't accomplish quality work. You can't give your problems the attention necessary to solve them. You can't have depth in your studies, including Bible study. You won't have deep relationships, including in prayer to God.

Your world is constantly undermining quality thought.

You must fight back!

*Stolen Focus* author Johann Hari devotes an entire book to studying 12 of the main attacks against your attention span, and there are others. I'd like to focus in on one. He calls it "The collapse of sustained reading."

He writes that in 2017, the average American spent 324 minutes per day on his or her phone—that's *5½ hours*—and only *17 minutes* reading something in print.

"Reading books trains us to read in a particular way—in a linear fashion, focused on one thing for a sustained period," he writes. "Reading from screens ... trains us to read in a different way—in a manic skip and jump from one thing to another. [W]e run our eyes rapidly over the information to extract what we need." Do this enough, and it affects how you read printed material as well. "[Reading] stops being a form of pleasurable immersion in another world and becomes more like dashing around a busy supermarket to grab what you need and then get out again," he writes.

People understand and remember less of what they absorb on screens. Many studies reveal what is called "screen inferiority." "This gap in understanding between books and screens is big enough that in elementary school children, it's the equivalent of two thirds of a year's growth in reading comprehension," Hari writes.

This book has an interesting section about the *message* in different forms of media—the inherent significance in the means by which information is conveyed. Consider the messages on social media. Twitter's implied message is that you shouldn't focus on anything for long; you can understand

the world through simple 280-character statements—in fact, you can confidently interpret major events at a glance. Oh, and what matters most is whether people immediately agree with and applaud these communication bursts. Facebook implies that your life exists to be displayed to other people; you should show edited, carefully selected highlights of your life; and it's important whether they immediately like these highlights; in fact, friendship is defined as someone regularly looking at your edited highlights and you looking at theirs.

These are preposterously false messages—the truth is nearly the *opposite*—yet millions of us have come to believe them. As a result, people are becoming less and less capable of thinking properly and more and more divorced from truth.

As Hari notes, though, the message inherent in *books* is that life is more complex than a short electronic post. If you want to understand it, you have to set aside time to study and *think deeply* about it. There is value in shutting out other concerns and narrowing your attention to one thing. It is worth thinking deeply about how other people live and how their minds work.

Of course, the content of any given book isn't all necessarily true, but the *message* inherent in the act of reading books is true. This is why, as many studies show, there are significant mental benefits to reading books. Doing so tends to expand your knowledge, sharpen your mind, improve your wit, increase your appreciation for solitude and deeper thought, help you understand yourself, strengthen your judgment, improve your understanding of other people, increase your empathy, and help strengthen your character.

Social media, by contrast, feeds the nastier, shallower parts of our human nature. And its rise and ubiquity are extracting a dear price in all society today.

There is a war going on out there against your mind, and the noise of social media and other incessant, demanding stimuli is a major weapon that is being used against you.

The Creator of your mind says, "Come now, and let us reason together ..." (Isaiah 1:18). He thinks deeply, He carefully created your amazing ability to think, and He wants you to be able to connect with Him and have your thinking guided by Him.

We can all do better at focusing on important things for longer. And we all need to. Times are getting more and more serious. We need to keep abreast of the news, yes, but we also need to tear ourselves away from addiction to social media and the Internet, and replace that information consumption with deeper thinking such as reading high-quality books. Do this, and you will improve as a thinker. In addition, your mind will have the rest and focus it needs as you learn to actively think about what you are reading rather than just opening yourself to stimulation.

Purge the social media habit. Read a high-quality book. Use this as a tool to reclaim your own command of your own mental focus. You're going to need it.

# WORLDWATCH

## EUROPE

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**Italy's Prime Minister Mario Draghi** resigned on July 21 after his coalition government fell apart, exacerbating Europe's leadership vacuum. Italy now



Mario Draghi

sails further into turbulent political waters. Early elections are scheduled for October, and the favorite to

win is the leader of a far-right coalition: **Giorgia Meloni**. The parties in her coalition model themselves after Italy's pre-World War II politics under fascist dictator Benito Mussolini.

In 1984, Herbert W. Armstrong wrote that an economic crisis beginning in America "could suddenly result in triggering European nations to unite as a new world power larger than either the Soviet Union or the U.S." Europe remains vulnerable to any kind of economic crisis. The fallout from the last crisis led to the surge of Italy's virtually neofascist groups.

Italy isn't the only European country to have a political shakeup. **Germany** is in the middle of a huge tax fraud scandal. In 2009, Warburg Bank in Hamburg received tax credits for taxes it didn't pay. Tax authorities apparently noticed the fraud in 2016 and demanded \$48 million in repayment. The bank disputed the case, contacted Hamburg's government, and the case was dropped. People are wondering why. They are also wondering if Hamburg's first mayor at the time, **Olaf Scholz**,

was involved. Scholz is now chancellor, and he is regarded by many as politically weak and perhaps largely to blame for Germany's weak response to **Russia's** war on **Ukraine**. Scholz's Social Democratic Party is polling extremely poorly, while his coalition partner, the Greens, has had historic gains. Some think the Greens might take advantage of the situation and call for early elections.

Daniel 8:23 says "a king of fierce countenance" who understands "dark sentences" will appear on the world scene. The latest scandal could cause a leadership vacuum that gives this "king" his door into office. Read about this in our booklet ***A Strong German Leader Is Imminent\****.

More than just two countries in Europe are under stress right

now: Much of Europe has been suffering under extreme heat and drought for much of the summer. The Bible reveals that in the end time there will be "famines, pestilences, and earthquakes"—weather and other "natural" disasters—"in various places" (Matthew 24:7; New King James Version). Nahum 1 shows that "the Lord has His way In the whirlwind and in the storm, And the clouds are the dust of His feet. He rebukes the sea and makes it dry, And dries up all the rivers ..." (verses 3-4; NKJV). God has absolute control of the weather. He doesn't send climate curses out of spite. The Bible shows He sends these problems to get mankind's attention, to turn them to Him in repentance. Read ***Why 'Natural' Disasters?*** ■

## MIDDLE EAST

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**Aiman al-Zawahiri** was assassinated in **Afghanistan** on July 31. The leader of the **al Qaeda** terrorist organization was in Kabul when he was struck by two missiles fired by a United States drone. The assassination comes almost a year after the catastrophic surrender of the country by the U.S. to the **Taliban**, the same radical Islamist regime that U.S. forces deployed to the country to defeat. One of the few stipulations of the Biden regime was that the Taliban agree not to harbor al Qaeda. Biden portrayed the strike as a victory for the U.S., but Zawahiri's very presence in the capital city indicates that, 20 years after Islamists flew airliners into buildings and mass-murdered 2,996 people, the Taliban is aiding and abetting terrorists once again.

It also returns the focus to America's forfeiture of billions in military equipment, weakened standing in the world, and treachery toward its allies (article, page 10). *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote last year in **"This Isn't Incompetence. This Is Treason!"**: "[W]e must understand that this isn't simply the result of ineptitude on the part of this administration, or naivety about how the world really works."

Another **Gaza** conflict erupted on August 5 following the arrest of **Bassam al-Saadi**, the leader of **Palestinian Islamic Jihad** in the West Bank. **Israel Defense Forces** launched a preemptive strike, Operation Breaking Dawn, to eliminate the group's leadership in Gaza. Palestinian Islamic Jihad responded with more than 1,100 rocket launches against Israel over the three days of fighting. No Israeli casualties were reported.

Palestinian Islamic Jihad is the largest armed group in Gaza

after **Hamas**, which stayed out of the fighting. The conflict allowed Hamas to rehabilitate its image in the media by calling for a cease-fire. But the biggest winner of the recent conflict was interim Prime Minister **Yair Lapid**. Weakness toward Arab provocation was one reason Israel's coalition government collapsed. This victory strengthens Lapid's standing for now. Read more in our article, **"Chaos in Gaza—by Design?"**

Meanwhile, the **European Union** submitted a new draft for



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**TOPSHOT**

Girls use a temporary raft to cross a flooded street in a residential area after heavy monsoon rains in Karachi, Pakistan, on July 26.

a revived nuclear agreement with the U.S. and Iran, calling it a “final offer” to be accepted or rejected by August 5. Unsurprisingly, Iran submitted another counteroffer and demanded further negotiations. Despite having already issued a “final offer,” Western diplomats seem eager to entertain Iran’s new demands, which have been characterized as “moderate and workable.”

All the while, Iran is achieving its nuclear goals and could soon break out as a nuclear-armed power. With its current stockpile of uranium, Iran can produce enough weapons-grade uranium for two nuclear bombs within a month. And for the first time, Iran is openly discussing its intentions to produce nuclear weapons. A media group sponsored by the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, released a video on July 30 threatening to turn New York City into radioactive ruins. Read “Iran Escalates Nuclear Threats.” ■

**ASIA**

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Russia and China continue pushing against the global order with a level of force, arrogance and brutality that would have been difficult to imagine even just a few years ago.

Human Rights Watch reported on July 22 that Russia’s soldiers are illegally holding, torturing and forcibly displacing Ukrainian civilians in the regions of Kherson and Zaporizhzhia, turning the areas into “an abyss of fear and wild lawlessness.” The report was built on testimony from 71 people from Kherson, Melitopol and a dozen other cities in occupied southern Ukraine.

The Geneva Conventions, signed by 99 percent of the world’s sovereign countries, including Russia, allow warring parties to detain combatants as prisoners of war and to hold

civilians in certain cases. But they prohibit arbitrary detention, improper confinement, disappearances and torture of any kind. Such practices may be categorized as war crimes and crimes against humanity. Political leaders behind such acts—Russian President Vladimir Putin, in this case—can be charged for the crimes of their soldiers. But Putin appears unconcerned. He has characterized the conflict as a “special military operation” rather than an actual war and said on July 7 that Russia has “not yet commenced anything serious” in Ukraine, meaning there is potential for far worse violence.

Gerald Flurry wrote in *The Prophesied ‘Prince of Russia’*, “This world has a lot of authoritarian rulers. But Vladimir Putin is one we need to keep a particularly close eye on. His track record, his nationality and his ideology show that he is fulfilling a linchpin Bible prophecy.” This prophecy is recorded partly in Revelation 16:12 and 9:16, which describe a modern group of Asian nations called “the kings of the east,” which will

amass an army of 200 million troops. Daniel 11:44, 12:1 and Matthew 24:21-22 show that this axis will be among the primary belligerents in a nuclear World War III. Ezekiel 38 shows that this force will be led by one man. In the September 2014 *Trumpet*, Mr. Flurry wrote: “I strongly believe Vladimir Putin is going to lead the 200 million-man army.”

As Russia was terrorizing Ukraine, China mobilized warships, aircraft and tanks on August 2 and vowed “targeted military actions” to retaliate for

Taiwan hosting the United States House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

Taiwan is a constitutional democratic island nation that has been politically independent of Communist China since 1949. The overwhelming majority of its 23.6 million citizens want the country to be internationally recognized and fully independent. But the Chinese Communist regime views Taiwan as part of China and has vowed to gain control of it, by military force if necessary.

Pelosi is the highest-ranking U.S. representative to visit Taiwan since 1997. This visit signaled that the U.S., while not recognizing Taiwanese independence and sovereignty, is determined to uphold the status quo. Nuclear-armed China, which has the world’s largest military, responded with live-fire drills in the waters surrounding Taiwan, including, for the first time, within Taiwanese waters east of the island.

In his 1998 article “Taiwan Betrayal,” Mr. Flurry warned that

An infographic featuring a map of China with the island of Taiwan highlighted in red. To the right of the map, the text reads: "THE MAJORITY OF TAIWAN'S 23.6 MILLION CITIZENS WANT FULL INDEPENDENCE FROM CHINA."

the Taiwanese would “be forced into the Chinese mold, and it is going to happen for one reason: because of a pitifully weak-willed America. Does freedom really mean so little to us?” When Mr. Flurry wrote that article 24 years ago, the notion that China would conquer Taiwan seemed unlikely. But today, with China having grown far mightier and more aggressive, and with the U.S. increasingly divided and war-weary, it is clear that Mr. Flurry’s forecast could come to pass soon.

# ANGLO-AMERICA

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The top doctor in the United States government is again warning those who have not taken vaccinations for COVID-19. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Director **Anthony Fauci** says the unvaccinated could suffer and spread infections this winter. Yet some of the scientists who work for him are accusing the U.S. government of fraud.

Fauci is largely responsible for more than 260 million Americans taking vaccinations. But 1,379,438 of them have reported an “adverse event” in reaction to a COVID vaccination, according to data released by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on August 5. Such events include birth defects (1,141 cases), deaths (30,162 cases), permanent disabilities (56,477 cases) and hospitalizations (172,155 cases). There may be many more adverse reactions to the vaccines that are not included in this report.

One senior U.S. Food and Drug Administration official told doctors Marty Makary and Tracy Beth Høeg that the agency authorized COVID-19 vaccines for infants and toddlers without reliable data, and that it bypassed external experts to authorize booster shots for young children.

Meanwhile, a number of scientists, including a chief medical officer and a director, have resigned from the Vaccine Research Center at the National Institutes of Health. Other government scientists and employees have left the CDC and the FDA. Why? Politicians and top officials like Fauci are almost certainly forcing them to generate or use flawed data to make important public health decisions that can and have resulted in adverse

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reactions up to and including tens of thousands of deaths.

The regime in control of these and all other government agencies continues to double down on its agenda of transferring power from American citizens to the federal government. After signing into law new restrictions on firearms in June and saying, “There’s much more work to do,” **Joe Biden signed the Inflation Reduction Act** in August. The new law actually does not reduce inflation but instead,

spends more than \$360 billion on energy and climate change programs over the next decade, extends Obamacare subsidies that were supposed to expire this year, spends additional funds to address droughts, imposes a 15 percent corporate minimum tax rate for companies making more than \$1 billion in income, and empowers the **Internal Revenue Service** to hire 87,000 more agents. The conservative Heritage Foundation predicts that the act will increase near-term inflation and depress household incomes by racking up \$52.5 billion in debt over the next four years.

The corruption, hypocrisy and lies saturating Americans and their leaders are producing terrible and inescapable results. The suffering and its causes are revealed in your Bible. Isaiah 59:4 prophesies, “None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.” Today, the public health officials, the economic analysts, the politicians and the citizens speak lies and conceive mischief, and their nation is experiencing health crises, economic crises, agricultural crises and weather crises. The causes are explained in **America Under Attack\***. ■

## FEATURED FEEDBACK



I went to school in Canada and have some friends there. I would like to keep up with what’s going on and be able to discuss it with them. I printed off the article “**The Radical Transformation of Canada**” and sent it to a friend of mine. I really enjoyed that article and the August issue of the magazine. Thank you!

**Michael Spurling** TYRONE, GEORGIA

I can’t tell you how much this magazine means to me. It’s filled with information that I’ve suspected for years but was not able to see in print anywhere. It’s really a blessing, and I thank you so much.

**Tony Inzalaco** CORONA, CALIFORNIA

This magazine is wonderful. I got one in the mail by accident. It came to the wrong address, but I was meant to have it. I love it; thank you!

**Sherri Ashford** ARIZONA

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# You Cannot Give Up

Some conservatives are fainting in the day of adversity. Is your strength that small?

**I**N JULY THE *NEW YORK TIMES* NOTICED THAT FOX NEWS hadn't interviewed Donald Trump in more than 100 days. After repeatedly talking with him before and during his presidency, this summer, the network didn't do so once. Surely this reflects a directive from the top leadership. Why has Fox abandoned Trump?

Even when Federal Bureau of Investigation agents raided Mr. Trump's home on August 8, the blackout continued. The raid, carried out by his political opponents, was arguably one of the biggest political stories in years. This has never happened in America—though it *often* happens in dictatorships and regimes where elites are above the law and use force to attack opponents. Yet every Fox News host conspicuously neglected to interview Mr. Trump. A week later, network leadership finally approved publishing a non-televised interview with the man many people believe was the rightful winner of the 2020 presidential election.

Not long after, we glimpsed how that network probably feels about Donald Trump. On an August 15 show, Fox News host Laura Ingraham said she suspected that many people in the country are *tired* of supporting Trump. “The country is so exhausted,” she said. “They're exhausted by the battle, the constant battle, that they may believe that, well, maybe it's time to turn the page if we can get someone who has all Trump's policies, who's not Trump.”

It sounded like Ingraham was actually voicing how *she herself* felt. Even if not, it was a dangerous admission of weakness right after a Third World-style political raid—punctuating the most sustained attack on American constitutional government in our lifetimes! In light of such egregious criminality, we are all supposed to wave the white flag and say, *You win—we'll do as you wish and turn our backs on Trump?*

Ingraham's statement, and Fox's blacklisting, shows a dangerous lack of *fighting spirit*.

Ingraham was one of Fox News's first hosts to concede the 2020 election to Joe Biden. Admitting Biden would be inaugurated “constitutes living in reality,” she said just two weeks after the election. Yes, Joe Biden was “inaugurated.” Does that mean we must pretend the election wasn't stolen? That's what Fox News has done. It hasn't even pushed for overhauls to state election laws to save the *next* election.

The same malaise affects most elites in the Republican Party. “Exhausted by the battle” well describes these officials making political calculations. They think adopting a different leader will make things easier. This naive notion ignores the fact that Mr. Trump, for all his faults, has exposed rampant, nation-destroying evil. *That*, not Trump, is the problem! And



rather than being energized to combat that evil, they would rather compromise with it. Yet compromising with evil for short-term peace *always* makes things harder down the road—as the radicals' takeover of American politics, economics, culture and even history clearly proves.

These “conservatives” at Fox and elsewhere want to give up on Donald Trump because the *fight* is too difficult. They fear lawsuits, boycotts, scorn, criticisms. They desire an easier life. They are changing course to drift after the winds rather than sailing full steam ahead against the storm.

Conservatism is deeper than political pragmatism. And living by the *truth* is far deeper than conservatism. The question is: How strong are you when the fight reaches its pitch? Proverbs 24:10 warns, “If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small.”

The battle for America is getting fierce. Many conservatives, so-called, are seeking negotiation and disarmament, so to speak. They don't truly grasp just how evil the enemy is. Their principles are flexible, and they believe capitulation to evil will make life easier. They join the long ranks of history's appeasers and compromisers. Abraham Lincoln spent years and lost many battles looking for generals committed to saving the American union at any cost. Winston Churchill struggled to get his nation to see the evil rising across the English Channel. Human nature tends to put off confronting evil and to give up in adversity. But history shows that when you grow faint and compromise with what is right, evil *always* grows worse!

Trying to do the right thing is always a struggle in this world. Why? Because human nature is dominated by a superior force, and that force is evil. Satan is the “god of this world” (e.g. 2 Corinthians 4:4; Ephesians 2:2; Revelation 12:9). Defending the right in an evil world will *always* be hard! And it's about to get harder (2 Timothy 3:1, 13).

What is unfolding in America today is not just a matter of politics. It's a war for your mind. Satan is real, and he is relentless. He excels at getting people to compromise. Even the small minority of true Christians have been devastated by compromise, becoming “lukewarm” and “at ease” (Revelation 3:15-17; Amos 6:1).

The enemy is coming. If you aren't battling every day, you will be conquered. You must fight evil that exists, yes, even in your own life. Don't be weary in well doing. This is a war. Fight it.

To learn how to fight your daily spiritual battle, request your free copy of Gerald Flurry's booklet *How to Be an Overcomer*. ■

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## UNITED STATES

### Nationwide

BUZZR Nationwide 6:30 ET, 5:30 CT, 4:30 MT, 3:30 PT, Sun

### Nationwide Cable

Charge 6:30 ET/PT, 5:30 CT, 7:30 MT, Sun  
Comet 6:00 ET/PT, 5:00 CT, 7:00 MT, Sun  
CW Plus 5:30, 9:30 ET/PT, Sun, 4:30, 8:30 CT/  
MT, Sun; 5:30, Mon-Fri;  
This TV 6:30, Sun

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

**Demopolis** WJMY-CD 5:30, Sun  
**Dothan** WTVY-DT 8:30, Sun

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

**Huntsville** WHDF (Chan. 15) 8:00, Sun  
**Mobile** WFGX-COMET TV 5:00, Sun

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

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

**Opelika** WGBP 9:30, Sun; WLTZ-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Tuscaloosa** WVUA 5:30, Sun

**Alaska, Anchorage** KYUR-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Fairbanks** KATN-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Janeau** KJUD-DT 8:30, Sun

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

**Prescott** KTVK 5:30, Sun

**Sierra Vista** KTTU 5:30, Sun

**Tucson** KTTU 5:30, Sun

**Yuma** KEYC-DT 8:30, Sun

**Arkansas, Bentonville** K28NT-D 5:30, Sun

**El Dorado** KNQE-DT 8:30, Sun

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

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

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

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

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

**Mountain Home** K07XL-D 5:30, Sun

**Pine Bluff** KTVV-LD 7:30, Sun

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

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

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

**Cathedral City** KRET-CD 3:30, Sun

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

**El Centro** KEYC-DT 8:30, Sun

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

**Fresno** KAIL 3:30, Sun; KFSN 3:30, Sun; KMPH-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

**Los Angeles** KABC-TV 3:30, Sun; KCOP 10:30, Sun; KDOC-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

**Modesto** KSAO-LD 5:30, Sun

**Monterey** KION 9:30, Sun; KYMB-LD 3:30, Sun

**Oak** KGO 5:30, Sun

**Palm Springs** KCWQ/KESQ-DT 9:30, Sun; KRET 5:30, Sun

**Redding** KHSL-DT 9:30, Sun; KRCR 9:00, Sun

**Sacramento** KMAX-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun; KSAO-LD 3:30, Sun

**Salinas** KION 9:30, Sun; KYMB-LD 6:30, Sun

**San Francisco** KG0-TV 3:30, Sun; KPXP 6:00, Fri

**San Jose** KGO 5:30, Sun

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

**Shreveport** KMSS 10:00, Sun

**Stockton** KSAO-LD 5:30, Sun

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

**Colorado, Colorado Springs** KXRM 9:30, Sun; KXTU 10:30, Sun

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

**Grand Junction** KJCT-DT 8:30, Sun

**Gunnison** K13AV-D 4:30, Sun

**Montrose** KJCT-DT 8:30, Sun

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

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

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

**Florida, Daytona Beach** WSWF 8:30, Sun

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

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

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

**Melbourne** WSWF 8:30, Sun

**Orlando** WKCF 9:00, Sun; WOTF-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun; WSWF 8:30, Sun

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

**Tallahassee** WTWC 10:30, Sun; WTFL-COMET TV 6:00, Sun; WTXL 7:30/1:00 p.m., Sun; WTLF/WTLH-DT 9:30, Sun

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

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

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

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

**Augusta-Aiken** WAGT-DT 9:30, Sun

**Brunswick** WXPX 6:00, Fri

**Columbus** WGBP-TV 6:30, Sun; WLTZ-DT 9:30, Sun

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

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

**Thomasville** WTLF/WTLH-DT 9:30, Sun

**Hawaii, Hawaii Na Leo** Chan. 54 6:30, Sun; 8:30, Wed

**Kauai Ho'Ike** Chan. 52 9:30, Tue

**Maui/Lanai/Molokai/Niihau/Akaku** Chan. 52 6:30 p.m., Sun; 3:30, Mon

**Oahu** Focus Chan. 49 7:00, Sat

**Idaho, Boise** KRID-LD 4:30, Sun; KYUU-LD-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KYUU-LP/KBOI-DT 8:30, Sun

**Idaho Falls** KIFI-DT 8:30, Sun; KPIF 6:30, Sun

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

**Pocatello** KIFI-DT 8:30, Sun; KPIF 6:30, Sun

**Springfield** WIGS-COMET TV 5:00, Sun

**Twin Falls** KMVT-DT 8:30, Sun

**Urbana** WICD-COMET TV 5:00, Sun

**Illinois, Bloomington** WEEK-DT 8:30, Sun; WYZZ 7:30, Sun

**Chicago** WCUI 9:30, Sun; WGN 10:30, Sun; WLS-TV 5:30, Sun

**Moline** KGCW 7:30, Sun

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

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

**Rock Island** KGCW 7:30, Sun

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

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

**Elkhart** WCWW 8:30, Sun

**Fort Wayne** WISE-DT 9:30, Sun; WLMO-LD-COMET TV 6:30, Sun

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

**Lafayette** WLFI-DT 9:30, Sun

**South Bend** ESBT/WSBT 7:30, Sun; WCWW-LD 6:30, Sun

**Terre Haute** WTHI-DT 9:30, Sun

**Iowa, Burlington** KGCW 5:30, Sun

**Cedar Rapids** KGAN 11:00 p.m., Sun

**Davenport** KGCW 7:30, Sun

**Des Moines** KDSM-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun

**Keokuk** WGEM-DT 8:30, Sun

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

**Ottumwa** KTVQ-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KWOT/KYOU-DT2 8:30, Sun

**Sioux City** KMEG-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KTVI-DT 8:30, Sun

**Kansas, Hutchinson Plus** KCTU 7:30, Sun

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

**Louisburg** KMJC-LD 5:30, Sun

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

**Topeka** WROB-LD 5:30, Sun; WROB/KMJC/KCKS 7:30, Sun; KTKA-DT 8:30, Sun

**Wichita** KCTU-LD 5:30, Sun; KSAS-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KSNW 1:50, Mon-Fri

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

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

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

**Paducah** KBSI-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

**Louisiana, Alexandria** KALB-DT 8:30, Sun

**Baton Rouge** WBTR-CD 5:30, Sun

**Lafayette** KATC-DT 8:30, Sun

**Lake Charles** KPCL-DT 8:30, Sun

**Monroe** KNQE-DT 8:30, Sun

**New Orleans** WNOL-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; WUPL 5:30, Sun

**Maine, Bangor** WABI-DT 9:30, Sun

**Presque Isle** WAGM-DT3/WBPO 9:30, Sun

**Waterville-Portland** WPFO-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

**Maryland, Baltimore** WMAR 5:30 p.m., Sun; WNUV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

**Salisbury** WMDT-DT 9:30, Sun

**Massachusetts, Boston** WHDH 6:30, Sun; WSBK-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

**Holyoke** WWLP-DT 9:30, Sun

**Manchester** WHDH 8:30, Sun

**Springfield** WWLP-DT 9:30, Sun

**Michigan, Alpena** WBAE 9:30, Sun

**Bay City** WSMH-COMET TV 6:00, Sun; WUWB/WURO 8:30, Sun

**Cadillac** WFQX-DT 9:30, Sun; WMNN-LD 6:30, Sun; WPBN/WTOM-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

**Detroit** WDIV 5:00, Sun; WDIV-THIS 6:30, Sun; WKBD-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

**Flint** WSMH-COMET TV 6:00, Sun; WUWB/WURO 8:30, Sun

**Grand Rapids** WOTV-CHARGE 6:30, Sun

**Lake City** WMNN-LD 6:30, Sun

**Lansing** WLAJ-DT 9:30, Sun; WSYM, 6:30, Sun; 6:00, Fri

**Marquette** WBKP-DT/WBUP-DT 9:30, Sun; WZMQ 6:30, Sun

**Roscommon (Traverse City)** WURO-LD 6:30, Sun

**Saginaw** WSMH-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

**WUWB/WURO** 8:30, Sun  
**Sault Ste. Marie** WPBN/WTOM-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

**Traverse City** WFQX-DT 9:30, Sun; WMNN-LD 6:30, Sun; WPBN/WTOM-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

**West Branch** WUWB-LD 6:30, Sun

**Windsor** WKBD-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

**Minnesota, Austin** KAAL 9:30, Sun

**Duluth** KDHL-DT 8:30, Sun

**Mankato** KMNF-LD2 8:30, Sun; KWYE 8:30, Sun

**Minneapolis** KSTC-TV 5:30, Sun; KSTP 10:30, Sun; WUCW-COMET TV 5:00, Sun

**Rochester** KAAL 7:30, Sun; KTTC-DC 8:30, Sun

**St. Paul** KSTC 7:30, Sun; KSTP 10:30, Sun; WUCW-COMET TV 5:00, Sun

**Mississippi, Biloxi** WXXV-DT 8:30, Sun

**Clarksdale** WPRQ-LD 5:30, Sun

**Cleveland** WHCQ-LD 5:30, Sun

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

**Greenville** WBWD 8:30, Sun

**Greenwood** WBWD 8:30, Sun

**Gulfport** WXXV-DT 8:30, Sun

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

**Jackson** WLOO 7:30, Sun

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

**Meridian** WTKO-DT 8:30, Sun

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

**West Point** WLOV-TV 5:30, Sun

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

**Columbia** KOMU-DT 8:30, Sun; KRCC-COMET TV 5:00, Sun

**Hannibal** WGEM-DT 8:30, Sun; KHQA-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun

**Jefferson City** KOMU-DT 8:30, Sun; KRCC-COMET TV 5:00, Sun

**Joplin** CWPL 8:30, Sun; KFJX-DT2 8:30, Sun; KSXF 7:00, Sun

**Kansas City** KCTV 5:30, Sun; KCTV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KCWE 8:30, Sun

**Kirksville** KTVQ-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KWOT/KYOU-DT2 8:30, Sun

**Springfield** KRFT 7:30, Sun

**St. Joseph** KNPG-LD 8:30, Sun

**St. Louis** KSDK 5:30, Sun; KPLR-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KSDK 5:00, Sun

**Montana, Billings** KSVI 10:00, Sun; KTVQ-DT 8:30, Sun

**Bozeman** KBZK-DT/KXLF-DT 8:30, Sun

**Butte** KBZK-DT/KXLF-DT 8:30, Sun

**Glendive** KWZB 8:30, Sun

**Great Falls** KRTV-DT 8:30, Sun

**Helena** KTVH-DT 8:30, Sun

**Missoula** KPAX-DT 8:30, Sun

**Nebraska, Hastings** KWBL/KCWH-LD 8:30, Sun

**Kearney** KWBL/KCWH-LD 8:30, Sun

Utica WKTV-DT 9:30, Sun  
 Watertown WWTV-DT 9:30, Sun  
**North Carolina, Asheville** WGG8 8:30, Sun;  
 WYCW 9:00, Sun  
**Bowling Green, WBKO** 12:30, Fri  
**Charlotte** WAXN 10:00, Sun; WCCB  
 5:00/10:30, Sun; WHKY-TV-COMET TV  
 6:30, Sun  
**Durham** WNCN 5:00, Sun; WRDC-COMET TV  
 6:00, Sun; WTVB 6:30, Sun  
**Fayetteville** WTVB 6:30, Sun  
**Greensboro** WMYV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun  
**Greenville** WCTI-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun;  
 WNCN-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Hickory** WHKY-TV-COMET TV 6:30, Sun  
**High Point** WMYV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun  
**New Bern** WCTI-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun;  
 WNCN-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Raleigh** WNCN 5:00, Sun; WRZA 7:00, Sun;  
 WRDC-COMET TV 6:00, Sun; WTVB 6:30,  
 Sun  
**Salem** WMYV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun  
**Washington** WNCN-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Wilmington** WECT 6:00, Sun; WSFX-TV 6:30,  
 Sun; WWAY-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Winston** WMYV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun  
**North Dakota**  
**Bismarck** KXMD/KXMC-DT2 8:30, Sun  
**Dickinson** KXMD/KXMC-DT2 8:30, Sun  
**Fargo** KRDX-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KXJB  
 8:30, Sun  
**Grand Forks** KRDX-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun  
**Minot** KXMD/KXMC-DT2 8:30, Sun  
**Valley City** KXJB 8:30, Sun  
**Ohio, Akron** WIVM/WIVX 8:30, Sun  
**Chillicothe** WWHO-COMET TV 6:00, Sun  
**Cincinnati** WBQC-LD 6:30, Sun; WSTR-TV-  
 COMET TV 6:00, Sun  
**Cleveland** WIVM/WIVX 8:30, Sun; WJW-TV-  
 COMET TV 6:00, Sun; WUAB 7:30, Sun  
**Columbus** WSYX 6:30, Sun; WWHO-COMET  
 TV 6:00, Sun  
**Dayton** WKFE 10:00, Sun; WRGT-TV-COMET  
 TV 6:00, Sun  
**Lima** WBOH 9:30, Sun  
**Steubenville** WBWO 9:30, Sun  
**Toledo** WMNT-CD 6:30, Sun; WNWO-TV-  
 COMET TV 6:00, Sun  
**Youngstown** WYTV 11:30, Sun  
**Zanesville** WBZV 9:30, Sun  
**Oklahoma, Ada** KTEB-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Lawton** KAUZ-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Oklahoma City** KOCC-COMET TV 5:00, Sun;  
 KOPX 5:00, Fri  
**Tulsa** KMYT-TV 5:30, Sun; KOTV 5:30, Sat;  
 KQCW 9:30, Sun; KTUL-COMET TV 5:00,  
 Sun  
**Oregon, Bend** KTVZ-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Eugene** KMTR-COMET TV 6:00, Sun; KMTR-  
 DT 9:30, Sun  
**Medford-Klamath Falls** KTVL-COMET TV  
 6:00, Sun; KTVL-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Portland** KATU-COMET TV 6:00, Sun  
**Pennsylvania, Altoona** WANT/WVCP 8:30, Sun;  
 WATM-TV 6:30, Sun; WJAC-TV-COMET TV  
 6:00, Sun  
**Erie** WSEE-DT/WICU-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Johnstown** WANT/WVCP 8:30, Sun;  
 WATM-TV 6:30, Sun; WJAC-TV-COMET TV  
 6:00, Sun  
**Philadelphia** WPSG-COMET TV 6:00, Sun;  
 WPVI-TV 6:30, Sun  
**Pittsburgh** WPNT-COMET TV 6:00, Sun;  
 WPTG-CD 6:30, Sun  
**Scranton** WSWB-COMET TV 6:00, Sun  
**State College** WANT/WVCP 8:30, Sun;  
 WJAC-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun  
**Wilkes Barre** WSWB-COMET TV 6:00, Sun  
**Puerto Rico, Aguadilla** WSJP-LD-COMET TV  
 7:30, Sun  
**Rhode Island, Providence** WJAR-COMET TV  
 6:00, Sun  
**South Carolina, Anderson** WGG8 8:30, Sun;  
 WYCW 9:00, Sun  
**Charleston** ECIV 8:30, Sun; WCBT-DT 9:30,  
 Sun; WCBT 12:30, Sun  
**Columbia** WACH-COMET TV 6:00, Sun  
**Florence** WPDE-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun;  
 WWMB-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Greenville** WGG8 8:30, Sun; WSPA 1:30, Fri/  
 Sat/Sun; WSPA 12:00 p.m., Sun; WYCW  
 9:00, Sun  
**Hardeeville** WTGS-COMET TV 6:00, Sun  
**Myrtle Beach** WPDE-TV-COMET TV 6:00,  
 Sun;  
 WWMB-DT 9:30, Sun

**Spartanburg** WGG8 8:30, Sun; WSPA 12:00  
 p.m., Sun; WYCW 9:00, Sun  
**South Dakota, Huron** KTTM 5:30, Sun  
**Rapid City** KLCO-DT 8:30, Sun; KNBN 5:30  
 p.m., Sun; KOTA 5:30, Sun  
**Sioux Falls (Mitchell)** KSFY-DT 8:30, Sun;  
 KTTW 5:30, Sun  
**Tennessee, Alexandria** WRTN-LP 5:30, Sun  
**Chattanooga** WDSI-TV-COMET TV 5:30, Sun  
**Jackson** WNBK 8:30, Sun  
**Knoxville** WZZK/WJZC 8:30, Sun  
**Memphis** WATN 6:30 p.m., Sat; WBII 7:30,  
 Sun; WMC-TV 5:30, Sun; WHBQ 5:30, Sun;  
 WMC 1:30, Thur/Fri  
**Nashville** WRTN-LP 5:30, Sun; WUXP-TV-  
 COMET TV 6:00, Sun  
**Texas, Abilene** KTXS-DT 8:30, Sun;  
 KVII-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun  
**Amarillo** KVII-DT/KVIH-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Austin** KCWX 5:30, Sun  
**Beaumont** KBTU-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun;  
 KFDM, 2:50, Sat; KFDM-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Brownsville** KCWT/KNVO-DT 8:30, Sun;  
 KGBT-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun  
**Corpus Christi** KRIS-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Dallas** KDFW 7:00, Sun; KTXA 7:30, Sun;  
 KTXA 5:30, Sun; KTXD-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun  
**El Paso** KFOX-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun  
**Ft. Worth** KDFW 5:00, Sun; KTXA 5:30, Sun;  
 KTXD-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun  
**Harlingen** KCWT/KNVO-DT 8:30, Sun;  
 KGBT-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun  
**Houston** KJAH-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KTRK-TV  
 5:30, Sun  
**IUFKIN** KIVY 7:30, Sun  
**Laredo** KXLX 8:30, Sun  
**Longview** KIVY 7:30, Sun; KYTX-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Lubbock** KLCW-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Midland** KWAB-DT/KWES-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Odessa** KWAB-DT/KWES-DT 8:30, Sun; KWWT  
 5:30, Sun  
**Port Arthur** KBTU-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun;  
 KFDM, 2:50, Sat/8:30, Sun  
**San Angelo** KTXE 8:30, Sun  
**San Antonio** KCWX 5:30, Sun; KMYS/GOAI  
 9:00, Sun  
**Sherman** KTEB-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Sweetwater** KTXS-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Tyler** KIVY 7:30, Sun; KYTX-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Victoria** KVCT 5:30, Sun; KVCT-DT3/KWVB  
 8:30, Sun  
**Waco** KZCZ-LD-COMET TV 5:00, Sun  
**Weslaco** KCWT/KNVO-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Wichita Falls** KAUZ-DT 8:30, Sun; KFDX  
 6:00, Sun  
**U.S. Virgin Islands, Charlotte Amalie** WVXF  
 7:30, Sun  
**Utah, Salt Lake City** KJZZ-TV-COMET TV 7:00,  
 Sun;  
 KSL-DT3 4:30, Sun  
**Vermont, Burlington** WFFF 10:00, Sun; WVNY  
 10:30, Sun; WPTZ-DT 9:30  
**Virginia, Bristol** WCYB-TV-COMET TV 6:00,  
 Sun  
**Charlottesville** WVIR-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Hampton/Norfolk** WSKY 9:00, Sun  
**Harrisonburg** WSVW-LD2 8:30, Sun;  
 WVIR-DT 9:30, Sun; W29DH-D-COMET TV  
 6:00, Sun  
**Lynchburg** WSET-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun;  
 WYAT 8:30, Sun  
**Newport News** WTKR 6:30, Sun  
**Norfolk** WTKR 6:30, Sun; WTVZ-TV-COMET  
 TV 6:00, Sun  
**Richmond** WRLH-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun;  
 WUPV 6:00, Sun; WWBT 1:30, Sat/Sun  
**Roanoke** WSET-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun;  
 WYAT 8:30, Sun; WLSL 11:30, Sun  
**Virginia Beach** WTKR 6:30, Sun  
**Washington D.C.** WJLA-TV-COMET TV 6:00,  
 Sun  
**Washington, Kennewick** KGfZ-LD 5:30, Sun;  
 KVVK-CD-COMET TV 6:00, Sun  
**Pasco** KGfZ-LD 5:30, Sun; KIMA-DT/KEPR-DT  
 9:30, Sun  
**Richland** KGfZ-LD 5:30, Sun; KIMA-DT/KEPR-  
 DT 9:30, Sun  
**Seattle** KCPQ 7:00, Sun; KOMO-TV-COMET TV  
 6:00, Sun; KONG 3:30, Sun  
**Spokane** KAYU 7:30, Sun  
**Tacoma** KONG 5:30, Sun

**Yakima** KGfZ-LD 5:30, Sun; KIMA-DT/  
 KEPR-DT 9:30, Sun; KUNW-CD-COMET TV  
 6:00, Sun  
**West Virginia, Beckley** WVVA-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Bluefield** WVVA-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Charleston** WVAH-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun  
**Clarksburg** WVFV-DT 9:30, Sun; WVUX  
 8:30, Sun  
**Fairmont** WVUX-LD 6:30, Sun  
**Moorefield** W29DH-D-COMET TV 6:00, Sun  
**Oak Hill** WVVA-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Parkersburg** WCWP/WOVA-LD2 9:30, Sun  
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 8:30, Sun  
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