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# Where the Paris Attacks Are Leading

Most people are focusing on France's reaction—but the ultimate aftereffect will consume all of Europe.

N NOVEMBER 13, A SMALL TEAM OF TERRORISTS MURdered about 130 people in Paris. In just one night, these bloody-minded people shocked France and the world. Scores of people died for no reason other than that they were out and about in Paris, and so were these maniacal criminals.

What most of the world probably suspected turned out to be true. These terrorists were radical Islamists sponsored



**GERALD FLURRY** 

by the Islamic State. One of them allegedly came from Syria and arrived in Europe on a refugee boat—about a month before he blew himself up in a Paris crowd. These are sick people who enjoy bombing and shooting and decapitating people. And they are growing in numbers.

The last time there was an attack this deadly in Paris was World War II.

That was also the last time Paris was put under a curfew (1944). This attack is a siren going off across all Europe.

The question on everyone's mind is: What will France do? During the attack, French President François Hollande declared a state of emergency and closed the country's borders. He said France is "at war" and called up security forces and troops to patrol the streets of Paris. He also called for increased security and military spending, constitutional changes to deal with dual nationals, and a three-month extension on the state of emergency. France has also dispatched an aircraft carrier to help blast the Islamic State in Syria and Iraq with intensifying airstrikes.

Everyone is watching to see what France—and the Islamic State—will do next. But there is another trend that you need to watch.

France is one of Europe's liberal democracies full of immigrants. But it is also a Catholic country. Like Germany, Italy and many other European nations, its heritage is deeply rooted in the Holy Roman Empire.

You have to look not only for what France will do in the aftermath of this attack, but what *Europe* will do moving forward.

The Bible actually prophesied what is happening right now in France and the rest of Europe. It forecasts how the Continent will react to this event and the long-term trends that are rising to a boil there: Europe will unite into a superpower consisting of "ten kings"—and it will go to real war with radical Islam. If you look for that trend in the aftermath of the Paris attacks, it leaps out at you in a powerful way.

The Holy Roman Empire has united Europe six times throughout the ages, and now it is almost resurrected to unite

Europe again. People who want Europe to become more unified and more powerful can simply point to the Paris attack for justification.

One of these European leaders is the former German defense minister, Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg. He is speaking out strongly at the right time. He has compared the current 28-nation EU to 28 doctors trying to operate on a sick patient; occasionally one will accidentally trip over and unplug a life-support power cord, and all 28 doctors will have to scramble to put it back in. But then they have still only solved the immediate problem, and the long-term problems afflicting Europe just grow worse and worse. Everyone can see that this analogy is correct. We believe that the man who made it could be the one to take power in Germany—and Europe.

Guttenberg resigned political office in 2011 over a plagiarism scandal. He has kept a low profile over the past few years, but he recently took a position within the Christian Social Union, a powerful political party in Germany. Now he is making strong statements about Germany's leadership that indicate he may be getting ready to take bolder action. On November 4, he reiterated that German leaders are only providing short-term solutions: short-term solutions for 1.3 million refugees flooding into Germany, short-term solutions for Austria, short-term solutions for "what happens if we have

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our German Charlie Hebdo, which is only a matter of time" referring to the January 2015 Islamist terrorist attack in Paris that killed 11 people. Nine days after he said that, Islamist terrorists killed *more than* 130 people in Paris.

Guttenberg chose the perfect time to speak out. More and more people will look to him as the strongman that the current chancellor isn't. As Chancellor Angela Merkel struggles with the immigration crisis (not to mention Europe's financial crisis and its geopolitical crisis with Russia), her former defense minister is making strong statements against her. Guttenberg also recently said that Merkel is "overawed" by the idea of being a leader and that her style is to lead from behind.

HE MAN FAMOUSLY KNOWN as "America's Mayor" made news headlines last year by asserting that President Barack Obama has been influenced by Communists since his youth.

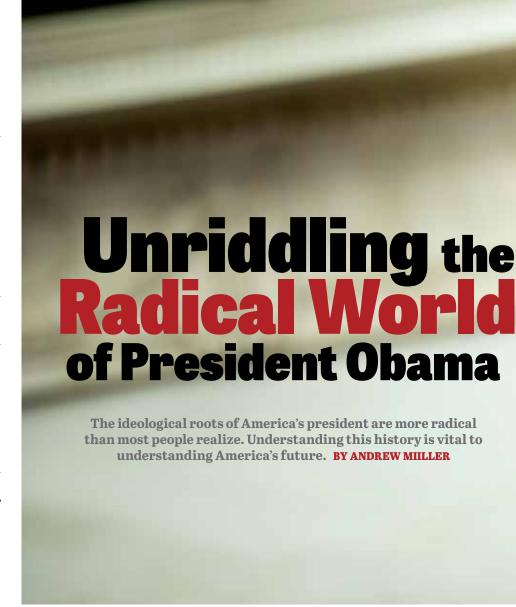
"From the time he was 9 years old, he was influenced by Frank Marshall Davis, who was a Communist," former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani said in an interview with the New York Post (Feb. 21, 2015). The man famed for his role in rebuilding New York after the 9/11 attacks and one-time Republican presidential candidate then elaborated on how Stanley Dunham, the president's grandfather, introduced the young Barack Obama to the now-famous Communist activist back in 1970.

Later in the interview, Giuliani highlighted how President Obama had also been influenced by the teachings of socialist community organizer Saul Alinsky and Black Liberation Theology preacher Jeremiah Wright. "He doesn't talk about America the way John Kennedy and Ronald Reagan did, about America's greatness and exceptionalism," Giuliani continued. "He was educated by people who were critics of the U.S."

In response to these comments, the White House press office and most of the mainstream media tried to paint Giuliani as a tragic figure—who may once have been a great man, but is now just a sidewalk lunatic. "I can tell you that it's sad to see when somebody who has attained a certain stature and even admiration tarnishes that legacy so thoroughly," said press secretary Josh Earnest. "There's no element of schadenfreude that people are feeling around here. What people are feeling is sorry for Rudy Giuliani."

It is strange, however, that political figures on both sides of the aisle dismissed Giuliani's claims so casually. Even mainstream news anchor Tom Brokaw admitted the press never vetted candidate Obama. How can people be so sure the president wasn't influenced by a radical leftist political ideology?

While many scoff at the notion of any connection of the president to Marxism, few have actually studied the matter for themselves. Instead, they dismiss any



mention of radical leftism in Obama's past by characterizing it as an attempt to paint the president as a ксв agent or closet Bolshevik.

President Obama's own bestselling 1995 autobiography *Dreams From My* Father shows that he was profoundly influenced by Frank Marshall Davis, and by many others who were at least sympathetic to Marxist ideology. Barack Obama's ideological roots are far more radical than the general public has been led to believe. We must consider the facts of his ideological roots if we want to understand where the Obama administration is leading America!

#### Frank Marshall Davis

Dreams From My Father explains that, while he was a teenager living in Hawaii, Barack Obama was deeply influenced

by a black poet named Frank. This "Frank" is mentioned 22 times in the book by his first name, but oddly, Obama never divulges his last name. Even more mysteriously, the book's passages mentioning "Frank" were completely removed from the 2005 audio version of Dreams From My Father.

As a Harvard Law student, however, Mr. Obama was less shy about Frank's full identity. In a televised reading of his autobiography, which aired on Cambridge Municipal Television in September 1995, Obama admitted it was none other than Frank Marshall Davis—a black journalist, poet and pornographer who joined the Communist Party USA (CPUSA) to become member #47544.

Davis joined the CPUSA early on in World War II and soon after hooked up with the American Peace Mobilization



group, which Congress identified as "one of the most notorious and blatantly Communist fronts ever organized in this country." Along with fellow traveler Robert Taylor, Davis worked with

with the stated purpose of promoting a "policy of cooperation and unity between Russia and the United States."

In his columns, Davis argued that President Harry Truman was a fascist,

# In the mind of Davis, the greatest threat to the world wasn't the Soviet menace, but "Anglo-American imperialist domination."

the American Peace Mobilization front to keep America out of the war against Nazi Germany.

In 1939, Adolf Hitler signed a non-aggression pact with Joseph Stalin, and loyal American Communists were expected to always back Stalin. After the end of the war, Davis continued supporting Stalin as editor in chief of the Chicago Star, a Communist front publication

racist imperialist. He accused American leaders of "aching for an excuse to launch a nuclear nightmare of mass murder and extermination" against the Soviets. He urged Communist takeovers of China, Korea and Vietnam, He criticized Washington for giving West Germany to Nazi loyalists, yet claimed Stalin was pursuing "democracy" in East Germany and the Soviet bloc.

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In his posthumously published memoir Livin' the Blues, Davis admitted to working with several radical left-wing groups in Chicago between 1935 and 1948. "I worked with all kinds of groups," he wrote. "I made no distinction between those labeled Communist, socialist or merely liberal. My sole criterion was this: 'Are you with me in my determination to wipe out white supremacy?"

Yet while Davis claimed to fight for racial equality, he praised Stalin's Soviet Union as an example of a society with "equality regardless of color or race, and human dignity for all." He never mentioned the 3.3 million people Stalin deported to concentration camps in Siberia and Central Asia between 1941 and 1949 for the crime of disagreeing with his brand of socialist economics. By some estimates, up to 43 percent of those in these resettlement camps died of disease and malnutrition.

"In short, Frank Marshall Davis's writings were outrageous," wrote Dr. Paul Kengor, executive director of the Center for Vision and Values. "A Jeremiah Wright sermon or Bill Ayers lecture is tame by comparison" (American Spectator, October 2012).

After leaving Chicago in 1948, Davis moved to Hawaii and to a position as a columnist for the Honolulu Record. published by the Communist-controlled International Longshore and Warehouse Union. It was there in Hawaii that he befriended Stanley Dunham and his grandson, Barack Obama.

The introduction of 9-year-old Barack Obama to 65-year-old Frank Marshall Davis in 1970 was witnessed by neighbor Dawna Weatherly-Williams. She told the London *Telegraph* that this introduction was arranged by Obama's grandfather, who was seeking a black male role model for his grandson.

Obama's maternal half-sister elaborated further, saying her grandfather saw Frank Davis as "a point of connection, a bridge if you will, to the larger African-American experience for my brother."

Over the decade following this meeting, Davis and the young Obama met many times, often for hours at a time and late into the night. In Dreams From My Father, Obama recounts how Davis offered him advice on several life-altering issues: on race, on women, on college and on society in general.

In one section of the book, Obama recounts going to Davis for advice after his white grandmother came home frightened by a black man who asked her for money. Davis told Obama that his grandmother had a reason for her fear. "[Y]our grandma's right to be scared," Davis said. "She understands that black people have a reason to hate. That's just how it is. For your sake, I wish it were otherwise, but it's not. So you might as well get used to it." It wasn't a message of racial reconciliation, but one of rage-driven class struggle. That notion comes straight from the pages of the Communist Manifesto.

In another section of *Dreams From* My Father, Obama recounts advice Davis gave him as he was about to leave Hawaii for Occidental College. "Understand something, boy," Davis told the young Obama. "You're not going to college to get educated. You're going there to get trained. ... They'll train you to forget what it is that you already know. They'll train you so good, you'll start believing what they tell you about equal opportunity and the American way and all that [expletive]."

Mr. Obama's record of his time at Occidental College shows that he took that radical advice very much to heart.

#### **Occidental College**

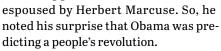
Relatively little is known of President Obama's college years besides what he records in his own memoirs. Even these memoirs, however, are strikingly revealing of just how radically left-wing his worldview was at this point in his life.

"To avoid being mistaken for a sellout, I chose my friends carefully," he wrote in Dreams From My Father. "The more politically active black students. The foreign students. The Chicanos. The Marxist professors and structural feminists and punk-rock performance poets. We smoked cigarettes and wore leather jackets. At night, in the dorms, we discussed neocolonialism, Franz Fanon, Eurocentrism and patriarchy. When we ground out our cigarettes in the hallway carpet or set our stereos so loud that the walls began to shake, we were resisting bourgeois society's stifling constraints."

According to Dr. John C. Drew, a political scientist who knew Obama at Occidental, America's current president also attended a few meetings of the Democratic Socialist Alliance during those years. This group was a student Marxist-socialist fellowship founded by Drew in 1976.

In a radio interview with Dr. Paul Kengor on the Glen Meakem Program, Drew explained that his girlfriend at the time, Caroline Boss, introduced the

19-year-old Barack Obama to him as a fellow Marxist in 1980. By this time in his life, Drew had abandoned the violent, revolutionary style of Marxist-Leninism in favor of a more gradualist approach



Although Drew later repudiated Marxism entirely, he still sees himself as a sort of "missing link" between Barack Obama's exposure to communism with Frank Marshall Davis and his later exposure to other more subtle forms of radical leftism in Chicago: "I felt like I was doing Obama a favor by pointing out that the Marxist revolution that he and Caroline and Chandoo were hoping for was really kind of a pipe dream, and that there was nothing in European history or the history of developed nations that would make that sort of fantasy—you know, Frank Marshall Davis fantasy of revolution—come true" (Oct. 16, 2010).

Whether or not Dr. John Drew had any actual impact on Obama's worldview, it is evident that the Marxist sympathies of Mr. Obama's youth eventually did give way to more deceptive forms of far-left ideology.

#### Alinskyite Connections

In Dreams From My Father, Mr. Obama identified Marty Kaufman as

a key influence. According to Obama, Kaufman was responsible for hiring him to work as a community organizer in the Developing Communities Project in Chicago. While he definitely did work as a community organizer in Chicago for a number of years, Maureen Dowd of the New York Times has identified his boss during these years as Jerry Kellman. So, in similar fashion to how he referred to Frank Marshall Davis simply as Frank, Obama referred to Kellman as Kaufman to obscure his identity.

Jerry Kellman was educated in community organizing at a school run by the infamous socialist community organizer Saul Alinsky and drew a lot



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-Saul Alinsky

of inspiration from Alinsky's methods.

Alinsky, regarded as the father of community organizing, is famous for his book Rules for Radicals, which he shockingly dedicated to Lucifer as the "first radical" to rebel against the establishment and win his own kingdom.

Although Alinsky dedicated his life to the cause of income redistribution and sympathized with Marxist activists, he never joined the Communist Party. By his own account, he was too independent to accept any form of absolute truth, Christian or Communist. Rather he believed that a leftist should have the moral flexibility to engage in whatever Machiavellian means necessary to achieve his goals.

Sometimes referred to as the Lenin of the post-Communist left, Alinsky harshly criticized the '60s New Left movement for its flag burning, Maoist slogans and hippie style. Instead, he recommended that far-left student activists should cut their hair, put on a suit, and infiltrate the system from within. "If the real radical finds that having long hair sets up psychological barriers to communication and

organization, he cuts his hair," he writes in Rules for Radicals. "As an organizer, I start from where the world is, as it is, not as I would like it to be. ... That means working in the system."

Perhaps Kellman's connection with Alinsky's school is why Obama chose to give him an alias in Dreams From My Father. Regardless, his years working for the Developing Communities Project introduced Obama not only to Alinskyite tactics of community organizing, but also to several other radical-left personalities.

#### **The New Party**

On the evening of Jan. 11, 1996, Barack Obama formally joined the New Party. Formed in opposition to President Bill Clinton's "centralist" policies, this party was active in Chicago from 1992 to 1998. It purposed to force the Democratic Party further to the left through a process known as electoral fusion, where the same candidate can receive nomination from more than one political party.

The White House has tried to deny this fact, maintaining that "Barack has been a member of only one political

party, the Democratic Party." This statement isn't a true denial, however, in that the process of electoral fusion

used by the New Party would have allowed Obama to be a New Party candidate and a Democratic Party candidate at the same time.

Additionally, evidence obtained from the Wisconsin Historical

Society by journalist Stanley Kurtz now definitively establishes that Obama signed a "contract" promising to publicly support and associate himself with the New Party while in office as an Illinois state senator. The New Party functioned primarily as the electoral arm of the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN) and was deeply influenced by the socialist economics of Frances Fox Piven.

Born in Canada to Russian immigrant parents, Piven grew up to become a member of the Democratic Socialists of America and an influential social economist at Columbia University in Chicago. Along with her long-time collaborator and



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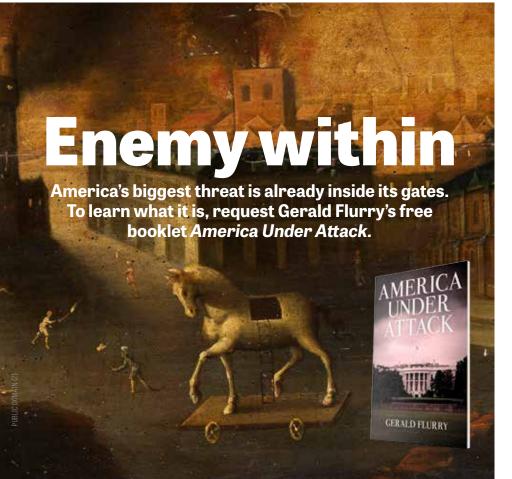
future husband, Richard Cloward, she authored an article in the Nation magazine in 1966 titled "The Weight of the Poor: A Strategy to End Poverty."

In the article, Cloward and Piven advocated a strategy to overload the U.S. welfare system as a means to create an economic crisis that would force the U.S. government to implement a constitutionally guaranteed minimum income for all citizens. Once the local governments went bankrupt keeping up with their new welfare demands, they would be forced to apply for federal bailouts, according to this strategy. Then, under threat of civil unrest, the federal government would be forced to reform the tax system in such a way as to facilitate "outright redistribution of income" (May 1966).

Critics of this strategy have labeled it as Marxist economics. Piven seems unoffended by this accusation. "Our model could be the Manifesto," she said in a 2009 speech on labor unions. "But the Manifesto, The Communist Manifesto, was really too general for the purposes that we have, that we need, to put the strategic work to today."

In comments made at the annual Left Forum 2012, Piven described the Occupy Wall Street movement: "There is room for all of us. Religious leftists, people who think peace is the answer, those who think that wholesome food is what we really need, ecologists and old-fashioned Democrats, Democratic socialists, socialists and Communists."

Both ACORN and the Chicago New Party utilized classic Alinskyite tactics to advance the agenda of income redistribution. So, although neither of these





MERICA IS IN SERIOUS decline. Many Americans are deeply concerned. The radical left has gained control of the nation. Look at the Democratic Party today: Its leading personalities promote policies that are weakening the nation economically, socially, morally, militarily and geopolitically. How did they get control? What caused this nation to descend into this condition?

You need to understand what has happened inside this country and why. The problem is far deeper, and has been going on for far longer, than most people realize.

During the Cold War, there was a lot of fear within America about the spread of communism. Today, most Americans no longer consider it a threat of any concern.

But it is of grave concern. Few people realize it, but many mainstream political views in America today are identical to—and trace directly back to—the ideals and beliefs of communism.

One popular candidate running for the Democratic presidential nomination claims to be a socialist. Well, *many Communists call themselves socialists*. The fact that he has so much support reveals how dangerously ignorant the American people are.

What do you know about communism? A growing number of Americans support the government taking over health care and other major segments of the national economy. They fail to understand the dangers that accompany a Communist system.

#### **Understanding Communism**

Socialism and communism are alike in fundamental ways. Both say the centralized government or "the public" should own and control production, rather than individual business owners. Both call for centralized planning and control, which make for powerful governments that are highly susceptible to corruption. Socialism is considered the transition stage from capitalism to communism; in some cases, it is a less

radical version that might eventually "mature" into communism.

In the early years of his ministry, Herbert W. Armstrong wrote quite a lot about communism. We need to understand why he was so deeply concerned.

Mr. Armstrong wrote in the February 1962 *Plain Truth:* "[T]he 'Communist Party' is merely a trick term to pull the wool over our eyes and deceive us—a means of getting a fifth column into our midst—of getting the ENEMY'S GOVERNMENT into our very midst—leading us to accept it as a part of our government. Its only object is to DESTROY our government."

That is a basic truth: THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT IN AMERICA ONLY HAS ONE OBJECT: TO DESTROY AMERICA'S GOVERNMENT! A number of nations have outlawed communism, yet America foolishly allows it as a political party here.

Although the Communist Party USA currently has little power as an official political party, the broader Communist movement has significant influence in many aspects of American politics and society. In an article about "the new

communism," Alan Johnson, professor of democratic theory and practice at Edge Hill University, wrote: "A worldview recently the source of immense suffering and misery, and responsible for more deaths than fascism and Nazism, is mounting a comeback; a new form of left-wing totalitarianism that enjoys intellectual celebrity but aspires to political power" (World Affairs, May-June 2012). That worldview is communism. And it is still bent on subverting and toppling the established order.

Modern proponents of communism downplay its subversive goals. But subversion is the very foundation of it! The Communist Manifesto by Karl Marx and Frederick Engels is considered the "sacred text" of communism. It stresses the need for a total overthrow of existing governments. The Manifesto concludes with some words that may sound eerily familiar to modern news watchers: "Let the ruling classes tremble at a Communist revolution. The proletarians have nothing to lose but their chains. They have a world to win."

The reason this may sound familiar is that students at the University of Missouri chanted a paraphrase of the line about chains in November as they protested, forced the resignation of the university president, and cried out for the whole system to be overthrown. Constitutional law attorney David French said these students are "REV-OLUTIONARIES, AND THE REVOLUTION THEY SEEK IS NOTHING LESS THAN THE OVERTHROW OF OUR CONSTITUTIONAL REPUBLIC, BEGINNING WITH OUR UNIVER-SITIES" (National Review, Nov. 9, 2015; emphasis mine throughout).

You do not have to look hard to find evidence of communism's influence in America today!

The New Left was a powerful political movement that swept through the nation in the 1960s and 1970s. Agitators and educators worked to bring about changes in homosexual rights, abortion, gender roles, drugs and other issues. The movement was closely tied to the "hippie" movement, and it achieved many of its lawless goals. The New Left was almost identical to the Communist Party! The champions of the movement had stunning success in working their way into key positions

in today's Democratic Party! Look at the radical left today. Is it any different from communism?

"With Henry Wallace's Progressive Party having collapsed, Hawaii's Reds changed their tactics. They went underground and concentrated instead on infiltrating the Democratic Party ..." Paul Kengor wrote in the October 2012 American Spectator. "For America's Reds, it was the start of a long march to operate within the Democratic Party, transforming it from the party of Harry Truman and John F. Kennedy to the party of Nancy Pelosi and Barack Obama" (Kengor, op. cit.). When Nancy Pelosi came in, I was shocked. She was to be the speaker, representing the Democratic Party, and she had said the most obscene things I had ever heard a politician say. As I wrote in our January 2007 issue, that was a disaster for the Democratic Party and for the nation (theTrumpet.com/go/3074).

Regarding the Communist goal to overthrow the government, Mr. Armstrong went on to write: "Of course, if it could do this peaceably at the polls, it would—but it knows it can't ...." That was true at that time—but in more recent years, these radicals have been able to win at the polls. This shows how much America has degenerated!

The radical left has gotten control of the government and much of the country. What is the left's end goal? Mr. Armstrong continued, "[I]f it could do it peaceably at the polls, it would—but case, there was nobody in charge except the people who were rioting.

Soon, the New Left began to get into those institutions and gain control. It was in the education system that the left got its foothold into the nation: first in colleges, then high schools and even elementary schools. It is from the education system that a nation gets its leadership. Where did the ideas of AMERICA'S LEADERS TODAY COME FROM? FROM OUR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

Consider this: The Soviet Union pushed harder to establish communism than perhaps any government in history. Much of that push happened not inside its own borders, but inside America! In 1970, ксв agent Yuri Bezmenov defected from the Soviet Union and escaped to Canada. He went to great lengths to warn the Americans about the stealth attack the Soviets were waging against them.

Bezmenov said, "Only about 15 percent of [the Soviet Union's] time, money and manpower is spent on espionage as such." The remaining 85 percent, he said, "is a slow process which we call either ideological subversion or 'active measures." Most of this happened in American schools! Some of the main methods were infiltrating universities with radical leftists, establishing Communist-staffed newspapers, and holding international seminars with Soviet participation.

According to a former staff director of a Senate investigations subcommit-

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it knows it can't, so it does stand for the violent overthrow of the United States government." This is what it is all about. It has never been merely a political party—it is a movement to destroy THE GOVERNMENT OF AMERICA. And it has succeeded on an amazingly high level!

#### A Foothold in Education

In the 1960s and '70s, America had many problems with rioting and violence on college campuses. Educators would ask who was in charge, and in almost every tee, in the years between 1935 and 1953, THE COMMUNIST PARTY USA "ENLISTED THE SUPPORT OF AT LEAST 3,500 PROFESsors" (J.B. Matthews, American Mercury, May 1953).

Documents from the Soviet archives revealed that even after the collapse of the Soviet Union, the Communist Party USA received \$2 to \$3 million each year from the Kremlin. This funding was to further the party's subversive activities.

Mr. Armstrong wrote in 1956 about the Communists "perverting our morals, sabotaging our educational system, wrecking our social structure, destroying our spiritual and religious life, weakening our industrial and economic power, demoralizing our armed forces, and finally, after such infiltration, overthrowing our government by force and violence! All this clearly disguised as a harmless political party! Communism is a worldwide psychological WARFARE!"

Communists first corrupt, pollute and agitate from within. But their final phase is a violent overthrow of the government. They aim to destroy the system, because they can't build another one until that happens.

The Communist attack from within America is far more significant than you might realize. We are staring it in the face today.

#### **The Real Watergate Scandal**

In 1974, U.S. President Richard Nixon resigned from office over the Watergate scandal. It was discovered that the Nixon administration had broken into the Democratic National Committee headquarters and tried to cover it up. Many Americans these days know little about what happened at Watergate. To them, it is a scandal that brought down a corrupt president. But there is much more to the story.

President Nixon was a staunch opponent of communism, and the left hated him for it. At the time of Watergate, Rupert Murdoch, who owns Fox News, said: "The American press get the pleasure in successfully crucifying Nixon, but the last laugh could be on them. See how they like it when the Commies take over the West." He was only one of many people who were thinking that way.

What happened at that time has a lot to do with what we see today.

I remember hearing educator Dr. Herman Hoeh making this point in 1980. He said that President Nixon actually had come to recognize a Communist conspiracy to work their way into the New Left in America, and that he broke it up. "And for that," Hoeh said, "he was driven out of the presidency because a part of his plan involved preventing the far left from capturing the Democratic Party. And hence, Watergate. That's all a part of the story that most people don't realize. Watergate

was not an attempt to see who was at some party of the Democratic headquarters; it was far more serious."

What happens if the far left gets control of the Democratic Party? Well, if it is elected, then it gets control of the government, the nation and everything that matters.

Now, more evidence has emerged backing up this view of what happened in the Watergate scandal. Geoff Shepard has documented it in his book *The Real Watergate Scandal*.

Shepard served as deputy defense counsel for the Nixon administration during the Watergate hearings. "It was the first and, hopefully, the only presidential resignation in our nation's history," Shepard told the *Washington Times*. "But it seared my soul, and I've spent many intervening years trying to understand how everything went so wrong" (Aug. 10, 2015).

"Four decades later, I've begun to appreciate what the real tragedy was. In one of the ultimate ironies of political history, it appears that the smoking-gun tape [an audio tape in which Nixon apparently sought to limit the FBI's investigation, and for which he was prosecuted for obstruction of justice] has been totally misunderstood, that the president need not have resigned, and that he was actually driven from office—and his senior aides imprisoned—through highly improper actions of judges and Watergate prosecutors" (ibid).

"John Dean, President Nixon's principal accuser, has recently acknowledged that the president and his defense team had to resign, and in Dean's own words, 'could have lived to fight another day."

"Documents I've recently uncovered in the National Archives tell a tale of secret meetings, secret memos and secret collusion that will shock many Americans and that constitute flagrant violations of our Constitution and its Bill of Rights ...," Shepherd wrote (Washington Times, op. cit.). The PEOPLE WHO WERE SUPPOSED TO BE PROTECTING THE CONSTITUTION AND THE BILL OF RIGHTS WERE TRAMPLING ALL OVER IT BEHIND CLOSED DOORS. This was supposedly in pursuit of "justice" for a lawless president!

#### **Alger Hiss**

"Shepard said the left's disdain for Nixon began when he was a congressman in the 1940s and brought down Soviet spy Alger Hiss, who was regarded as a leftist hero" (Townhall .com, Aug. 9, 2015). Why would a *Soviet spy* be a leftist hero?

Alger Hiss was educated at Harvard Law School. He clerked for Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes and was even in the delegation at the Yalta Conference where Franklin D. Roosevelt, Winston Churchill and Joseph Stalin divided up Europe. He was right there—and he was a *Soviet spy.* Through Hiss, the Communists were actually penetrating the Truman administration; he was in high places in the State Department.

Apparently the left likes Soviet spies, because when Richard Nixon brought Hiss down, he made himself a target. Shepard told *Townhall*, "And

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were totally mistaken about the tape and its significance," Shepard wrote in his book. "If we had known the context in which that conversation had taken place, the president would not have what happened in Watergate, if you look at it in retrospect, the eastern liberal elites got control of the special prosecutor's office, and they had a power to prosecute. They criminalized

# Why Educators Are Attracted to Communism

AVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED WHY EDUCATED PEOPLE ARE SO attracted to communism? In every place that system has been implemented, it has been a BLATANT, HORRIFYING FAILURE! What is causing these people to get so involved in it?

Herbert W. Armstrong addressed this very question. In 1968 he wrote, "I have before me an important book—called Witness, by Whittaker Chambers. He was, as you may remember, a noted Communist who turned against communism. He exposed alleged activities of Alger Hiss, prominent in the State Department. They had a world-famous trial. Whittaker Chambers wrote a book about it.

"What is important is that he explains, as probably no one else ever did, why educated people—hundreds of college professors among them—become Communists.

"This is important to you! Communism, in fact, is EVIL! But do men join in it because they desire to be and do EVIL? No, indeed! They join it because they see this is a sick world! Because they lose faith in existing governments—existing society—existing systems of economics and business.

"Chambers explains how today's world crisis resulted from 'the impact of science and technology upon mankind'" (co-worker letter, Sept. 29, 1968; emphasis mine throughout). In modern thinking, science and technology are hailed as an unmitigated good for humanity.

"Science and technology came into the world representing themselves as a god—to solve the world's ills," Mr. Armstrong continued. "What Chambers does not mention is that science and technology DROVE OUT GOD and THE BIBLE from education, introduced godless evolution ...." Science and technology were supposed to save us, but they only made things worse; they just pushed God and the Bible right out of the picture. That is why we have so many problems today. Until that time, a lot of people had faith in God, but no longer!

Science and technology "started even the churches doubting God—doubting Christ was God's Son—doubting God's TRUTH. But science and technology failed to solve the world's troubles. Problems multiplied—troubles escalated. This brought on world crisis.

"World wars are the military expression of the crisis, says Chambers. Worldwide depressions are its economic expression. Universal desperation—college students losing all hope for the future—is its spiritual expression. And this, he says, is the climate of communism.

"Educated men see these conditions. They see we live in a SICK WORLD! So, Chambers explains, 'Philosophers have EXPLAINED the world: It is necessary to change the world!' Communism is a NEW FAITH! Many people have lost faith in this Western world's sick society. So they feel they must have a faith to live by. They have a conviction, WE MUST CHANGE THE WORLD." They want to change the world—but through communism it's going to become far worse, as they ought to know.

"These people are blinded to any faith in God," Mr. Armstrong continued. "They are cut off from God. God just doesn't exist in their thinking. They see no faith in 'democracy'—they see no national purpose in the United States; they want to HAVE A PART IN CHANGING THE WORLD!

"Actually, communism is like plunging from the frying pan into the fire. It is going from bad to worse! But they see only that the present state of things is BAD. Communism CLAIMS to be able to Change the World. They assume the change will be good. It is a straw which they grasp!"

This world really *does* need to be changed. It is SICK in every direction you look. But it is deeply delusional to believe that its problems can be solved by communism.

**GERALD FLURRY** 

prosecution. They staffed the place with all their friends" (ibid). He proves this in his book.

"Nixon came to national prominence as a result of this investigation," Shepard wrote, "and Hiss was convicted of perjury in 1950." They had reached the statute of limitations and couldn't really convict him of much, but they did convict him. "The liberal eastern establishment, particularly its many Harvard-educated members, never forgave Nixon for his leadership in bringing down one of their own."

SOVIET SPY ALGER HISS WAS "ONE OF THEIR OWN." HE CAME RIGHT OUT OF HARVARD, AMERICA'S TOP UNIVERSITY! These highly educated people had that spirit even then, and they wanted to get control of the government.

Most of these people hate the Constitution, the supreme law of the land! They are LAWLESS! They can't stand to be constrained by the Constitution and law.

THE WATERGATE SCANDAL WAS NOTH-ING COMPARED TO WHAT THESE PEOPLE DID BEHIND THE SCENES. They violated the Constitution time after time because they have no respect for it. They have such towering respect for their *own* intellect that they think they know more than the Founding Fathers! This has led the U.S. into catastrophic problems.

We must keep in mind that they have a PLAN: Their sole purpose is to DESTROY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE LAND. They seek to destroy the whole American SYSTEM AND REPLACE IT WITH ANOTHER, which is really communism and tyranny. They want all of America looking to one man—like Russia looked to Stalin!

#### **Destroying the Constitution**

"John Sirica is a disgrace to the federal judiciary," Shepard told Townhall (op. cit.). Sirica was the presiding judge over the Watergate trial. He colluded with prosecutors behind closed doors, and they worked everything out together. Judges and lawyers are supposed to remain separate, but Sirica worked with the prosecutors to bring Nixon down.

"Watergate prosecutors took the government files with them," Shepard explained. "These are government documents, and they should have stayed at National Archives and then subject to review with researchers like me. But three of the key prosecutors took their

files" (ibid). Why did they take the files? Because they wanted to hide what they were doing. They didn't want the pub-LIC TO KNOW THAT THEY WERE UNJUSTLY DESTROYING A PRESIDENT AND TEARING DOWN A GOVERNMENT!

Though he had no real idea of the scope of these activities, Richard Nixon did see through a lot of what these people were doing. He had stopped them and they hated him for that. They were determined to take him down.

"Nixon was done in by officers of the court," Shepard wrote, "the very people sworn to uphold the law and the Constitution—federal judges and federal prosecutors who met in secret and reached backroom deals on how best to take him down and secure conviction of his senior aides. That is the REAL WATERGATE SCANDAL ...."

You would think Americans would love the Constitution, but that is not the case in this country anymore. The radical left wants to destroy the Constitution! Many even argue that it is

all of whom are completely subservient to one man who is a dictator-absolute! This one-man dictatorship is supposed to be necessary because there are many different interpretations of the Marxist philosophy. Therefore, to prevent division, they must have a supreme INTERPRETER" (Plain Truth, op. cit.). When you give one man that kind of authority and power, it will always bring about a tyranny!

"It is not part of any government. It is a government—a WORLD government, which has set up, and therefore RULES the Soviet government in Russia. It is supreme over the Soviet government! Instead of being another political party as part of the party system of American government, it is a foreign government whose sole purpose is to destroy and overthrow the government of the United States and set up a foreign Communist government here instead ..." (ibid).

WE MUST SEE THAT THIS TREND WILL PLAY OUT UNTIL THE FINAL PHASE: THE VIOLENT OVERTHROW OF THE SYSTEM.

# It is shocking how much and how often the government is exposed for being deceitful. Americans have practically come to accept this as a fact of politics today.

not the supreme law of the land and that we should get rid of it! Most of the educational institutions and the media would like to get rid of it. Even one of the Supreme Court justices said the Constitution is outdated and should not be used.

This thinking is bringing America down! What will you have when the Constitution is destroyed? You will have nightmares like Stalin. What an example he set! Read some of Stalin's history. He was a madman who impris-ONED, EXILED AND EXECUTED MILLIONS OF HIS OWN PEOPLE! He purged nearly all the top leadership of his army because he was so paranoid about people trying to destroy him.

#### **Not Just a Political Party**

"Actually, the Communist Party is NOT a mere political party in the sense that Americans think of the term," Mr. Armstrong wrote. "IT IS A RUTHLESS, TOTAL-ITARIAN DICTATORSHIP. It is run with absolute power by a few men at the top,

#### **Communist Mentors**

There is an additional dimension to this crisis in America: an Antiochus type at the pinnacle of power who is acting like something he is not (request a free copy of my booklet America Under Attack).

Barack Obama was influenced as a youth by Frank Marshall Davis, a card-carrying Communist Party member (article, page 2). "Davis's unflagging support of Stalin's Soviet Union is apparent in a poem he wrote, lovingly titled, 'To the Red Army,'" Paul Kengor wrote. The poem reads, "Smash on victory-eating Red warriors! Drive on, oh mighty people's juggernaut! ... Show the marveling multitudes, Americans, British, all your allied brothers, How strong you are, How great you are, How your young tree of new unity, Planted 25 years ago, Bears today the golden fruit of victory!" (op. cit.).

Anyone who publicly speaks of this crucial aspect of the president's personal history is immediately branded a

racist. But this is the truth!

Davis, Mr. Obama's mentor, harbored a special hatred for Winston Churchill. Davis said, "[T]he only people Churchill gives a rap about are the white people of the British Empire," and that Churchill wanted America to join him in bludgeoning "all other countries into submission." That is a monstrous lie! Churchill was probably the greatest world leader of the 20th century, and the fruits prove it. But after Mr. Obama took office, he got rid of the bust of Winston Churchill in the White House, on loan from Britain. This was a major insult to America's British allies. Apparently the president really believes Davis's teaching against Churchill.

It was Mr. Obama's maternal grandfather, Stanley Dunham, who introduced him to Davis, seeking in "Davis the father figure and role model that Obama lacked at home" (ibid). So he needed a father figure. He also had one in Jeremiah Wright.

Dr. Kengor wrote in his book *The* Communist: Frank Marshall Davis—the Untold Story of Barack Obama's Mentor: "In 1995, an aspiring politician named Barack Obama published an autobiography called Dreams From My Father. There, Obama acknowledged the people who influenced him throughout his life. Among the most prominent influences was the figure that Obama gingerly acknowledged only as 'Frank'"-referring to Frank Marshall Davis, his mentor.

Mr. Obama is *not* the person most people think he is. He has a manufactured persona that he wants you to see.

It is stunning how much and how often the government of this land is exposed for being deceitful. Everything revolves around deceit. Americans have practically come to accept this as a fact of politics today—but it is deeply disturbing and will have dangerous consequences!

#### The Agenda

The leading Republican presidential candidate, Donald Trump, has strongly criticized President Obama for the nuclear deal with Iran and other issues. He said: "The president is just totally inept, UNLESS he has an agenda." Well, let me tell you, he has an agenda—and



WO YEARS AGO, JUSTIN TRUDEAU was asked which nation's type of government he most admired besides Canada's.

His answer: China's.

"You know, there's a level of admiration I actually have for China because their BASIC DICTATORSHIP is allowing them to actually turn their economy around on a dime," he said. "In this world we're competing with countries that have the capacity to react to big issues quickly and completely. We need to make sure that even though we have to compete with them, we can get things done completely" (emphasis added throughout).

According to Justin Trudeau, democracy is frustrating because it doesn't allow prime ministers to do what they want. And now Justin Trudeau is the prime minister.

#### **Democracy's Flaw**

Trudeau's statement gives important insight into how we can expect the second-youngest prime minister in Canadian history to rule. But there is also a far more important and insightful predictor that should not be overlooked.

Trudeau is not the first Canadian prime minister to heap praise on Communist China and its authoritarian leaders. A previous prime minister

swung Canada far to the ideological left. He downplayed the importance of free enterprise and private property rights, and sought to implement his vision of a "just society." He annihilated the role of Christianity in Canada, and he became famous for initiating the multicultural experiment that seeks to turn Canada into an ethnic representation of the world. By the time this man left office, he had taken a virtually debt-free country to the edge of bankruptcy.

This prime minister also invoked Canada's War Measures Act and suspended the Canadian Bill of Rights during peacetime. He claimed the power of censorship and initiated search without warrant and arrest without trial.

He became Canada's third-longest serving leader. And Canada's only dictator.

This man was Justin's father: Pierre Elliot Trudeau.

Almost 30 years ago, the elder Trudeau was asked his views on democracy and communism. He replied that under certain conditions, a one-party state would be the ideal government. "I wouldn't be prepared to think I would be successful in arguing that for Canada at the present time," he said. "BUT SUCH TIMES MIGHT COME, who knows?" To say Pierre Elliot Trudeau admired communism would be an understatement.

A generation ago, the elder Trudeau radically transformed Canada. Now Canadians have elected his son.

As the Chinese say, "Tiger father begets tiger son."

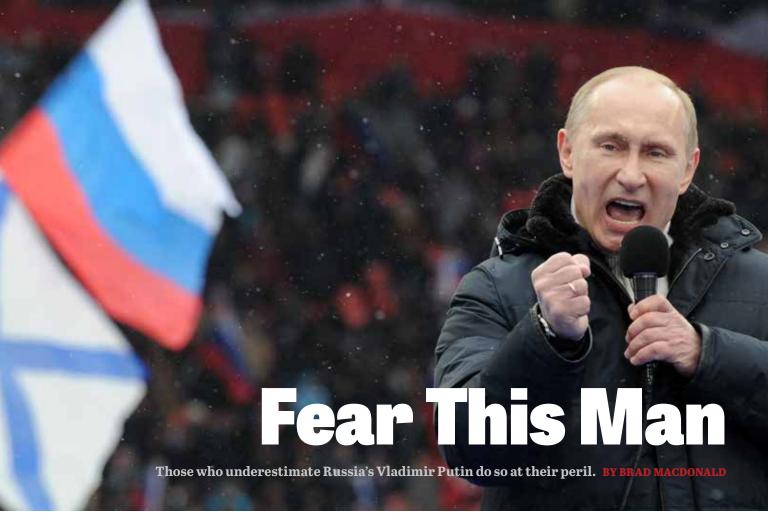
#### **Fascinated With Fascism**

You can trace the elder Trudeau's fascination with the undemocratic back to his educational years. Trudeau attended the prestigious Jesuit Collège Jean-de-Brébeuf in Quebec. During this time, many young men educated at elite Jesuit schools in Quebec became ardent supporters of the clerically influenced dictatorships of the day. University activists admired role models like Francisco Franco in Spain, António de Oliveira Salazar in Portugal, and Marshal Philippe Pétain's Nazi collaborators in France. In his senior year at the college, Trudeau edited the school newspaper, Brébeuf. He denounced Canada's involvement in World War II, railed against conscription, and encouraged students to disobey draft registration. Later, he said he opposed the war because, like most Quebec boys, he "was taught to keep away from imperialistic wars."

Over the next several years he was a man of anti-democratic action. Trudeau joined an underground organization dedicated to overthrowing capitalism, and rioted in the streets with other young would-be revolutionaries. In 1942, young Pierre Trudeau gave a fiery speech in which he called on Canadians to rise up and overthrow the government.

Eventually, in order to avoid general conscription, Trudeau was forced to sign up for officer school. It is unclear how he escaped military duty, but he ultimately left officer school and secured permission to travel to the United States and attend Harvard to study political science and economics. In his entrance exam, he stated a burning desire to become a statesman (Trudeau Transformed: The Shaping of a Statesman 1944-1965).

Following the war's end, Trudeau traveled to Europe where he attended the Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris and the London School of Economics and Political Science—both hotbeds of political activism where students tried to fuse democracy with communism.



N THE WEST, MANY SEE RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin more as a schoolyard bully than a ruthless tyrant. He's mischievous and unfriendly, but his behavior, we tell ourselves, is the result of insecurity. If we ignore him, he'll grow out of it. Many are amused by and even admire Putin's personality and behavior. He is the John Wayne of world politics: decisive, uncompromising and masculine. He is the antithesis of the soft, politically correct Western politician. He's traditional, conservative and pragmatic in a world growing ever more liberal, secular and dangerously idealistic.

But we must not be deceived by Vladimir Putin.

There is ample evidence of what this man is about and what he is capable of more than enough to undermine the naive perspective so many have of him. Many of those who ignore this reality are going to suffer for doing so.

Evil often has a way of seeming attractive and enticing, right before it destroys you.

#### Remembering Ryazan

In 1999, a bout of terrorist attacks occurred in Moscow and other Russian cities. Explosives were planted in cars, apartment complexes and shopping centers. Hundreds of people were killed and many more injured. The country was gripped by fear and anxiety.

It was widely believed the attacks were perpetrated by Chechen rebels. Chechnya is a little sliver of territory in the Caucasus, near the Caspian Sea. After the dissolution of the Soviet Empire, Chechen separatists declared independence. Tension and war have persisted ever since.

Boris Yeltsin, aging and in poor health, was Russia's president that summer and autumn when explosions were terrorizing Russia. In August, Vladimir Putin transitioned from head of the FSB (Russia's Foreign Security Service, successor to the ксв) and became Russia's prime minister, serving under Yeltsin. At the time, Putin was positioning himself to run for president in the 2000 elections.

For a political candidate seeking to make his mark, the devastating explosions rocking Russia were a terrific opportunity. The country was in crisis, and Putin presented himself as tough, decisive, capable. The rest is history: Today he is considered the single most powerful man on Earth.

But to this day, many believe—and evidence indicates—that this opportunity was actually created by the presidential candidate and former KGB agent.

In The Man Without a Face—The Unlikely Rise of Vladimir Putin, Russian journalist Masha Gessen documents multiple examples of Putin's ruthless and calloused personality. In one lengthy section, Gessen probes the foiled bombing of an apartment building on Sept. 22, 1999, in the Russian city of Ryazan.

The attack was thwarted when a local bus driver, returning to his apartment that evening, witnessed two individuals unloading heavy sacks from a car and planting them in the stairwell in the cellar of the apartment building. The man was suspicious and called the



police. The police peered into the sacks, which were labeled "sugar," and saw wires and a clock. They called the bomb squad and quickly evacuated the building. Hundreds of residents, some of whom were disabled, spent hours that night standing in the cold.

The next morning, the whole country was talking about the foiled attack. The interior minister called a press conference on September 24 to reveal that an explosion had been prevented.

But then something odd happened. Half an hour after the interior minister delivered his press conference, the

head of the FSB (a close ally of Putin's) explained in a press conference that the foiled attack was actually an FSB training exercise. Apparently the individuals who planted the sacks were FSB officers, and there were no explosives inside.

Although many believed the story, the math didn't add up. Local police had actually seen the bombs in the sacks. Following the discovery, more than 1,200 police officers had been dispatched to track down the terrorists. Why do that if it was a training exercise? The local chapter of the FSB had no knowledge of the training exercise. Why was Russia's interior minister allowed to make a fool of himself on TV discussing the foiled attack? Eyewitness accounts suggested the car from which the sacks were unloaded belonged to Russian officials. None of the citizens evacuated from their apartments believed it was a training exercise.

Gessen powerfully and logically demolishes the "training exercise" story in her book. But why would the FSB fabricate such a story? BECAUSE

LOCAL AUTHORITIES INVESTIGATING THE FOILED ATTACK WERE FOLLOWING A FACT TRAIL THAT LED DIRECTLY TO THE FSB!

It is also important to note that the bomb squad identified the explosive in the sacks as hexogen, a powerful material commonly used in bombs since World War II. As Gessen notes, the same explosive had been used in some of the other bombings in Mosthat I eventually came to the conclusion that the explosions were organized by the FSB. And this conclusion was based not only on logic—not even so much on logic as on facts. But at the time I did not see those facts ...." He said that the FSB intended to use the explosions "to unite Russians in fear and in a desperate desire for a new, decisive, even aggressive leader who would spare no enemy."

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cow and elsewhere in the weeks prior to the Ryazan bombing. This raised an obvious question: Was Russia's own FSB responsible for some of the other terrorist attacks that actually killed and injured hundreds of Russians? Many believe this is the case.

Gessen explains how initially she couldn't believe the Kremlin would do such a thing to its own people, but after seeing the evidence, she says, "I could now believe the FSB had most likely been behind the deadly bombings that shook Russia and helped make Putin its leader. ... The deadly chain of explosives halted at the same time."

What an amazing coincidence: After the foiled Ryazan attack, the bombings apparently stopped.

Gessen also recounts the investigations of Boris Berezovsky, a rich, influential businessman who helped Putin become president. Berezovsky fell out with Putin soon after Putin took office. Life as an opponent of Putin was dangerous; so, with the Russian government pursuing criminal charges against him, Berezovsky sought political asylum in the United Kingdom. From London, Berezovsky stepped up his effort to expose and oppose Russia's president.

Berezovsky initiated his own investigation into the Ryazan bombing. "I can tell you with absolute sincerity that at the time I was sure it was the Chechens," he told Gessen almost 10 years after the attack. "It was when I came here [London] and started looking back

On March 23, 2013, Berezovsky was found hanged in his home near Ascot. No one knows if Berezovsky killed himself or if one of the multiple attempts on his life was finally successful.

#### **Putin's Career Launch**

The spate of bombings in 1999 was instrumental to Putin's emergence as Russia's president. During his first appearance on Russian television, on the day after the Ryazan incident, Putin told his people: "We will hunt them down. Wherever we find them, we will destroy them. Even if we find them in the toilet. we will rub them out in the outhouse."

This was Putin's first time on television and his message, both in delivery and content, was robust, adamant and, to a nation in crisis, incredibly appealing. "This was the language of a leader who was planning to rule with his fist," Gessen wrote. "These sorts of vulgar statements, often spiced with belowthe-belt humor, would become Putin's signature oratorical device. His popularity began to soar" (emphasis added).

On December 31, with his health ailing and facing enormous pressure from many Russian officials, Boris Yeltsin unexpectedly resigned. Vladimir Putin, the former KGB agent and by this time one of Russia's most recognized and popular politicians—and the apparent solution to Russia's war against Chechen terrorists—became acting president. By the time national elections were held three months later, Putin, having had access to the Kremlin's many

levers of influence, had guaranteed himself victory. He was inaugurated as president on May 7, 2000.

Fifteen years later, he's still there.

#### Reality

In 15 years, Putin has retained not only his power, but also his strategy for victory. Today, much like he did in 1999, Putin manufactures or exaggerates threats to arouse alarm and create anxiety. He then seeks to exploit the fear and anger of his people by presenting himself (and his policies) as the solution. He has done this in Crimea, Ukraine and now Svria.

This is how Vladimir Putin operates. Western leaders need to recognize this reality.

Putin is a cruel, calloused tyrant with an intense determination to emasculate the West—especially America—to expand Russian power, and to establish Russia as the world's leading nation. He has taken Crimea and decimated Ukraine. He is building alliances with the East that are designed to undermine the West. Now he is forging himself as the supreme authority in the Middle East and the linchpin in Mideast politics.

This man wants to be the supreme world authority!

Leaders of the United States and Britain appear willfully blind to the nature of Vladimir Putin. He is not the schoolyard bully with a penchant for creating mischief and occasionally stepping over the line. He is much more than a macho-man caricature who sells himself as a bastion of conservative. traditional values. This man is a killer. He needs to be feared and respected. He is changing the course of history.

#### A man with a mission

Bible prophecy describes a powerful Russian leader in the end times. Is it possible Vladimir Putin will fulfill that role? To get the answer, request our free reprint article "Is Vladimir Putin the Prophesied 'Prince of Rosh'?" or find it online at theTrumpet.com



# **Will Putin Reignite** the Balkans?

How Europe's next crisis could come from what used to be Yugoslavia BY RICHARD PALMER.

■ HE BALKANS HAS BEEN CALLED THE crossroads of Europe. It certainly sits on the crossroads of Europe's crises. These crises have hit the Balkans harder than anywhere else.

Since the euro crisis of 2008, Balkan nations' economies have barely grown. Poverty is up in every country that has been able to measure it. And this is in a region where living standards in some places were at a level you'd expect to find in Africa—even before the crisis hit. In Bosnia, 60 percent of 18-to-30year-olds are unemployed.

This is the region that has also been hit hardest by the immigrant crisis. Hundreds of thousands of people now cross through the Balkans in pursuit of a better life further north in Europe. German Chancellor Angela Merkel has even warned that if Germany shuts its borders, the resulting chaos farther south could spark another Balkan war. Slovenian Prime Minister Miro Cerar gave the same warning.

Now, thanks in part to the actions of Russian President Vladimir Putin, the Balkans is facing another dangerous crisis. This region has long been a flash point between Russia and the empires of Western Europe—most famously in the run-up to World War I.

The Russians and the Serbs have deep cultural and historic ties, with their shared Slavic heritage and orthodox religion. Perhaps more importantly, Serbia lies far to the west of Russia's border with Europe. Since Serbia is not firmly allied with the European Union or NATO, Russia can use its relationship with the Serbs to project power close to the heart of Europe. There are strong geopolitical reasons for Russia to reach out to the Serbs, which is why Moscow has pursued this relationship repeatedly.

Now, Putin is reaching out to Serbia again. Europe is reeling from crisis after crisis, and the next one could very well break out in the Balkans.

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#### **Flash Point**

Both the German and Slovenian leaders have publicly warned about the high risk of a new war in the Balkans. Though they may have political reasons for exaggerating the threat, the idea of a war here is not far-fetched. And they are not the only ones sounding this warning.

Taking a more general view, Stratfor CEO George Friedman says the same tensions that broke out into the Balkan wars of the 1990s, and even earlier, still exist. "The idea that Yugoslavia would abandon the bloodshed of 1912 and 1913 was an illusion," he writes in his book Flashpoints. "Nothing has been settled

more enthusiastic. The people I spoke to who expected war were more grim and determined. I took them more seriously."

In October, Fortune magazine stated, "Pessimists, realists, and even optimists are concerned that Bosnia, at best, is a country divided where former combatants live parallel lives. Without common goals, and common ground, its people and future, smack in the middle of Central Europe, are standing on the breeding ground for more war" (Oct. 6, 2015).

James Lyon, an expert on the Balkans who used to work for the Office of the High Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina, outlined a more specific threat. In October, he wrote an article for Foreign Policy called "Is War About to Break Out in the Balkans?" In it, he warned that the peace agreement signed in 1995 that ended the violence in Bosnia is on the brink of unraveling.

#### Srpska's Independence

That peace deal, known as the Dayton Agreement, split Bosnia and Herzegovina into two parts: the Federation of Bosnia-Herzegovina and the majority Serb Republika Srpska.

Now the Serbs are on their way to declaring independence. Srpska's President Milorad Dodik has announced that a referendum on independence will be held in 2018. "Officials who understand Bosnia's fragility are worried—and with good reason," wrote Lyon.

High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina Valentin Inzko-who is responsible for implementing the Dayton Agreement—warned the United

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within the former Yugoslavia, and the incentives to keep the peace are withering." Speaking of his experience visiting the area, he concludes that the cycle of violence can only continue: "There is the belief of many that if only they were admitted to the European Union, all this would end. It isn't clear why they believe this, but some believe it passionately. Others know that another round is coming. The advocates of the EU were

Nations in September that the nation risks "slid[ing] further toward disintegration," which has "significant international peace and security implications."

It was exactly such a declaration of independence from Croatia that triggered the Balkan wars of the 1990s. Except, when the Croats declared independence, they were considered the good guys, exercising their right to self-determination. The same is true

for the Albanians in Kosovo. But when it is Serbs who want to declare independence, this is suddenly a bad thing, and any ensuing violence will—in the West at least—be blamed on them.

Regardless of blame, a new Balkan war would be a disaster for Europe worse than the euro crisis, the Ukraine crisis or the Syria crisis. Germany estimates that 40 percent of the immigrants who have arrived in Germany are from the Balkans; only 30 percent are from Syria. A new Balkan war would make the current migrant crisis look mild. And that is just one of many consequences another war would bring.

And behind this potentially disastrous situation, with his finger on the trigger, stands Russian President Vladimir Putin.

#### **Behind the Scenes: Russia**

Putin has cultivated strong relations with Dodik, the Serbs in general, and Srpska in particular. While Crimea held its independence referendum, Putin's long-standing foreign minister, Sergei Lavrov, was meeting with Dodik. In September last year, Dodik met with Putin himself, telling the Russian leader, "I am very grateful to you for Russia's assistance, its political support in particular ...." Key Russian companies like Gazprom and Sberbank have been invited into Srpska, under favorable terms.

"There is now even some question as to whether Russia supports the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Bosnia," wrote Lyon.

Directly to the east, in Serbia itself, meetings with Russian officials are even more frequent. Last summer, NPR reported that "Russia is ... waging an active campaign to win hearts and minds in Serbia, with TV networks and radio stations." In October, Serbia held its first military parade in decades. The occasion? Vladimir Putin was visiting.

Putin has a huge amount of influence in Serbia. The Russian president can use that leverage to dial down the tension—or to ignite it. He could throw his wholehearted support behind Dodik and the Srpska independence movement. As we have seen in Ukraine, this man is not afraid to send unmarked Russian troops onto foreign soil and to continue sustained operations there.

On the other hand, if he wants Srpska to tone things down, he can make a hint that he may withdraw some of his support. "By backing Dodik, Putin is able to create substantial problems for the West without needing to invest resources or diplomatic energy," warned Lyon.

What would Putin gain? The chaos such a war would cause for Europe makes it a potent threat. Beyond that, if Russia could help unify Serbs across the region into one state, it would create a new significant power close to the heart of Europe, thus reversing many of the strategic gains Europe made when it broke up Yugoslavia (sidebar). At present, Croatia, with its Adriatic coastline, is part of the EU, and Putin would be incredibly hard-pressed to pry it back out of Europe's hands. Germany's core objective in the Balkans

has been achieved. But a new, united Serbian power would go a long way toward reversing Russia's losses.

In the long term, by supporting a Balkans independence movement, Putin poses a more pernicious, and potentially deadly, threat.

#### **Border Battles**

Europe's borders have been in flux for millennia, but the modern chapter in its history began with the end of World War I. Europe's great internal empires, the Austro-Hungarian Empire, the German Empire, the Ottoman Empire and the Russian Empire had all been defeated and broken up. But what would replace them?

The solution was nationalism and national self-determination. The right of each ethnic group to decide its own destiny was one of the core principles behind the Treaty of Versailles. It sounds great in principle. In the realities of Europe, it was a disaster.

"[V]iolent ethnic nationalism ... both dictated the nature of the Versailles settlement and ensured it would not work," writes historian Paul Johnson in his book Modern Times. "[I]t was in Central and Eastern Europe that the violence and the racial antagonism which provoked it, were most acute, widespread and protracted. A score or more minor wars were fought there in the years 1919-22. They are poorly recorded in Western histories, but they left terrible scars ... which contributed directly to the chronic instability in Europe between the wars. The Versailles Treaty, in seeking to embody the principles of self-determination, actually created more, not

# **How Europe Conquered the Balkans**

Independence from Yugoslavia. Germany and the Vatican stood against the world in recognizing the new state. The United States, Britain and France were dead against it. British officials warned at the time, "Take one look at the map of Yugoslavia, and you realize that, with the sole exception of Slovenia, the nationalities and religions are so enmeshed that there is no peaceful way of breaking Yugoslavia up .... [T]o support independence for the republics is to sanction continuous civil war."

Military and diplomatic historian R. Gerald Hughes noted in *The Postwar Legacy of Appeasement: British Foreign Policy Since 1945*, "In truth, while fearing the further fragmentation of the former Yugoslavia, the British were also alarmed at the possible resurrection of the specter of a German-dominated *Mitteleuropa.*"

Britain and France fought against the German recognition in the UN, only to acquiesce to German pressure. The

war that had already begun in Croatia ripped across the rest of Yugoslavia, and the region descended into chaos—exactly as the British had predicted.

Why was Germany so keen to break up Yugoslavia? It gave Europe the opportunity to expand in the Balkans. But it was also a chance

to push back at Russia. Relations between Yugoslavia and Russia had soured during the Cold War, largely because Russia's geographic position had changed. Russia controlled Europe all the way to East Germany—it had much less need for a forward



Germany's Conquest of the Balkans

base in the Balkans. For the Serbs, Russia's advance had transformed them from a distant power, which could be of some help, to a nearby threat.

Once the Iron Curtain fell, Yugo-slavia once again became a valuable potential ally to Russia. Such an alliance would help Russia project power into Europe much more aggressively. Imagine, for example, the Ukraine crisis—except with an intact Yugoslavia as a Russian ally: It would have been Italy and Austria on the front line, rather than Poland and the Baltics. (Of course,

if Germany had not broken up Yugoslavia, there might not have been a Ukraine crisis.)

It is not difficult to see, then, why Europe was so intent on fracturing Yugoslavia. In the turmoil of the fall of the Soviet Union, the newly unified Germany had the opportunity to neuter this potential Russian ally and took it. Later, also against Russian wishes, Kosovo was broken away from Serbia.

In doing so, however, Germany took a risk. In forcibly split-

ting up Yugoslavia and then prying Kosovo away from Serbia, it broke the most important rule in postwar Europe: no unilateral redrawing of European borders. That precedent has been exploited by Putin in Crimea and could be exploited again.

That rule was followed for almost 50 years for good reason. Once you start questioning Europe's borders, it leads you to some very dark places. And it was exactly those questions Putin raised in Crimea—and is raising again in the Balkans.

RICHARD PALMER

fewer, minorities, and much angrier ones (many were German or Hungarian), armed with far more genuine grievances. ... Every country was landed with either an anguished grievance or an insuperable internal problem."

These problems and grievances provoked what Johnson and his fellow historian Fritz Stern call a "Thirty Years' War," beginning in 1914 and culminating in the most violent clash the world has ever seen.

It's no wonder that after World War II, self-determination was deemed a poor foundation for modern Europe. So a new convention was established. The borders were set and then were to be left alone. They would not be redrawn except by mutual consent. This left many ethnic minorities in other countries, but no one would support their claims for independence or separation for fear of collapsing the entire system on their own heads.

The fact that many of the minorities lived in countries dominated by communism forcibly kept the lid on designs they may have had for insurrection.

And this is how Europe has continued for 70 years. Across the Continent, there are borders that don't make sense—enclaves of one nationality embedded in another nation. Self-determination may have been enshrined in the UN charter and applied around the world in the breakup of colonialism, but the ethnic nationalism it encourages has been deemed too dangerous for Europe.

But this is exactly what Germany unleashed in the Balkans. And it is exactly what Putin has appealed to, both in Crimea, Georgia and now Srpska. By building on this precedent and appealing to ethnic nationalism, Putin is attacking a core pillar of modern Europe.

Others see the threat. Romania, for example, has refused to recognize Kosovo. One of the fault lines that erupted during the interwar years was Transylvania. Here there is a strong Hungarian minority—and in some counties, a Hungarian majority.

Hungarian President Viktor Orbán has even taken some tips from the Putin playbook in supporting Hungarians in Romania. He has made it easy for Hungarians living abroad to gain Hungarian passports. Russia does the

same thing—shortly before it invades "in order to protect Russian citizens." Cyprus, Greece, Spain and Slovakia have all refused to recognize Kosovo as a country—despite strong pressure from Germany—largely out of fear of stoking other separatist or independence movements.

#### The Threat From Putin

By stoking ethnic nationalism in Europe, Putin is playing with fire, and he knows it.

Putin's power in Srpska is a potent threat. And Srpska is not the only unstable region in the Balkans. Macedonia is ruled by a corrupt but pro-Western government, and unrest there is growing.

Each new push for independence undermines this foundation of modern Europe. So far it has not been fatally

probably never be used. That could be part of the reason why there is a growing willingness in Europe, especially in Germany, to play nice with Russia. German Vice Chancellor and Economy Minister Sigmar Gabriel visited Putin in late October, as Stratfor noted in its article "Germany Tests the Waters With Russia." "[T]he meeting suggests that Berlin is looking for ways to modify or even lift the current punitive measures against Moscow," Stratfor wrote (Oct. 29, 2015). Over the past few months we have also witnessed growing ties between Russian and German businesses, especially in the energy industry.

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undermined. But how many independence declarations will it take to start the dominoes falling all across Europe? No one wants to take the risk to find out.

"Since the end of the Cold War, the principle of the inviolability of borders has been violated repeatedly—through the creation of new borders, through the creation of newly freed nationstates, through peaceful divisions and through violent war," wrote Stratfor on June 23. "The principle of stable borders held for the most part until 1991 before undergoing a series of radical shifts that sometimes settled the issue and sometimes left it unresolved. The Europeans welcomed most of these border adjustments, and in one case— Kosovo—Europeans themselves engineered the change."

"Europe's borders have been in flux for some time," Stratfor warned. "That is indeed a matter of concern; historically, unsettled borders in Europe are precursors to war, as we have seen in Yugoslavia, the Caucasus and now Ukraine" (ibid).

The threat Putin poses to Europe in the Balkans is so powerful that it will

Germany's and Russia's interests intertwine in so many areas—the Balkans, Syria, Greece and Cyprus, on energy and on the economy. Germany has very strong incentives to work with Russia. But it also has excellent reason to fear Russia, and to build up its defenses at the same time.

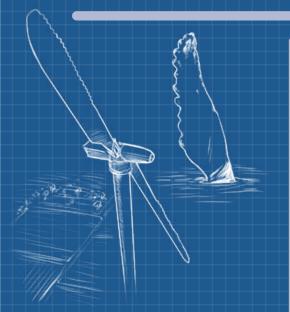
Trumpet editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote that "former Yugoslavia is in fact the first victim of World War III" (June 2002). Russia was weak and divided. Now that it is growing strong, power play between Europe and Russia could again return to the Balkans.

Even if Germany backs away from conflict with Russia over fear of what could happen in the Balkans—as it probably will do—the Germans will still work to reduce Russia's influence in the region and remove this card from Putin's hand.

· For more information on Europe, Russia and the Balkans, read "Putin Remembers Yugoslavia" at theTrumpet.com/go/11526.

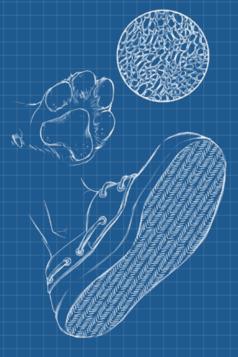
# Biomimicry— Learning From Creation

ankind has long looked to nature in efforts to imitate some of its impeccable designs. Biomimicry is the field where materials, structures and innovation are modeled after things in nature. Every living plant and animal on Earth was created in a unique way. Scientists are baffled at why certain creations are designed as they are, but through biomimicry, they soon learn how incredible and unique each creature is. Advances in technology through biomimicry should not make man praise the creation, but stand in awe and marvel at the great Designer and Architect behind it all.



# **Wind Turbines**

With the rise in environmentalism, many have been looking for alternative sources of energy. One option is wind power. Wind turbines have been developed to operate in high wind speeds, but scientists faced a problem: The blades were ineffective at low speeds. To compensate, scientists tried to increase the angle of the blade to catch the wind; however, this led to the whole turbine stalling. In 2008, Dr. Frank Fish discovered the solution from the most unlikely animal: the humpback whale. For decades, the theory was that the edge of the turbine needed to be straight and smooth for the best effect. However, the humpback whale's fin is covered with bumps called tubercles. When the air flows in the valleys of the bumps, a vortex is created on each side of the tubercles. The vortex creates a steady air stream that prevents stalling. This incredible design decreases drag speed and allows the whale's fin to be tilted at a steeper angle. By replicating the humpback whale's fin on wind turbines, the angle of the blade could be increased by 6 degrees before stalling and increased performance by 40 percent.



# **Boat Shoes**

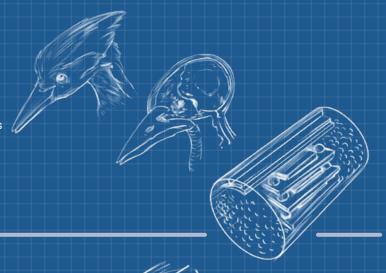
Boat shoes provided a solution for sailors and boatmen who struggled to maintain firm footing on the slippery decks of boats. In the early 1930s, Paul Sperry, an avid sailor, invented the solution by observing his cocker spaniel, Prince. He was amazed by Prince's grip while running across ice. Upon further examination of his dog's paws, he noticed the cracks and grooves on the pads of Prince's feet that formed a herringbone-like pattern, which gave the dog grip. Sperry replicated the design on the soles of shoes, and boat shoes were adopted by sailors and boaters.

# Velcro

From children's shoes to knee braces, from the military to NASA, Velcro has been an essential invention for many modern products. Swiss engineer George de Mestral was inspired by burdock burrs to create this unique fastener. One day in 1941, while hiking in the mountains with his hunting dog, he noticed the burrs caught in his wool hunting pants and his dog's fur coat. He wondered why the burrs clung, and upon examination, he learned that the tiny seeds were covered in hundreds of "hooks" that naturally caught onto the microscopic loops that covered the fur and clothing. Inspired by the burr, de Mestral spent nearly eight years researching to create a synthetic burr he called Velcro.



Flight recorders are able to survive plane crashes all because of woodpeckers. A woodpecker is able to drum on a tree up to 22 times per second at speeds reaching 13 miles per hour. In an average day, it pecks around 12,000 times. A human is left concussed if he experiences 80g (which means accelerating at a speed of 80 times the normal pull of gravity), however, this little bird's head experiences decelerations of 1,200g without getting brain damage. The woodpecker's skull was intricately created to absorb shock and minimize damage. By mimicking this design, scientists were able to create flight recorders to withstand shocks of 1,000g.

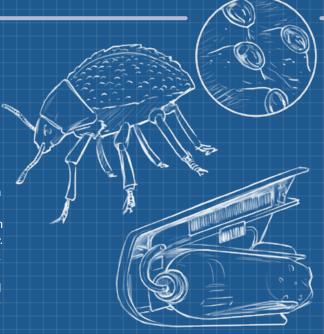


# Shinkansen Bullet Trains

Japan's bullet trains have carried more passengers than any other rail line in the world. However, traveling at 200 miles per hour, the Japanese faced a problem with noise pollution, especially when the train created a sonic boom when going through tunnels. Engineer Eiji Nakatsu used the knowledge he gained from birdwatching to devise a solution. The kingfisher bird is able to dive into water with minimal splashing compared to birds of similar size. Its long, narrow beak allowed it to go from a low-resistance medium to a high-resistance medium, the same scenario that the trains faced when going through a tunnel. By imitating the bird's design, engineers were able to reduce the noise and comply with noise pollution standards.



The Namib Desert is one of the most uninhabitable places on Earth. It is characterized by strong winds ranging from 47 to 62 miles per hour, less than an inch of rainfall a year, and its nocturnal and early morning fogs. However, scientists have developed fog-harvesting techniques from a creature native to the area: the Namib Desert beetle. The beetle harvests the fog droplets, which are smaller than the diameter of a human hair, by collecting them on its back. The surface of the beetle's shell is covered with bumps. The peak of each bump attracts water, while the slope of each bump repels the water. When the droplet's weight exceeds the attraction force, the droplet rolls down into a channel on the beetle's back that leads straight to its mouth. Inspired by the beetle's design, scientists have developed materials that replicate the beetle's shell as well as self-filling water bottles that mimic the beetle.





MERICAN MORALITY IS TRANSforming. Where will it be five years from now? It progressed from the traditional Judeo-Christian family to the non-religious family to the dysfunctional family to the divorced and remarried family to the fornicator to the adulterer to the homosexual/bisexual/ pansexual/transsexual/transgender.

Is that where it ends? Or is there more transformation to come?

One of the few remaining "outcast" deviant sexual groups consists of adults who are sexually attracted to children. Pedophiles who gratify their desires and generate or possess child pornography are criminals, and the overwhelming majority of people in society regard them as perhaps the worst kind of perverts.

It would be impossible for *pedophiles* to win the same acceptance as homosexuals, wouldn't it?

Actually, in the wake of the homosexual/transgender tidal wave, that movement has already begun. Pedophile groups like the North American Man/Boy Love Association already exist. Some mainstream voices are arguing that this sexual practice should no longer be condemned. Some are advocating for the rights of adults who seek to have sex with children.

Don't believe it? Open your eyes.

#### 'Born That Way'

Today's homosexual special interest juggernaut started as a small movement. Not long ago, homosexuals were in the place now occupied by pedophiles. In 2015, this aggressive special interest group got homosexual "marriage" sanctioned by the Supreme Court, got social

media giants celebrating with rainbow hearts and rainbow profile photos, and got the sitting president to pose on the cover of a homosexual magazine.

Is it possible that in five or 10 years, pedophiles will be where homosexuals are now? The wheels are already moving in that direction.

A major argument of the homosexual lobby is that same-sex attraction is genetically determined—that people are born homosexual. They argue that if you say homosexuality is wrong, you are hateful—a bigot who might as well be condemning someone for being born with a different skin color.

Thus, homosexual activists decry any effort to change someone's sexual orientation as morally reprehensible (reprehensible, that is, *if* it is a change *toward* heterosexuality—they never denounce persuading a heterosexual to become homosexual). After all, how can you try to change someone from his genetic destiny? They believe the morally right thing is a full, unrestricted expression of this supposed inborn tendency.

Well, if genetics do determine morality, that notion has some serious implications.

Now, there is another small movement that is growing stronger—a movement that wants to extend this same kind of morality-is-genetic argument to pedophiles.

Michael L. Brown, author of the book A Queer Thing Happened to America, wrote this in the Christian Post: "[S]ome psychiatric leaders who were instrumental in removing homosexuality from the American Psychiatric Association's list of mental disorders in 1973

have been fighting to remove pedophilia as a disorder as well, not to justify the abuse of children but rather to say that being sexually attracted to children is not a mental disorder" (Sept. 28, 2015).

"Many Researchers Taking a Different View of Pedophilia," the Los Angeles Times reported on Jan. 14, 2013. "Pedophilia once was thought to stem from psychological influences early in life. Now, many experts view it as a deep-rooted predisposition that does not change."

"Scientists at the [Center for Mental Health and Addiction in Torontol have uncovered a series of associations that suggest pedophilia has biological roots," the *Times* reported, adding that more and more people are taking the view that pedophilia is "a sexual orientation as immutable as heterosexuality or homosexuality." It quotes a man who was arrested for child pornography saying that a court ordered him to go to therapy. "These people felt they could snuff out the desire, or shame me into denying it existed," he said. "But it's as intrinsic as the next person's heterosexuality."

To anyone who has watched the way homosexuality became mainstream, this line of reasoning should sound very familiar (sidebar).

#### 'I Am Not a Monster'

With pedophilia, however, there is a twist to the argument. It isn't simply, We're born this way, so don't judge us. They also add this: And don't worry we're not a threat to your children.

This is the argument that Todd Nickerson made in a September 21 Salon.com article headlined "I'm a Pedophile, But Not a Monster": "I've been stuck with the most unfortunate of sexual orientations, a preference for a group of people who are legally, morally and psychologically unable to reciprocate my feelings and desires. ... Yet, I'm not the monster you think me to be. I've never touched a child sexually in my life and never will, nor do I use child pornography."

In a related example, the British paper the Independent recently published an article by prominent psychologist Dr. Glenn Wilson. The title: "Not All Pedophiles Are Bad People—We Need to Have a Sense of Proportion." The article reads: "In my studies of

the Pedophile Information Exchange in the 1980s, many members admitted sexual feelings for children which they had been able to contain or turn to social good" (emphasis added throughout). In this man's view, these sexual feelings can actually benefit society. "Some gravitated toward occupations such as schoolteacher or social worker, where they could enjoy the company of children without plotting abuse," he explained. "It is possible to be attracted to children as a sexual orientation without acting upon those desires."

This psychologist told the Telegraph that "pedophilia should be viewed as a type of 'sexual orientation' which is not necessarily acted upon."

Ask yourself: Does the idea that some pedophiles won't necessarily act on their desire to have sex with children comfort you? Would you support a pedophile who wants to be your child's teacher or social worker so he can "enjoy the company of children"? Does it reassure you that "it is possible" to be attracted to children without acting on that?

The Salon.com article was aimed at helping you sympathize with a celibate man who is attracted to children. But even he says that anyone who acts on those feelings is a "monster." The psychologist in Britain says everything is OK because pedophiles probably won't prey on children.

But think about this: If genetics determine morality, then why would it be wrong for a pedophile to gratify his desires?

How does it make sense to label a "born that way" pedophile who fulfills his desires a "monster"—but then to say that a "born that way" homosexual should fulfill his desires and even marry, because he was "born that way"?

Is it possible that by 2020, Todd Nickerson will look bigoted for saying that pedophiles who have sex with children are monsters?

The belief that genetics determines morality has grown common, thanks to efforts to legitimize homosexuality. "God doesn't make mistakes," people say. But as columnist Selwyn Duke wrote, we obviously don't apply the same logic to many birth defects. "[C]left lip, Spina bifida, Down syndrome, club foot, Tay-Sachs disease, and other abnormalities make clear that God's perfection isn't enjoyed by man. And is it logical to consider the brain the one organ immune from this imperfection? Note also that the same psychologists telling us homosexuality is innate also say that psychopaths are born and not made. Now, if some people were born with homicidal instincts, would it be all right for them to commit murder?" (New American, Sept. 28, 2015). Of course not—but that is the logical conclusion of such reasoning.

If it is wrong to condone pedophilia despite someone supposedly being "born with" a predisposition for it, then it is also wrong to justify homosexuality for that reason. You can't have it both ways. Either genetics determines morality or it doesn't.

And the truth is—IT MOST CERTAINLY DOES NOT.

#### Where Does It Stop?

This new wave of activists is trying to get us to sympathize with those who have romantic feelings for children but do not act on them. Do you really think that is ALL they are trying to do? Just to feel compassion for celibate pedophiles? If you think that is where this trend is going to stop, wake up. You know absolutely nothing about this group of people.

Consider the views being expressed in these articles in conjunction with other recent events. Think about the fact that American soldiers in Afghanistan have been ordered to ignore their Afghan "allies" who sexually abuse young boys, even on American military bases—supposedly in the name of "cultural sensitivity." Add to that authorities in Britain ignoring Muslim child sex-trafficking for similar "politically correct" reasons. Add to that the "pedophilia epidemic" in Hollywood, exposed this past summer in the film An Open Secret.

These are people with

enormous social influence in America and worldwide.

Watch the trajectory of what is happening here. The homosexual movement has completely changed modern culture in less than a decade. People now accept and support practices they were utterly opposed to just a few years ago. Now, this deviant sexual movement is tracking in the same direction. To see where pedophiles might be in five years, just look at where triumphant homosexuals are today.

#### 'Successful' Arguments

Michael L. Brown documents the main arguments that have successfully normalized homosexuality and how those same arguments now support the normalization of pedophilia.

Pedophilia is innate and immutable; people are born this way and cannot change.

Pederasty is richly attested to in many different cultures throughout history.

THREE The claim that adult-child sexual relationships cause harm is greatly overstated and often completely inaccurate.

Consensual adult-child sex can actually be beneficial to the child.

Pederasty should not be classified as a mental disorder, since it does not cause distress to the pederast to have these desires and since the pederast can function as a normal, contributing member of society.

Many of the illustrious homosexuals of the past were actually pedophiles.

SEVEN People are against intergenerational intimacy because of antiquated social standards and puritanical sexual phobias.

This is all about love and equality and liberation.

Look again at each of those arguments and replace pedophilia or pederasty with homosexuality. This is exactly the line of reasoning that has successfully normalized and vaunted homosexuals.

Read more about this trend, and why you should be concerned about it, in our free booklet Redefining Family.

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# **Free Yourself From**



Millions are wasting billions on digital entertainment—discover a better way.

BY JAMES BRANDON

IGITAL ENTERTAINMENT IS EVERYwhere. Are you sucked in? Is this distraction robbing you of precious time, productivity and experiences? You can free your mind from this digital addiction: The first step is to see it for what it is. This industry did not exist 50 years ago; yet today, two generations cannot imagine a lifestyle that doesn't include streaming movies, summer blockbusters, social

According to the latest Bureau of Labor Statistics "American Time Use Survey," the most popular

networks, and pocket

supercomputers.

leisure activity in the United States is watching television. The average American over the age of 15 spent about three hours watching TV yesterday. Thanks to the recent explosion of online media streaming, if that same average person is under the age of 24, there's a strong possibility they spent an additional three hours streaming shows or movies online—six hours total. The second most popular leisure activity—socializing with real live humans—came in at an average 43 minutes a day.

According to calculations by Nielsen, a leading global information and measurement company that monitors consumer behavior, in 2014 there were about 294 million Americans watching over 115 million television sets. And even in a market as saturated as this, online media streaming is gaining ground.

Netflix, the biggest name in digital streaming, added another 7 million subscribers in the first three quarters of 2015. The company has over 69 million subscribers worldwide, but

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because of account sharing, the number of people who actually use Netflix is much higher. Add to this the millions who use other streaming services like Hulu and Amazon Prime.

#### **Developing Thumb-Eye Coordination**

But our digital entertainment obsession goes far beyond TV and movies. After growing nearly 10 percent a year for the last six years, the video game industry raked in \$22.4 billion in 2014. An Entertainment Software Association study found that the average U.S. household has some sort of gaming device, that 51

percent of households have a dedicated gaming console (e.g. Xbox, Playstation, Wii), and that most of the households with a dedicated gaming console actually have two of them.

Video games aren't simply a teenage phenomenon: The average age of someone who considers himself a "gamer" is 35 years old, and that average gamer has been playing for about 13 years.

Five video games are sold every second, according to the latest figures. Almost half of the games produced every year are given an E ratingdeemed appropriate for all age groups. Just 14 percent are rated M for Mature. Yet four of the five top-selling games for 2013 were Assassin's Creed IV: Black Flag, Battlefield 4, Call of Duty: Ghosts, and Grand Theft Auto v-all rated Mature ("Content is generally suitable for ages 17 and up. May contain intense violence, blood and gore, sexual content and/or strong language"). The top seller, Grand Theft Auto v, was the biggest release of all time. Not just among games: It was the most profitable entertainment media release ever in the world. It raked in \$1 billion in consumer sales in its first three days on the market.

For the non-traditional gamers with no dedicated gaming console, there's a glut of smartphone gaming apps. Candy Crush Saga generates over \$900,000 in

> earnings per day. Gameplay on mobile devices earned more than \$17 billion in 2014, and expects to make over \$22 billion this year.

The tech is evolving rapidly. We call the computers in our pockets phones, but they have more computing ability than what it took to put mankind on the moon. We wear watches that send texts and e-mails, scan and deposit checks with our tablets, buy coffee with an app on our phones, and edit homemade movies on laptops that weigh less than a book.

Overwhelmed yet?

There are so many ways people simply absorb visual stimulation while physically doing absolutely nothing. New-age tech and the digital entertainment explosion have helped create a

lifestyle where sitting and staring at a screen can be considered a hobby.

#### Fitting In or Standing Out?

Have you sunk into the lifestyle of digital distraction? This is how *most* people are spending their extra time. Are you part of that majority?

In Ephesians 5:15-16, the Apostle Paul exhorted those who follow God to "walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil." The original Greek could be rendered "live your life diligently, not foolishly, but with the wisdom and skill of a craftsman. Buy up the limited and precious amount of time you have, because the age you live in is full of hardships and evil." God inspired His apostle to correct His people on their time management. How you spend your hours is how you spend your life. Do you use your time with the skill of a craftsman? Or do you rub your bleary eyes at midnight and wonder where all the time went?

Glancing through news headlines for a few minutes is enough to make a thinking person concerned about the future of the world and our future individually. Does your spiritual urgency translate to how you physically spend your time? Are you buying up the extra hours, making the most of them? Or are you wasting your life on digital illusions?

Everyone has the same amount of time to use every day. Often, your job or your school dictates how you spend the majority of your daily hours. But what you choose to do with your remaining hours matters—perhaps a lot more than you think. God doesn't command you to do nothing but work and eat and sleep. He wants you to live an abundant, joyful life and enjoy the fruits of your labor. That's exactly why He wants you to use digital entertainment in an extremely wise and limited way.

Resist the easy path. Don't be average. Don't invest your life in a digital fantasy world. Challenge yourself, develop your skills. This is an evil age, and to experience the enjoyment, meaning and purpose for which you were created, you have to switch off the screen and redeem the time.



# Will the Two Chinas **Become One?**

The time when Taiwan will be swallowed is approaching. **BY JEREMIAH JACQUES** 

N NOVEMBER 7, WHEN THE hands of Taiwanese President Ma Ying-jeou and Chinese President Xi Jinping came together for a shake, they stretched across a divide that has separated the two nations for more than 75 years.

The presidential meeting was the first in history for the two countries. It holds deep significance because ties between Taiwan and China have been frosty for as long as the two have existed as separate nations.

#### Where Did Taiwan Come From?

That separation was the result of a bloody civil war between the Communist Party and the ruling party at the time, the Kuomintang. The war raged in mainland China from 1927 until 1950.

By 1949, the Communists had defeated the Kuomintang, forcing

its members to flee to the island of Taiwan. Ever since, China, under the Communist Party, has actively claimed ownership of Taiwan. It views Taiwan as kind of an offshore rebel province and has often vowed to use force to dominate Taiwan. What is less publicized in the Western press is that the Taiwanese likewise claim ownership of mainland China.

For decades, the Taiwanese have lived in fear of invasion from Chinese forces. But this tiny island has stayed independent thanks to military equipment, political support and a promise from an ally that also happens to be a superpower, the United States.

#### A Bold Forecast

But America's support for Taiwanese independence has diminished. In 1998, Bill Clinton became the first American president to publicly oppose



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Taiwanese independence. Trumpet editor in chief Gerald Flurry said it meant it was only a matter of time before Taiwan would come under China's rule.

"The Chinese leaders pressured the president and America to speak against our freedom-loving friends [in Taiwan]," Mr. Flurry wrote. "The people of Taiwan fear for their future. They feel betrayed. ... Once again, America has showcased its broken will to the whole world. ... How could anyone fail to see that Taiwan is destined to become a part of mainland China? These 21 million people are going to 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?" (Trumpet, August 1998).

At the time that was written, the idea of Taiwan becoming assimilated into China may have seemed likely only in the distant future. But not now.

#### Ma Bows to China

Ever since he was elected in 2008. President Ma has made it a high priority to improve Taiwan's relationship with China. That has largely equated to giving in to Beijing.

"The two sides of the Taiwan Strait should not quarrel," Ma said in 2011. "We should instead focus on encouraging and helping each other grow ...."

Many Taiwanese worry about Ma's capitulations to China. Hundreds of thousands have taken to the streets to protest trade deals he has made with China on the grounds that they give Beijing dangerous political leverage over Taiwan.

But in light of America's track record of a weak foreign policy, especially under the Obama administration, Ma's actions are logical. He sees the United

the Chinese. In 2013, President Xi told a Taiwanese government official that, when it comes to accomplishing Beijing's goal of uniting Taiwan with the mainland, "these issues cannot be passed on from generation to generation."

Xi is anxious to bring the "renegade province" under Chinese control, and he too sees that America no longer has the strength of will to defend Taiwan.

Now, Ma has gone so far as to meet with the Chinese president in a deeply symbolic move. Xi said the meeting marked "a new chapter in the crossstrait relationship," adding that the separation "has caused deep pain and regrets to countless families."

In a nod to communism, Xi called Ma "comrade," and said the blood connecting the two sides "is thicker than [the] water" that separates them.

#### And After Ma?

Ma's presidency is scheduled to end on Jan. 16, 2016. And his party may well lose to the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP). When the DPP was previously in power, it took a stance opposite Ma's—aggressively pushing a pro-independence agenda. If it returns to power, it would likely follow the same path, trying to reverse the moves toward China that Ma has made.

"How could anyone fail to see that Taiwan is destined to become a part of mainland China? These 21 million people are going to be forced into the Chinese mold; and it is going to happen for one reason: because of a pitifully weak-willed America."

-GERALD FLURRY, Philadelphia Trumpet, August 1998

States retreating from its role as global stabilizer. He sees America abandoning its allies and kowtowing to its enemies. And he may well have concluded that the U.S.'s security assurances are worthless, and that it is wise to appease China.

Whether or not that is his calculus. Ma's actions have emboldened

Would Beijing tolerate a Taiwan that is less cooperative than it has been under Ma? Likely not. This may be the moment when China reacts and swallows Taiwan. If that happens, as Mr. Flurry said, "it is going to happen for one reason: because of a pitifully weak-willed America."

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organizations espouse full-out Marxist-Leninist philosophy, both attracted some Communist support. In one sense, they were even more dangerous.

In 1995, Illinois State Sen. Alice Palmer endorsed Obama as her preferred successor at a fund-raiser held in the living room of Bill Ayers and his wife, Bernardine Dohrn. Both Ayers and Dohrn were radical Marxist revolutionaries in the Vietnam War era who founded the Weather Underground, a terrorist arm of Students for a Democratic Society. Like Piven, they also thought the Clinton administration to be too right wing, and purposed to force the "outright redistribution of income."

Such a radical leftist approach to economics has increased America's national debt by \$8 trillion during the seven years the Obama administration has been in office. The nation is on the verge of a financial crisis. Some hope that the threat of such a crisis will force people to agree to higher taxes on rich and middle-class Americans.

The real outcome, however, can only be civil unrest and economic collapse.

#### **Radical Worldview**

During and after World War II, the renowned educator and televangelist Herbert W. Armstrong dogmatically proclaimed a warning that Communist philosophy would be the devil's tool to take from America the greatest national and economic blessing ever conferred on any people. Specifically, he predicted that Marxist thinking would sap America's strength, pervert its morals, sabotage its education system, wreck its social structure, destroy its spiritual life, weaken its economic power, and demoralize its armed forces (article, page 6).

Many Americans are scratching their heads these days at the strange economic and foreign-policy decisions being made by the president. Some think these decisions can be chalked up to naïveté; others fear a more diabolical motive. Once you understand the ideological roots of his upbringing, however, the president's decisions begin to make

President Obama is extending a helping hand to traditional enemies of America like Iran and Cuba, because, like

Frank Marshall Davis, he doesn't believe Islamists or Communists pose the greatest threat to world peace. He believes this threat to be "Anglo-American imperialist domination." So, by opposing those that he considers allies of Amer-



ican expansionism, and supporting those he sees as fellow freedom fighters against imperialist domination, he furthers his goal of making the world an equitable place. What other explanation

Americans today are not living in the nation of our fathers.

is there as to why Obama would support popular uprisings against pro-American regimes in Egypt and Libya while ignoring popular uprisings against the anti-American regime in Iran?

Last April, the Communist dictator of Cuba, Raúl Castro, gave a speech at the seventh Summit of the Americas in which he lambasted America for two centuries of imperial aggression. Yet he issued a personal statement absolving President Obama of responsibility for those past actions. Castro noted that Cuba may have acted in "solidarity with other peoples who may be considered terrorists" in the past, but only if you look at it from the viewpoint of "imperialism." Rather than contradict Castro, however, Obama acknowledged that America owed a debt to the rest of the world and issued a promise that Washington would never again meddle in Latin American affairs. Again, like Frank Marshall Davis, Obama seems to view Cuba's suffering not so much as a result of communism, but more as a result of "Anglo-American imperialist domination."

On the domestic front, President Obama has neutered local police forces, knowingly released thousands of convicted criminals onto American streets,

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-Barack Obama

and granted amnesty to millions of illegal immigrants flooding across the southern border. All this sounds like a national security nightmare, but to someone like Frank Marshall Davis, or

> Bill Ayers, or Saul Alinsky, the police are nothing but agents of capitalist corporations devoted to oppressing the pro-

letarian masses. Thus, the police and law-abiding citizens must suffer to make the world a more equitable place for those living a life of lawlessness!

Americans today are not living in the nation of our Founding Fathers, or even of our own fathers. The ideological roots of the current presidential administration are more radical than the public has been led to believe, and it is certain that the devil will use this fact to his advantage. The sad truth is that humanity will have to endure a time of intense suffering due to its own hardheadedness. But the wonderful truth is that this time of suffering immediately precedes the greatest event in history.

This world's systems of government and economics—not just communism but even democracy and capitalism will never bring about good governance, prosperity and equality. However, at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, this world will experience a form of government that will establish these things—a system that only He can implement!

# Will Chancellor Merkel complete her term?

Germany's perception of Chancellor Angela Merkel is changing rapidly. At the beginning of the year, the three-term chancellor was arguably the "most successful politician in the world," in the words of the Financial Times (Oct. 26, 2015). Politically and economically, her leadership dominated Europe. That success further boosted her popularity at



home. But the *Times* writes that "the refugee crisis that has broken over Germany is likely to spell the end of the Merkel era."

"With the country in line to receive more than

a million asylum seekers this year alone, public anxiety is mounting—and so is criticism of Ms. Merkel from within her own party," the Times wrote. "Some of her close political allies acknowledge that it is now distinctly possible that the chancellor will have to leave office, before the next general election in 2017."

Germans who once adored Merkel as mutti are growing disgruntled. The major cause for the change is the way she has handled the refugee crisis hammering Germany right now. Merkel's government has lost control of the situation. Social services are under strain as costs pile up. Violence coming from the far right is on the increase. Politicians in Merkel's own party are panicking.

And all this was before the Paris attacks. Syrian immigrants were deeply implicated in those attacks, yet in the days after the attacks Ms. Merkel made it clear that she would not be changing course. Consequently, the unhappiness is building up even faster.

Elsewhere, the Times wrote that the migrant crisis is even threatening the alliance between Merkel's party, the Christian Democratic Union, and its decades-long ally, the Christian Social Union.

The Spectator's Hans Kundnani wrote on Oct. 29, 2015, that the post-Merkel era is uncertain and said that the new era may see Germany finally throw off its post-World War II guilt. Large numbers of Germans have already turned out in force to protest immigration, and many have even attacked asylum seekers. Germany already leads Europe economically and politically, and many Germans are ready to leave World War II behind. As Bavarian Christian Democrat founder Franz Josef Strauss allegedly once said, "[A] people that has achieved the economic success that we have has a right to hear nothing more about Auschwitz."

It remains to be seen when and how Merkel's chancellorship will end. but the end of the Merkel era will come, and with it a bolder Germany.

#### Iran invited to Syrian talks

HE OBAMA ADMINISTRAtion has invited Iran to international peace talks on Syria in what the Wall Street Journal called a "major shift" in its approach to the conflict (Oct. 27, 2015).

The United States extended the invitation at the behest of Russia, and Iran attended the first round of talks on Oct. 30, 2015. Several other nations attended, including Iran's Arabian archrival, Saudi Arabia.

Less than a decade ago, Iran was a pariah nation on President George W. Bush's "axis of evil," languishing under multinational sanctions for its struggling nuclear program. But now that Iran has concluded a nuclear deal with the West. it has gained legitimacy and clout.



On November 2, Iran's deputy foreign minister, Hossein Amir-Abdollahian, threatened to withdraw from the Syrian talks, saying, "If we assess these meetings [as being] positive, we will take part."

In other words, Iran has its foot in the door and is now pressuring other nations with the threat of walking away—the strategy that earned the Islamic Republic a nuclear deal in the first place.

# How many Germans secretly admire Hitler?

F ADOLF HITLER WERE RESurrected today and walked through Berlin, Düsseldorf or a sleepy German village in rural Bavaria, what would he think of modern Germanyand what would modern Germans think of him?

This is the plot of *Look* Who's Back, a new film released in October in Germany. Based on a bestselling novel by Timur Vermes, the satirical film follows Hitler as he attempts to start a life in modern Germany. As he responds to the modern world and Germans recognize him, he becomes a YouTube sensation and eventually uses his popularity to enter politics. Look Who's Back has been a hit in Germany, making more than \$10 million in its first two weeks and hitting the number one spot for recent releases. The film is also slated for international release.

Commentators—many of whom are Germans, including the film director, David Wnendt-have expressed concern over what this movie has apparently uncovered. Deutsche Welle explained the reception a relatively unknown actor dressed up as Hitler received as he traveled across Germany with the film crew. "Everywhere they went, they got similar reactions: passersby who cheer Hitler on as he drives past, stand upright and make the Hitler salute. Many took photos" (Oct. 9, 2015).

"Most of these people react to the sight of one of the 20th century's vilest leaders

with excitement and amusement," Wnendt told the Washington Post. "They pose for selfies with the feared Nazi leader and perform the famous Hitler salute for him" (Oct. 22, 2015).

In 300 hours of video footage of the Hitler actor conversing with average Germans, there were only two individuals who responded negatively. One, a man in Bavaria, told Hitler, "In the year 2014, if someone comes to the central square in Bayreuth pretending to be Hitler, and if that is tolerated by the general public, then I have to say, this is bad

for Germany ... and if it were up to me, I would have you chased off."

Wnendt, who is German.

said one man told the Hitler actor that African immigrants had caused Germany's IQ to drop by 20 percent. Another complained that foreigners could do whatever they wanted because Germans felt guilt about World War II. "We Germans are not allowed to open our mouths because we still have that stigma," he said. These comments came well



before the current migrant crisis hit Germany.

"It's hard to say just how many people in Germany openly, or behind closed doors, support the NPD [a far-right party with neo-Nazi views] and how many would tell you over a beer that things under Hitler really weren't that bad," Deutsche Welle wrote (op. cit.).

#### **Britain bows to China**

RITISH CHANCELLOR OF **D** the Exchequer George Osborne visited China in late September, saying the two nations should "stick together to make Britain China's best partner in the West. ... No economy in the world is as open to Chinese investment as the UK."

In his speech at the Shanghai Stock Exchange, Osborne inaccurately stated that Britain and China were "two countries whose cultures have done more to shape the world than almost anyone else." He made no mention of the Communist nation's human rights abuses, which Chinese state media noted with praise.

"The chancellor looked as if he was attempting a world record for the longest kowtow in diplomatic

history," wrote the Spectator (Sept. 26, 2015).

Britain's goal is to become China's second-largest trading partner by 2025.

The two countries have signed about 150 deals worth roughly \$46 billion.

Four weeks after Osborne's visit. Chinese President Xi Jinping visited the United Kingdom from October 20-24. British and Chinese officials proclaimed a "golden era" in British-Chinese relations. The Chinese state media called it an "ultraroval welcome."

The wooing comes at a cost. In an effort to court the rising Asian powerhouse,



Britain has had to publicly withdraw support for Tibet and to snub the United States by leading the way for Western nations to join China's Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, a rival to the dollar-dominated global economic system.

Chinese expert Evan Medeiros said, "London is playing a dangerous game of tactical accommodation in the hopes of economic benefits, which could lead to more problems down the line."

#### **Could Russian** submarines sever undersea Internet cables?

RUSSIA'S MILITARY MAY BE developing plans to sever Internet communications during future wars. The New York Times reported on Oct. 25, 2015, that United States military personnel have detected a spike in Russian naval activity near undersea Internet cables. These cables transmit massive amounts of data from one continent to another, allowing the Internet's daily functions to continue. Thousands of miles of communication cables wind across ocean floors. If Russia achieves the capacity to sever these linkages, its targets could be left without data.





# **Putin—savior of Russians**

RUSSIAN PRESIDENT VLAD-imir Putin's approval rating has soared to an alltime high of almost 90 percent. Russian polling agency VTSIOM said on Oct. 22, 2015, that the surge is due primarily to Putin's decision to launch airstrikes against Islamists in Syria.

Then on November 5, Putin won more popularity by vowing to protect the

"interests" of Russian citizens living abroad—especially in countries suffering ongoing crises, such as Libya, Syria and Yemen. He noted that more than 367,000 people have already chosen to "relocate to Russia," including 130,000 from Ukraine, as part of Moscow's "ongoing state assistance program."

Meanwhile, Forbes put Putin in the number one

slot in its 2015 ranking of the world's most powerful people. This marked the third year in a row that the Russian autocrat took the top slot in the widely esteemed ranking system. German Chancellor Angela Merkel moved up three positions from last year to occupy the number two rank. while United States President Barack Obama dropped to number three, the first time a sitting U.S. president has not occupied one

of the top two positions.

Russian citizen Olga Rogachova explained to the *Trumpet* that the people of Russia love Putin mainly because of the unwavering strength of his leadership. "Russia was in need of a strong leader," she said, and Putin, "the hope of [Russia]," made Russians remember that they are "a great nation."

#### China, Japan, South Korea restore ties

hina, Japan and South 2 that they have "completely restored" relations. The announcement came after leaders of the three Asian states met for the first trilateral summit in three years.

Chinese Premier Li Keqiang, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and South Korean President Park Geun-hye attended the landmark summit. They discussed economic deals, their contentious World War II history, and possible ways to neutralize North Korea's nuclear threat.

"All sides shared the view that trilateral cooperation has been completely restored in this meeting," Park said after the summit.

The day before, China and Japan agreed to restart mutual visits of their for-

eign ministers, to resume meetings on the heated topic of developing gas and oil fields in the East China Sea, to hold bilateral



high-level economic dialogues, and to build communication mechanisms between their military forces.



# Six months, six gun-sales records

RECORD NUMBER OF firearm-related background checks were processed in the month of October, making it the sixth consecutive monthly record in a row. The Federal Bureau of Investigation processed 1,976,759 firearm background checks during the month—an astounding 15 percent higher than any previous October.

Every new gun purchase within the United States requires a background check (private sales do not always require checks), meaning the figures give a good indication of the number of guns sold.

When gun sales surged in late 2008, the joke was that President Barack Obama was the "greatest gun salesman of all time." Sales are surging once again, perhaps as Second Amendment advocates and regular Americans fear that Mr. Obama and the next president will further challenge a right that America's founders enumerated for the purpose of checking the power of the federal government.

#### Where racism merges with violent youth culture

GROUP OF YOUNG ACTIVists forced University of Missouri president Tim Wolfe to resign on November 9 after claiming that the university did not do enough to investigate claims that racially charges statements were shouted near the campus.

With bullying and intimidation, these protesters disrupted campus life. They prompted the black members of the school's football team to go on strike.

The Black Lives Matter movement often quotes words from a fugitive cop killer, Assata Shakur, to inspire the masses. The students in Missouri did the same thing, chanting: "It is our duty to fight for our freedom. It is our duty to win. We must love and support each other. We have nothing to lose but our chains." Shakur was convicted of first-degree murder of a police officer before escaping to Cuba; he is one of the FBI's mostwanted domestic terrorists.

Wolfe's resignation marks a major victory for the activists, and the media attention it attracted has spread the frenzy to other universities. "Given the hydra of hysterical campus activism that ... is springing up across the nation," Breitbart News wrote on November 9, "it's hard to know where it will end."



#### Australia rewriting 'familv'

A USTRALIA'S NEW PRIME Turnbull, says the issue of same-sex "marriage" cannot be shelved any longer. Turnbull is not planning a referendum, which would require a majority vote from Australian citizens and from Australian states. Instead, he is planning a plebiscite, proposed for 2017, which requires only a simple majority of votes.

According to Galaxy Research, from 2009-2012, 64 percent of Australians supported giving homosexuals the right to "marry." Of all Australian Christians, 53 percent—including Turnbull—support it. Of those 18 to 24 years of age, 81 percent support it.

#### Federal debt jumps a third of a trillion dollars in one day

IN LATE OCTOBER, HOUSE Republicans and Democrats raised the debt ceiling for United States President Barack Obama. "There's no better Christmas present for the American people," Mr. Obama said on November 2.

Congress has now cleared the way for federal debt to pass \$20 trillion by the end of the president's second term. President



Obama said the new budget deal will be paid for in a "balanced" and "responsible" way, but on the day the

deal was signed, the federal debt jumped \$339 billion—a third of a trillion dollars in one day.

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he is using it to lead this country to ITS DEATH!

Today we see and hear radical left groups chanting, "You can't stop the revolution." Add to that the explosive dynamic of dividing our races. People are preparing themselves for the violent overthrow of the American system!

Notice how viciously they are attacking America's police, the last line of the nation's defense. After that comes violent chaos and anarchy!

radical left, the Communists and those who know how to foment unrest.

This is all part of the left's plan to DESTROY THE POLICE! You can't take over a government and run it unless you get rid of the POLICE who are loyal to the system!

Another question: Why would the president release nearly 200,000 illegal immigrants, a number of whom are rapists, robbers and even killers? Weekly or monthly, some illegal immigrant kills an American citizen. Why would anybody

# They are viciously attacking America's police, the last line of the nation's defense. After that comes violent chaos and anarchy.

Fox News's Greta Van Susteren reported last August on several recent killings of police officers. She showed over 20,000 names etched in stone at the National Law Enforcement Memorial, and she called on the president to come to that memorial and show support to the police officers and their families. Why don't we hear from him? Dozens of policemen are being killed. WHY WON'T THE PRESIDENT SPEAK OUT ABOUT THAT? When one white policeman kills a black thug who was trying to kill him in Ferguson, Missouri, the president creates a furor. But when the police are being gunned down, he won't speak out.

Mr. Obama sent Al Sharpton to Ferguson as his liaison to go after the white policeman even before his trial. In the end, even the attorney general admitted that the policeman was justified in shooting Michael Brown. But still people run around saying, "Hands up! Don't shoot!"

In Baltimore, authorities are working hard to convict policemen involved in the death of Freddie Gray. Yet this man was a drug addict and a dealer with a long criminal record. If these people are truly looking for justice, why are they going after the police?

What will happen when the police are rendered powerless and the military is unprepared? Once the police are handicapped and can't do anything, it won't be long before CITIES BURN (Isaiah 1:7). Even if the demonstrators don't know anything about communism or the radical left, they are still being stirred up by the

want to let those people, who shouldn't even be here, run around and commit crimes—unless there is an AGENDA?

America's foreign policy is also incomprehensible—unless there is an agenda. Just take the example of Egypt. Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi has come out publicly and told Islamic leaders in his country to purge radicalism from their religion! That is true—and it took courage! But how did America respond? Washington cut off all military aid to Sisi! Why would the president do that unless he had an agenda? Something is SICK and diabolical here. Surely we ought to be able to recognize that. Egypt is prophesied in the Bible to align with the Iranian terrorist movement. (Request our free booklet The King of the South.) And the U.S. plays a key role in making it happen!

OF COURSE there is an agenda—and it is bad for America. It is time for the American people to wake up! Or is it already too late? The Prophet Hosea says that we allow ourselves "to be mixed up with foreigners .... Foreigners eat away his strength unknown to him" (Hosea 7:8-9; Moffatt translation). Foreigners are eating away America's strength, yet we don't even realize it because we have forsaken God.

It is amazing how few people will really talk about what is happening. Our people are sick in their reasoning and are faint of heart (Isaiah 1:5). When they see something fearsome, they are afraid to face it!

#### The Real Force Behind Communism

We must know our enemy in order to understand what is going on in America.

Revelation 12:12 reveals that Satan is the one behind it all. The devil is full of wrath, and he has gotten CONTROL of the government of this land! He controls the radical left. The fruits prove it. These people want to bring this system down. They are deceived (verse 9).

Our people don't understand their Bibles as they once did. They don't understand the many scriptures about Satan the devil. He has his agenda against America, and it will prevail.

Look at what God says about this trend through the Prophet Ezekiel: "Make a chain: for the land is full of bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence. Wherefore I will bring the worst of the heathen, and they shall possess their houses: I will also make the pomp of the strong to cease; and their holy places shall be defiled" (Ezekiel 7:23-24). That prophecy is about America (for proof, request our free book *Ezekiel*: The End-Time Prophet).

"The king shall mourn, and the prince shall be clothed with desolation, and the hands of the people of the land shall be troubled: I will do unto them after their way, and according to their deserts will I judge them; and they shall know that I am the Lord" (verse 27). God BLAMES THE PEOPLE FOR THEIR SINS, NOT THE LEADERS! America is full of sins and the whole world sees them! The leader may lead us to destruction, but God blames the PEOPLE.

America's problems are a direct result of America's SINS. No political candidate is going to "make America great again," no matter what people think! I would like to see it happen, but it isn't going to happen in this age. Everyone will come to recognize that truth before much longer! God will make America great again in the World Tomorrow. He is going to solve our problems—in spite of our rebellion. He will SAVE Americaand the world—at Jesus Christ's return, which is what will happen immediately after all these crises climax.

Notice the end of verse 27: All the punishment that is coming upon us is intended to bring people back to God. That is good news: In the end, PEOPLE ARE GOING TO KNOW GOD!

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While in Paris, he proposed a Harvard doctoral thesis on exploring potential areas of reconciliation between Catholicism and communism.

This fascination with communism, fascism, socialism and religion drove Trudeau to the far reaches of the political world.

#### **Firsthand Experience**

Pierre Trudeau traveled to Ghana when Communist Kwame Nkrumah, who characterized himself as the African Lenin, seized control of the country. He also happened to be in Algeria when Communist Ahmed Ben Bella took over. Bella was awarded the prestigious Hero of the Soviet Union decoration for heroic feats in service to the Soviet state. In 1961, just prior to the Bay of Pigs invasion, the U.S. Coast Guard picked up Trudeau attempting to paddle to Cuba from Key West. Trudeau was deported home.

But in 1964, he made it to the Communist island, gaining an audience with Fidel Castro. The two later became close friends. At Trudeau's funeral in 2000, a frail and ailing Fidel made an

unprecedented trip to Canada to be an honorary pallbearer. Justin Trudeau's mother recounted how Castro would get drool marks on his shirts while pacifying the younger Trudeau boys on his shoulder during the family's visits to Cuba. A Canadian ambassador to Cuba said that Pierre Trudeau and Fidel Castro were fast friends and "intellectual soul mates."

Pierre Trudeau had a penchant for studying Communist tactics up close and firsthand. He hated the wars of "Western imperialists," but Communist wars were just fine.

Shortly after the end of World War II, Trudeau visited Communist Yugoslavia. He was in the Middle East during the first Arab-Israeli war in 1948. Approximately a year later, as Communist forces swept through Beijing and Tianjin, and just months before the fall of Shanghai, Trudeau gained entrance to China (Chasing the Dragon in Shanghai: Canada's Early Relations With China, 1858-1952). He would return again in 1960, this time to meet Mao and attend a "victory celebration" (Alan Stang, "How the Communists Took Control," April 1971).

Subsequently, Trudeau co-authored a book that *praised Mao's revolution* for realizing that it had to depend on the poor people for success. Meanwhile, Mao had become one of the biggest mass murderers in history. During his revolution, *45 million* people died.

In 1952, Trudeau was invited to speak at the notorious International Economic Conference in Moscow. In 1953, the United States banned him from entering the U.S., citing him as a Communist agent. But Trudeau's fascination for all things Communist remained even as he began moving up the political ranks.

In 1968, Trudeau was elected prime minister of Canada in an election that focused more on the candidate's good looks and trendy checkered suits than on the issues of the day. The media dubbed his sweep "Trudeaumania." It applauded Trudeau's "just society" rhetoric. Some analysts trace his victory to the momentum gained after arguing that the government has no business in the bedrooms of Canadians. After his election, homosexuality was decriminalized.

In 1970, Trudeau became one of the first Western leaders to recognize the

# Justin Trudeau's Vision for Canada BY ROBERT MORLEY

#### **ON SOCIAL ISSUES**

- 1. Legalize marijuana. Too many people have criminal histories because of arrests for marijuana usage, says Trudeau. He says the justice system is overwhelmed, so he will decriminalize the use of the drug.
- 2. Accept more refugees. Although Canada already accepts more immigrants per capita than any other nation in the world, Trudeau says it should do more. He said he will accept 25,000 more Syrian migrants immediately and find \$250 million annually to care for them.
- 3. Treat descendants of indigenous peoples as a nation equal to Canada. Trudeau has promised them an additional \$2.6 billion and an investigation into how they have been treated in the past by the police.

#### **ON GEOPOLITICS**

**1. Temper Canada's support for Israel.** For the past 10 years, Canada has been a staunch ally of Israel. Trudeau says he

will carry on in this tradition, although he says he will take a more balanced approach and give more weight to Palestinians' concerns.

- ${\bf 2.\,Stop\,combat\,with\,the\,Islamic\,State}.$
- Trudeau has said Canada will end its bombing of Islamic State terrorists in Iraq. Instead, he says he will send more trainers to help Iraqis.
- **3. Reengage with Iran.** The new prime minister says he will seek to reopen an embassy in Iran and invite Iran to do the same in Canada.
- **4. Shrink the military.** Trudeau has pledged to cut military spending; for instance, canceling Canada's plan to purchase the F-35 fighter.

#### ON THE ECONOMY

1. Borrow money. Trudeau was the only candidate who said that he would not balance the budget. He says he will run \$10 billion deficits until 2019 or 2020 when he will then balance the budget, using borrowed money to create

infrastructure jobs, invest in green energy, and stimulate the economy.

- 2. Increase taxes on the wealthy. To help pay for his ambitious projects, Trudeau says he will raise taxes on anyone earning \$200,000 or more per year, and cut taxes for those earning between \$45,000 and \$90,000.
- **3. Increase taxes on businesses.** In one preelection speech, he strongly implied that many small business owners are tax cheats and that business leaders needed to accept tax increases now or be subjected to even bigger tax increases later.
- 4. Adopt the United Nations mandate on climate change. Trudeau has promised to enforce the UN position adopted at the Paris summit in November, which will probably mean curbs on Canada's oil and gas sector and industries that emit carbon dioxide.

Canada looks set to follow in the footsteps of its southern neighbor. For more on what this means for Canada, request *America Under Attack*.

Communist People's Republic of China (to U.S. President Richard Nixon's chagrin). In 1971, he traveled to the Soviet Union to participate in regime-sponsored propaganda activities.

A year earlier, Trudeau had infamously invoked the War Measures Act to combat terrorists in Quebec. He said it was the only way he could act quickly and decisively. He began by ordering the military into Quebec streets to help with policing duties. Broad powers were given to the police to search and arrest without warrant. Many innocent

elected charismatic Liberal leader Justin Trudeau, who promised Canada "sunny ways" and "change." Of the 338 seats up for grabs, the Liberals won 184. The socialist New Democratic Party won 44. The left Bloc Quebecois won 10 seats, and the Greens 1. That left outgoing Prime Minister Stephen Harper's Conservative Party with only 99.

It is a huge swing to the left.

And the Liberals won enough seats that they will not need a coalition to govern. They do not need the support of any of the other parties.

#### "Canadians from all across this great country sent a clear message tonight. It's time for change in this country, my friends, real change." -JUSTIN TRUDEAU, Canada's new prime minister

people—many of whom Trudeau knew personally-were jailed during this time. When a reporter asked how far he would go, he replied, "Just watch me." Eventually, a deal was cut with some of the terrorists, and they were allowed to flee to Cuba. Trudeau wasn't afraid of stretching the boundaries of the law.

In 1981, Trudeau nearly endorsed the Communist takeover of Poland. "If marshal law is a way to avoid civil war. and Soviet intervention, then I cannot say it is all bad," he said just hours after the coup.

#### **Lasting Legacy**

Perhaps Trudeau's most lasting impact is how he shaped Canadians' perception of the United States. The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and much of the rest of the liberal press increasingly portrayed the United States as an evil empire that recklessly risked global war by antagonizing Russia. Americans, he said, were fighting wasteful, exploitive wars and undermining the sovereignty of nations—like Canada that would not support its Cold War plans. Under Trudeau, Canada's closest trading partner, a nation with virtually the same culture and beliefs, became an aggressor to be feared and resisted.

Trudeau the senior left a lasting legacy. And now, his 43-year-old son is kicking off Canada's new Trudeau era.

In October, Canadians emphatically

This has big implications for Canada. Trudeau's party should be able to pass whatever legislation it wants, as long as it can stick together.

So, what do the Liberals want?

#### Canada's Obama

Consider the words and actions of the man they voted for. "Canadians from all across this great country sent a clear message tonight," Trudeau told supporters following his victory: "It's time for change in this country, my friends, real change."

It is a message that recently also played well south of the border in two elections: dreams, hope and change.

Despite Trudeau's father being one of the longest-serving, most famous Canadian politicians, Trudeau was a bit of a political outsider. He too attended a Jesuit school, but instead of spending his youth studying Marxist thinkers like Georges Sorel and Leon Trotsky, his teenage years were spent snowboarding, traveling, and later working toward becoming a substitute math and literature teacher.

It wasn't until 2008 that he first ran and was elected as a member of Parliament, So, like U.S. President Barack Obama, who was a freshman senator when first elected president, Justin Trudeau rose rapidly to prominence.

During the election, Trudeau emphasized his flamboyant streak, something his father played successfully too. He famously took part in a televised celebrity boxing match, in which he convincingly defeated his opponent. He starred in a two-part miniseries about World War 1. He was very open about his bad-boy past, and his illegal drug usage (he says he smoked marijuana during his youth and as a member of Parliament).

Other aspects of Trudeau's background are also reminiscent of President Obama's. Both came from broken families. Both came out of academia and graduated from prestigious universities. Both were teachers. Prior to entering politics, Trudeau became a successful activist. President Obama was a community organizer and activist. Trudeau focused on environmental issues, which President Obama has also embraced.

President Obama is seen as the most feminist president in U.S. history. Trudeau wants to be the most feminist prime minister in Canadian history. "I am a feminist. I'm proud to be a feminist," he tweeted in the lead-up to his election.

Justin Trudeau is Canada's Barack Obama in other ways too. Just as Hollywood supports President Obama, Trudeau's name carries a kind of rockstar status in Canada. Reporters have pondered: Is Trudeau the first Western head of government to have a tattoo? Journalists focus on how good-looking the blue-eyed, "bushy haired" Trudeau is. Where President Obama mixes it up with the likes of Jay Z and Beyoncé, Trudeau has made appearances on various television programs. He also took part in the televised What a Girl Wants Gala, in which he did a somewhat PG-rated striptease to raise funds for medical research.

So where will Trudeau lead Canada? The same direction both his father and President Obama have led their nations.

Here is the thing: Justin Trudeau is a reflection of Canadians' values. Canadians were already headed in the direction Trudeau epitomizes. If they didn't agree with what he stands for, they wouldn't have voted for him. As the saying goes, people get what they deserve, not necessarily what they want. How true that is in Canada—a democracy that is undoing itself, one Trudeau at a time.

# **Your Glorious, God-Given Power**

Are you using it wisely?

OU DO SOMETHING SEVERAL TIMES A DAY THAT drastically affects your life. It alters your health, your education, your job, your reputation, your relationships with other people, and your relationship with God.

I'm talking about making decisions.

Have you ever decided to go out to eat with a group, but then no one will actually choose a restaurant? Have you



ever decided to watch a movie, but then spent more time choosing it than watching it? These are trivial but common examples that reveal a bigger issue many people struggle with: INDECISION.

God requires you to make decisions. This is actually a tremendous power He has given you! He wants you to learn to exercise that power wisely.

God tells you, "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore CHOOSE LIFE, that both thou and thy seed may live" (Deuteronomy 30:19). God doesn't make up your mind for you. He has given you free WILL—and you have to decide.

Making decisions is fundamental to building strong character. In The Incredible Human Potential, Herbert W. Armstrong defined righteous character as "the ability, in a separate entity with free moral agency, to come to the knowledge of the right from the wrong—the true from the false—and to Choose the right, and possess the will to enforce self-discipline to DO the right and resist the wrong. ... The Christian must develop the righteous Character to Choose the right way, and resist the wrong—to discipline the self in the way he ought to go, instead of the way of self-desire and vanity."

Are you learning to exercise this power wisely? Are you developing and practicing your ability to make right decisions? Or do you always hesitate to even *make* a decision and end up just doing what comes easiest? If you are indecisive, you stunt your own character growth. Failure to decide is a decision—usually a bad one.

How do you learn good decision-making? By making decisions. The decisions a person faces early in life are small, and as he or she grows and matures, the importance of those decisions grows. You are ready for life's weightier decisions if you are practicing good decision-making all along. With each small decision, you prepare for greater decisions down the road.

All your day-to-day decisions add up to a lot: how you start your day; what to eat and drink; how you treat your family;



what work you do; how diligent you are at work; the respect you choose to show your boss, co-workers or employees; what you talk about with your peers; whether to exercise, and how; how well you take care of your possessions; what to spend your money on; whether to spend your free time on yourself or on others; how much time and effort to put into prayer; how diligent you are to do Bible study and turn it into action; when to go to bed. You make many decisions EVERY DAY.

Recognize those moments as decisions! Become aware of when you need to make a decision—then exercise your power and seize that opportunity.

Good decisions in the small things can make a tremendous impact in your life. Here are just a few good choices you can make every day: Bounce out of bed when the alarm goes off. Get in prayer before you start the day. Keep your home neat, clean and well organized. Greet each person with a friendly smile instead of a scowl. Learn and practice proper etiquette and social graces. Recognize opportunities to serve those around you. Resist the temptation to gossip and tear down others. Say "no" to the things you shouldn't do and "yes" to the things you should. Keep your word and do what you say you will do, even if it is inconvenient. Guard your health, watch your weight, and limit junk foods. Cut out the late-night Internet use and go to bed when you should.

Do you recognize the POWER you have? It's easy to underestimate the importance of all those decisions—but each one is an opportunity to either build character or break it down.

Decision-making requires action and follow-through (Proverbs 4:25-27). For a decision to work, you have to put it into action! So roll up your sleeves and get to work.

And when you've made a decision, STICK WITH IT. Be disciplined. Don't waffle (James 1:8). If you decide to attend an event, don't back out because you don't feel like it. If you decide you're going to cut sugar out of your diet, don't give in the first time you see a donut. Remember, DECISION is vital to character development. If you don't STICK with your right decisions, you are weakening your character.

God has given you a wonderful power. Recognize it, starting right now. And exercise it purposefully every day!



In the November-December issue, editor in chief Gerald Flurry zeroed in on the migrant crisis and its effect on Europe—Germany in particular, and Germany's next leader specifically (theTrumpet .com/go/13211). As that issue hit mailboxes, AK-47 rounds, grenades and suicide bombs hit Paris on November 13. Now the world is fixated on what France—and German-led Europe—will do to stop radical Islam. The editor in chief was ahead of the curve once again, as some of you noted in your letters.

These are truly exciting times for long-time readers of the *Trumpet* and the *Plain Truth* magazines. The end of the end time is truly here. Get ready for the extremely bumpy ride ahead before Christ's Second Coming leads us all to the extremely smooth and glamorous highway later! Peter Thomas MALAYSIA

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It is interesting to note that so-called "desperate" migrants from Syria and Afghanistan do not move to nearby Russia. They are very selective about which country they want to go to.

#### **Bob Henkelstein**

It's interesting that he also has the name Franz Joseph in his list of names. God clearly pointed Mr. Armstrong in the right direction, and by following that direction and the light he brought to this subject, we are now able to see Mr. Guttenberg clearly.

> Majella Tesoriero **AUSTRALIA**

#### Tide of immigrants

When I visited Bavaria several years ago, I was astonished and yet not that surprised to find out that Bavaria's foreign population was only about 2 percent per our tour guide at that time ("Europe's Old Demons Return," the Trumpet.com/ go/13210). So I can see why Mr. Seehofer is very upset about all these immigrants coming through the border of Austria and Bavaria.

Laureen Robichaud NEW BRUNSWICK, CANADA

#### **Surrounding dangers**

The point of this article ("Cuba: A Threat to America," the Trumpet.com/ go/13217) is to bring attention to the dangers that surround this country. One reason it is so dangerous is that people ... are too easily distracted by their own vanity and desire to be right. It will be hard to do that when America is under attack.

#### **Heather Fuhrman**

Again, an excellent catch! Also, a few years ago, on the 45th anniversary of the assassination, Stratfor had an excellent article on how nothing about the assassin's stay in Russia occurred by chance. ... Evidently, the members of the Warren Commission simply did not want to see or hear any of the multitudes of unsavory facts screaming and shouting at them, at the time of the "inquiry"—just as their modern and current counterparts refuse to see any of the threats and dangers continuously confronting and challenging the U.S. today.

> Daniel R. Renninger **PENNSYLVANIA**

#### **Russia** wins

This is a great, informative, and a prophetic article ("Russia Outmaneuvers the United States in Syria," theTrumpet.com/go/13223). The conclusion is very prophetic about Syria. It points out that Syria is not going to be an ally to either Iran or Russia, but to the rising Holy Roman Empire!

Angelo

It's a shame, but the reality is we have weak, incompetent leadership from the White House to Congress. It's not just one party, it's both.

**Chris Williams** 

#### CORRECTION

In the November-December 2015 issue. we stated that Edmund Stoiber visited Pope Benedict XVI in 2002. This was incorrect. Stoiber's first visit with Pope Benedict occurred in 2005 after Stoiber turned down a cabinet post following the German federal election.

# REESE ZOELLNER/TRUMPET

# **Teaching the** Unteachable

How can you reach the mind of a man who knows no words? BY JEREMIAH JACQUES

lacksquare or the first 27 years of his life, Ildefonso lived in isolation. No, he wasn't in solitary confinement or on a desert island. He was born totally deaf and never even learned that there was such a thing as language.

When Ildefonso was a boy, his Mexican-Indian family wrote him off as unteachable. During his mid-20s, he was taken to a special-needs center in Los Angeles, California. Several teachers tried to educate him, but they also thought he was unteachable.

Then came Susan Schaller.

When Schaller first met Ildefonso, he was sitting in a corner of a classroom. "His face looked like a painting from a Mexican mural with wild black eyes above high cheekbones," she wrote in A Man Without Words.

She approached him, and in sign language, said, "Hello, my name is Susan." Ildefonso looked at her and signed back: "Hello, my name is Susan." Schaller shook her head and signed: "No, I'm Susan." He responded: "No, I'm Susan."

This continued for several minutes. Everything she said, he mimicked. But Schaller was sure she saw intelligence in his eyes. "There was a bewilderment and fear in his look, and something else as well—alertness, intensity and yearning," she wrote.

She soon realized that his mimicking her meant he didn't understand that she was using signs to convey ideas. She realized that he didn't know language existed.

The enormity of this is hard to grasp. For us who use language to formulate every thought and convey every idea, the concept of languagelessness is almost incomprehensible.

Ildefonso didn't know he was deaf or that sound existed. His whole life, he'd seen people's mouths moving. He saw others responding to those movements, but thought everyone else figured it out visually. He thought, I don't get it, so I must be stupid.

Schaller was convinced he wasn't stupid. For hours a day, she would try teaching him signs. For hours a day, he would fail to understand. It went on for weeks.

Although they were only inches apart, Schaller said they might as well have been on different planets. She wondered if he was too old to be helped. Maybe he'd been languageless for too long. She considered giving up.

But she persevered. "I refused to accept the idea of hopelessness," she wrote.

After several fruitless weeks, Schaller had an idea.

She sat Ildefonso on the classroom's edge. Then she placed an empty chair across from herself. She stopped talking to Ildefonso and spoke only to the empty chair. To the chair, she would hold up a picture of a cat, and explain the word cat.

Then she would hop into the other chair and pretend to be Ildefonso. She would pretend to finally understand. With



facial expressions, she would demonstrate: I get it! This motion of the hand is a symbol representing that furry animal!

Schaller went back and forth, playing both student and teacher. Ildefonso watched it all from the sidelines. This continued for days. Ildefonso often looked bored.

One day, as Schaller was signing cat to the invisible Ildefonso for the hundredth time, she saw the actual Ildefonso shift.

"Suddenly, he sat up, straight and rigid, his head back and his chin pointing forward," she wrote. "The whites of his eyes expanded as if in terror."

Ildefonso had broken through! He realized that the idea of a cat in one person's mind could join the idea of a cat in another person's head—just by signing the word cat.

He surveyed the room and understood that everything has a name. He slapped his hands on the table and looked at Schaller. She signed table. He understood. He pointed to the door. She said door. He understood.

After a few minutes of rapid learning, Ildefonso realized what this meant. He collapsed on his desk sobbing. He saw the prison he had lived in for 27 years. He saw that he'd been cut off from society. He understood why he'd always felt so isolated.

It was emotional for student and teacher, but they soldiered on. After the breakthrough, teaching Ildefonso to speak was easy. He was intelligent, eager to learn, and passionate about language.

Schaller saw that her work was done. She left Ildefonso to keep learning with other teachers.

When she visited him five years later, Ildefonso was fluent in American Sign Language, and could read and write English proficiently. She asked him to describe what his world had been like before that breakthrough.

The question unsettled Ildefonso. He said he was incapable of thinking in the dark way he used to. He didn't remember what his thoughts were for those 27 years. He said he couldn't discuss that "dark time."

A rich lesson lies in this story. In most roles in our lives as husbands and wives, as fathers and mothers, as siblings, friends, employees—we will be more valuable if we are more effective teachers. Sometimes those whom we teach might have major barriers to learning, and we as teachers may need to dismantle those barriers.

We will often need phenomenal drive, patience, resourcefulness and perseverance, like Schaller had with Ildefonso. If we use these tools, we will be better able to enrich the lives of others. We might even be able to teach the unteachable.

#### ► PARIS FROM PAGE1

Guttenberg is also directing his criticism at European leaders. He has said none of these leaders are willing to sacrifice their jobs to save their country. I have to believe that the Germans are going to *love* what they hear from him, especially after the catastrophe that filled Paris's streets with blood.

Even before November 13, Germans and Europeans like the constituents of France's National Front have been angry about the number of foreign asylum-seekers flowing into Europe. Chancellor Merkel has staked out a very unpopular position on accepting these people, and there is a backlash among German voters. I guarantee you from Bible prophecy that this backlash will intensify.

Even politicians inside Merkel's own party are criticizing the chancellor, and some of HER CLOSE POLITICAL ALLIES SAY MERKEL MAY HAVE TO LEAVE OFFICE BEFORE THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION IN 2017. That is quite a turnaround for the woman who was one of the most popular politicians in the world just a few months ago. And it has occurred largely because of this clash between Europe and the Middle East.

Edmund Stoiber is also attacking Merkel over the immigration situation. His party is part of her governing coalition, and he mentored Guttenberg. Stoiber commented recently about the government's handling of immigrants; Focus Online reported, "In his opinion, it is unacceptable that the federal government does not know at this very moment who is coming to us and how many. The German state does not only need to know the state's territory, it also needs to know the state's people and everything that belongs to it" (Oct. 10, 2015).

That message is really going to resonate with the German people after what just happened in France, and what very well might happen in Germany soon. These terrorists have people willing to blow themselves up to push against Europe. Who is safe? If they're willing to kill themselves that way, how can you stop them?

These dramatic events show that we live in shocking times. But amazingly, they prove that the Bible's prophecies are right! The Bible prophesies that Europe will condense into a union of 10 kings following a fierce leader (Daniel 8) backed by the Vatican, and that this superpower will strike radical Islam. It will be like a boiling pot that overflows not only onto the Middle East, but onto Britain, America and Israel as well (Jeremiah 1:13-14).

Events in Europe are hurtling toward this disaster every day! Even after the headlines about the November 13 attacks have died down, keep watching Europe.

#### Clash of civilizations

Radical Islam is pushing at Europe and it's leading to a violent war prophesied in the Bible. To learn about that prophecy, request our free booklet The King of the South at the Trumpet.com.





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



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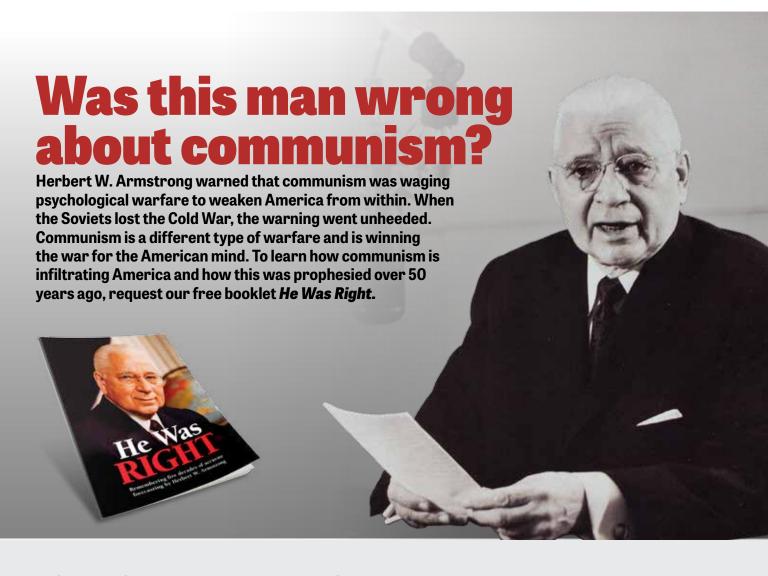
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