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FROM THE EDITOR GERALD FLURRY

# World's Greatest Danger: Germany Domineers Over Europe Again!

Germany has the bloodiest history of any nation when it comes to starting wars. Now it is leading Europe again. Let the world beware!

**A**DOLF HITLER DIDN'T CONSIDER HIS NATIONAL SOCIALIST party a movement; he thought of it as a *religion*. He saw himself as a religious leader. He was motivated and inspired by his evil god.

The Nazis had a colossal assembly hall, and they called it a hall of *worship*. Nazism was an extreme cult worship in a way. Hitler said he followed the Jesuit order, the part of the Catholic leadership that expresses fierce allegiance to the pope; he patterned the elite SS after that. It was a religion. It was, in fact, the Holy Roman Empire.

Pope Pius XI subscribed to the same principles. These two men formed quite a church-state relationship. This was proved in 1933 when the Vatican and Hitler signed a concordat: "The church agreed to keep priests and religion out of politics while Hitler, among other things, granted complete freedom to confessional schools throughout the country, a notable victory for German Catholics," wrote John Toland in his book *Adolf Hitler*. "The Vatican was so appreciative of being recognized as a full partner that it asked God to bless the Reich. On a more practical level, it ordered German bishops to swear allegiance to the National Socialist regime. The new oath concluded with these significant words: 'In the performance of my spiritual office and in my solicitude for the welfare and the interest of the German Reich, I will endeavor to avoid all detrimental acts which might endanger it'" (emphasis added throughout).

This is history you would think people would never want to forget! It's right there in the history books for everyone to see. But few pay any attention to it. They think it is all in the past. But it isn't, really. The worst is yet to come, if you look at it prophetically.

One million Jews were killed in Auschwitz! Seven hundred and fifty thousand Jews died in Treblinka. Over half a million perished in Belzec; 200,000 were murdered in Sobibór, and another 200,000 in Chelmno and Lublin. All told, 50 to 60 million people died in World War II.

This is what the Holy Roman Empire is all about: destroying people. Above all, it is a machine of destruction! That is what it is famous for.

This is pretty recent history. We need to understand that—because it's only a small forerunner of what is about to spring upon us.

## A Warning Ignored!

Thursday, July 21, was a historic and powerfully prophetic day. I would imagine that almost 100 percent of Americans were totally unaware of it. They were wrapped up in discussion over the debt ceiling—and yet they don't even realize what that means. It means America is finished, but they won't look at it that way.

None of us would understand the historic and prophetic significance of July 21 if not for the Bible's prophecies revealed through a man named Herbert W. Armstrong. God sent a message through



this man to warn the world of what was coming—yet few listened. Now the world is on the threshold of World War III, and we are trumpeting that same warning as loudly as we possibly can.

Back in 1945, at the conclusion of World War II and during the inaugural session of the United Nations, Mr. Armstrong said to his radio program listeners, "The war is over in Europe. Or is it? We need to wake up and realize that right now is the most dangerous moment in United States national history, instead of assuming we now have peace." What this man warned about over 65 years ago is exactly what this world is coming face to face with today, though people are very ignorant about it.

"Men plan here to preserve the peace of the world," he continued. "What most do not know is that the Germans have *their* plans for winning the battle of the peace. Yes, I said BATTLE of the peace. That's a kind of battle we Americans don't know. We know only one kind of war. We have never lost a war—that is, a military war—but we have never won a conference, where leaders of other nations outfox us in the battle for the peace. We don't understand German *thoroughness*. From the very START of World War II they have considered the possibility of losing this second round, as they did the first—and they have carefully, methodically *planned* in such eventuality the third round, World War III!" This was really a warning *from God*—yet people laughed and scoffed.

"Hitler has lost. This round of war, in Europe, is over, and

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the Nazis have now gone *underground*," he said. "In France and Norway they learned how effectively an organized *underground* can hamper occupation and control of a country. Paris was liberated by the French underground, and Allied armies. Now a Nazi underground is methodically planned. They plan to COME BACK and to WIN on the third try" (May 9, 1945).

Today's headlines PROVE THAT MR. ARMSTRONG WAS EXACTLY RIGHT. What happened on July 21 was a GIANT STEP toward fulfilling that prophecy!

Some years later, in the June 1952 *Plain Truth*, Mr. Armstrong wrote, "The United States is determined now to let nothing stand in the way of building up a rearmed independent Germany. This will be the heart and core of the united Europe, and that will revive the Roman Empire."

The February 1957 issue reminded readers, "Even during World War II, while Allied bombers were busily pounding Germany to a shattered, bleak pile of rubble, Mr. Armstrong was warning his listeners and readers that Germany was

going to rise again!” He was *ridiculed* for those warnings: People thought the world would *never* let Germany do such a thing. Winston Churchill and Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an agreement saying, “It is our inflexible purpose to destroy German militarism and Nazism and TO ENSURE GERMANY WILL NEVER AGAIN BE ABLE TO DISTURB THE PEACE OF THE WORLD.” Germany has the worst history of any nation when it comes to starting wars! Have we forgotten that it started World Wars I and II?

But what is happening today? How much do you know about what’s happening in Europe right now?

In a letter to *Plain Truth* readers on July 24, 1983, Mr. Armstrong wrote, “The very first issue of the *Plain Truth* magazine appeared February 1934—just 50 years ago lacking about six months. The article starting on the cover page warned of a coming sudden appearance of a resurrected ‘Holy Roman Empire’ in Europe—a union of 10 nations in Europe under one government, with one united military force. For 50 years I have been crying out to the world the Bible prophecies of this coming ‘United States of Europe’—a new united superpower perhaps more powerful than either the Soviet Union or the United States!”

In 1984, nearly 30 years ago, Mr. Armstrong explained to his readers exactly how Europe would unite. A global financial crisis could erupt, he wrote, which “could suddenly result in triggering European nations to unite as a new world power larger than either the Soviet Union or the U.S.”

On July 21 this year, a giant part of that financial crisis erupted.

## What Happened on July 21?

The July 21 edition of the *Telegraph* featured this headline by that newspaper’s chief political commentator, Peter Osborne: “THE EURO CRISIS WILL GIVE GERMANY THE EMPIRE IT’S ALWAYS DREAMED OF.”

That stunned me when I read it. Germany has been dreaming all this time of having an EMPIRE again—the HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE! MR. ARMSTRONG WARNED ABOUT THIS FOR 50 YEARS! SO MANY PEOPLE RIDICULED HIM—but today’s headlines say EXACTLY what he warned about!

I have to tell you, this sends a few *chills* through my body—because I KNOW WHAT IS COMING! I know what the Bible’s prophecies say! The suffering of World War II was *nothing* compared to what is about to descend on this world very soon—PROBABLY IN LESS THAN FIVE YEARS!

Mr. Osborne was commenting on a eurozone meeting in Brussels that took place on July 21. Many observers thought it was just another meeting. Some economists thought European leaders just kicked the can down the road once again. But the truth is that Europe’s leaders made several important long-term decisions that catapult the continent toward becoming a European superstate!

Osborne wrote, “IT IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO OVERESTIMATE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE DECISION WHICH EUROPEAN LEADERS SEEMED LAST NIGHT TO BE REACHING.” That sounds like he understands the prophecies Mr. Armstrong talked about! There *are* quite a number of people out there who do—but they don’t want to talk about it!

THIS IS the Holy Roman Empire that Mr. Armstrong prophesied of so many times! It is *proof* that those prophecies did not come from a man. The *God* who gave him that prophetic understanding LIVES! Mr. Armstrong has been dead for over 25 years—but HIS GOD LIVES ON, and everything He said through Mr. Armstrong in those prophecies is coming to pass IN DETAIL!

Even German Chancellor Angela Merkel, a lady not prone to exaggeration or speaking in dramatic terms,



**BIG NEWS** Chancellor Merkel arrives in Brussels for the EU summit, an event most people have overlooked.

announced, “THIS IS A HISTORIC DAY.”

Osborne continued, “By authorizing a huge expansion in the bailout fund that is propping up the EU’s peripheral members (largely in order to stop the contagion spreading to Italy and Spain), THE EUROZONE HAS TAKEN THE DECISIVE STEP TO BECOME A FISCAL UNION.”

What does that mean? Well, if the eurozone becomes a *fiscal union*, SOMEBODY must have the POLITICAL POWER to make it work! And whom do you suppose it will be? GERMANY. THE GERMANS JUST PUSHED THEMSELVES INTO DOMINEERING OVER THE EUROPEAN UNION. *Germany* has the economic might and the political will to do what it feels must be done, and nobody else does. *Whoever controls the money controls the empire.*

The eurozone leaders’ decision turns the bailout mechanism into a “European Monetary Fund,” and even the prototype of a European treasury. The fund will now be allowed to help out Spain and Italy without those nations having to submit to a formal bailout. It will also be allowed to buy government debt from banks and investors.

IN ESSENCE, IT SUBJUGATES SOUTHERN EUROPE TO GERMANY!

Osborne explained, “Their economic sovereignty has been obliterated; *they face a future as vassal states* [or, you could say, SLAVE STATES], their role reduced to the one enjoyed by the European colonies of the 19th and early 20th centuries. They will provide cheap labor, raw materials, agricultural produce and a ready market for the manufactured goods and services provided by the far more productive and efficient northern Europeans.”

Germany is now telling these countries how to run their business. These countries are not democratic anymore. Germany is calling the shots.

“It is important to understand that the crisis is not fundamentally about Greece or even about the indebtedness of the entire currency bloc,” wrote Marko Papić. “[T]he real crisis is the more fundamental question of *how the European continent is to be ruled in the 21st century*” (Stratfor, June 28). How true that is! And as has become clear, it is to be ruled *by Germany!*

“For all practical purposes, THE NEXT CHAPTER OF HISTORY



## “The Europe that was a cage for Germany is no more.”

—PETER ZEIHAN AND MARKO PAPIC, STRATFOR

HAS NOW OPENED IN EUROPE,” wrote Peter Zeihan and Marko Papic for Stratfor on July 26. “Regardless of intentions, Germany has just experienced an important development in its ability to influence fellow EU member states—particularly those experiencing financial troubles. IT CAN NOW EASILY USURP HUGE AMOUNTS OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY. Rather than *constraining* Germany’s geopolitical

potential, *the European Union now enhances it*; GERMANY IS ON THE VERGE OF ONCE AGAIN BECOMING A GREAT POWER. ... Germany’s reemergence does force a RADICAL RETHINKING of the European and Eurasian architectures.”

“Yesterday’s witching hour of the European Union means that Germany has come very close to realizing Bismarck’s dream of an economic empire stretching from central Europe to the eastern Mediterranean,” Osborne wrote. And that is very similar to what Hitler was striving for as well.

This was a giant-size leap into what we have come to know as the Holy Roman Empire. And it is almost totally controlled by the very people who tried to obliterate the Jewish race and killed 6 million of them in World War II! People say we shouldn’t talk about such things—that those horrible events are in the past, and we don’t want to give the Germans or the Vatican a guilt complex. They want to pretend the truth doesn’t exist.

But it does! This is the power that is rising before us! Mr. Armstrong warned it would happen. He prophesied that Europe would consist of 10 kings, dominated by one king, helped by a great universal church. Today there are 27 nations in the European Union, and they’re beginning to morph into 10 kings already—and are about to gain unprecedented power!

### ‘Be He God or the Devil’

“It was always obvious to anyone with an ounce of discernment that a single currency would fail in the absence of political union.” These words were written on July 20 by a man with the pseudonym Archbishop Cranmer; he runs the sixth-most influential independent political blog in the UK.

So—that currency is on the verge of failure, and in order to rescue it, Europe is about to have a full political union. Who will lead it? Everyone is looking to Germany, in spite of that nation’s history. I am not saying this to condemn the Germans, because the prophecies say that *God* is doing this work *through them*. But

they have a history of starting wars time and time again, and prophecy tells us they will do so one more time. Then comes the best news this world could ever hear!

“When we hear talk of ‘German destiny,’ we are talking about the self-perceived divine mission to preside over a unified Europe, achievable through a DOMINATING German state,” Cranmer wrote. He is right. The Nazis talked about that plan over and over, and here it is. Now they have it, and they’ve gotten it through what most people would call peaceful means.

Cranmer continued, “Such a notion of ‘destiny’ or ‘divine right’ was also in the mind of Kaiser Wilhelm II, when he said: ‘[A]fter the elimination of the British and the Jews ... the result will be a United States of Europe. The hand of God is creating a new world: a United States of Europe under German leadership.’” They think they are the chosen people!

“Former German Chancellor Helmut Kohl for many years declared his dissatisfaction with a common market of independent states, and believed it was German ‘destiny’ not merely to lead a European union, but to DOMINATE IT”—in true Holy Roman Empire tradition! “Another former chancellor of Germany, Konrad Adenauer [who came to power right after Germany’s defeat in World War II], declared: ‘GERMANY HAS A DIVINE MISSION TO SAVE WESTERN EUROPE.’” Did Germany save Western Europe in World War II? Is that what it was doing in those concentration camps all over the Continent?

“Since the era of Charlemagne, the notion of a ‘German destiny’ has been deeply ingrained in the national psyche,” Cranmer wrote. They believe they have a DIVINE RIGHT and that GOD HAS APPOINTED THEM TO RULE EUROPE AND EVEN THE WORLD—and they’re ready to take on the job! And repeatedly throughout history, they have shown that if you don’t believe in God the way *they* believe in God, they think they need to kill you! Isn’t that what they have done time and time again?

What Europe needs most of all right now is STRONG LEADERSHIP. Cranmer concluded his blog entry, “[W]e await the man of sufficient stature to hold the allegiance of all people; the one who will lift us out of the economic morass in which we are sinking. Send us such a man and, BE HE GOD OR THE DEVIL, WE WILL RECEIVE HIM. ... And so the plan will be perfected: the ‘Germanization of Europe’ will be complete; her ‘destiny’ fulfilled.”

We have often written about how Germany is waiting for a strongman. But these events show that *all of Europe* is waiting for some kind of a strongman to make this system work. They must have somebody with real authority.

“The broader concern” in Europe, warned Jim O’Neill, chairman of Goldman Sachs Asset Management, is that “we are still waiting for some sort of true leadership out of Europe.” Even people *in America* are waiting for that!

As Greece, Ireland, Portugal and now Italy wobble, Europe is realizing that it must take drastic and far-reaching measures, which require active, DECISIVE, STREAMLINED LEADERSHIP. That aligns perfectly with Germany’s thinking.

“[I]n attempting to quell the economic crisis, policymakers may only have succeeded in creating an almighty political one,” Jeremy Warner wrote in the *Telegraph* (July 21). Of course that is



what they have done. It's prophesied. "Despite the compromises won from reluctant political leaders, this crisis is far from over," Warner wrote. What does that mean? It becomes increasingly clear as you look into this. We are seeing how a strongman is going to come on the scene very soon—a man prophesied in Daniel 8, Habakkuk 1, Isaiah 10, Daniel 11, and other scriptures.

THEY NEED A STRONGMAN. The power is already there, and Germany is directing nearly everything—though people won't admit it. But the leadership they have now simply isn't up to the job. The Europe project can't really move forward until they have a strongman with the power to make it happen! ONCE HE GETS IN THERE, HE WILL BE THE MOST DESTRUCTIVE LEADER IN HUMAN HISTORY!

### Where Is the Man?

Right now, Germans are upset, and Chancellor Merkel is walking a rough road. Before the July 21 meeting, she told people not to expect a spectacular step, but just a "controlled process of gradual steps and measures." Ambrose Evans-Pritchard wrote in the *Telegraph*, "Given the simmering wrath from top to bottom of



**WORTH THE RISK?**  
Europeans are now calling for a strongman, "be he God or the devil." Such leaders have dominated Europe before, plunging it into world war and horrific Holocaust.

German society, it may be impossible for her to do much more" (July 19). The Germans are angry that their taxes went to pay off the debt for the Greeks. They see the economic crisis in Europe and they're getting anxious and afraid.

Every time the German mindset becomes that way, they want a strongman to lead them!

This is exactly what happened before World War II. The German economy had runaway inflation; it took a wheelbarrow full of money to buy a loaf of bread. They all wanted someone to solve the crisis—and in stepped Adolf Hitler. The same thing happened with the Kaiser in World War I.

But people say not to worry. *Don't worry about what the Germans did in 1870, or World War I, or World War II, or repeatedly over the centuries. We've got to get this economy straightened out!*

The German people are upset, and if this crisis doesn't end soon—and it won't—Merkel is probably going to go, perhaps even this year. "Above her head hangs a sword of Damocles, a ruling by her constitutional court in September that may curb or even block German participation in the EU's rescue machinery," Evans-Pritchard wrote. That would *really*

throw things into chaos! Yet it probably will happen, and that may be the beginning of the end of Angela Merkel—and the beginning of the strongman coming on the scene to get things under control.

On July 12, Evans-Pritchard wrote about the overarching structural question that Europe's economic crisis poses: "The implications of this are profound. Germany must now be willing either to buy or guarantee Spanish and Italian debt, and in doing so to cross the Rubicon to fiscal and political union, or accept that [European Monetary Union] must break up with calamitous consequences for German foreign policy. *Large matters, beyond the intellectual vision of Germany's current leaders.*" That is putting it bluntly. None of the current leaders have the intellectual power and strength of character to do the job! Of course the Germans can see that.

Where is that man? They're looking and waiting for him! And we think we know who he is.

Once this man comes on the scene, the world is going to be deceived, and then shocked, frightened and brutalized by him!

On July 21, Germany crossed the Rubicon. There is no looking back. It is committed. The Holy Roman Empire is here! All they're waiting for now is a strongman to whip everybody into line financially, politically and militarily—and the Holy Roman Empire is in business ONCE AGAIN, for the final time!

### A Mind Change

The Prophet Daniel said this of the coming strongman: "And in his estate shall stand up a vile person, to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries" (Daniel 11:21). He's not even going to be voted in, but he's coming into power! And he's doing it because God wants to correct the modern nations of Israel—chiefly the United States and Britain (this is proven in our free book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*).

In Habakkuk 1:6 God says, "For, lo, I raise up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation, which shall march through the breadth of the land, to possess the dwellingplaces that are not theirs." God is going to bring the Chaldeans, or the Holy Roman Empire, into the

U.S. and into Britain and into the Jewish state called Israel today, in order to correct them for their evil! Verses 7 and 8 describe what a fearsome war-making machine they are, "terrible and dreadful." Just look at the concentration camps to see how true that is!

Verse 11 says of the strongman leading this empire, "Then shall his MIND CHANGE, and he shall pass over, and offend, imputing this his power unto his god." Isaiah 10:7 tells the same story: "Howbeit he meaneth not so, neither doth his heart think so; but it is in his heart to DESTROY AND CUT OFF NATIONS NOT A FEW." There will come a point when this man will realize what power he really has, and he will probably become possessed by the devil—and his mind will *change!*

The devil LOVES concentration camps! He LOVES to see humanity suffer! He hates the exalted potential God has given human beings, who are made in His likeness and image. The devil doesn't want human beings to rule as God intended. He is going to seize this opportunity and annihilate as many people as he possibly can—especially Jews and the descendants of the Israelites!

"O mighty God, thou hast established them [the Germans]



# Greece: Now a German Vassal State

Greece has been conquered just as surely as if by invasion. More European nations are certain to follow. **BY RON FRASER**

**"T**HE ECONOMIC CRISIS IN Greece is the most important thing to have happened in Europe since the Balkan wars," one observer wrote in *London Review of Books* on July 14.

War can be cultural, economic or military in its strategy, but the goal is the same: the conquering of the state that is the object of the aggressor.

A lot of publicity has been given to the economic sins of Greece, with the Greek people receiving much of the blame. Yet the reality is that *this nation has been CONQUERED by deliberate strategy.*

Back in early 2009, when the masses were rioting in Athens to protest perceived government mishandling of their economy, our editor in chief headlined a leading article in the February 2009 *Trumpet*, "Did the Holy Roman Empire Plan the Greek Crisis?" In that article, Gerald Flurry wrote, "The Greek government can do little to fix the nation's economy .... There is no way out—and, according to some analysts, *it was designed from the beginning to become that way.* Those analysts agree with the brutal facts unfolding in Europe" (emphasis added throughout).

Those "brutal facts" are revealed in Bernard Connolly's riveting account of

the behind-the-scenes imperial strategies of European elites. In his book *The Rotten Heart of Europe*, Connolly recounts his direct, personal observations of the machinery of the European Monetary Union (EMU) in action, its motive and its means. His conclusion, since validated by the EU's dealings most especially with Greece, is that *EMU was deliberately created to provoke a financial crisis in Europe as a means for the elites of Europe, specifically Germany, to gain power over EU member nations.*

Greece is only the first case. A number of EU member nations are about to be reduced to vassal states, yielding their sovereignty to a single, centralized imperialist authority. They will have to hand over control of their economies to that overarching authority. In the process, they will lose control of major strategic assets—indeed, of whole *national economies.*

*This is all happening in direct and specific accordance with Bible prophecy!*

## Taking Over Greece

In exchange for the bailout funds it has received, Greece is being robbed of its national sovereignty. It is having to sell off government firms on a massive scale. Observers have compared this to the privatization of some 14,000 former East

German companies in the 1990s after the fall of communism, at a huge loss of both jobs and profits.

Greece is also being forced to sell off huge portions of its tangible national assets in an effort to raise €50 billion (US\$72 billion) to offset the massive debt it incurred with the EU bailouts. This sell-off will inevitably include vital strategic assets once deemed crucial to its national security. German bankers and merchants are jostling for the best of the pickings. *Is this by pure coincidence?*

Look at a map of the *crucially strategic* Mediterranean Sea. Greece, incorporating the island of Crete, is the southernmost tongue of the European continent, bounded by the Ionian Sea to the west, the Aegean to the east and the Mediterranean to the south. Possession of this land is most strategic to any European power with imperialist aims. It is a *crucial gateway* to Eurasia, North Africa and the Middle East. Twice in modern times, during World Wars I and II, Germany sought to occupy Greece as a strategic milestone in its effort to establish a Teutonic empire. It succeeded on its second try.

In more recent times, it has been German industrialists who have invaded and plundered Greece, taking advantage of a unique situation that nation faces.

Greece lives under a permanent military threat from its huge neighbor on the Anatolian peninsula, Turkey. The Turks taunt their smaller neighbor across the crucial Bosphorus sea gate, daily violating Greek airspace with their fighter jets. Tensions are made worse by continuing disputes over Greek sovereignty attached to certain islands in the Aegean. To counter Turkey's aggression, Greece has spent huge amounts on defense budgets—as much as 4.3 percent of gross domestic product, proportionately the highest among the EU nations.

Who has been the greatest beneficiary of this defense expenditure? The major supplier of defense equipment to Greece: *the German armaments industry*.

How much have EU elites actually *manipulated* ongoing Greek-Turkish tensions for the advantage of the EU's thriving defense industries? As one Greek source observed: "In this volatile game of geopolitics, the bosses of Euro 'family' have always been playing the major role in cultivating and manipulating an unguaranteed stability in the area, thus creating market conditions for their influential military industries to flourish. German defense corporations in particular have been major contractors with the Greek (and Turkish) army for more than two decades" (*Antibaro.gr*, Nov. 29, 2010).

The same source points to huge fraud and corruption that marks the dealings between German defense corporations and the Greek government. The industrial giant Siemens, used often by the German government as a front for international intelligence operations, has apparently been a major offender: "One of countless scandals in Greece involves millions of euros smuggled under the table by Siemens and siphoned to the leading Greek political parties of New Democracy and PASOK as 'commissions' or direct bribes for winning certain contracts worth billions. The key person (a Siemens top executive of Greek origin and German citizenship) involved in the plot escaped arrest and trial in Greece and currently shelters in Germany where he is protected by German law" (*ibid*).

The facts are that *Greece's coffers have been substantially drained into huge profits for German defense industry barons*. This includes multibillion-euro contracts for Greece



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to purchase big-ticket military hardware ranging from tanks to missiles to naval vessels, including submarines.

One of the worst cases of manipulation by German corporatists was the OTE debacle. German corporations were contracted to upgrade the Greek national telecommunications system. The whole project was financed by Greece, only to see a 30 percent stake in the system sold to a German company through what appears to be dubious procedures. OTE is the major power supplier to the Balkan nations.

"All these sum up to hundreds of billions of euros and, under other circumstances, could have been more than enough to balance the Greek budget deficit and even drastically alleviate the external debt," that same Greek source observed. "One thing is for sure, those billions were added to the profits of German industrialists, bankers and intermediaries."

Thus, the most recent German invasion of Greece has not been by armed aggression: It has been by a *forceful economic strategy*.

Germany is now completing its "grey suit" invasion of Greece by *forcing the loss of that country's national sovereignty*, the fire sale of its national assets and the nation's eventual submission to *absolute fiscal control* by Berlin/Brussels. That is the guaranteed outcome of this so-called temporary default by Greece, which was arranged, above all, by Germany.

### Moving In for the Kill

It is now obvious that certain imperialist

elites in Germany are gaining confidence as they successfully promote German interests above those of their EU counterparts. On the surface, this appears to be the opposite of the policy that Berlin, and previously Bonn, stuck to after signing the Treaties of Rome launching the Continent on the road to unification back in 1957. Up till recently, Germany always seemed to try to merge its interests with those of the EU as a whole. But over the past two years, it has become more overt in pursuing its own agenda, defying the wishes of other EU nations. One reason for this is that German elites—who created the euro in order to force weaker economies to become dependent on the stronger—now see that their strategy is working and are moving in for the kill.

EU nations are being thrown into crisis. The folly of EMU members sacrificing their own sovereign means of exchange upon the altar of the euro, and thus giving up their right to change interest rates to compensate for cyclical boom and bust trends in their economies, is now clear.

Germany, the strongest European economy by far, now holds the whip hand when troubled EMU member nations raise the begging bowl for bailout funds. Germany sets the rules. Among the winners will be German merchants who seize state assets at knock-down prices (Revelation 18).

The formula we see playing out in Greece day by day will now continue to play out elsewhere in Europe as each EMU domino falls.

But why push Greece to default?

It was a natural progression, strategically, for German elites to move south to acquire control of Greece once they had the Balkan Peninsula firmly in their grasp (Daniel 8:9). Yet, whereas Bonn under Helmut Kohl was able to entice NATO to seize the Balkan Peninsula on Germany's behalf by force—with expenses largely paid by the United States and Britain—Greece presented a different challenge. It was a fellow NATO member nation. Thus, an alternative strategy was brought into play. Germany encouraged massive expenditure by Greece and Turkey on armaments, fomenting the tensions across the Bosphorus. This broke the Grecian economy while enriching German industrialists.

Now, with the Greek default, we see once again it's game, set and match to Germany, just as this magazine has consistently predicted would be the case.

Greece is the latest colony to be added to the Balkans in the German elites' grand





# Clearing the BIGGEST OBSTACLE

BY RICHARD PALMER

EUROPE IS ON THE BRINK OF BECOMING A SUPERSTATE. BUT one obstacle remains: Britain.

For years the British have fought against a “two-speed Europe,” where the more gung-ho nations would speed toward a superstate while nations like Britain poke along in the slow lane. Thus they have forced Europhile nations to slow down and drag Britain along. In July, for example, virtually the whole European Union backed the idea of a common military headquarters for the whole EU—until Britain’s foreign minister slapped it down.

But the British brake is about to be released. Comments by both the British Prime Minister David Cameron and Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne reveal that they believe greater eurozone integration is necessary if the euro is to survive.

This reverses *centuries* of British foreign policy. The primary objective of this policy has been to prevent a single power from dominating the Continent. By taking its foot off the brake, Britain will be encouraging the rise of a German-led united Europe.

## Maximizing British Independence

As Europe begins to speed toward integration, Cameron suggests Britain may turn around and head the other way: creating not so much a two-speed Europe, but a two-*directional* one.

Cameron hinted he may allow the eurozone to unite more quickly if the EU allows Britain to distance itself. As the eurozone integrates, “There will be opportunities for Britain to maximize what we want in terms of our engagement with Europe,” he said.

While Germany builds a new European empire, Britain will go its own way—as the *Trumpet* has forecast for years.

The economic crisis is hardening British opposition to the EU. Half of Britons would vote to leave the European Union if given the option in a referendum, according to a YouGov@Cambridge and Politics Home poll published in July; 34 percent said the Greece financial crisis had made them more favorable toward withdrawing from the EU. Only one third would vote to stay.

Britain’s Parliament is also moving against Europe, passing a law on July 13 requiring the nation to hold a referendum before transferring any significant power to Brussels.

As Europe integrates, “The British are feeling extremely thoughtful,” Stratfor’s Peter Zeihan wrote. “They have always been the outsiders in the European Union, joining primarily so that they can put up obstacles from time to time. ... [T]he British are in need of a national debate about their role in Europe. The Europe that was a cage for Germany is no more, which means that the United Kingdom is now a member of a different sort of organization that may or may not serve its purposes” (July 26).

imperial game. Soon Germany will own most of what has any real worth in Greece.

## The Next Move

Now, take another look at the map. With the Balkans and Greece firmly in the grasp of EU elites, what should we next look for as their most obvious strategic

move? A headline in the July 22 *Guardian* newspaper gave more than a hint: “Cyprus could be the eurozone’s next crisis point.”

Given the overarching strategy of EU elites to colonize the southern Mediterranean region, there is little doubt that this headline is already becoming a reality. Already, influential high-level Germans

## A Dangerous Assumption

Britain’s entry to the EU was a mistake. As Herbert W. Armstrong pointed out at the time, “Britain is going to look back on Monday, January 1, 1973, in all probability, as a most tragically historic date—a date fraught with ominous potentialities!”

For years, Britain’s freedom and economy has been stifled by the EU. But now, its emerging strategy of disengagement could be just as dangerous. Why? Because, as the *Financial Times* noted, one of the main reasons Britain is reversing its policy “is that Britain no longer fears invasion from continental Europe” (July 27). “The very idea seems almost unimaginable in the modern world,” it wrote. “So the idea of a united Europe is no longer a question of national security, as it was in the age of the Kaiser or Napoleon. These days, the worries are much more prosaic—simply that Britain will lose influence in the European Union and will no longer have much influence over the third horse box directive, or whatever other nonsense happens to be coming out of Brussels.”

This assumption—that history is over, that the world is different now than it has been for thousands of years—is deeply dangerous. Historically, often in the good times before a major war hits, people have believed mankind has finally banished major wars for good. Before World War I, it was common to think that, in Churchill’s words, the “interdependence of nations in trade and traffic, the sense of public law, the Hague Convention, liberal principles, the Labor Party, high finance, Christian charity, common sense have rendered such nightmares impossible.” In the 18th century, people argued that modern weapons and enlightened thinking had rendered devastating battles a thing of the past.

In both joining the EU and in turning away from it, Britain makes this mistake. It joined the Union depending on its European allies to never instigate war again; now as it encourages European integration, it trusts that its former enemies will remain forever friendly.

Hosea 7:11 warns Britain of the danger: “Ephraim [modern Britain] also is like a *silly dove without heart: they call to Egypt, they go to Assyria.*” Hosea was prophesying of Britain’s proclivity to foolishly flock to its enemies. The *Matthew Henry Commentary* explains that the dove is “easily enticed by the bait into the net, and has *no heart, no understanding, to discern her danger, as many other fowls do.*” The Bible reveals that in the end time, Britain will rely on foreign “lovers” instead of turning to God.

The EU isn’t the root cause of Britain’s problems—refusing to trust God is. Withdrawing from the EU will cut the British off from stifling European regulation. It will not, however, save them from the rising German empire.

But Hosea also has good news for Britain. Hosea 5:15 states, “I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: *in their affliction they will seek me early.*” Britain will learn its lesson, but only after it suffers at the hand of the cross-Channel enemy it ultimately cannot control. ■

are preparing for this very scenario. It will happen a lot faster in Cyprus than it did with the Balkan and Grecian takeovers.

This island country in the eastern Mediterranean was thrust into the

# Moving South and East



international spotlight on July 11 when a massive explosion in its main power facility knocked out over 50 percent of the nation's power-generating capacity. The costly disaster—from which it will take years to recover at an estimated cost to the nation of €2 to €3 billion—suddenly exposed the fragile state of Cyprus's economy.

"[T]he government has been urged to take drastic austerity measures to close a deficit almost twice the EU-recommended ceiling of 3 percent," the *Guardian* article reported. "Cyprus central bank governor Athanasios Orphanides has warned the political leadership, including President Demetris Christofias; it must instigate immediate cost-cutting measures if it is to avoid going cap in hand to the EU for a bailout." Orphanides said the event plunged the national economy into "a state of emergency." It triggered the resignation of the entire Cypriot cabinet and a further downgrade of the nation's credit rating to just above junk status.

Just one *sudden*, unanticipated phenomenon can change the state of a nation *overnight* in this volatile world! As the *Financial Times* observed, "Cyprus can expect to go through political, social and economic changes that were not on the agenda prior to the July 11 disaster" (July 20).

This turn of events greatly favors the imperialist agenda of German elites. Indeed, it *accelerates* their timetable for the strategic seizure of the entire region from Zagreb to Nicosia. Control of this region is crucial to command of the vital warm-water sea gates controlling the junction of

the Adriatic, Ionian, Aegean and Mediterranean seas, not to mention access to the Suez oil gateway and to the vital Dardanelles crossroads to the Black Sea. Cyprus, like Greece, is also vital to the ongoing development of Germany's shipping industries; many German shipping companies are based there. In addition, the two nations are currently negotiating a bilateral security of information agreement. This will be a crucial element in Germany's efforts to capitalize on Cyprus's location as a vital listening post for Turkish and Middle Eastern intelligence.

Watch Cyprus closely. The impact of this massive explosion on the already embattled Cypriot economy is certain to accelerate Cyprus toward becoming yet another nation in crisis seeking bailout from Berlin/Brussels. The result will be dominance of that island's economy by EU elites.

Then, with Cyprus in the bag, what lies next, within a strategic stone's throw from Cyprus? The greatest prize of all.

## On to Jerusalem

We wrote in the *Trumpet's* August 1998 print edition, "Already there are European troops in Cyprus under the auspices of UN peacekeeping forces. As the EU moves more into Eastern Europe and the Balkans, repeating the history of the old Holy Roman Empire, it would seem inevitable, given the facts of Bible prophecy, that they will draw Cyprus into their fold as a bridge into the Holy Land."

This is a most crucial element in the EU

elites' plan to take over the southern Mediterranean. Among the titles vested in those who inherited the crown of the Holy Roman Empire was "king of Jerusalem." That title, claimed by all the Holy Roman emperors of the German Nation, needs to be viewed in the light of the EU's push south and east into *Cyprus*—and *beyond!* The prophecy revealing the progressive imperialist moves by the great northern power *south and east* and onward *toward Jerusalem* (Daniel 8:9) is now well advanced.

Our editor in chief placed this into perspective when he stated in the January *Trumpet*: "More than one crusade has been launched from Cyprus. Will we see the last crusade launched from there as well? Is history about to repeat itself? ... Are European leaders already thinking about Cyprus as a launching pad from which to protect their Jerusalem interests?"

"You can be certain that they are thinking about how to protect the holy places in and around Jerusalem. The Europeans have thought like this for almost 2,000 years! ... IS THERE A FINAL CRUSADE PLANNED TO BE LAUNCHED INTO THE MIDDLE EAST FROM CYPRUS? IS THAT WHY THE EU WAS WILLING TO TAKE A DANGEROUSLY DIVIDED LITTLE ISLAND AS A MEMBER? It would not be the first crusade launched from Cyprus!"

How soon will we see fulfilled that fulcrum prophecy of Luke 21:20—*Jerusalem surrounded by armies*—upon which so many prophesied end-time events turn, including the greatest of all, the prophesied return of the Word of God to impose peace on Earth?

It really is time that you "blow the dust off your Bible," to quote Herbert Armstrong, and prove these things for yourself! Act now and you may be well prepared for the tumultuous events shortly to break out into a level of global disorder that will take your breath away.

Remember, to forestall may well invite incredible tragedy. But to be forewarned is to be forearmed (Matthew 24:21-22)—armed with the faith to see these events through to their incredible conclusion: the ushering in of a matchless period of global peace and prosperity as prophesied in your Bible (Isaiah 9:6-7).

These dramatic events in Europe, placing so much power in the hands of Germany, indicate we may be a lot closer than we think to that grand prophetic moment! ■



# A Fresh Look at Depression

This darkness affects over 100 million people every year. Are you one of them?

Here is good news: There is a way to get your life back! Let us shine some light on this important subject.

BY DENNIS LEAP



**N**O JOY IN YOUR LIFE? HAVEN'T smiled or laughed in a while? Continually sad—filled with despair—hopeless? Ready to give up and end it all by taking your life? It is time to face reality—you are likely depressed.

Yet, take heart that you are not alone. In his book *Lincoln's Melancholy*, Joshua Shenk tells us, "Affecting more than 100 million people a year, depression is the world's leading cause of disability. In 2000, about a million people worldwide killed themselves—about equal to the number of deaths from war and homicide that year put together. Adjusting for population growth, unipolar depression is 10 times more prevalent than it was 10 years ago." Depression is at epidemic proportions. Alarmingly, depression is even moving into the ranks of the very young—our teens and preteens.

Even though medical science is researching a cure for this mind-altering, personality-changing malady, the cause remains mysteriously elusive. The truth is, depression is not like any other infirmity. It is estimated that over 10 million people in the United States are taking anti-depressant drugs. These drugs are

admittedly dangerous—just listen to the list of warnings in a TV commercial—and they treat the symptoms, not the problem.

You cannot wait for science to provide a cure. You can escape this horrible, debilitating black plague, and suicide is *not* your only option.

Want to break free from the black cloud crowd?

We have good news for you: There is a way out of depression! Here is even better news: You will not have to invest a lot of money in psychiatric sessions, medical doctor visits or dangerous drugs to find the way out. However, you will have to work very hard at times to change your thinking and your behavior—how you conduct your life. Prepare yourself for some joyful, positive change. Let's get started.

## Many Have Found a Way Out

Men and women—the great and the not-so-great—have found the way out of depression.

Abraham Lincoln, one of America's truly great presidents, survived severely debilitating depression, or what today's mental health professionals call *major depressive*

*episode*. Mr. Lincoln told Robert L. Wilson, a political associate, that mental depression overwhelmed him so much at times that he never dared carry a knife in his pocket. Yet this gentle giant was able to lead the United States of America through one of the most critical crises in its history, the Civil War. Abraham Lincoln became world renowned for his wit, wisdom and leadership.

Winston Churchill, the man who courageously kept the Western world free from a permanent scourge of Nazi thugs, made frequent reference to his personal war against a lifelong enemy—depression. Mr. Churchill called depression his *black dog*, a perfect name for a mental state that constantly nipped at his heels, intending to devour him if given the chance. "I don't like standing near the edge of a platform when an express train is passing through," he wrote. "I like to stand right back and if possible get a pillar between me and the train. I don't like to stand by the side of a ship and look down into the water. A second's action would end everything. A

few drops of desperation.” His periods of depression were intense and prolonged. However, his productivity and heroic leadership are unparalleled in modern times.

More than one biblical hero had to fight off and overcome depression. Kings, prophets, wise and righteous men were forced to face human frailty and weakness while suffering from deep depression. Overburdened with despair, some of God’s chosen leaders even begged for death to escape its intense torture (study Job 7:13-15; Numbers 11:14-15; 1 Kings 19:4-5; Psalm 88; Ecclesiastes 2:17-20; and Lamentations 3:15, 17-18).

However, Job, Moses, King David and King Solomon of Israel, the great prophets Elijah and Jeremiah, and *many others* since then, were able to harness the right power and mental resources to conquer *anxiety, fear* and *worry* and successfully deal with *hopeless* situations. Out of their action-numbing weakness, they were made strong (Hebrews 11:34). In fact, their intense suffering made them more stable, more compassionate and more mature men of God.

You can make your way out too. However, you need truthful education to get yourself moving forward on the correct path.

### Understanding Depression Symptoms

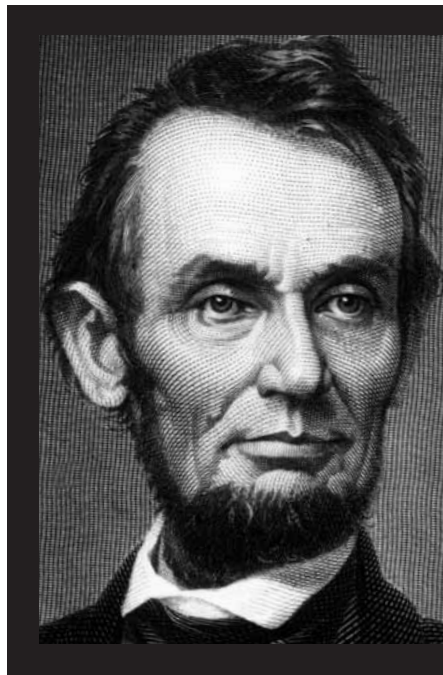
Mental depression is a chameleon of many colors. Each case is unique to the individual experiencing it. Depression includes a wide range of negative states of mind—from relatively mild to severe.

Doctors readily admit that *the cause* of major depressive episodes is difficult to pin down. Those seized by its iron claws are often caught completely off guard. Family members or friends often can’t see the major depressive episode coming until it’s too late. This fact makes depression even more disheartening for the sufferer and those around him or her.

Basically, there are four broad categories of depression. I have chosen the more traditional names for these categories; some newer, more clinical-sounding jargon exists, yet the definitions remain the same.

One category of depression is called *reactive* depression. This is a very mild depression, one from which everyone suffers at some time. It is normal to feel *temporarily* blue or experience a *low mood* at times. Solomon tells us in the Proverbs, “Hope deferred maketh the heart sick” (Proverbs 13:12). Reactive depression can be expected as a result of the death of a spouse or fami-

ly member. Those going through a divorce generally are depressed for a time. People who lose a job



A number of notable historical leaders struggled with depression and even suicidal thoughts. **ABRAHAM LINCOLN** told an associate that despair overwhelmed him so much at times that he never dared carry a knife in his pocket. **WINSTON CHURCHILL** called depression his *black dog*, a mental state that constantly nipped at his heels. **MOSES** became so depressed at one point that he asked God to take his life.

or suffer some other severe personal setback go through a period of feeling down. The causes of reactive depression are as numerous as the number of people in this world. America’s current financial crisis is a perfect example of one cause of severe personal setback. This problem has affected the *whole nation*. People naturally tend to get blue when they lose their home or when their future financial security is wrecked. Generally, the *symptoms* related to reactive depression lift after a period of weeks. Generally, those experiencing reactive depression still go about their daily activities without much difficulty.

A second category is called *toxic* depression. This is generally brought on by drug or substance abuse; it can also come as the result of chemical poisoning. For some people, certain foods or viral infections can cause depression. It is not difficult to understand why drug users and alcoholics suffer from depression. When a person experiences a high—especially a substance-induced one—a low follows. Our bodies are wonderfully made to naturally adjust to highs and lows. A long-term, artificially sustained high results in a protracted, dangerous low. In addition, substance abuse—large amounts of alcohol and drugs, including barbiturates, cocaine, heroin, prescription painkillers and marijuana ingested into the body—severely damages the brain and the central nervous system. Mental and nervous breakdown is unavoidable for alcoholics and drug users. Generally, once the toxic substance is removed, the depression clears. Those suffering from toxic depression struggle with carrying out daily activities, most likely because of the substance abuse.

A third category is known as *psychotic* depression. Psychotic depression comes about as the result of brain disease or severe mental disorder. For example, a brain tumor can bring on psychotic depression. People experiencing psychotic depression are likely to experience hallucinations. Behavior can be wildly erratic. A person with psychotic depression can be uncontrollably crying one minute, then become ecstatically euphoric the next. Most people think all depression has the symptoms of the psychotic type. This is far from the truth. A lot of people work hard to hide their depression so as not to be thought of as psychotic wackos. This kind of vanity only makes the problem worse. It is far better to admit the problem and do something to correct it than to mask it. Most people with psychotic depression are generally hospitalized and often heavily medicated to prevent harm to themselves or to others.

### Endogenous Depression

A fourth category—the most prevalent today, and the most debilitating—is *endogenous* depression. Endogenous means “stemming from within.” This term is an apt description of a major depressive episode. Any one of the three previously discussed types of depression can develop into a major depressive episode if not put in check.

Most experts today call endogenous depression *unipolar*, as distinguished from *bipolar* depression. Bipolar depression includes a *manic*, or *up cycle*; some refer to it as a *double cycle*. Some experts believe the term “bipolar depression” is a misnomer since *manic* is not a depressed mental state. By contrast, there is no *up cycle* to

endogenous depression. Generally always severe, endogenous depression operates in the deep recesses of the mind and emotions. It is crippling, causing its victims to experience futility, hopelessness, emptiness and lack of joy. Major depressive episodes are painful physically and mentally. Endogenous sufferers lose physical energy, making it extremely difficult to perform simple routine tasks. Personal hygiene—showering, shaving, laundering clothes—stops. A loss of appetite causes quick and extreme weight loss. Concentration and memory are impaired, making reading, rational thinking and right decision-making nearly impossible. Individuals experiencing a major depressive episode lose all self-esteem, carry continual guilt, and feel intense shame. Major depressive episodes stop highly creative and productive people in their tracks for months. It is not surprising that most people with endogenous depression lose their employment.

With endogenous depression, the central nervous system and endocrine glands stop functioning normally. Some glandular diseases cause depression. Diabetes, hypoglycemia and thyroid illnesses are well-known contributors. The brain and central nervous system need the right balance of nutrients and hormones to function properly. In studying depression, science is still working to uncover whether depression disrupts the endocrine system or if a disrupted endocrine system brings on depression. A key to answering this “chicken or egg” question is found within the advancing knowledge of how stress affects the body: Researchers are coming to understand that our highly stressed society is one of the leading causes of our physical and mental maladies.

Sadly, many endogenous depression sufferers extinguish their agony through suicide.

If all this sounds familiar to you, then you must see how serious your symptoms are and begin to identify the *cause* of your depression.

### How Major Depression Starts

Humans have struggled with depression from our very beginning. As far back as the fifth century B.C., what we call *depression* was known as *melancholia*. Hippocrates is believed to have developed a biological theory of human personality known as *humoral* theory. Hippocrates held that one’s predominant body fluid gave rise to one’s temperament and character. Hippocrates believed that a person with a preponderance of *black bile* had a melancholy or *sad*

temperament and character as well. At that time it was thought that people with a melancholic temperament were considered to carry an awful burden.

This ancient attempt to explain the mystery was a small step at understanding a complicated process. It is true that certain personalities are more susceptible to depression than others. Vulnerability to depression often depends on the kind of encouragement, values, self-esteem, love and support (or lack of it) that people received during their early childhood. Thankfully, we have come to better understand this dreadful problem. Although depressed feelings can come upon us for no apparent rational reason, in truth there *is always* a reason—whether physical, mental or spiritual.

For the most part, feeling blue or down begins in response to a specific *loss*, fear of loss, or adverse occurrence—being fired, losing a house, having a spouse die. Most people do not suffer a major depressive episode after such loss; in time, they recover. As the saying goes, *time heals all wounds*. There is a wealth of inspiring histories of people bravely overcoming devastating losses. These testify of the human spirit’s wonderfully strong ability to meet and overcome even the worst losses.

However, when endogenous depression strikes, pinpointing the specific loss is usually very difficult. A major depressive episode can develop suddenly or slowly. Since humans have the capacity for self-deception, our fears, anxieties, negative

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emotions, unmet needs and other emotional problems can be pushed far into the background—for years. Major depressive episodes can come as the result of *a final straw* pushing a person beyond their breaking point—the last of a series of unfortunate setbacks in life.

### Unseen Spiritual Forces

The majority of people are completely blind to the fact that even the unconscious violation of God’s spiritual laws—the Ten Commandments, God’s means to guarantee human happiness—sets one up to experience mental, emotional and personal problems and negative attitudes. The Ten Commandments are in force just like the law of gravity. When we obey them, the result is peace of mind, inner joy and

happiness. Yet if we break them, *we become broken*. We must face the reality that consciously doing things we know are wrong results in negative or depressed feelings.

Here is a point that few recognize. Unresolved anger, bitterness, envy or jealousy leads to feelings of loss. We must learn to conquer these self-destructive, sinful emotions. All of these are the bricks of the path that leads to depression. “Envy makes the bones rot,” warns the Bible (Proverbs 14:30; English Standard Version).

Although it is not socially acceptable to believe in evil spiritual forces—Satan the devil and his army of demons—they do exist, and they have made it their express goal to influence and disrupt the minds and attitudes of unsuspecting humans. Satan is the author of angelic and human sin. He is the most depressed being in the universe, and he desires for all humans to feel the same way he does. In Ephesians 2:2-3, the Apostle Paul calls Satan the “prince of the power of the air,” because this evil being *broadcasts* his negative attitudes of mind worldwide.

No wonder so many people don’t understand the negative attitudes and moods plaguing them. The Bible warns that “we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places” (Ephesians 6:12; English Standard Version). Satan and the demons place damaging and negative

moods in unwary minds. The sudden impulse to end your life comes directly from them.

### The Way Out

Yes, you can escape depression, hopelessness and despair. How badly do you want to be free of depression? Honest medical doctors will tell you that no pill will cure you. Realize that depression is a symptom, an effect caused by either a mental, emotional, physical or even a serious spiritual problem in your life. There is a *cause* for your depression, and you must take the responsibility to uncover and eliminate that cause from your life. No one can do this for you. Your way out of depression can only come by *you* identifying, facing and conquering the cause of *your* depression. ■

# What Is the Behemoth?

The book of Job describes this massive animal—but it is shrouded in mystery. Is it proof that giant dinosaurs lived with man? Why would God even create such a creature?

BY ROBERT MORLEY

**P**ICTURE A MIGHTY 7-TON AFRICAN elephant charging toward you. Trunk outstretched, eyes dilated, massive post-like legs pounding the earth. The ground shakes under your feet—a deafening trumpet blast pierces your ears—and there is nothing between you and him but flat grass. Your heart beats wildly. How do you escape? What do you do?

This would certainly get the adrenaline flowing.

Did you know that animals far more fearsome and mighty than African elephants once roamed the Earth? I am not talking about the dinosaurs.

Consider this creature described in Job 40:15-24: “Behold now behemoth, which I made with thee; he eateth grass as an ox. Lo now, his strength is in his loins, and his force is in the navel of his belly. He moveth his tail like a cedar: the sinews of his stones are wrapped together. His bones are as strong pieces of brass; his bones are like bars of iron. He is the chief of the ways of God: he that made him can make his sword to approach unto him. ... Behold, he drinketh up a river, and hasteth not: he trusteth that he can draw up Jordan into his mouth.”

That’s a pretty spectacular creature: “the chief of the ways of God,” “he drinketh up a river.” Is it possible that such a beast used to roam the Earth with people? Or did the author just make up the story to illustrate a point?

## What Was the Behemoth?

There are two prevailing views on what this creature really is. Young Earth creationists, those who believe the Earth is only 6,000 years old, say this passage proves that dinosaurs lived recently. They point out that the behemoth “moveth his tail like a cedar.” This, they say, indicates that the behemoth is most likely a sauropod dinosaur such as *diplodocus* or *brachiosaurus*—dinosaurs with long necks and *gigantic* tails.

Yet this argument falls far short. Can you imagine Adam and Eve living in a world dominated by ferocious giant carnivores

sporting jaws full of razor-sharp, banana-size teeth? Eden wouldn’t have been a very well-manicured garden if Adam were constantly hiding in caves to escape from being eaten. For that matter, imagine Job trying to farm or keep his crops and animals from being flattened by herds of stampeding stegosaurus or horned triceratops.

It is not very logical that God would place puny man in a world overrun with packs of hungry velociraptors and predatory pterodactyls with 20-foot wingspans.

What many creationists don’t understand is that the seven-day creation week spoken of in Genesis is really describing the *re-creation* of Earth after it had been destroyed. In Genesis 1:2 the word *was* should actually be translated *became*. In other words, Earth *became* without form and void (Hebrew *tohu* and *bohu*)—implying it was not always in this state of total disrepair.

## Pre-Adamic World

The Bible reveals two creations. Earth’s initial creation may have occurred billions of years before the creation of Adam. The Bible does not reveal how long ago this initial creation took place. During this time, dinosaurs and other animals were created and may have lived and died for tens or hundreds of millions of years prior to Earth becoming so destroyed it could no longer support life. (For additional information, request a copy of our February 2009 article “Dinosaurs and the Bible.”)

Geologists refer to this massive worldwide destruction as the Cretaceous extinction.

But following this mass extinction event, geologists note something amazing about the fossil record. In newer rocks found immediately adjacent to these “Cretaceous” rocks, they find a completely new and different cast of characters. In these more recent rocks, they *only* find the fossils of modern-type animals like mammals and birds, as well as modern plants.

Vertebrate paleontologist Dr. George G. Simpson described this amazing chronology in the fossil record as “the most *dramatic* and in many respects the most *puzzling* event in the history of life on the Earth.”

The sudden change in the fossil record from the Age of Reptiles to the Age of Mammals is well known and undisputed. “It is as if the curtain were rung down *suddenly* on the stage where all the leading roles were taken by reptiles, especially dinosaurs in great numbers and bewildering variety, and *rose again immediately* to reveal the same setting but *an entirely new cast*, a cast in which *the dinosaurs do not appear at all*, other reptiles are mere supernumeraries and the leading parts are all played by mammals,” Simpson wrote.

It is only in “post-Cretaceous” rocks that the remains of modern-type animals and man are found.

## Behemoth Created With Man

Why is all this important? Notice Job 40:15: “Behold now behemoth, *which I made with thee ...*” The behemoth was an animal created at the same time as man. It did not exist in the pre-Adamic world that was dominated by the giant, reptile-like dinosaurs and other strange creatures. It was a unique creature created with man—for a specific purpose.

Additionally, the description of the behemoth in the book of Job doesn’t really fit that of any of the dinosaurs that Young Earth creationists put forth. For example, sauropod dinosaurs are characterized by their almost comically tiny-looking heads perched atop extremely long necks. Scientists say their heads were so small that they were probably among the least intelligent of dinosaurs. Yet in Job, it describes the behemoth as having such a *large* head that, as the New American Standard Bible translates it, “If a river rages, he is not alarmed; He is confident,





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*Fossil remains have been found of an enormous mammal. It was not a dinosaur; evidence shows it existed far more recently.*

though the Jordan rushes to his mouth.” Sauropods, with their tiny mouths and long necks, would drink water in a way more like sucking water through a straw.

Long-necked sauropods are also known for eating leaves of trees, not “grass

as an ox,” as it says in Job. Geologists note that grass did not even exist on Earth before the beginning of man’s world (Genesis 1:11-12). Evidence of grasses, flowering and fruiting plants and trees don’t exist in Cretaceous and earlier rocks. As

*ScienceWeek* reported in 2005, “the earliest unequivocal grass fossils date to ... well after the demise of non-avian dinosaurs at the end of the Cretaceous period.”

Grasses and fruiting trees do not show up in the fossil record until the age of man *because* God created these plants specifically for man’s use. You can read about it in Genesis 1:11-12: “And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.”

God specifically records the creation of grasses and fruiting trees during this “re-creation” of the Earth. Prior to this time, they did not exist. The geological record confirms it.

There is one other problem with the “behemoth is a dinosaur” claim. There is not a single fossilized example of human bones being found with dinosaur bones. And as far as the purported petroglyph art in Utah depicting dinosaurs, that has been thoroughly disproven too.

### **What the Others Think**

Many modern scholars and theistic evolutionists realize that the Earth is far older than 6,000 years. They know that dinosaurs did not live at the same time as man. These Old Earth believers also have an interpretation of the beast described in Job.

Most of these Bible apologists say the behemoth—which, in Hebrew, literally means four-legged beast—is referring to an elephant, hippopotamus or crocodile. Those who favor hippopotamus do so because of Job 40:23, which talks about the behemoth’s huge mouth drinking up the gushing Jordan River. The gaping mouth of the hippo provides a pretty compelling picture.

However, there are two problems with this theory, and they apply to elephants

too. First, Job describes the behemoth as having a big tail that “moves like a cedar.” Hippopotami have short tails; elephants have small, weak, pig-like tails. Second, Job describes the behemoth as being so massive that man cannot control it. “No one can catch it off guard or put a ring in its nose and lead it away” (Job 40:24; New Living Translation). Verse 19 implies that it was too big for people living during Job’s day to kill. These descriptions could obviously not apply to crocodiles or any other animals alive today. People have been hunting and killing animals as far back as recorded history. There are ancient pictographs of Egyptians hunting hippos and crocodiles. And people have been domesticating elephants for work and warfare for thousands of years.

But if the behemoth was not a dinosaur, and it is not an animal alive today, what could it be?

### What the Fossil Record Says

In 1910, a British scientist was dumbfounded when he found massive bones from what appeared to be an enormous, previously unknown type of rhinoceros. The bones were so huge that they made elephant bones look small. He named the animal *baluchitherium*, which means “beast of Baluchistan,” after the province in Iran where he found the bones.

For almost a decade, the creature remained an enigma because no further investigation was carried out. Then, after the end of World War I, additional discoveries began to emerge. A true picture of the beast of Baluchistan began to take shape.

In 2003, a team of French scientists returned to Baluchistan to conduct further fossil hunts. The results were astounding. They found the complete remains of many male and female *baluchitherium* simply lying on the ground, which, according to one report, “was a quite rare event in paleontological findings” that suggested that “the massive creatures were swept away by a river [or flood] and had accumulated on the banks” (*Dawn*, Dec. 20, 2010).

The creatures were confirmed to be an extinct, gigantic, hornless rhinoceros! And their description neatly fits Job’s description of the behemoth.

When the book of Job described the behemoth as “the chief of the ways of God,” so powerful that only “he that made him can make his sword to approach unto him,” it was no exaggeration. If the behemoth was the *baluchitherium*, it was probably the largest land animal that God made for man’s world.

## Size Comparison

An adult male, a rhinoceros, and even an elephant appear small next to the *baluchitherium*.



In an age when a 7-ton African elephant or 2½-ton hippopotamus seem big, the *baluchitherium* seems almost impossibly huge.

This animal’s head averaged 5 feet long and had a gaping mouth, yet still does not appear overly large upon its body. Estimates suggest it stood 18 feet tall at the shoulder and 26 feet tall with its neck fully outstretched. From nose to rump it measured a whopping 30 feet. By comparison, the biggest elephant ever recorded stood only 13 feet at the shoulder; the tallest known giraffe measured in at only 20 feet tall. Based on its bone size and length, the *baluchitherium* may have weighed a gargantuan 20 tons—equivalent to about three African elephants.

The *baluchitherium* is the largest land mammal that is known to have ever existed, and “represents about the maximum size to which a land-living mammal can develop” (*The Illustrated Library of the Natural Sciences*, Volume 2). Its long legs also probably made it faster than any elephant or smaller species of rhinoceros.

This mammal was so big and strong that after adolescence, it probably had no natural predators. No animal could touch it. If it felt threatened, scientists say its defense would have been to charge at opponents and try to crush them beneath its massive weight.

There is yet more evidence that the *baluchitherium* could be the behemoth of Job. “His bones are as strong pieces of brass; his bones are like bars of iron” (verse 18). The fossil evidence shows that the *baluchitherium* had huge, post-like limbs and bones, bigger than all other land mammals.

It had a large 8-foot-long thick tail, aptly described as “like a cedar” in Job (verse 17). It is the only known mammal with a tail that approaches the description.

Also, its possible habitat and diet, as noted by observing living rhinoceros species, matches the description in the Bible. Today you find species of rhinoceros inhabiting both savanna and *mountainous* ecosystems. They eat a range of foliage including *grass*, *sedges*, *shrubs*, *ferns*,

*submerged and floating plants*, *twigs*, *fruit* and *leaves of trees* (see verses 15 and 22), just as the Bible indicates. The fact that some rhinoceros species eat aquatic plants indicates that the *baluchitherium* may have spent considerable time in rivers, which would have also helped keep it cool—and why the book of Job mentions it “drawing up the Jordan into his mouth” (verse 23).

Then there is the fact that the description in Job does not mention any tusks or horns. Surely if it was an elephant, or regular rhinoceros, God would not have left out those dominant features. If it was a crocodile, wouldn’t He have mentioned its scaly skin, or sharp teeth? And if it were a giant extinct sloth, surely there would be a mention of its huge claws.

No, the best candidate for the behemoth—at least so far discovered in the fossil record—is the “beast of Baluchistan,” the giant hornless rhinoceros.

### Take-Home Lesson

But why would God have created such an impressive animal? And what lesson was He trying to teach Job—and for that matter, all of us—with it?

God was teaching a lesson in humility. In order to counter Job’s aggrandized opinion of himself, He wanted to show this man just how insignificant he was in the grand scheme of things.

If you were alone next to an angry African elephant, surely you would feel quite small and helpless. How much punier and more terrified would you feel, though, if a *behemoth* were charging you? Would you not be inclined to seek God for protection? Would you not hurriedly repent of any wrongs?

God used this largest and most powerful of all land mammals to help crush Job’s self-righteousness. God created this giant of mammals to humble people, who, like Job, let vanity swell their sense of greatness and importance.

God recorded the behemoth in Scripture for a reason. He wants us to realize just how insignificant we are apart from Him. That is the lesson of Job’s behemoth. ■



# A Lesson From 'the Greatest Man in the World'

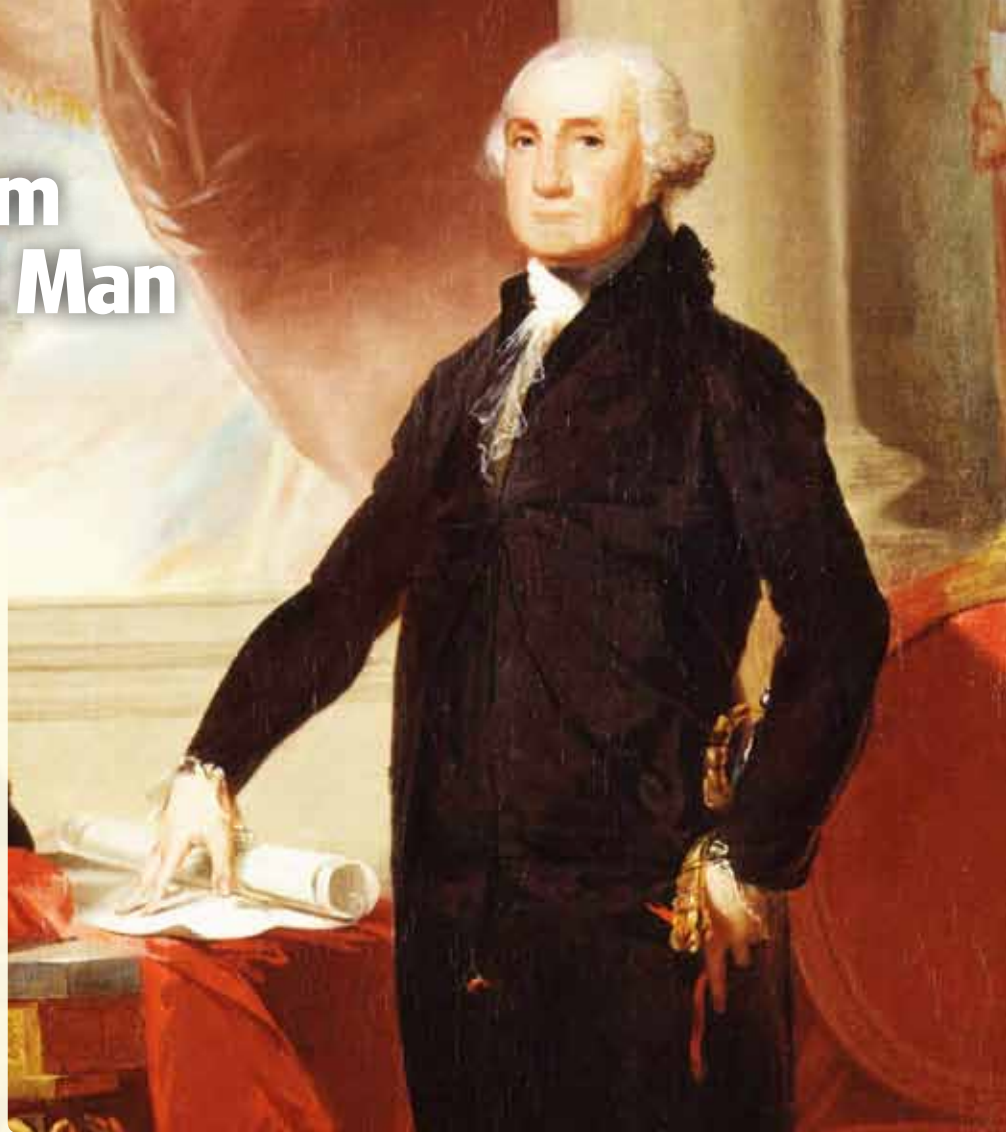
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**T**HE GREATEST MAN IN THE WORLD. That's how King George III of England described George Washington after hearing that he would not attempt to become the king of America after the Revolutionary War.

The king's feelings were not unusual. In leading the amateur American Army to victory over the mighty British Empire, Washington had become the pre-eminent American celebrity of his time. He had sustained an American Army that was underpaid, often short on ammunition, and many times shoeless for eight years. He led the victorious siege on Yorktown, which resulted in the surrender of over 7,000 British soldiers and precipitated the treaty that granted American freedom. Everywhere he went after the war, Washington was thronged by exhilarated crowds hailing him as the savior of America.

With Washington's new popularity came a torrent of visitors to his home. In 18th-century rural America, where inns were rare, it was considered common hospitality to feed and house those who showed up at your door. For George and Martha Washington, this meant housing legions of veterans and curious visitors who wanted to meet the man who led them to liberty. The stream of visitors was so constant that the Washingtons were rarely alone. In one diary entry two years after the war, Washington wrote, "Dined with only Mrs. Washington, which I believe is the first instance of it since my retirement."

The visitors expected to hear thrilling tales of Washington's bravery and genius on the battlefield. And if anyone had experiences to brag about, it was Washington. But in this respect, Washington disappointed his guests. He simply did not like to talk about his accomplishments. Nelly Custis, Mrs. Washington's granddaughter from her first marriage, was living with them at the time. She said of



Washington: "I never heard him relate a *single act* of his life during the war."

One visitor, a French journalist, was amazed after probing Washington for details of his experience in the war. "His modesty is astonishing," wrote the journalist. "He speaks of the American war and of his victories as of things in which he had no direction."

This was Washington's customary behavior: He did not boast. When elected commander in chief of the Continental Army, he didn't talk about his accomplishments in prior battles; rather, he professed "great distress" at the thought that he was not qualified for the job. He did the same when later elected president: Despite being greeted with parades by near-worshiping crowds in every city on the way to the capital, Washington did not lay out grand promises of what he would accomplish, or refer with pride to past victories. Instead, he honestly and humbly spoke of his own inferiority and lack of experience.

Washington's consistent refusal to brag reflected a sincere humility. It also

fulfilled a wise proverb: "Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips" (Proverbs 27:2).

It can be all too easy to brag about our accomplishments, to make sure everyone knows when we have done something good. Though that desire is natural and understandable, that doesn't mean it is right. What if no one seems to notice the good things you do? Realize: This happened to Washington when he was younger, too. In his early military career, despite bravery and sound judgment, Washington was not promoted as he deserved to be. Because of this he felt severely discouraged at times. But he didn't resort to braggadocio. He simply kept working hard.

We don't remember George Washington today for anything he *said* about himself—we recognize him for what he *did*, and for what others have said of him for hundreds of years. Learn a lesson from America's first president: Focus on what you *do*, and let your actions—and the words of others—speak for you. ■



rumored that Russia would buy German Leopard tanks. Instead, the Russian defense industry is now interested in using German armor in Russian vehicles. In July, during talks between the two



A French amphibious assault ship docks in St. Petersburg for a date with the Kremlin.

1 | GERMANY 2 | FRANCE 3 | RUSSIA

## Making the neighbors nervous

**A** MILITARY DEAL BETWEEN RUSSIA and France in June tells a remarkable story. Russia agreed to buy two of the most advanced amphibious assault ships in the world: French Mistral Class landing vessels. Each ship can carry 16 helicopters, four landing barges, 40 tanks and over 400 soldiers for up to six months. With one of these, the Black Sea fleet could have completed its part in the 2008 invasion of Georgia in “40 minutes, not 26 hours,” said Russian naval commander Vladimir Vysotsky. The government-approved sale is “the most significant transfer of Western military technology to Russia since the end of World War II,” wrote Stratfor (June 21).

This is just part of a new alliance that is revolutionizing geopolitics. Russia is flush with cash and natural resources, but it needs technology and modernization in its military, its oil and gas industry, and in its economy. This alliance has given Russia an edge in the battle to control Europe’s resources.

In 2006, Europe woke up to the fact that Russia controlled most of its gas supply. Amid a cold winter, Russia shut off the gas to Ukraine to try to bludgeon it into compliance. All of Europe soon felt the pinch. Quickly Europe began to look for ways to wean itself off Russian gas. Enthusiasm grew for the proposed Nabucco pipeline, a conduit through Turkey that would bring natural gas directly from the Caucasus, skirting Russia.

Germany’s negotiating power in such strategic energy projects is strengthened by its having ex-Chancellor Gerhard Schröder

as a senior executive of the Nordstream project and ex-Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer at senior level in the Southstream Nabucco project. This gives Germany leverage to enhance its role as a major hub for the provision of gas to Europe.

Despite opposition from virtually every other country on the Baltic shore, Russia and Germany completed a 760-mile undersea gas pipeline on May 5. It is scheduled to begin operation this autumn, and a second pipeline will be completed later.

The pipeline gives both Russia and Germany more power. Russia can cut off gas to Eastern Europe while still pumping gas to Western Europe through Germany. This means it can bring Eastern Europe to heel without antagonizing the west. Germany, meanwhile, will be able to control Western Europe’s gas supplies—in effect holding the same gas supply trump card over downstream countries that Russia holds over many Eastern European countries.

Across Europe, nations are renouncing nuclear power. These countries will almost certainly have to replace their nuclear power with natural gas, at least in the short term. It is readily available and less polluting than coal or oil; the International Energy Agency recently predicted a “golden age of gas.” This means more power to Russia and Germany.

In June, Russian state-controlled gas company Gazprom made a move to form a strategic partnership with German utility company RWE to build gas- and coal-fired energy plants across Europe. RWE is also the main partner in the Nabucco consortium.

German-Russian cooperation is also growing elsewhere. Until recently it was

governments in Hanover, Russia offered Germany a partnership to develop Russia’s reserves of rare earth minerals, metals that are vital in many modern devices.

A month earlier, Germany’s Rheinmetall signed a \$398 million contract to build a state-of-the-art troop-training center in Russia. “This,” wrote the *National Interest*, “brings back memories of the post-Rapallo 1920s and early 1930s secret cooperation between the USSR’s Red Army and the Weimar Germany’s Reichswehr, which allowed the latter to develop and test weapons in Russia, forbidden under the Treaty of Versailles” (July 21). Rheinmetall is not controlled by the German government, but Berlin is allowing the deal to go ahead. Can you imagine the U.S. allowing Lockheed Martin to sell state-of-the-art equipment to Russia?

These are small beginnings for German-Russian military cooperation. But any kind of cooperation is bound to make the central European countries that were invaded by both Germany and Russia nervous.

In fact, it is the growing Russian-German relationship that pushed France toward making the Mistral deal. “France sees Berlin and Moscow cooperating and wants to make sure it develops its own relationship with Russia independent of its relationship with Germany,” wrote Stratfor. “The easiest way to do this is to offer Russia military and energy technology that Germany simply does not have” (op. cit.).

History is consistent on this point: Germany and Russia are not close friends, and any appearance that they are portends conflict. The Kremlin knows European history and sees that Germany has restored itself as the dominant power and natural leader of Europe. By forging closer ties with Berlin, the Russians are getting on good terms with the political, military and economic entity that will determine Europe’s future. Just as in the past, Russia and Germany both benefit, in the short term, from the alliance. But as Germany grows in power, the two will become competitors. Watch this relationship closely as history repeats itself.

#### 4 | IRELAND

### Catholic cover-ups continue

Ireland's Prime Minister Enda Kenny made a historic attack on the Roman Catholic Church on July 21 after revelations that the church was covering up child abuse as recently as three years ago. The "Commission of Investigation Report into the Catholic Diocese of Cloyne," detailing how the Vatican was unhelpful in dealing with allegations of child abuse, was published July 13. Vatican officials had argued that the church has learned from its mistakes and is now cooperating with authorities to stamp out the abuse, but the Cloyne report proves they were lying. Even in recent years, the church has conspired at all levels to cover up the abuse. Ireland's Catholic prime minister is livid. The Cloyne report "exposes an attempt by the Holy See to frustrate an inquiry in a sovereign, democratic republic," said Kenny. It "excavates the dysfunction, disconnection, elitism ... the narcissism ... that dominate the culture of the Vatican to



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this day. The rape and torture of children were downplayed or 'managed' to uphold, instead, the primacy of the institution, its power, standing and 'reputation.'" Kenny announced that Ireland would introduce laws to imprison priests if they have covered up abuse. Many in the church are outraged, arguing that the law would force them to give police information revealed to them in confessional. According to events prophesied in the Bible, the Catholic Church will, in the short term, rise above this abuse scandal—but in the end will be destroyed, never again able to harm man, woman or child.



#### 5 | CROATIA

### Another step toward the EU

On June 30 Croatia officially concluded negotiations over an accession treaty to join the EU. The treaty must now be approved by all 27 EU nations and by Croatian voters in a referendum. If all goes according to plan, Croatia will join the EU on July 1, 2013. Germany facilitated the breakup of Yugoslavia so it could extend its influence into the area. The fact that Croatia is preparing to join the EU shows it has succeeded.



The streets of Oslo immediately after the blast, which killed eight

#### 6 | NORWAY

### Manifesto anticipates massacre

NORWEGIAN ANDERS BEHRING BREIVIK MURDERED AT least 76 people in a huge bomb blast in the country's capital and a massive shooting spree at an island retreat on June 22. Breivik is a self-described Christian fundamentalist with links to anti-Islamic establishments in both England and Norway. In a 1,500-page online manifesto titled *2083—A European Declaration of Independence*, he railed against Islamic immigration and claimed that multiculturalism was sapping Europe of its Christian heritage.

Grotesque and aberrant as this nightmare was, Breivik's beliefs have become common in Europe. In recent years, anti-immigration parties have gained influence throughout northern Europe by tapping public anxiety over the relatively new phenomenon of mass Muslim immigration to their region. Mainstream politicians are now expressing anti-immigration viewpoints as a means of appeasing the populace. French President Nicolas Sarkozy banned the wearing of burkas in France earlier this year in the face of rising public support for Marine Le Pen's anti-immigrant National Front Party, and Belgium has also followed suit.

Even though the peoples of Europe stand aghast at the brutal murders committed by Breivik, many hold the same ideas about the need to take radical action against the threat of Islam. Watch for Europe to take more extreme measures in the future. History and prophecy reveal that Europe will act forcefully to solve the "Muslim problem."

#### 1 | GERMANY Realizing an imperialist dream

Imperialist, Roman Catholic, ever the supporter of pan-Germanism and European union, Otto von Habsburg, the last official emperor of the old Austro-Hungarian Empire before he renounced all titles after World War II, died on July 4. Habsburg settled in Bavaria after the war, joined the Christian Social Union and—following encouragement to do so by former strongman of Europe Franz Josef Strauss—became a member of the European Parliament. He was the only serving member of that body to have been born before World War I. He thus could see the dream of German and European union in a uniquely historical context. This drove him to strive for a personal goal: to see every country in Europe, east and west, that had been headed by a royal dynasty pre-World War I become part of the European Union. He lived to see that goal fulfilled. In this sense at least, Habsburg was instrumental in setting the scene for a biblical prophecy unfolding before our eyes: the division of an east-west union of European nations into 10 entities ruled by 10 kings (Revelation 17:12-13).



Otto von Habsburg sought to unite Europe.

**"The far-right movements that we're seeing—not all of them, but a few of them—pose a greater challenge than those we saw in the 1980s and 1990s.**

**They're expressing extreme positions but in a far more polished way, and there's a danger of such views becoming more socially acceptable."**



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A German Leopard 2 A7

**1 | SAUDI ARABIA**

**Not alone in hoping to stop Iran**

Germany has agreed to sell 200 state-of-the-art Leopard battle tanks to Saudi Arabia, according to reports published July 3. The deal marks a major change in Germany's arms-export policy. Though the decision has stirred much controversy in Germany, the government has defended it. Diplomatic and military experts say the delivery of the tanks is aimed at improving Saudi Arabia's military capabilities in case of war against Iran. In light of biblical prophecy, we can expect relations between Riyadh and Berlin to grow stronger as the Iranian threat grows.

**2 | IRAN Confident and brazen**

New forensic evidence proves that weapons being used by Iraqi insurgents against U.S. troops are being supplied by Iran. According to senior U.S. officials, Iranian-backed militias in Iraq are using more sophisticated weapons than in the past to target U.S. troops and military bases. June was the deadliest month for U.S. troops in Iraq in the past two years, with 15 being killed in Iranian-backed attacks. Three Shiite militia groups, which have been trained and supplied by Iranian Revolutionary Guard special forces, are mainly responsible for the violence, according to U.S. officials. Michael Eisenstadt, director of military studies at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, said Iran has little reason to hide its support for groups attacking Americans in Iraq. "They're feeling a lot more confident now, as the supreme leader is not worried about an American attack" on Iran, he said.

**"There is no doubt this is Iranian. We're seeing more lethal weapons, more accurate weapons, more longer-range weapons ... and we're seeing better-trained people."**

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**3 | ISRAEL**

**On the hunt for a reliable ally**

**A** POLL IN ISRAEL PUBLISHED JULY 11 SHOWS THAT ISRAELIS are far more positive about Europe than is generally imagined. The Ben-Gurion University of the Negev survey showed strong and growing support for Israeli membership in the European Union. It indicated that 81 percent of Israelis would like to join the EU, an increase of 12 percentage points since the last survey in 2009.



"The results demonstrate that the Israeli public views the European Union as a crucial player and that Israelis believe in stronger cooperation and not in isolation," said Dr. Sharon Pardo, who compiled the poll. The survey also found that German Chancellor Angela Merkel is the most popular European leader among Israelis, and that 64 percent of Israelis would support the deployment of NATO troops in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Israel has never applied to join the EU, and we don't expect it to do so. However, this survey reveals an Israeli mindset amenable to European involvement in peace-keeping responsibilities in the region. The Bible specifically prophesies that when Israel sees the futility of the peace process, it will seek help from Germany (Hosea 5:13). Biblical prophecy also reveals, however, that Europe will prove to be a counterfeit peacemaker.



President Hamid Karzai mourns for his brother, who was also a key Afghan power broker.

**4 | AFGHANISTAN Not getting any safer**

Afghan President Hamid Karzai's younger half-brother, Ahmed Wali Karzai, was killed July 12 at his home in Kandahar city. Ahmed Wali was a powerful figure in southern Afghanistan who had been influential in securing support for the president in Kandahar province, the Taliban's birthplace. His death leaves a dangerous power vacuum in the province; it will likely weaken support for President Karzai and diminish the government's negotiating power with the Taliban, which could complicate America's drawdown in the region. Government officials say the killing was carried out by one of Ahmed Wali's bodyguards; the Taliban also claims responsibility. It is possible both claims are true.

The Taliban conducted one of its boldest terrorist attacks to date in the Afghan capital on June 28 when nine heavily armed suicide bombers stormed the Intercontinental Hotel, battling security forces and targeting foreign hotel guests. While just 12 people were killed, the incident highlights the fact that the Taliban can strike anywhere in Afghanistan. The hotel was considered a safe fortress, and the attack came during a conference on the transfer of security authority from the International Security Assistance Force to the Afghan government. Expect such attacks to continue as the U.S. draws down its forces in Afghanistan.



**5 | SYRIA**

**Apparently they don't like foreign ambassadors**

As demonstrations and crackdowns continued in Syria, crowds broke into the U.S. Embassy in Damascus on July 11, smashing windows and tearing down the American flag, and also tried to attack the French Embassy. This followed protests against a visit by U.S. Ambassador Robert Ford and French envoy Eric Chevallier to the city of Hama. The U.S. accused Syrian authorities of instigating the attacks on the embassies in an attempt to deflect international attention from Assad's repression of activists. As the *Washington Post* reported, the embassy attacks highlighted "the limits of U.S. statecraft." About 1,600 civilians have been killed in the crackdown by Syrian authorities that began in mid-March, according to human rights groups.



**ASSAD**

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China's Jiaolong dove to 15,591 feet below sea level in late July.

6 | CHINA

## Reaching new heights, depths

OVER A YEAR AFTER CHINA BEGAN TO ALLOW ITS CURRENCY to climb against the U.S. dollar, the country is a bigger exporting force than ever before, compounding its trading dominance and complicating attempts by other countries to boost their manufacturing sectors. On July 10, Beijing reported that its exports reached \$874 billion in the first half of the year and \$162 billion for June alone. Both figures were records representing increases of almost 20 percent over the previous year. China's improving performance comes in spite of increasing costs for Chinese manufacturers, which face the highest inflation in three years, mandatory wage increases, and a Chinese currency that has strengthened more than 5.5 percent against the greenback since Beijing began allowing it to climb in mid-2010.

As China's economic might grows, so will its military capability and assertiveness.

The nation's Jiaolong deep-sea submersible conducted four test dives in the central Pacific Ocean in July, reaching over 5,000 meters below sea level and surpassing current U.S. capabilities. The Jiaolong is designed to become the world's deepest-diving manned craft, giving it extensive mining and military potential. Next year, Beijing will send the Jiaolong to its maximum operation depth of 7,000 meters, which would mean the craft could navigate nearly all of the world's ocean floors. It would also place China at the top of an exclusive list of deep-sea submersible operator nations, ahead of the U.S., Russia, Japan and France. Beijing aims to use its superior diving technology to boost its leverage over resources in waters that are also claimed by Japan and Southeast Asian nations. In a powerful symbolic gesture, the Jiaolong used a robotic arm to plant a Chinese flag on the floor of the South China Sea during a dive in 2010. Although Beijing makes no effort to hide its ambitions to use the Jiaolong to harness resources, it has said little about the submersible's military potential. The craft's stated capabilities suggest that it could execute key expeditions for China's national security forces, such as developing high-resolution maps of seabeds to facilitate the navigation of China's expanding fleet of submarines; tapping into other nations' undersea fiber-optic cables to intercept messages; and recovering lost nuclear weapons. Expect China to continue to invest in projects that bolster its claim to resources and its military power.



7 | RUSSIA

## We'll take over from here, thanks

On July 21, Russia declared that it is now "the era of the Soyuz," after the U.S. space shuttle Atlantis completed its final flight, leaving Russia's Soyuz rocket as the only means of ferrying astronauts to the International Space Station. "From today, the era of the Soyuz has started in manned space flight, the era of reliability," the Russian space agency Roscosmos said. As the U.S. succumbs to its moral and financial diseases, it will fall behind other nations in more and more areas.

8 | BELARUS  
9 | KAZAKHSTAN

## Back in the USSR?

Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan created a single customs region on July 1 by doing away with customs controls on the borders between the three nations. Movement of goods and workers is no longer delayed by administration controls, taxes or other duties. Cancelling the customs controls represents a victory for Moscow, which wants to expand its power in its satellite nations.

10 | PAKISTAN

## Looking to China for protection

Anti-Americanism in Pakistan has risen to extraordinary levels in recent months, prompting calls by Pakistan's media for Islamabad to draw closer to Beijing. Pakistan's highest-circulation newspaper, the *Jang*, said U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's manner during her May visit to the country "seemed more like dictation than reconciliation." The *Nation* advised the government to "get away from this trap." After the U.S. announced on July 10 its plan to withhold \$800 million in military aid from Pakistan, the *Nawa-i-Waqt* said Islamabad should "consider this opportunity as a blessing; do away with U.S. slavery and start a journey towards self-reliance." The paper also said Pakistan can "find alternative means of aid," and calls for a closer relationship with Beijing have been growing stronger. On July 16, the *Pakistan Observer* noted, "The exponential expansion in [Pakistan-China] relations during the present regime reflects a marked departure from our perennial propensity to look up to the West, particularly the U.S., for our security and economic progress." The paper said these warmer ties between China and Pakistan "will contribute immensely to warding off the lurking dangers." Expect Islamabad to heed these calls to sever its relationship with the U.S. and work toward closer ties with China.



Pakistanis burn a flag during Secretary Clinton's visit.

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**1 | GUATEMALA**

**Enemies of drug cartels, unite!**

Guatemala's President Álvaro Colom has called for the creation of a regional NATO-style military force to contain the threat posed by the violent and well-armed drug cartels spreading across Central America. In an interview in the July 20 *Financial Times*, Colom said drug cartels travel across borders almost at will, while the region's national armies and police force regulars cannot cross international boundaries without the permission of the respective parliaments of each nation involved. "What good is it if the forces of one country are pursuing drug traffickers who cross a river but then have to stop to avoid an international incident?" asked Colom. "Why not have a type of Central American NATO?" Expect the leaders of Latin America to continue pushing for economic and military integration.

**2 | MEXICO 3 | VENEZUELA**

**Cartels: Friends in low places**

A devastating war with local drug cartels is weakening the Mexican government and creating opportunities for Hezbollah to join forces with Latin American drug lords, according to Sue Myrick and other U.S. congressional representatives. In a special meeting on July 7, witnesses from public policy groups met before a House Homeland Security subcommittee to testify on Hezbollah's growing Latin American connections. They outlined how both Iran and Hezbollah are taking advantage of friendly relations with the leaders of Mexican drug cartels and also with Venezuelan President Hugo Chávez. Tehran is increasing the number of Iranian embassies in Latin America and has made an effort to teach Islam to impoverished residents in the region. Expect the terrorist threat to America to intensify as radical Islam forges alliances close to the U.S.'s porous southern border.



*Young people support youth leader Julius Malema outside the court where he is being tried for hate speech.*

**4 | SOUTH AFRICA** **How not to solve race problems**

**S**OUTH AFRICA COULD BE ON THE verge of racial warfare as the fire-brand youth leader of the African National Congress (ANC) calls for the seizure of white-owned farms and the nationalization of white-owned businesses.

Julius Malema, 30, who was recently tried by South Africa's Equality Court for singing a song that calls for the killing of Afrikaans farmers, has repeatedly called for the nationalization of the country's mines and banks, which he says are controlled by whites. At an ANC Youth League conference in Johannesburg in late June, Malema's anger burned even hotter than usual. "The real enemy is white monopoly capital," Malema told more than 5,000 cheering delegates. "They are the ones we are fighting against. In whose hands is this wealth? In whites'!"

He elaborated on his plans for South Africa by saying the seizures must be made without compensation. "Our calls for mines to be nationalized and land to be expropriated without compensation is currently our most important issue," he told delegates in a 90-minute speech. "We must take the land without payment."

Malema's proposed policy has investors running scared. Though the ANC leadership has stated that nationalization is not official policy, it is getting more difficult to dismiss Malema as a radical sideshow in South African politics. As unemployment soars, his views resonate with the 50 percent of young black South Africans who are out of work and whose living conditions have deteriorated in

the 17 years since the end of apartheid.

While Malema may not be the king of South African politics, he could definitely be considered the primary king-maker. South African President Jacob Zuma relied heavily on the support of Malema's Youth League to get elected. Since Zuma cannot risk having Malema throwing his support behind some other candidate in next year's ANC party elections, he is likely to forge a halfway compromise between the government's current position and the more radical proposals proffered by the Youth League.

Investors fear that the implementation of Malema's economic policies will transform South Africa into a second Zimbabwe. More than this, however, many political observers believe the seizure of white-owned farms and businesses could intensify the racial schism in the country and spark clashes between whites and blacks.

More white farmers were murdered in South Africa during just 2009 than have been killed in Zimbabwe since Robert Mugabe came to power. Since the end of apartheid, over 3,000 white farmers have been murdered, according to the BBC.

If violence and crime are already this bad in South Africa, imagine how bad things could get once the government starts seizing land and businesses from their rightful owners.

As Ezekiel 7:23-27 prophesy: "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 ...."



## Teachers given permission to use common sense

As violence in British schools reaches stunning heights, the UK's Department for Education has released new guidance telling teachers they can use reasonable force against unruly students. There were 12,688 acts of grievous bodily harm or actual bodily harm reported in schools in England last year, the *Daily Mail* reported July 12. In 2008/2009, nearly 1,000 students were suspended from school every school day because of abuse or assault. The previous year the number was 452. In 2010, 44 teachers went to hospital with serious injuries. Facing such figures, the government finally decided to act. The new guidelines, released July 11, forbid the "no touch" policies that don't let teachers lay a hand on pupils. They clarify that teachers can use force "to prevent pupils from hurting themselves or others, from damaging property, or from causing disorder." The guidelines also make it easier for teachers to defend themselves against false accusation. The guidelines go a small way toward restoring discipline, but schools are still barred from effectively punishing children—and parents won't. The result is the society foretold in Isaiah 3:12: "As for my people, children are their oppressors ...."



## "Two thirds of teachers say bad behavior is driving professionals out of the classroom."

DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION, PRESS NOTICE, JULY 26

## UK to cut Army, again

The British regular Army will be cut to its smallest size in over a century after 2015, British Defense Secretary Liam Fox announced July 18, saying the Army will lay off 10,000 soldiers. This is on top of the 7,000 troops that the Strategic Defense and Security Review has announced will be cut, meaning the Army will shrink from 101,000 to 84,000 by 2020. The Treasury has promised that in return, it will give the armed forces more money to spend on equipment after 2013. The government will also channel more money to the reserve forces, making them better equipped and better paid. They will also be expected to fight more often. "Liam Fox will use the reserves review to put a brave strategic face on the Army cuts," wrote the *Spectator*. "But the fact remains that



Britain's PM greets troops in Afghanistan as reductions continue.

once again it is money, rather than strategy, which is really driving the decisions. Reserves are far cheaper than regulars, and neither ministers nor officials have been able to find another way of making the sums add up" (July 18). These cuts will leave Britain with less international influence and more reliant on its European allies.

## ANGLO-AMERICA



## Same-sex 'marriage' marches on

A new law in New York legalizing same-sex "marriage" took effect on July 24. The legislation passed by a comfortable margin of 33-29 in the Republican-controlled New York Senate. And since there are no residency restrictions within the law, homosexuals from anywhere in America can now legally "marry" in the Empire State.

## 'White girl bleeds a lot'

Violence with racial undertones broke out in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, over the Fourth of July weekend in the midst of the celebrations. Late-night surveillance footage shows a mob of possibly dozens of African-American teens who rushed into a gas station, stealing armfuls of snacks and trashing the store as shocked employees and paying customers looked on in disbelief. A second robbery, possibly related, occurred shortly thereafter. Authorities believe the same group taunted and attacked a group of passersby the same night. The Milwaukee police chief called the attack disturbing, outrageous and barbaric. One of the victims was punched in the face as her debit card and cell phone were stolen. "They just said, 'Oh, white girl bleeds a lot,'" she recalled. Her sister was kicked in the head and others in the group were also beaten, some requiring stitches, others, surgery. As the economy worsens and tempers flare, expect crime and racial violence to grow more and more brazen.



## Shame: Why the unemployment rate is so high

The U.S. Department of Commerce reported in July that career openings in science, technology, engineering and math are on the rise in the United States. The problem is that there are not enough qualified American applicants to fill them.

Andrew Liveris, chief executive officer of Midland-based Dow Chemical Co., told CBS News that his company is having a hard time finding qualified engineers. "We have 1 million science, technology, engineering and math jobs available in this country right now and only 200,000 graduates qualified to fill them," Liveris said. "That's scary."

To counter this shortage, he said, "I'm opening up R&D labs in China, in Brazil, in Eastern Europe, in India, to get those jobs."

It may be hard to believe that a country with an unemployment rate hovering close to 10 percent should have a shortage of qualified job applicants—but not when you consider the state of America's education system. According to a report last year, less than one third of eighth graders are considered proficient in math and science. America has lost its competitive advantage in technical know-how.



## NUMBERS

**1** Thousands of UK students suspended every day for abuse or assault

**17** Thousands of UK soldiers to be cut by 2020

**800** Thousands of science and tech jobs available in the U.S. without qualified applicants

# 'Canceled, Capped, Ended'

**SUNSET** *The U.S. Navy fields the world's largest and best fleet—but its best days are in the past.*

The U.S.'s frontline defenses are being attacked ... by a poor economy—and an even greater, unseen force. **BY JOEL HILLIKER AND ROBERT MORLEY**

**M**ORE THAN A FIFTH OF America's Navy ships are not ready to fight. And almost 40 percent of the time, deployed ships are not fully mission capable due to a defect in at least one "mission essential" system, according to a recently released congressional report. If that is not startling enough, the number of combat vessels on the Navy's sick list is set to skyrocket. And America's naval aircraft are in an even more shocking state. More than half of all F/A-18 Hornets are not fully mission capable. F/A-18s are the Navy's main fighter aircraft. Disrepair is so endemic that for every two jets deployed, one cannot perform a critical mission due to breakdowns.

The House Armed Services Readiness Subcommittee's July report leaves only one conclusion to be drawn, and it is not a reassuring

one: America's naval power is vastly overestimated, and its power projection capabilities are set to drastically shrink.

The report paints a sobering picture: *America has reached peak power*—and is now well down the back slope. This is not what a superpower is supposed to look like.

America's allies in Japan, the Philippines, South Korea, and especially Taiwan, New Zealand, Australia and Israel, should pay particular attention to this news.

## **Insufficient Resources**

"Our Navy already has insufficient resources to preserve its current fleet, let alone reverse the negative trends of years of underfunding, deferred maintenance and gaping holes in Navy readiness," said subcommittee Chairman Randy Forbes.

And it is not just one politician sounding the alarm. "We're not at a sustainable rate" of deployment, said Vice Adm.

William Burke, the deputy chief of naval operations for fleet readiness and logistics. With ongoing operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and Libya, in addition to fighting pirates in the Indian Ocean and aiding disaster victims in Japan and Pakistan, the wear and tear is becoming obvious. Then there is securing the Persian Gulf oil flow, checking Chinese aggression in the Pacific, and countering Russia's resurgence in the Arctic. The list goes on.

We're simply "not good to go today," said Vice Adm. Kevin McCoy, commander of Naval Sea Systems Command. Due to the constant demand for naval forces, some of the readiness indicators "will get worse."

The stories the two admirals tell are startling. The fleet is structurally in poor shape. Its ships carry damaged gear and insufficient spare parts; they have advanced weapons and sensors that are unreliable. Of the Navy's 22 cruisers in



service, every single one has cracks in its aluminum superstructure. The Navy's fighter aircraft are designed for a 6,000-flight-hour life, but they are being forced toward 10,000 hours. Over half of all EA-18G Growlers and P-3C Orion spy planes are not ready for combat because of various maintenance and safety issues.

As bad as this report is, though, the situation may actually be a lot worse.

A well-known secret circulates within naval circles; everyone among the rank and file knows it, but officials don't like to acknowledge it. It is called fleet cannibalism. In order to avoid getting cited during an inspection for not having functional gear, crews will borrow equipment from other ships—and then return it after the inspectors leave. Thus, even with reports as bad as they are, the implication is that even worse disrepair and equipment shortages exist. As the Navy adopts the more rigorous inspections the vice admirals propose, even bigger problems will probably be exposed.

One big problem, however, will not be so easy to track down and patch up.

### Trojan Horses

After the collapse of the Soviet Union, the U.S. administration launched a penny-pinching initiative designed to cut costs but keep as large a military as possible. Rather than using only custom, government-made military products at higher cost, federal agencies were encouraged to purchase commercial, off-the-shelf hardware in some cases. The money for secure, trusted, domestic electronics manufacturers dried up, and a bumper crop of smaller, bargain-bin parts brokers sprang up—businesses that got their products from who-knows-where.

The government also introduced affirmative-action goals that required the military and other agencies to purchase equipment from ethnic minority and women-owned suppliers—even if better products existed elsewhere.

The result produced more than just enormous cost savings, allowing America to keep more soldiers and sailors. It also created some gaping security holes.

In 2008, Naval Air Systems Command expert Robert Ernst reiterated a startling warning. Foreign-manufactured military components—especially computer chips—were exposing America to sabotage. He estimated at the time that foreign counterfeit components were degrading weapon system reliability by 5 to 15 percent each year. “We are having field failures regularly within our weapon systems—and in almost every weapon system,” he reported.

The warnings and revelations, however,

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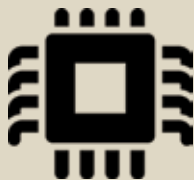
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Counterfeit  
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purchased from  
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in U.S. military  
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did nothing to halt the trend. The military simply could not overcome the stark and growing realities driving much of the increase in foreign chip acquisition: squeezed defense budgets, aging military equipment draining resources, the skyrocketing cost of new equipment, and growing ranks of pensioned personnel.

In October 2010, it was revealed that the Navy had unknowingly purchased 59,000 counterfeit computer chips from China for use aboard American warships and fighter planes, in a classified Raytheon missile system and in antiballistic missile systems. Not long before that, two California men pleaded guilty to importing 13,000 fake Chinese-made computer chips.

But that is the good news: The military caught those fakes. The question remains, however, how many other potentially compromised chips have gone undetected.

Sabotaged or otherwise poorly constructed computer chips are called “hardware Trojans”—after the famed stratagem used to topple Troy: the gift of a wooden horse that secretly contained crack Greek troops. It is feasibly impossible to thoroughly inspect each chip, so no one really knows what is already lurking inside the bowels of otherwise operational equipment. How

many “hardware Trojans” now lie dormant in military equipment just waiting for the signal to self-destruct, or worse?

As the revelation about the 59,000 fake Chinese chips illustrates, America has knowingly opened the gates to allow these potential Trojan horses inside its sturdiest walls of defense—and by the boatload.

But if the debt-laden economy continues to sink, there may be a whole lot fewer potentially sabotaged ships sailing the seas anyway.

### Budget Constraints

Militaries cost money, and none more than America's. The United States has spent more on defense than any nation in history: close to a billion dollars a day, every day, for over six decades—more than the rest of the world combined.

But those days are coming to an abrupt end. America is getting crushed by debt, and such spending is simply no longer sustainable.

The U.S. currently spends around \$700 billion per year on the military. President Obama has asked for \$400 billion in cuts spread over the next 12 years—but that is just the starting point.

President Obama's choice to replace Defense Secretary Robert Gates with former CIA director Leon Panetta is further evidence that drastic cuts are coming. You don't remove America's most trusted commander while he is in the midst of managing three wars in Muslim nations unless he has made a major mistake, or big changes are in the works. Replacing him with a man who earned a reputation for his ability to successfully navigate the mine-infested waters of defense-budget cutting while serving in the Clinton White House gives good reason to believe that this will be his job again.

But how much more “cost cutting” can the fleet handle before it has to start mothballing ships? It is already cracking under the strain.

America's Navy has shrunk by 15 percent since 1998. Yet, the number of ships deployed overseas has remained constant. What this means is that America's fleet is being used and abused more intensively each year—even as the fleet is rapidly aging. Each ship goes to sea longer and is used more heavily. According to the Heritage Foundation, there is “no surge capacity left in the fleet,” and “each new casualty ripples through the schedules of dozens of ships.”

It wouldn't take much to render a navy of 250 to 280 ships “capable of keeping

only 50 to 60 ships at sea,” writes Heritage. The U.S. fleet currently boasts 100 ships continually deployed.

But could the world’s largest, most powerful navy ever really suffer such dramatic cuts? Could half the navy be scuttled? It sounds drastic—but look at what happened to the Soviet Union. Surely collapse seemed equally implausible to Russians in 1986. Russia seemed to be at the peak of its power when Mikhail Gorbachev came into office. Then, in 1989, the Berlin Wall tumbled and a few short years later the mighty Russian Navy was mothballing ships by the hundreds.

It is hard to picture dozens of rusting, scavenged hulks haphazardly littering eerily silent harbors in San Diego or Norfolk. Yet via Google Earth images, the world can literally see the dozens of rusting naval hulks haphazardly littering the harbor in Murmansk and elsewhere. These provide stark proof of what happens after an empire’s economy reaches peak military carrying capacity. In Russia’s case, the plateau after the peak was very short—and the sudden collapse, very cliff-like.

Already there is talk of eliminating one of America’s aircraft carriers and delaying the scheduled purchase of the next two. And that is before any fallout from America’s budget-ceiling negotiations—and before the reality of a post-economic-peak has fully begun to be realized.

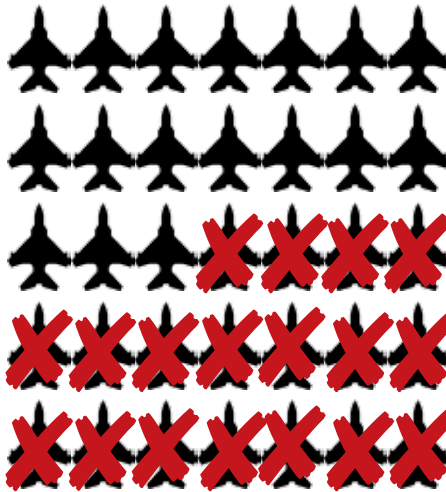
“[T]he biggest threat to our national security is our national debt,” Michael Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told students at Fort Bliss in March.

“The whole thing [European force cuts] is being driven by the U.S. defense budget and the deficiencies in the American budget as a whole,” confirmed defense analyst Charles Heyman. As politicians and military commanders face off, he said, “The politicians are always going to be right because they hold the purse strings. ... At some stage in the next 18 months to two years we’re going to see a real ax taken to the American defense budget.”

A real ax? In the past two years, more than 30 defense-related programs have been “canceled, capped or ended,” according to Robert Gates. Among them: plans for a long-range bomber; the F-22 program; the Joint Forces Command in Norfolk; two Pentagon agencies. The nation’s nuclear stockpiles are to be reduced by 30 percent; the missiles, subs and bombers used to deliver them, halved. The ranks of

admirals and generals have been thinned. Hundreds of military bases have closed.

Earlier this year, Secretary Gates announced \$78 billion in long-term military spending cuts and an additional \$100 billion in reallocations. The Navy axed the U.S. Second Fleet, which trains all strike groups before deployment. The Army canceled a missile system. The Air Force consolidated three numbered Air Force staffs.



**NOT GOOD TO GO**  
More than half of all F/A-18 Hornets are not fully mission capable.

The Marine Corps got rid of its expeditionary fighting vehicle. The Army and Marines agreed to shrink their numbers.

Already, the 18 combat divisions the Army had in the 1980s now stand at 10. The Navy’s 600 ships have been reduced to less than half that—fewer than at any time since the First World War. The Air Force’s tactical air wings have dropped from 37 to 20. Its planes are now fewer and older than at any time in its history. “The useful life of the tanks, artillery, planes, ships and missiles that date to the Reagan buildup is ending, and the cost of replacing them is now far greater than it was back then,” wrote former Army officer Jeff Lukens (Right Side News, June 12).

America risks “the slow dismantlement of the greatest military on Earth,” said Representative Forbes. Actually, Forbes is only half right. America’s military risks a very rapid dismantlement. But don’t just blame the economy.

### Real Cause of Collapse

Being a superpower is incredibly expensive. Just ask Britain. During its glory days of empire, it was ridiculously wealthy, the

master of global trade. The picture dramatically changed with World Wars I and II, which left Britain bankrupt and unable to sustain the operating costs of empire—particularly maintaining a military that could protect resource-supplying countries. The United States then took over as the world’s greatest power, and today Britain languishes in irrelevance.

Now, though, it is America’s turn to find itself priced out of the superpower market. And like Britain’s former colonies, America’s allies will increasingly be left out on their own.

Just as with Britain, though, America’s economic woes are not the cause of its problems. They are a symptom that points to the cause. They themselves have a far greater cause that must be understood.

Herbert W. Armstrong explained the reason for Britain’s and America’s rapid decline in his landmark book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. “There is a reason!” he wrote. “It is bound up with history and divine promises pertaining to Israel.”

America’s massive and growing problems—epic indebtedness, impossibly expensive entitlement programs, unwinnable nation-building-type military projects—all stem from the nation’s having turned its back on the Source of its prosperity and broken His immutable laws.

Just as Herbert Armstrong warned, America’s financial predominance is disappearing—and with it, its military predominance. Now, he continued, “the American nation is slated to go down even more suddenly [than Great Britain] to utter ignominy and loss of all national wealth, greatness and power!”

As we have said for years, America has won its last war. The view from the old, creaky, poorly maintained and debt-laden deck of USS America is increasingly bleak.



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# What the Future May Hold for the World's Newest Nation

South Sudan's independence is being celebrated in some intriguing circles. **BY RON FRASER**

**D**ESCRIBED AS “ONE OF THE LEAST-developed regions on Earth,” South Sudan, on July 9, officially became the 54th African state and the world's 196th nation-state.

The division of Sudan into two separate nations is welcomed by the elites within Germany and the Vatican. It plays right into the hands of European imperialists for at least three vital reasons: *oil, strategic location, and religion.*

Regarding the first reason, both Chinese and EU interests have vied for some time for the reliable flow of oil to their respective economies. Though China has borne the brunt of developing the infrastructure to transport the oil in South Sudan to Port Sudan in the north for shipment abroad, Germany's proximity to Sudan gives it the edge in influencing government policy as the new nation develops. It also allows for the rapid deployment of EU “peace keeping” battle groups to the region, something the German defense establishment, together with other EU defense elites, is speedily working to develop.

Concerning the second reason, consider the strategic importance of Sudan and its Red Sea peripheral neighbors to the EU imperial project. The Bundeswehr is presently deployed in North Sudan and in Ethiopia, and the Deutsche Marine in the coastal waters off the Horn of Africa as well as in the Mediterranean. These deployments plus those of the Bundeswehr in Afghanistan and Uzbekistan represent Germany's strategic effort to surround Iran in preparation for a stronger presence in the region when Iran takes over Iraq, pending America's withdrawal from that country. Germany and China simply cannot permit any prospect of Iran shutting down access to the transit of oil through the Persian Gulf.

The German and Chinese economies have become so mutually dependent on



each other that each must work to protect the other's interests in the vital Middle East oil triangle. One can clearly see the rising strength of German-Chinese political connections, and the situation suggests that Germany's military presence in the region will not only continue, but even grow in the future. The trade-off for Germany securing this region will be Beijing granting it access to the international ports that China controls. This temporary cooperation between these two countries will prove to be devastating to the Anglo-Saxon nations: The Bible prophecies of their being economically besieged by the resurrected German-dominated Holy Roman Empire during its period of greatest strength and aggression (Revelation 17:12-13).



**South Sudan  
President Salva  
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## The Vatican's Interest

The third reason for the EU's interest in South Sudan is the prospect it offers for religious influence over the masses by the Vatican. There are 2 million Catholics in Sudan, where the church

has nine dioceses, seven of which are in the South. The Vatican is well entrenched to influence the future policies of the South Sudanese government to favor EU interests.

Rome's interest in South Sudan was highlighted by its sending a high-powered delegation to South Sudan's independence celebrations. Its press office sent “best wishes for peace and prosperity” to “the authorities of the new state, and all its citizens, many of whom are Catholic.”

The Vatican press release noted that Rome has enjoyed “stable diplomatic relations with the authorities of Khartoum [capital of Sudan, which is Islamic] since 1972.” It is interesting to note that even while it had such relations, the Sudanese government oversaw the death of nearly 2 million people and displacement of some 4 million in southern Sudan as a result of raids by northern Islamists.

The Vatican certainly did not permit this slaughter to interrupt its strategic “stable diplomatic relations” with Khartoum. That is because Vatican diplomacy is specifically geared to enhance its long-term goal: yet another resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire, including colonization of strategic parts of Africa.

The Vatican and Germany share a common interest in the whole Horn of Africa, situated alongside one of the most strategic commercial gateways in the world, especially for Europe. It is located at the mouth of the Red Sea, which leads to the Suez Canal. It is almost within spitting distance of the Persian Gulf and the richest oil fields in the world. It is home to both French and U.S. military bases.

Both the Vatican and Germany recognize the danger of the Horn being lost to elements extremely hostile to Western interests. The violence in Sudan between Islamists and those in the south is one example of warfare between competing religions. In predominantly Christian Ethiopia, religious tension is also growing: Rioting Muslims, despite being a minority, have been burning

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# What Psychologists Don't Know About Child Rearing

BY HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG

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**T**HERE IS A PROVERB IN THE BIBLE most people do not understand. It says, “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it” (Proverbs 22:6).

Yet many have believed they had followed that scripture, and when the child became a middle-aged adult he had departed from it completely.

I know a man approaching old age, who was taught the truth of God from infancy. As a growing child he was trained—even as one would train a dog to do certain things by repeatedly training him to do a certain thing until it became habit. Yet, passing middle age into old age, he departed from it. **WHY?**

Solomon was the wisest man who ever lived. His proverb was inspired by God. It is part of the **WORD OF GOD**. Then why did this particular man depart from it?

Because the father who trained the child did not **UNDERSTAND** at the time the other scriptural teaching about the **SPIRIT IN MAN!**

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He assumed, like most do, that Solomon meant training as

one would a dog, by teaching him to *do* certain things, enforced by a system of rewards for performance and punishment for disobedience. One can train a dog that way. The trick becomes fixed habit and the dog will continue doing it on command repeatedly.

But what almost no one understands is the difference between a dog's brain and a child's **MIND**.

The dog's brain is almost precisely like a child's brain—form and composition almost precisely the same. But the human child is born with a spirit that imparts the power of intellect to the human brain. The human brain is accompanied by a spirit in connection with it. The brain of a dog, a horse, an elephant is not.

This human spirit enables the human person to **THINK—to REASON—to CALCULATE—to MAKE DECISIONS**. An elephant's brain is larger than a human brain, and designed precisely like it—just as good qualitatively—yet the elephant brain cannot think, reason, calculate, make decisions and choices. Like a dog, an elephant can be trained to do certain tricks, such as

people enjoy seeing in a circus.

Animals are equipped with instinct. A house dog automatically by instinct barks if one approaches the house. The dog does not **THINK**, weigh the matter, decide, “Shall I bark or shall I keep silent?” But I suppose that by repeated training a dog could be taught not to bark.

**NOW UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE!**

The child's mind can think and reason. It can acquire knowledge a dog or an elephant cannot know. It is stated in 1 Corinthians 2:11, “For what man knoweth the things of a man, save [by] the spirit of man which is in him.” A dog or an elephant cannot know what a man knows. Man's **KNOWING**, and power of self-decision, is imparted to the brain by the spirit that is in man.

## The Spirit in Man

Now Adam, the first created human, was created with a spirit in him. The spirit was not a “soul.” The breathing physical man was the soul (Genesis 2:7). The spirit in him did not impart life to him. His breathing was the breath of life. “The blood thereof is the life thereof.” So says God.

## “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

**Proverbs 22:6**

Adam was made to need KNOWLEDGE that no animal can know. He was made to need three kinds of knowledge: 1) knowledge for contact and relationship with God, 2) knowledge to have relationship to other people and 3) knowledge to deal with things—matter. Adam was created with a human spirit by which of himself he could acquire knowledge to deal with things.

Man has acquired by himself knowledge to build houses, make and operate automobiles, airplanes, computers. Yet in 6,000 years man has never learned how to get along with fellow man. Husband

and wife clash and divorce. Parents can't understand and properly train children. Children too often resent parents. Family can't live happily with next-door neighbor. Management and labor clash, races of people clash, nations war against one another.

And man has not learned—and doesn't seem to want to know—how to have a close association with his Maker.

**WHY?**

Because man was made with one spirit, unlike animals, but he was made to need another spirit—the Holy Spirit of God.

The Creator freely offered His Spirit, which also begets eternal LIFE, to Adam. But Adam rejected the Spirit of God (tree of LIFE) and took to HIMSELF the knowledge of good and evil. He decided to acquire and produce by himself his own knowledge. Adam's mind, as a result, was only HALF COMPLETE. He was not mentally “all there”!

But, LIMITED to physical knowledge of the materialistic—knowledge that could come into his brain by sight, hearing, tasting, smelling, feeling—he still had a

MIND that could think, reason, calculate, make decisions.

What an animal does is automatic by instinct. What a human does is by THOUGHT—by REASON—by DECISION!

### How to “Train Up a Child”

Now see where this leads us.

You train a growing child as you would train a dog or an elephant to do certain things a certain way. In some cases, because it has become habit, he may not change it.

BUT he has a MIND that can THINK, reason, DECIDE what to do and DIRECT his actions differently from parental teaching—especially if an attitude of resistance, hostility, resentment of authority or prejudice—or if conformity to custom of his peers—causes a change of mind—and in later life because of DISAGREEMENT he may entirely depart from childhood training. Where, then, does this lead us?

In earliest childhood, Satan begins to work on the child's mind. He broadcasts NOT in words, sounds or pictures, but in ATTITUDES of selfishness, hostility, disagreement, resentment and self-will. Most parents NEGLECT TEACHING THEIR CHILDREN'S MINDS UNTIL TEACHERS AT SCHOOL, about age 7, can teach them.

BUT SATAN DOES NOT NEGLECT YOUR CHILD'S MIND! Satan begins broadcasting into it, when only a few months old, attitudes of selfishness and self-centeredness.

How, THEN, should you train up a child in the way he should go?

NOT ONLY by habit to do certain things a certain way, as you would train a dog, but train him to THINK FOR HIMSELF!

Train him to think and decide according to the spirit and attitude of GOD'S LAW—love toward others, consideration for the good and welfare of others—and teach him that Satan's way of selfishness and jealousy, envy, antagonism toward others, is wrong. Teach him to HONOR his parents. Teach the principle and ATTITUDE of God's LAW of LOVE to God and LOVE to other people.

The psychologists cannot rightly teach you how to rear children. They do not KNOW what the human mind is. Unless one has the Holy Spirit—and I know of no such psychologist—they are incompetent to teach child rearing. ■

churches and Christian homes and other buildings. The government is cracking down on the Islamists, but as happened in Egypt, and more recently in Syria, the crackdown may end up empowering those being targeted. In Somalia, pirates have been targeting commercial shipping operations of Western nations, kidnapping and demanding ransom, even hijacking oil supertankers.

Now, the whole region is being ravaged by devastating drought and famine. What effect might that have? In Tunisia, a food crisis exploded into mass protests and toppled the regime. In times of dramatic upheaval, people often look to the vocal radicals for solutions. Extremists will be empowered. Certainly, the potential is there for Islamic fundamentalists to make huge gains in both Ethiopia and Somalia. The Western-backed transitional government in Somalia is already only clinging to power through foreign military intervention. Somalia is a hotbed of activity for al Qaeda and like-minded groups. Without food and jobs, more young people will see piracy as a way out. Will those same young men also see war, or the local warlord, as a viable alternative?

No wonder EU imperialist elites are so concerned about the Horn of Africa. It could be set to become a lot more hostile to European interests. And because of its strategic location, it could be dangerously hostile.

The International Federation for Human Rights reported that barely two months before South Sudan's declaration of independence, “border disputes escalated into armed clashes in Abyei [a disputed border region] when the northern troops took possession of the region, displacing more than 110,000 people fleeing the fighting.” Such incidents indicate that peace between north and south in Sudan will only come under the oversight of a “peace keeping” force supplied by a third party. Germany and attendant EU battle groups will stand ready to fill that gap.

Watch for Germany and the Vatican, with diplomatic support from China, to work to shape events in Sudan in the months ahead. As we have witnessed in the Ivory Coast, South Sudan may well effectively become a vassal African state to the imperialist European Union, none other than the seventh and final resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire! ■

# A Nation Worth Applauding

Why Germany has such a promising future! **BY RYAN MALONE**

**G**ERMANS MAKE GREAT PIANOS—the finest, actually, in my opinion. The name Steinway has been synonymous with excellence in piano construction for over a century and a half, starting with a German-born piano maker living in New York. When his son opened a plant in Hamburg, Germany, it wasn't long before many regarded the Hamburg instruments as superior to those manufactured in the original New York factory.

I witnessed Steinway's standard of quality firsthand when a colleague of mine and I toured its Hamburg factory. That day we were to select from among six fine pianos a concert grand for Armstrong Auditorium in Edmond, Oklahoma.

German craftsmen have earned a reputation for excellence for more than just pianos. Whether it's kitchen knives or convertibles, power tools or pistols, the "Made in Germany" mark is a testament to any product's superiority. Olympic competitors seek German-made rowing shells; rock superstars look for German-made guitar amplifiers. Germany's reputation in the auto industry is unmatched in both quantity and quality; the nation is the world's third-largest car producer. German sports sedans outperform their peers; its luxury cars outclass their competition.

German workers have refined the ability to assimilate great innovations of other nations and improve upon them. Germany is also known for its creative geniuses—its composers, poets and scientists.

Little wonder, then, that Germany is the economic powerhouse of Europe and the most stable economy in the Western world.

Luigi Barzini commented on this national aptitude in his 1984 book *The Europeans*. Germany, he wrote, "has become once again the richest, strongest, most efficient, orderly, productive, scientifically and technologically advanced, as well as the most populous nation of Western Europe. In prosperous years, it is the first up, in lean years, the last down."

## Ever Improving

Our 90-minute tour of the Steinway factory began in a huge lumber warehouse full of wood from all over Europe. Each piano is formed of 12,000 individual pieces. The tour ended in the "quality control" room—a sufficiently sized office through which every piano passes and where one man makes the final tweaks on the instrument, completing a three-year building process.

My friend and I were astounded not only at the superior craftsmanship and attention to detail, but also at the overarching philosophies behind the company's piano-making process.

Who could compete with such pianos? The official giving us the tour told us, as we climbed a staircase in the factory: "Our biggest competitors are our older pianos." With each rising step I took, I pondered that brilliant philosophy. So much modern industry tends to make a thing just well enough to sell, and then when it falls apart, the customer has to buy another

technicians who worked on the piano will be alive then. Neither will the original customer for the instrument. But the workers at the 158-year-old company want to ensure that the pianos they make today will still function well for their grandchildren.

These manufacturing ideals typify sterling characteristics that generally exist in the Germanic peoples.

## The Character of the People

Germany's history has had some dark periods. Generally these have resulted from maniacal leadership. As Barzini explained of Hitler's reign during World War II, "It was the Reich that foreigners had disliked and feared, Germans en masse and in uniform and their leaders, but not the individuals who, with some appalling exceptions, have always been rather affable human beings."

About Bismarck's united Germany in 1871, Barzini stated, "The people were tenderly sentimental, moral, God-fearing, in



one. Steinway's thinking is, make an inferior product and people will prefer the long-lasting used ones. But keep *improving*, and they will always seek out your finest output.

At one point in the tour, the official explained in great detail the types of glue used to bind the pieces of the pianos together. She mentioned that, unlike other piano makers, Steinway would not use a certain synthetic glue. "Though we know it will stick well now, we don't know how well it will hold together in 80 years." *Eighty years?* I thought. None of the

love with children, folk tales and music. ... The country gave birth to great poets, great composers, savants, writers of tragedies, and sedulous collectors of legends. ... It produced the greatest thinkers, beaver-like constructors of all-embracing philosophical systems, first-class theologians, philologists, archeologists, linguists, physicists and chemists galore."

Anyone who visits Germany will generally note the pristine, orderly public spaces, the considerate drivers, the cooperative public servants, and the punctual, law-abiding citizens.



## ICON OF CRAFTSMANSHIP

*In Hamburg, a worker uses a rim-bending press to shape strips of glued wood that have been stacked together to form the distinctive shape that is a Steinway concert grand piano.*

### An Inspiring Future Ahead

In just a few years, the German nation will take its place as a prominent nation in a prosperous new world. Bible prophecy foretells of a time of world peace and harmony to come after the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

The book of Isaiah prophesies: “In that day shall there be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians shall serve with the Assyrians. In that day shall Israel be the third with Egypt and with Assyria,

even a blessing in the midst of the land: Whom the Lord of hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance” (Isaiah 19:23-25).

As longtime readers of this magazine are aware, *Assyria* is the biblical term for the modern Germans.

Several prophecies inform us that just before Christ’s Second Coming, Assyria will conquer the modern nations of Israel (the major English-speaking nations, as explained in our free book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*). We should

note, however, that the gruesome retribution their military is about to unleash on the Western world is *God’s* doing. He calls them “the rod of *mine* anger,” and says “the staff in their hand is *mine* indignation” (Isaiah 10:5). God declares, “I will send him against an hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge ...” (verse 6).

Also remember that the Assyrians were the *only* people in biblical record to repent

en masse at a prophet of God's warning (Jonah 3:5-10).

Continuing in Isaiah 10, God foretells how Israel will be freed from the Assyrian captivity. After this brief dark period in Germany's history, God says He will "punish the fruit of the stout heart of the king of Assyria ..." (verse 12). Then, as Isaiah 19 shows us, Assyria will take its place in the new world under the Messiah's loving reign as one of three strong nations. Herbert W. Armstrong stated in *The Wonderful World Tomorrow*, "Egypt and Germany are pictured in loving, respectful, serving cooperation with the very peoples they contended with in the past. That's real progress!"

The Hebrew word *Assyria* literally means "step," implying success or progress. This will be a more fitting name for the "German" (man of war) in a time when people will no longer "learn war any more" (Isaiah 2:4). The Assyrians will continue to be industry leaders in the fields of manufacturing and *creative* endeavors, using those skills, not to build tools of destruction, but to turn weapons into instruments of development and cultivation (verse 4).

God praises Assyria's alliance with Israel and Egypt and reveals that the Assyrians will "serve" and cooperate with other nations (Isaiah 19:23-25). Their cleanliness and orderliness will be a fitting contribution to the beauty of this utopian society. They will take even greater pride in what they do, knowing that doing so brings honor and glory to God's rule on Earth.

The Assyrians will assuredly bring their excellence and farsighted thinking in industry to help provide the large construction equipment needed in the new world for major topographical overhaul (Isaiah 41:15-16). They will use their famed musical prowess to compose and perform music that worships and praises the true God (Psalm 68:32).

God will also use their national characteristic and tendency to be strict keepers of the letter of the law—and will also teach them to exalt and to keep the *spirit* of His law. This new world will be governed by the Ten Commandments, and what a world that will be—absent all religious confusion, infidelity, cheating, murder, theft and so on! Germany will be among the "many nations" that want to go to Jerusalem to learn the LAW from Zion (Micah 4:2).

One of the abounding traits of the German people that Barzini illustrates in his book is that they are mutable, changeable and malleable. They follow strong leadership and adapt to situations easily. How helpful

that quality will be when they are led to unprecedented greatness by Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God.

The repentant nation of Israel will assume its place as model nation and physical superpower of the world, ruling over the nations that once held it captive (Isaiah 14:1-2). The Assyrians, as they have done in type today, will follow diligently and—also in alliance with Israel—will refine the production of Israel's industries, ideas and inventions, undoubtedly exceeding them in certain areas as they do today.

### Selecting From the Best

After our tour of the factory, my colleague and I entered the selection room, where we were introduced to the pianos we would choose from. For two hours we played, hopping from bench to bench and making furious comparisons and critiques. At last we were convinced we had found the perfect piano: the finest instrument in action, response, dynamic variety and sound that we had ever played. For the next hour and a half, we played every style of musical piece imaginable, to be sure that this indeed was the right instrument for our new hall.

Mission accomplished.

It is the finest piano I have ever played, and we are pleased to present it to every pianist who comes to perform at Armstrong Auditorium and to every piano enthusiast who comes for a tour. Inon Barnatan came toward the beginning of our auditorium's inaugural season and predicted it would be the best piano he played all year. The conductor/pianist for the Vienna Boys Choir had one complaint about it: that he couldn't take it with him back to Austria.

Our Steinway not only bespeaks the greatest piano craftsmanship in the world, it also embodies the incredible potential of the people who handmade it.

What promise lies in this great nation!

### Godly Traits

Otto von Bismarck believed what one German poet wrote: that "the German spirit will heal the world." Though that is not what will *heal* the world, Assyria is called the "work of God's hands" (Isaiah 19:25); and, in many ways, these people manifest qualities that God wants to develop in all of us.

God wants law-abiding followers of His family government who serve with a willing, courteous attitude of proper pride and diligence. He wants people who are malleable and yielding to His efforts—qualities that will lead us to the spiritual greatness God wants us all to achieve. ■

# How the

BY RON FRASER

**B**ACK AROUND 35 YEARS AGO when I was working for the Australian government in Canberra, an academic gave me a research paper purporting to prove that no human behavior can be judged as deviant.

The academic had been a campus child of the '60s at a prestigious university and had since become a lecturer at Canberra University and an occasional consultant to the government.

In those days, quite a few bright young things were attracted to careers in Australia's civil service. Many are now the senior bureaucrats who have successfully worked in policy and the judiciary to bend Australian society progressively away from its traditional roots to a far different mindset.

What has happened to Australian society over the past 50 years has also affected the whole of Western civilization over the same period, rooted in the same causes, and destined to have the same results.

Canberra in the '70s was a heady environment, an atmosphere made especially volatile by the sudden fall of the socialist government of Prime Minister Gough Whitlam, and his replacement by his conservative political enemy, Malcolm Fraser. The fact that Whitlam had been removed from power by the direct intervention of the Queen's representative, Governor General John Kerr, added to the sense of political intrigue. To the developing cadre of Australian leftists, this was the last straw. Something had to be done to change a system that enabled a monarch's representative to sack an incumbent government leader. The left railed against both queen and governor general. The new prime minister and the governor general received death threats.

### Strategy: Take Over From the Inside

Yet, even under the Whitlam government, changes had already been made to allow for new hires in public service to favor those of leftist thinking. These would become the vanguard in the effort



# *Perverse* Became the Norm

to divorce Australia from the Crown and establish a republican form of government.

One thing I noticed during my six-year tenure in Canberra was the distinct difference between the outlook on life of my contemporaries, born in the war years of the late 1930s and early '40s, and that of our juniors born in the following decade who hailed from the campus life of the tumultuous '60s and early '70s. The most telling difference was *morality*. Whereas most of my peers working for the government were established family men and women exhibiting a reasonable conservatism in outlook and demeanor, the younger set were quite overt in expressing views geared *against* the mores of traditional Anglo-Saxon society.

That generation had been brainwashed from elementary school to university into a way of thinking quite foreign to my peers and to me. It was not hard to see why when they opened their mouths. Their language was replete with ideas and phrases drawn from Mao's little red book, from such leftists as Nietzsche, Foucault, Weber, and the American fads of the time, Ginsberg, Kerouac, Sontag, Leary and others.

What really exposed the brainwashing of those students was the uniformity of the language they used. Almost like a foreign tongue to me, it was deeply socialist, amoral, and aggressively challenging to the old traditional virtues, besides being seemingly deaf to all reason and common sense. The contrast with the language of the traditional Commonwealth education of the '40s and '50s—filled with the likes of Kipling, Shakespeare, Locke, Gibbon, Bacon and the Bronte sisters—was stark.

These were the offspring of the "Age of Aquarius," the decade of the '60s, which social commentator Roger Kimball describes in his book *The Long March* as "a synonym for excess and moral breakdown," a decade of "wrong turns, dead ends, and unacknowledged spiritual hazards."

As time went on, I realized that this flood of young socialist elites into

government institutions was part of a deliberate strategy. Unsuccessful at changing society from *outside* the general system and order, liberals had changed tactics: penetrate the government and force cultural change on society from *within* the system.

Kimball describes the revolution this way: "As the '60s unfolded, attitudes that had characterized a tiny minority on the fringes of culture were more accepted into the mainstream. By the early 1970s, they had *become* the mainstream."

This was achieved by institutionalizing the deviance and perversity of the immoral few into mainstream education. Thus began the brainwashing of those who would emerge from the colleges and universities of the West to join what leftist guru Antonio Gramsci termed "the long march," after the cultural revolutionary phenomenon of

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Mao Tse Tung's Chinese regime. German Jewish leftist philosopher Herbert Marcuse describes this leftist strategy as "the long march through the institutions"—actually seeking employment *within the enemy*, the established institutions of Western society, and initiating a subversive process of "working against the established institutions while working in them."

This great cultural revolution swelled up from the campuses of the '60s and '70s, and has since imposed a cultural tyranny on Western society.

My younger fellow travelers in Canberra during the '70s were part of this "long march." They penetrated the establishment from within and worked to overturn every moral bastion on which the greatness of

Anglo-Saxon society had been built.

Today we see the results. We see its effect on the caliber of leadership currently orchestrating the Anglo-Saxon nations' descent to second-power status and worse.

## The New Norm

In addition to Kimball and his brilliant exposé *The Long March*, a number of astute commentators have written on this phenomenon of the massive overturn of traditional Western virtues: Alan Bloom in *The Closing of the American Mind*, Robert Bork in *Slouching Towards Gomorrah*, and Gertrude Himmelfarb in *The Demoralization of Society*, to name just a few. French essayist Alain Finkielkraut, in his book *The Undoing of Thought*, succinctly sums up the effect of the cultural revolution: "When hatred of culture becomes itself a part of culture, the life of the mind loses all meaning."

"Two decades [the '60s and '70s] have been enough for *deviance to become the norm*," Finkielkraut observes. "The long process of the conversion to hedonism and consumerism of Western societies has culminated today in *the worship of juvenile values*" (emphasis added throughout).

Thus, to use Kimball's words, the West has been victim of a movement that "tore apart, perhaps irrevocably, the moral and intellectual fabric of our society."

"The Age of Aquarius did not end when the last electric guitar was unplugged at Woodstock," Kimball writes. "It lives on in our values and habits, in our tastes, pleasures and aspirations. It lives on especially in our educational and cultural institutions, and in the degraded pop culture that permeates our lives like a corrosive fog." Amen to that!

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*Deviancy* and *perversity* have become accepted norms in human behavior. What was formerly considered anti-social behavior—the deviant, the perverse, the abhorrent, the illegitimate and the shameful—is now accepted as “normal” human behavior. The law has even been changed to entrench such behavior and protect those who engage in it.

So successful is this cultural tyranny that it has become *invisible*. As Kimball writes, “Acceptance breeds invisibility, the ultimate token of triumph.”

Now, society has been flipped upside down. Those who hold to the true values and virtues find themselves at odds with overarching public opinion. Those who hold to the once-prevalent, virtuous principles and practices of Western civilization, society perceives as its enemy. To speak the plain, unadulterated truth is politically incorrect. The Ten Commandments are mere superstition, and behavior following biblical standards is condemned as intolerant of other “lifestyles,” no matter how abhorrent.

To take a couple of examples, we see the increasingly successful lobby to change laws to permit perverse human relationships to be regarded as within the bounds of “marriage” and the continuing and successful lobby to permit murder within the womb.

Marriage, by the definition of its Creator, is a divine institution expressed within the natural union between man and woman, endorsed under a binding covenant till death. The effort to legitimize perverse relationships by bringing them under the definition of marriage through a change in man’s laws is a gross lie. To the Creator of the marriage institution, it is abhorrent in the extreme—so abhorrent that He destroyed two whole cities that were corrupted to the core by such perverse behavior.

That’s the cold, hard truth of the matter.

Yet, in that former bastion of decency, the United States of America, the very secretary of state praises the administration for helping one American purveyor of musical porn to perform at a homosexual carnival in Rome—and at taxpayers’ expense. If you want proof of the extent to which the liberal-socialist doctrine of perversity now dominates government in Anglo-Saxon society, then there it is. This episode also shows the U.S. administration’s endorsement of public blasphemy: This “star” sings a song with the chorus, “I’m in love with Judas.”

Sad day for America. But this is what happens when the offspring of the “Age of Aquarius” grow up to replace the poli-

to pervert the human mind and blind it to their reason for being.

At its heart, this moral, social and political problem is *spiritual*. Truly, the human mind is spiritual in essence. It is open to the massive impact of spiritual battering from a very perverse source, an intellect far superior to that of man, and corrupt at its very core in the extreme.

The Word of God reveals that power as “Apollyon,” which means destroyer (Revelation 9:11). Elsewhere he is labeled as “a liar from the beginning and the father of it” (John 8:44). In yet another instance he is revealed as “the god of this world,” who has blinded mankind to reality, to the truth (2 Corinthians 4:4). The liberals of the ‘60s did not create this cultural revolu-



**GETTING USED TO IT?**

Scenes of campaigning homosexuals and their supporters are no longer a rare or shocking sight in Western society.

cymakers they once despised. All their diligent work to imprint their immorality as the norm on society has successfully shattered the moral core of Western civilization.

As Prof. Lee Congdon declared, “[W]e ought not to treat the contemporary ‘culture war’ lightly; the fate of what remains of civilized life may well be decided by its outcome” (*Virginia Viewpoint*, September 2005).

**A Spiritual Problem**

It takes a huge lump of intestinal fortitude, commonly called “guts,” to take a stand against such overwhelming efforts

on their own. He was behind it.

Thank God there is a far superior mind that has established ultimate, unchangeable reality (Malachi 3:6), the eternal, universal truths that set the standard for correct human behavior and clearly define our reason for being and the tremendous potential for which we have been created.

If you truly desire to be unshackled from the ways of a society progressively going mad, from a power intent on perverting everything that is truly good, right and truthful, then request our free book *The Incredible Human Potential*. It will show you the way to unshackle yourself from being slave to those who have “changed the truth of God into a lie” (Romans 1:25)—the way to fulfill your incredible, God-given destiny!





# The Secret to Success

Why are there so few who find it?

**W**Henever I write about life at Herbert W. Armstrong College, some readers say, *I wish I had that opportunity*. I often share this with our students to help them better appreciate the opportunity God has given them and to encourage them to make the most of it.

Malcolm Gladwell has a lot to say about opportunities in his popular book *Outliers*. In it, he acknowledges the critical difference **HARD WORK** makes. The closer psychologists look at the lives of successful individuals, he writes, “the smaller the role innate talent seems to play and the bigger the role preparation seems to play.” According to Gladwell, experts are *who they are* because they abide by the 10,000-hour rule: They achieve mastery in their field only after about 10,000 hours of practice over about 10 years.

Our students are in training to become *experts* in the field of **BALANCED LIVING** through a Bible-based liberal arts curriculum, a hands-on work-study program, numerous fine arts engagements, formal events, opportunities for travel, intramural sports activities, active and wholesome dating and an uplifting family atmosphere, including regular fellowship with faculty members.

The training AC students receive here over eight semesters adds up to over 9,000 hours: 4,500 hours on the job; 1,800 hours in the classroom; at least half again that amount in study; 1,200 hours for forums, Bible studies and church services; and maybe 800 hours more for the numerous intramural activities. This doesn’t even count the most important regular activity: each student’s personal relationship with God. We encourage students to set aside **ONE HOUR** per day for earnest, heartrending prayers to their Creator, following the examples of many great men of the Bible. Four years of doing so would amount to 1,300 hours of contact with God! We also encourage 30 minutes per day for personal Bible study in addition to their classroom instruction; one hour is optimal.

It all amounts to well over 10,000 hours. Granted, those hours are **NOT** invested in one highly specialized field of expertise. They cover many fields and endeavors, most of which involve God and His Family, and all with a view toward ultimately sharing God’s way of life with all of mankind. God’s inspired Word shows that His plan for mankind is to reproduce His character in us (Genesis 1:26). That is why AC is a character-building institution.

I can see why some readers might wish they had the opportunity to attend AC when they were younger. But the truth is, God’s way of living brings successful abundance **WHEREVER** you might be in life—but *only if you are willing to work really hard at it*. That’s what distinguishes top performers from the middle of the pack, Gladwell points out. “[P]eople at the very top don’t work just harder or even much harder than everyone else,” he writes. “They work much, much harder.”

Our college’s namesake, Herbert W. Armstrong, learned more than 60 years ago that true success is not reserved for those with superior ability, but for individuals—*any* individuals—willing to abide by the **DEFINITE SET OF LAWS** God set in motion that will guarantee successful *results*. He outlined these laws in his most popular booklet, *The Seven Laws of Success*—requested by more

than 3 million people during the 20th century. I re-read the booklet again after reading Gladwell’s *Outliers* and found it to be right up to date—packed with wise instruction that leads readers along a path toward success!

The first law of success is to fix the right goal. To make sure it’s the *right* goal, one must first be able to **DEFINE** true success. Though thought-provoking, Gladwell’s book offers no specific definition of success. Generally, success is thought of as money or fame. God’s definition is totally different. While physical blessings might be enjoyed along *with* success, God defines true success as the **WAY OF LIFE** that *causes* all that is good and successful. We must voluntarily *choose* that way and relentlessly pursue it.

This is why we constantly remind our students of their first priority in life: drawing near to their Creator through consistent prayer, Bible study, meditation and occasional fasting. Perhaps the opportunity to attend Armstrong College as a full-time student *has* passed you by. But your personal relationship with God is an entirely different matter. As the Apostle Paul told the Athenian philosophers, God is “**NOT** far from *every one of us*” (Acts 17:27). But because most are unwilling to diligently seek after Him—which takes *hard work*—only a minuscule few ever find Him.

In 2004, after fighting for it in court, we began distributing the completely updated *Herbert W. Armstrong College Bible Correspondence Course*. This 36-lesson study, which forms the bedrock biblical instruction our students receive at AC, is distributed freely to anyone who enrolls. After every four lessons, our distance learning students complete a simple test before receiving the next four lessons.

In 6½ years, over 75,000 people have signed up for the course. Currently, about 7,500 are enrolled. Over 50,000 have dropped out. On average, 74 percent don’t get past the very first test. To date, only 3,898 people—just 5 percent—have completed the study. In this case, it’s not the opportunity that is lacking, but rather the persistent, determined willingness to finish a course that would dramatically improve their lives!

In the parable of the sower, Jesus described four kinds of individuals, all given the opportunity to receive God’s message. One never really got started. Two others enthusiastically began learning God’s way of life, but one became distracted by the cares of this world, and the other lacked the character to stay with it. One of those seeds, however, took root and continued to grow, eventually producing abundant fruit. Those few who diligently seek God’s way of life learn that an intimate relationship with God not only prepares them to take advantage of opportunities—it *creates* opportunities!

Request and study *The Seven Laws of Success*. And enroll in the *Herbert W. Armstrong College Bible Correspondence Course*; set aside time each day to work at it—and **STAY WITH IT**. Then supplement this practical, Bible-based study with regular, heartfelt prayers. Over time, the hours will add up, and you’ll be well on your way to accumulating advanced training in the area of expertise that matters most: *how to live*. ■

**Inspiring!**

What a great, inspiring article regarding King Solomon's wall ("Found! King Solomon's Wall," August). I especially admire the character with which Dr. Mazar and Mayor Barkat handled the entire situation; just using the opportunity to bring to light the absolute truth about the King David, Solomon and the Bible.

*Jamie Lord*—LOUISIANA

How I wish I could touch the stones! Incredible article about this incredible discovery! Sadly, the hush is so pronounced probably because the world wants to deny the proof of the birthright promises made to Abraham and Israel. And thanks to the *Trumpet* for the fascinating videos of the find, and the aerial view of Jerusalem recently posted on your homepage! I had no idea how beautiful the country of Israel really is!

*Christi*—TEXAS

What an amazing article! A couple of days ago I read an article in the *National Geographic* about Dr. Mazar and the dig that was kind of disheartening and spoke to the many who disagree with the findings by Dr. Mazar. It seemed like so much in that article was against her and the work being done there. It's truly amazing that there is such a lack of enthusiasm for what is being unearthed about David's kingdom. Thank you for bringing out about how the news media is covering it up. It boggles the mind to see how the media go to such great lengths to cover up the real story behind the dig, which is the reality of the Bible that is backed up by the finds by Dr. Mazar.

*Bridget Johnson*—TENNESSEE

**Bosnia firsthand**

Best article I've read in ages ("What Really Happened in Bosnia," August). I've been working in the Balkans for almost 20 years and can't believe how rarely the truth gets out. So many terrible things have happened to the Serbians since the wars started that I've noticed the psychological damage it has done to everyone in Serbia; men, women and children. They've been told by the West that they are the "bad guys" so many times that they're actually starting to believe that rubbish. In truth they did their best to hold Yugoslavia together, but there was no way



NATO was going to let that happen. *Betty*—CANADA

Thank you very much for this article, the best one I have ever read on war in former Yugoslavia. I come from Bosnia and had endured the horrible war in Sarajevo for four years. While living there in the wartime, we would listen to radio supported by

the West and could not believe the lies they were saying. They would say that Sarajevo was heavily bombed on a night when a single bullet was not fired, let alone a bomb. It is true that Serbs bombed the hospitals and kindergartens in Sarajevo, but these very places were used by Bosnian Muslims to send bombs to the Serbian part of Sarajevo, which killed so many civilians. That was never reported by the West. The only reports were about casualties in the Muslim part of Sarajevo.

*Zoran Nedeljko*—AUSTRALIA

My heritage is Serbian and my father and his father were proud of their heritage. I was taught we were a people who loved the West especially Britain and America. My grandfather fought for the Allies in the Second World War. I can't begin to explain the despair of my father when he saw the once allies of Serbia stab us all in the back. And for what? The people I come from are a great people who will stand up for what they believe in! ... I love the fact that Mr. Flurry and the *Trumpet* staff can see all these lies so clearly and appreciate the Serbian people for who they truly are!

*Greg*—AUSTRALIA

**The law used as license**

Thank you for clarifying for us our genesis as a nation under God here in the U.S. of A ("The U.S. Constitution Is Over 95 Percent Destroyed!" August). Amazingly, as you state, the foundational law of the land has been adulterated and compromised over time by our leaders in all three branches of government: the judicial, legislative, and executive. The Constitution today, seemingly, has been used as a basis to give license to and promote perversion and deviancy. *Kurt*—KANSAS

**Six days**

Love the article ("Six Days Shall You Labor," August). It is very insightful. When people tell me how lucky I am to be retired, I tell them they are the lucky ones

to have work to get up for. I also tell them to be sure and create work for themselves when their economic work is over. Work keeps us going and gives us something to look forward to.

*Christine*—WASHINGTON STATE

It doesn't happen often that children are self-propelled to do chores. And as a mother, I have the unfortunate tendency to re-delegate my children's work to myself, as I can get it done faster and I usually do a neater job. What a disservice I am doing my sons when I do their work for them! Instilling initiative and work ethic in our children is imperative, as their future success as providers for their families, helpmeets to their husbands, and servants to their God depends upon these characteristics and a willingness to work, no matter what the task. UNITED STATES

**Mankind's experiment about over**

When I was reading your article, "When Will the World End?" (August) and I got to the line "Mankind's experiment with self-government is about over," an ironic thought popped into my head: The latest and last experiment in this world was democracy and it is obviously failing everywhere one looks. America is the lead example of failure with the politicians trying to buy votes with borrowed money, the families in disarray, abortion running rampant and the sexual deviants of society out of control, etc. Ironically, America has been trying to push for democracy in the Middle East and around the globe. *Joseph A. Sorensen*—FLORIDA

Keeping our focus on world events and prophecies fulfilled by these events ensures we are doing our part of watching as Christ commands. Christ did not berate the disciples for asking Him what the signs were that point to His coming, and since He specifically told them what they were, then of course He means for us to watch for these things. *Cy*

**The Bible how it really is**

I am looking forward to the end of this crazy world and the madness I see in people. Growing up, I thought I was the crazy one. I was looking for the truth when I started to read the Bible myself and found no one was telling the truth about it until I watched your TV program one morning. I thought, *finally someone is explaining the Bible how it really is*. I could not believe it. Thank you for interpreting the real Jesus and God's teaching. I knew someone would have to tell it how it really is. *Anna*—AUSTRALIA

# Do You Ignore Reality?

History shows that doing so can be fatal.

IT IS EASY TODAY TO LOOK BACK ON THE 1930S AND MARVEL AT Britain's failure to take action to escape the calamity that was brewing in Europe. To think that if you were alive in the 1930s you would have read the signs and responded differently. If you think this way, though, you don't understand human nature.

As each year passed in the 1930s, evidence showing that a massive catastrophe was inevitable became ever more plentiful and irrefutable. There were Hitler's munitions factories; his steadily growing army; the führer's own promises.

In March 1935, Hitler formally rejected the Treaty of Versailles. He announced the formation of the German Luftwaffe (air force) and conscription for all German youth. Winston Churchill warned that Hitler was putting Germany on a war footing. Despite the evidence, Britain slumbered.

Hitler invited British government officials to Berlin. He told them that the Reich had "reached parity with Great Britain as far as their respective air forces were concerned." In fact, Hitler had been misinformed; he had overestimated the strength of the Royal Air Force by about 50 percent. Germany's air force was actually *much* larger than Britain's! Even once the disparity was revealed, however, the British remained apathetic.

On March 7, 1936, 22,000 German soldiers marched under the cover of fog and darkness into the Rhineland; by noon the military coup was complete. Hitler announced that he had "reestablished . . . the absolute and unrestricted sovereignty of the Reich in the demilitarized zone of the Rhineland." Britain cringed—and did nothing.

In 1938, the Reich was again on the move. On March 11, while the German foreign minister was lunching with British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain in London, German soldiers closed the border at Salzburg and began amassing troops along the frontier. Three days later, Hitler swallowed Austria. The British government, media and people trembled—and again fell back to sleep!

The night of Nov. 9, 1938, the world and German Jews in particular got another taste of what Hitler had in store. The number of acts of pillaging, rape and murder of Jews the night of Kristallnacht in unknown, but at the time it was *the greatest pogrom in history*. Yet, though Germany's Jews were terrified, most chose to keep living in the jaws of the beast that would eventually devour them!

Soon it was apparent that Hitler had set his gaze on Czechoslovakia. By the end of 1938, the Sudetenland region had fallen to the German maw. By the following March, he had successfully devoured all of Czechoslovakia.

FINALLY in the spring of 1939, after YEARS of Hitler churning out weapons, breaking treaties, invading neighbors and killing Jews, Britain began to muster a meaningful response. Even then, it wasn't until Germany invaded Poland that September that all of Britain was convinced *beyond question* that WAR WAS UPON THEM!

Years later, we look back and marvel at the stunning failure of Britain and the West to recognize the menace of Nazi Germany. We wonder that despite all evidence, they never took the threat seriously enough to respond with vigorous, meaningful actions—actions that might have prevented the calamity!

We marvel. But we are no different.



Consider the U.S. economy, for example. Signs abound that America is headed for a financial collapse of historic magnitude. The dollar is plunging in value. The national debt is almost 100 percent of gross domestic product. The U.S.'s biggest creditors are threatening to call in its loans; the Federal Reserve is creating fiat money out of thin air because America can't find lenders. Russia, China, India, France and Germany all want a new reserve currency. Unemployment is stuck above 9 percent. Foreclosures are at or near historic highs, and banks are still taking people's homes. One in seven Americans rely on food stamps to keep their children fed. Yet how many people are responding in a *meaningful* way?

Worldwide, commodity prices are rocketing: Oil is up over 50 percent from a year ago; oats and wheat more than 70 percent; silver, coffee and cotton over 100 percent. Food prices have risen 40 percent over the past year and are expected to go much higher. Today more than a billion people are undernourished.

Large-scale nature-related disasters are increasing. Across the planet, floods, droughts, earthquakes, wildfires and tornadoes are unleashing devastating violence on populated cities and key agricultural regions. At the same time, our world is filled with political unrest and upheaval, with government corruption and incompetence, with religious tension and wars. Inside our nations, daily news feeds reveal that once-stable societies are falling into lawlessness and violence. Gangs of rampaging teenagers are terrorizing neighborhoods. Unthinkable crimes are increasingly common. Racial and ethnic tensions are intensifying.

These are signs that our world is in a desperate state! Yet how many are responding in a *meaningful* way?

In 1935 Churchill, troubled by Britain's apathy, stood before the House of Commons and attempted to shake the nation from its stupor. "When the situation was manageable it was neglected, and now it is thoroughly out of hand," he warned. "There is nothing new in the story. It is as old as the Sibylline books. It falls into that long dismal catalog of the fruitlessness of experience and the CONFIRMED UNTEACHABILITY OF MANKIND. . . . Want of foresight, unwillingness to act when action would be simple and effective, lack of clear thinking, confusion of counsel until the emergency comes, until SELF-PRESERVATION STRIKES ITS JARRING GONG—these are the features which constitute the endless repetition of history."

Seventy-six years later, Churchill's warning applies even more! Chances are, you are making this very mistake.

But you *can* learn from this history. There are specific actions you can take to avoid the many and inevitable calamities that the evidence, and Bible prophecy, prove are coming upon this world. "WATCH YE therefore, and pray always," Christ says in Luke 21, "that ye may be accounted worthy to ESCAPE ALL THESE THINGS that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." Jesus Christ promises divine protection from these terrible disasters! To receive it, you must be vigilantly seeking God, continually watching the fulfillment of Bible prophecy and faithfully drawing close to God through prayer and Bible study. God says if you do this—if you put Him, His law and His work first—then He will provide a way of escape! ■

FOR CORRECTION,” Habakkuk 1:12 tells us. Verses 14 through 17 speak of how *utterly meaningless* human life is to these warmongers. “Shall they therefore empty their net, and not spare continually to slay the nations?” (verse 17). **THEY SLAY NATIONS OVER AND OVER AGAIN!**

When will we learn from history? What will it take to finally awaken the modern nations of Israel—the only people to have a history with God? It’s going to take the Great Tribulation, and a lot of correction from God.

### A Wonderful Sign

Many experts believe the measures put forward on July 21 aren’t enough to fix Europe’s problem. The drama is definitely not over. Europe just took a giant leap toward becoming a German-led superstate, but expect this crisis to force Germany and Europe to take more radical steps toward unification.

As I wrote to you back in our January edition, “Watch closely. Germany will use this crisis to force Europe to unite more tightly.” That is exactly what is happening now. “In the process, some eurozone countries will be forced out of the union,” I continued. There are still more turbulent times ahead for the euro. But as I wrote, “Every country that leaves the EU puts us one step closer to seeing the German-led 10-nation European superstate! ... WE ARE WITNESSING ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT MOMENTS EVER IN THE HISTORY OF EUROPE.”

How can I know this? Because it is exactly what Mr. Armstrong told us years in advance would happen, based on the sure word of Bible prophecy. He forecast “a sort of soon-coming ‘United States of Europe’—a union of 10 nations to rise up out of or following the Common Market of today.” The Bible tells us that when this government is fully empowered, it is going to plunge this world into the most terrifying and violent period in human history.

But the Bible also tells us that at the end of this “great tribulation,” Jesus Christ is going to return! As we watch the rise of this Catholic-inspired, German-led beast, we must never forget: **THE EMERGENCE OF THIS INSTITUTION IS A SIGN THAT THE MOST JOYOUS EVENT IN HISTORY IS ABOUT TO TAKE PLACE.**

Above all, this is the most important lesson to take from these events: After July 21, the world is now a giant step closer to the return of Jesus Christ! ■

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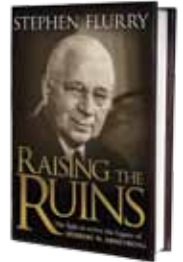
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