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What Else Will the Investigations Expose?

We are seeing how deep America's corruption goes.

AMERICANS TODAY DON'T REALIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF government. They are allowing a destructive, hateful force to seize control of the nation and control of their lives. We must open our eyes to see the terrible affliction our nation is suffering in its culture, its institutions and especially its government.

Some see what is happening, but they don't know what to do or how to fight back because they don't know *why* it is happening.

Our government has undergone an illegal, treasonous takeover by leftist radicals. But despite all their power over government and the media, somehow the truth keeps coming out. In February, evidence emerged that the campaign of Hillary Clinton spied on Donald Trump at Trump Tower during the 2016 presidential campaign and even when he was at the White House as the sitting president of the United States!

Based on the ongoing investigation of Special Counsel John Durham, a grand jury indicted Michael Sussmann, a former Clinton campaign lawyer, for lying to the Federal Bureau of Investigation three weeks before the 2016 election. Sussmann had claimed that the Trump organization was working with a Russian bank with links to the Russian government, and he said



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he was volunteering this information as a good citizen and not as a paid political operative. Durham's February 11 motion in the case states that Sussmann's billing records reflect that he was actually working for the Clinton campaign, a tech executive and an Internet company. (Reports have identified the latter two as Rodney Joffe and Neustar, a major company that directs Internet traffic.) Prosecutors have in evidence an e-mail from Joffe saying that he was tentatively offered a top cybersecurity post "by the Democrats when it looked like they'd win."

This explosive information further exposes the treason committed by top Democrats. *Yet the mainstream press has completely ignored it.* That is shameful complicity with these crimes that are destroying our constitutional republic!

According to Durham's motion, Joffe led an effort to search web traffic that could connect Donald Trump to Russia. He then passed information to Sussmann. Even after Trump had taken office, Sussmann provided "an updated set of allegations" to a different U.S. intelligence agency, presumably the Central Intelligence Agency. Much of the information made its way into the press and was used to try to bring down President Trump.

Mr. Trump correctly said Durham's filing "provides indisputable evidence that my campaign and presidency were spied on by operatives paid by the Hillary Clinton campaign in an effort to develop a completely fabricated connection to Russia." "This is a scandal far greater in scope and magnitude than Watergate, and those who were involved in and knew about this spying operation should be subject to criminal prosecution," Trump said. "In a stronger period of time in our country, this crime would have been punishable by death."

I agree with him entirely! We are in a bitterly *weak* time in our country. Lawmakers, judges, bureaucrats and others wielding power are shockingly corrupt. Our institutions are crumbling. America's constitutional form of government is almost completely destroyed. And a treasonous, tyrannical, destructive movement is taking its place, led by Barack Obama.

We are discovering unprecedented corruption! NO NATION CAN SURVIVE SUCH LAWLESSNESS!

Still, the truth is coming out. We now know that the infamous, false "Steele dossier" used to accuse President Trump of colluding with Russia was totally false *and paid for by the Clinton campaign.* We know that FBI officials knew this, yet still used it to get a secret court warrant to spy on the Trump campaign. We know, from his own notes, that CIA Director John Brennan briefed then President Obama that Hillary Clinton allegedly approved a plan to "vilify Donald Trump by stirring up a scandal claiming interference by the Russian security service." We know that someone, believed to be Brennan, informed FBI officials working on the Trump-Russia investigation that "the White House is running this."

Brennan and Obama more than likely signed off on this attempt to destroy the presidency of Donald Trump and unconstitutionally seize control of the government, through an accusation they knew was false! This is blatant criminality at the highest levels of government!

The radicals not only got away with it in 2016 and 2017—*so far*—but then they mounted an even more egregious seizure of the government in 2020—and succeeded!

Americans are going from great freedom to the worst kind of tyranny! Why aren't the media sounding the alarm? Because they too are deeply complicit in this treasonous activity.

Still, the truth keeps coming out. Not because of John Durham or because of Republicans or even because of Donald Trump. What you need to realize is that *God* is causing the truth to emerge. He wants all of us to get a good look at the truth. Can you recognize it?

Our society is corrupt because of our *sins*. That is how Obama and others could *weaponize* our own government against us.

America is so afflicted that if God were not intervening, it would already be destroyed. The brazen spirit of the radical leftists isn't just politics or even ideology: It's the spirit of Satan the devil! That is the spirit motivating the moral, cultural, social, institutional, political destruction of this country. America is the

strongest modern nation that descended from ancient Israel. Satan is destroying it, and *God is allowing it* because of our sins.

But He is giving us this last, wonderful opportunity to repent before this nation tragically succumbs to its enemies within and without.

To learn more about this biblical reality, read my free booklet *America Under Attack*. I am working on expanding this booklet into a full-size book. But even in its current smaller version, this booklet exposes the spiritual reality behind the events we are seeing today. ■

Running on ‘COVID Money’

Big Government, Big Pharma and Big Media are working together to make a mountain of money! BY ANDREW MILLER

THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS HAS DECIMATED the economy and hurt the bottom line of millions of citizens. But it has not been bad for everybody. While the bank accounts of small-business owners and wage earners dwindle from oppressive lockdowns, vaccine mandates and runaway inflation, Big Media, Big Pharma and Big Government are reaping fortunes.

Pfizer made nearly \$37 billion in COVID-19 vaccine sales last year and will likely make another \$54 billion this year. Thanks to the coronavirus outbreak, its revenue has *doubled*. If Pfizer were a country, its gross domestic product would be larger than half the nations on Earth.

CEO Albert Bourla recently boasted that opportunities created by Pfizer’s experimental mRNA COVID-19 vaccine “have fundamentally changed our company forever.”

Project Veritas journalists got one Pfizer scientist to candidly admit on hidden camera, “I still feel like I work for an evil corporation because it comes down to profits in the end. ... Basically, our organization is run on COVID money now.”

Last year, Moderna sold \$18 billion in COVID-19 vaccines, AstraZeneca sold \$4 billion, and Johnson & Johnson sold \$2.4 billion. That means the big four vaccine manufacturers are receiving more than \$100,000 off COVID-19 *every minute*.

Rivers of taxpayer dollars have poured into these companies as Big Government has signed lucrative contracts with Big Pharma. COVID-19 vaccines have created at least nine new billionaires and an untold number of new millionaires.

Little wonder that this clique of pharmaceutical representatives and government bureaucrats—with the aid of media moguls and tech giants—are silencing concerns over government and private mandates that have forced millions of people to use their vaccines. They do not want people questioning the efficacy and safety of their products. They are conspiring to “cast down truth to the ground” to amass wealth and power. You need to recognize this collusion and understand the spirit that empowers it.

Political Profits

America’s system of government has safeguards to limit the power of big businesses and protect everyday Americans. The fundamental safeguard is government representatives being elected from the people, by the people. Today, however, these representatives are influenced by and often literally paid by Wall Street lobbyists, Silicon Valley oligarchs and pharmaceutical companies.

Long before the average person ever heard the word *coronavirus*, pharmaceutical executives were perhaps the strongest

special-interest influence on American lawmakers. The National Institutes of Health website acknowledges that health and pharmaceutical companies devote more than \$300 million annually to political parties, committees and groups, petitioning state and federal bureaucrats and lawmakers, and paying into presidential campaigns. It calls these payments “contributions” and “lobbying,” but they are *business investments*.

A STAT News analysis found that 72 senators and 302 members of the House of Representatives cashed a check from a pharmaceutical representative before the 2020 election. Lobbyists have turned their trade into an art, but the basic idea behind corporations spending money on lawmakers is simple: *If we give you the finances you need to achieve your political goals, you give us the policies we need to achieve our financial goals.*

The ones who suffer are the everyday people. We pay the price, in taxation and in freedom, for elites who are motivated not by the truth but by money and power.

Revolving Door

Another safeguard designed to restrict the pharmaceutical executives is the array of government health and safety agencies. But these agencies are controlled by former and future pharmaceutical executives.

Open Secrets profiled 958 people who have worked for both the government and the pharmaceutical industry. The senior director of Global Trade Policy at Pfizer was on the Senate Finance Committee, and the senior director of Federal Government Relations at Pfizer was on the Senate Budget Committee. The senior adviser to the Food and Drug Administration commissioner was the vice president for Public Policy at Monsanto, and the vice president of Governmental Relations at Sanofi Genzyme had worked for the Department of Health and Human Services. The list goes on and on.

This “revolving door” between businesses that are for profit and regulators that are supposed to be for the people is an existential threat to the American form of government, which relies on representatives and regulators

doing what seems best for the people they represent. It is also a threat to Americans’ actual physical safety.

About 65 percent of Americans have been fully vaccinated with multiple doses of Pfizer, Moderna or Johnson & Johnson products (the AstraZeneca vaccine is not authorized for use in the U.S.). But the remaining 35 percent represent a vast market and billions more in profits, so these companies are campaigning to get millions more Americans vaccinated, not just through advertising, but through influence on politicians who can *mandate* these profits.

Rather than holding back such a push, the government is an accessory to it.

And they are not just doing this through advertising: Pfizer is leveraging its influence over politicians and bureaucrats. Bourla told CNBC he believes the FDA will soon authorize his company’s mRNA vaccine for toddlers and infants. Pfizer earns about \$39 per double jab. Therefore, the 20 million children under age 5 in America represent an additional market worth almost \$800 million at little extra cost.

Luckily for Pfizer, Joe Biden’s new FDA commissioner is Dr. Robert Califf, who has worked for Amgen, AstraZeneca, Corgentech, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Daiichi Sankyo, Eli Lilly, GlaxoSmithKline, Janssen, Johnson & Johnson, Merck, Portola, Proventys, Regado, Roche and Sanofi. And importantly, he has millions invested in companies like Amgen, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Contessa, Cytokinetics and Gilead Sciences. Many of these companies do business with Pfizer; so if Pfizer makes money, Califf makes money.

Many lawmakers were concerned about Califf’s conflict of interest, but they were overruled. This is just the way business is done in Washington, D.C. A 2016 study published in the *BMJ* medical trade journal found that most retiring FDA officials go on to work for drug companies, often for the same ones whose lucrative drug approvals they oversaw. Scott Gottlieb, for example, was FDA commissioner for two years, then joined Pfizer’s board of directors. He is now pushing his former FDA colleagues to approve his company’s experimental mRNA vaccine for toddlers.

Is this why government is pushing COVID-19 vaccinations so hard? FDA executive Christopher Cole thinks so. A Project Veritas reporter secretly recorded a series of dinner conversations with Cole, and what he said was shocking.

“It’ll be a recurring fountain of revenue,” Cole said. “If they can get every person required to get an annual vaccine, that is a recurring return of money. The drug companies, the food companies, the vaccine companies, they pay us hundreds of millions of dollars a year to hire and keep reviewers to approve their products.”

Cole’s comments comprise some of the most blunt talk by a government insider ever recorded. He admitted that the Biden administration wants to jab every American for COVID each year so the drug companies can keep receiving multibillion-dollar profits and keep handing over a share to the government.

Media Allies

Another safeguard in America’s system is free and independent journalism. But even freedom of speech and of the press is now largely being regulated and controlled by the pharmaceutical industry.

In colonial times, nearly every town had its own newspaper—and a crosstown rival. French author Alexis de Tocqueville was surprised at “the enormous circulation of the daily press in the United States” in 1831 when there was “scarcely a hamlet which has not its own newspaper.” He wrote that what best explained this was “the utmost national freedom combined with local freedom of every kind.”

But this state of affairs has changed dramatically. In 1980, 90 percent of the news media was owned by 50 companies. By 2020, 90 percent of the news media was owned by only six. This level of centralization makes news a business easy for the government and megacorporations to dominate and manipulate, which is exactly what is happening. A 2009 study by Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting found that every major media outlet in the U.S. except for CBS shared at least one member of its board of directors with a major pharmaceutical company like Pfizer.

For example, former Thomson Reuters

Foundation chairman James Smith is a top investor and board member for Pfizer. And Reuters has published more than 22,000 articles about Pfizer. How many of those are likely to relay negative facts about Pfizer?

If you are one of the millions of Americans who watch *Good Morning America*, *Anderson Cooper 360°*, *CBS Health Watch*, *ABC News Nightline* or *CNN Tonight*, you have undoubtedly noticed the “Brought to You by Pfizer” commercials. Pfizer spends roughly \$1.8 billion on advertising (on top of the millions it spends lobbying politicians, lobbying FDA bureaucrats and hiring former FDA bureaucrats). According to Forbes, Pfizer spends twice as much on sales, general and administrative expenses than on research and development. Is it any wonder cable news pushes drugs that don’t work while blotting out all news deemed unfavorable to them? Focusing on the facts and the evidence alone would mean letting skeptical scientists speak, and that would slow the flow of money.

‘Deep State’

An investigative report published by the Children’s Health Defense Team found that pharmaceutical executives, media executives and much of the government are primarily controlled by two asset management firms: BlackRock and Vanguard. Along with State Street Global Advisors, these two firms are the largest institutional shareholders of both Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson. They are also among the top owners of media giants Comcast, Disney, News Corp and Time Warner.

So a big reason America no longer has an independent press is that the media is owned by the same oligarchs who control the pharmaceutical industry and, by extension, the FDA. At least three former BlackRock executives have now been appointed by Joe Biden to government positions, including the National Economic Council director.

Former congressional aide Mike Lofgren has warned that a shadow government is taking over the nation. He writes in his 2016 book, *The Deep State*, that the visible U.S. representatives, judges, president and bureaucrats are

only “the tip of an iceberg that is theoretically controllable via elections. The subsurface part of the iceberg operates on its own compass heading regardless of who is formally in power. ... Washington is the most important node of the deep state, but it is not the only one. Invisible threads of money and ambition connect the town to other nodes.” Among those “invisible threads” that connect to Wall Street, Silicon Valley and other liberal power centers are those that helped pave Joe Biden’s path to the White House. Vaccine mandates are now exposing these financial, corporate and pharmaceutical nodes of power.

While some scientists try to find the truth, even if that means warning Americans that mRNA vaccines are dangerous, the political and corporate elites are using their influence to discredit and silence them, suppress the truth, and drug the nation for profit.

America’s original constitutional republic is already essentially overthrown by an authoritarian technocracy run by military leaders, intelligence agents, pharmaceutical executives, media moguls and unelected bureaucrats.

Dual Prophecy

How is it possible that all these elites are colluding for the same evil purposes? Lust for profit and power explains much of it. But the degree to which they are in lockstep, the extent of the power they have seized, and the evils they have been willing to commit cannot be fully explained by profit, power, collusion or any conspiracy theory. You have to look into Bible prophecy to fully understand the inner workings of the cabal dedicated to fundamentally transforming America.

One end-time prophecy that reveals why America’s elites have cast truth to the ground is found in the book of Daniel: “Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down. And an host was given him against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered” (Daniel 8:11-12).

Antiochus Epiphanes fulfilled this prophecy in 168 B.C. when he desecrated the temple in Jerusalem with an idol of Zeus fashioned in his own likeness. But Daniel recorded his book primarily for the end time (Daniel 12:4). This prophecy is being fulfilled in type in America today. *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry explains in *America Under Attack* that the host referred to in Daniel 8 is an army of demons and evil men who help an end-time Antiochus destroy a nation.

The most anti-Bible president in American history, Barack Obama, fulfills the role of the political Antiochus. He is out of office, but not out of power. Controlling powerful allies including Joe Biden, he has been at work using deep state nodes of power in Washington, in mainstream media and in Big Pharma, to try to overthrow America as a constitutional republic. Some may think that statement sounds extreme, but look at how drastically America has changed since the beginning of the coronavirus crisis. Government-imposed lockdowns and the resulting economic problems are making it nearly impossible to operate a small business, but America’s political elites don’t care. They view the American people only as a resource they can exploit and abuse to make money while they go about undermining the U.S. Constitution and transforming the nation into something worse than a Communist dictatorship.

The host empowering Antiochus aims to destroy the U.S., its history, its Constitution and the biblical principles this form of government is based on. God is exposing the corruption so people have a chance to repent before a lawless spirit destroys America by replacing the rule of law with the rule of deception and brute force. The values that helped make America great are being cast to the ground, but Antiochus and his supporters can only do this by “reason of transgression.” The devil is exploiting America’s lawlessness and lack of faith. God will allow this to continue until people wake up and see how badly they need to repent toward God and His law! ■

Was the Coronavirus Crisis Engineered?

Evidence is mounting that covid-19 was created as a weapon to fundamentally transform America. **BY GERALD FLURRY**

THE MURKY ORIGINS OF COVID-19 ARE BECOMING clear. Yet United States House Speaker Nancy Pelosi would rather focus on the supposed January 6 “insurrection” than investigate the sinister origins of a virus that has enabled unprecedented government oppression worldwide.

For two years, Speaker Pelosi has stonewalled efforts by the House of Representatives to investigate the government’s role in funding the Wuhan Institute of Virology’s dangerous research into coronaviruses. Pelosi was a critic of China until her husband made some lucrative business deals there, but her current efforts on China’s behalf are likely motivated by more than mere financial concerns.

We do not yet know everything there is to know about COVID-19, but the emerging picture makes an absolutely incredible scenario look more and more plausible: *that American leaders contributed to engineering COVID-19 as a bio-weapon to “fundamentally transform” America.*

The Wuhan Lab

The Wuhan Institute of Virology was originally a joint project between the Chinese Academy of Sciences and Jean Mérieux BSL4 Laboratory in France. It took 11 years and \$44 million to build, and it was completed on Jan. 31, 2015. Yet the scandals began long before it was finished.

In a leaked U.S. State Department cable from 2009, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton warned 40 American allies that research at the Wuhan lab could lead to bioterrorism. Yet the French did not listen. They continued collaborating with the Wuhan Institute of Virology until they were kicked out of the lab in 2017. Other State Department cables show

that the Wuhan lab began doing classified research for the Chinese military at about that time.

According to investigative journalist Sharri Markson, the State Department obtained a book authored by 18 Chinese scientists and public health bureaucrats in 2015 that described *severe acute respiratory syndrome* coronaviruses as heralds of a “new era of genetic weapons.” This volume was titled *The Unnatural Origins of SARS and New Species of Man-made Viruses as Genetic Weapons*. It noted that coronaviruses can be “artificially manipulated into an emerging human disease virus, then weaponized and unleashed in a way never seen before.” These Chinese scientists believed SARS-CoV-1 was a bioweapon engineered in the United States, so it is possible that some of them helped engineer SARS-CoV-2 as an act of revenge.

This book further revealed that Chinese scientists have been preparing for a world war fought not with atomic weapons but biological and genetic weapons. Referencing how the two atomic bombs dropped on Japan during World War II forced them to surrender, the authors claim bioweapons will be “the core weapon for victory” in a third world war.

Former State Department official David Asher told the *Daily Caller* that leading French officials warned the State Department that they had grave concerns about what kind of research was being done at the Wuhan Institute of Virology around the time this book was released. So President Barack Obama had access to enough intelligence to know the dangers of collaborating with the Chinese on genetic research—yet he collaborated nonetheless.

Radical Environmentalist

Barack Obama's science czar, Dr. John P. Holdren, was one of his more radical appointees. This man has written extensively on global environmental change. He has advocated population control measures such as mandatory abortions to reduce stresses on the environment. In 1973, Holdren encouraged a decline in fertility to well below replacement in the U.S., because "210 million now is too many and 280 million in 2040 is likely to be much too many." He has called for a global regime to enforce population limits. And Obama chose him as director of the Office of Science and Technology.

What kind of research was Holdren doing for Obama?

On July 5, 2016, *Nature* magazine published an interview with Dr. Holdren, in which he said, "I'm going to China this week for a strategic and economic dialogue and for a U.S.-China dialogue on innovation policy. ... We have a lot of cooperation with China on biomedical issues. We talk to them all of the time about gain-of-function research and about gene editing issues."

Holdren was collaborating with the Chinese to make viruses more deadly!

This collaboration is even more concerning since it occurred after Obama cut off funding for gain-of-function research in America. His administration paused this funding on Oct. 17, 2014, due to fears that such experiments could cause a *pandemic*. Yet it allowed an exception to this funding ban if "the research is urgently necessary to protect the public health or national security." The U.S. military took advantage of this exception and continued funding research at the Wuhan Institute of Virology, which held a collection of coronaviruses. APPARENTLY, OBAMA, HOLDREN AND THEIR STAFF TRUSTED COMMUNIST CHINA MORE THAN THEY TRUSTED U.S. RESEARCHERS!

Funding Communists

Congressman Guy Reschenthaler uncovered \$1.1 million in Obama-era taxpayer funding funneled to the Wuhan Institute of Virology for gain-of-function research to create a man-made virus by inserting a spiked protein from

a wild bat coronavirus into a mouse-adapted SARS-CoV backbone. The U.S. Agency for International Development awarded this funding, so it was added to the nearly \$600,000 sent to Wuhan from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, which is run by Dr. Anthony Fauci.

Clearly, Dr. Fauci knew about the dangerous genetics research being done in Wuhan. He calls it gain-of-function research, but that is just a technical title for *bioweapons* research. He was making mouse and bat coronaviruses more deadly to human beings under the guise of vaccine research.

Responding to scientists who were concerned about this funding, the U.S. government's National Science Advisory Board for Biosecurity studied whether research should continue into enhancing "potential pandemic pathogens." In 2016, it reported that though such research could benefit public health, it also entailed significant risks. The board recommended additional scrutiny. President Obama ignored the recommendation.

In November 2016, the federal government establishment was rocked by the unexpected election of Donald Trump as president. This victory came in spite of the fact that Obama, his "deep state" collaborators and the propaganda media worked—even illegally—to sabotage the Trump campaign and, after the election, the Trump transition team.

Eleven days before Trump took office, Obama *reauthorized* the type of gain-of-function research he had banned in 2014 and resumed funding for creating SARS coronavirus biological weapons. The authorization stated that researchers who followed federal guidelines "will satisfy the requirements for lifting the current moratorium on certain life sciences research that could enhance a pathogen's virulence and/or transmissibility to produce a potential pandemic pathogen."

Investigative journalist Mark Bradman noted, "essentially this reauthorization was only kick-starting funding within the U.S. because the funding of weaponization of SARS-CoV-2 never actually stopped in 2014" (Conservative Treehouse, June 5, 2021).

Dangerous Collaboration

The next day, Dr. Fauci gave a speech at Georgetown University about pandemic preparedness. In it, he basically predicted the COVID-19 pandemic. “No matter what, history has told us definitively that [outbreaks] will happen, because [facing] infectious diseases is a perpetual challenge,” he said. “The thing we’re extraordinarily confident about is that we’re going to see this in the next few years.”

HERE DR. FAUCI WAS FUNDING GAIN-OF-FUNCTION RESEARCH IN CHINA WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY WARNING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO BRACE FOR A PANDEMIC. He never mentioned he was involved in the dangerous manipulation of bat coronaviruses, but he seemed to know that the world was heading into a serious crisis. The fact that he said this a day after Obama reauthorized bioweapons research makes it even more suspicious.

Markson told Steve Bannon on his *War Room* podcast that most of the scientific community thought gain-of-function experimentation with deadly viruses was too dangerous; so to keep it moving forward, Dr. Fauci had to argue against scientific consensus. Then she revealed how Dr. Fauci used President Obama’s reauthorization to restart this research in 2017 after Donald Trump took office. So most of the scientific community was against doing gain-of-function research, but Dr. Fauci ensured this research continued during the Trump administration.

All the evidence suggests COVID-19 originated in a lab that the scientific community wanted nothing to do with until Barack Obama, John Holdren and Anthony Fauci forced their will on everyone else! *What was their agenda?*

Obama’s Motive

Why would Barack Obama reauthorize funding into biological weapons research just after the National Science Advisory Board for Biosecurity advised additional scrutiny and just before Donald Trump took office? A big clue may appear in the fact that the recommendation for reauthorization came from Holdren, the population control zealot working with the Communist Chinese on “gain-of-function research” and “gene editing.”

Was Obama trying to create a pandemic to stop Donald Trump? That is an explosive question, but I am not the only one asking it.

Mark Bradman wrote a June 5, 2021, article titled “Interesting Timing—Obama Administration Lifted Block on ‘Gain of Function Research’ Just Eleven Days Before President Trump Took Office, January 9, 2017.” “This discovery makes the suspicions of an intentionally released pandemic virus, with a political intent, to ‘STOP TRUMP’ look exponentially more plausible,” he wrote. “With people beginning to recognize that U.S. government officials and the intelligence community have been less than honest, and in some cases downright lying, surrounding the origin of the SARS-CoV-2 virus; and when we overlay the political motives in the background of mass narrative deflection from media and other institutions; and when we consider the known lengths that people inside the U.S. government were willing to go in their efforts to eliminate President Trump; discovering that President Obama’s administration technically authorized the restart of ‘gain of function’ research (biological weaponization of SARS virus) just days before President Trump took office ... is way more than alarming. ... Perhaps not a *smoking gun of intent*, but definitely *bloody footprints walking out the door—in Obama’s size.*”

John Holdren resigned as director of the Office of Science and Technology the day President Trump took office, and he later accepted a position as a visiting distinguished professor at Tsinghua University in Beijing. He was likely able to continue collaborating with Chinese scientists during the Trump years, unhindered by American biotechnology laws.

A New Virus

Throughout the Trump administration, government scientists like Anthony Fauci continued collaborating with Chinese Communist scientists to engineer potential pandemic pathogens. And we have strong evidence that, at some point, they succeeded: A new virus gained function.

Dr. Steven Quay and Richard Mueller described how this research was likely

accomplished in a *Wall Street Journal* editorial, “The Science Suggests a Wuhan Lab Leak” (June 6, 2021). Though the public was focusing on circumstantial evidence, they wrote “the most compelling reason to favor the lab leak hypothesis is firmly based in science. In particular, consider the genetic fingerprint of CoV-2, the novel coronavirus responsible for the disease COVID-19. In gain-of-function research, a microbiologist can increase the lethality of a coronavirus enormously by splicing a special sequence into its genome at a prime location. Doing this leaves no trace of manipulation. But it alters the virus spike protein, rendering it easier for the virus to inject genetic material into the victim cell. Since 1992 there have been at least 11 separate experiments adding a special sequence to the same location. The end result has always been supercharged viruses. ... At the minimum, this fact—that the coronavirus, with all its random possibilities, took the rare and unnatural combination used by human researchers—implies that the leading theory for the origin of the coronavirus must be laboratory escape.”

An intelligence report compiled by the Minority Staff of the House Foreign Affairs Committee concluded that “the preponderance of evidence suggests SARS-CoV-2 was accidentally released from a Wuhan Institute of Virology laboratory sometime before Sept. 12, 2019.” Yet the Obama administration well knew about the inadequate safety practices at the Wuhan Lab. There were serious red flags all over this high-stakes facility! But no one did anything about the warnings.

Then in November 2019, a mysterious disease struck a 55-year-old resident in Hubei Province, in or near its capital city, Wuhan. This was the first confirmed case of COVID-19.

A Great Cover-up

As viral infections spread in Wuhan, many people immediately asked about the Wuhan Institute. One of them was President Trump. Leftist politicians and journalists quickly labeled such questions unscientific, conspiratorial and racist.

Yet it is now well established that in the

early days of the coronavirus outbreak, the Chinese Communist Party deliberately suppressed reports about the outbreak and even destroyed evidence of it. The pandemic could have been prevented if Chinese officials locked down the city of Wuhan as soon as the Chinese military was alerted to the problems surrounding the Wuhan lab. Instead, THE CHINESE NATIONAL HEALTH COMMISSION ORDERED INSTITUTIONS NOT TO PUBLISH ANYTHING ABOUT THE “UNKNOWN DISEASE” UNTIL IT HAD ALREADY SPREAD AROUND THE WORLD.

E-mails from that time show that Dr. Fauci was well aware it could have been man-made, and some scientists he was working with knew this. He and his associates also e-mailed each other news reports about the lab leak theory. But publicly, Fauci insisted that “the science” showed COVID-19 almost certainly spread naturally to humans from wild bats.

News and social media executives and their journalists attacked and banned people who spoke of the lab leak theory. A statement in the *Lancet* signed by 27 public health scientists in February 2020 captures the gist of the prevailing narrative: “We sign this statement in solidarity with all scientists and health professionals in China who continue to save lives and protect global health during the challenge of the COVID-19 outbreak. We are all in this together, with our Chinese counterparts in the forefront, against this new viral threat. ... We stand together to strongly condemn conspiracy theories suggesting that COVID-19 does not have a natural origin.”

Why the discrepancy between their private communications and the message to the public? Why the censorship of views that actually aligned with the private observations of Dr. Fauci and other scientists?

The Communists covered up the virus’s true origins and turned what should have been a local outbreak into a global pandemic. We must take seriously the theory that all this was deliberate. We cannot just push it aside. This is the Communist Party of China we are talking about. It is trying to get control of the world. And the Obama administration is giving it a lot of help.

Censoring Dissent

Dr. Francis Collins is another man who helped Barack Obama and the Chinese Communist Party conceal the origins of COVID-19. After Dr. Collins led an international effort to map the human genome, Obama made him director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). As director, Dr. Collins supervised Dr. Fauci and 6,000 other research scientists. Yet like many other Obama nominees, he had no qualms about working with Chinese Communist Party scientists.

At the NIH, Dr. Collins fired at least 50 researchers for failing to disclose their links to the Chinese Communist Party. Despite knowing that China was spying on him, Dr. Collins serves on the advisory board of a conference sponsored by BGI Genomics, a Chinese military-linked genomics firm. He also met with Prof. Xuetao Cao to discuss areas of collaboration between the NIH and the Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences. These Communist connections make it likely that Dr. Collins was a prime mover in the campaign to shut down the lab leak theory.

Early in the pandemic, scientists such as Dr. Mike Farzan, Dr. Bob Garry, and Dr. Andrew Rambaut, observed that COVID-19 had a “furin cleavage site” that suggested gain-of-function engineering. They presented their findings during a February 2020 conference call of experts and sent the notes to Dr. Collins and Dr. Fauci. Collins dismissed the idea of a lab leak as “outrageous,” while Fauci said COVID-19 “could not have been artificially or deliberately manipulated.” Yet both men lacked enough confidence in their proof to allow a scientific debate over the lab leak hypothesis merits. Instead, they worked together to silence dissenting voices.

E-mails released through a Freedom of Information Act request filed by the American Institute for Economic Research revealed that Collins tried to push back against reporting from Fox News’ Bret Baier on the lab leak theory. On April 16, 2020, Collins asked Fauci, “Wondering if there is something NIH can do to help put down this very destructive conspiracy, with what seems to be growing

momentum. ... Ask the National Academy to weigh in?” Fauci replied, “I would not do anything about this right now. It is a shiny object that will go away in time.” But he still worked to discredit those exposing the lab leak. In fact, Dr. Peter Daszak, a U.S. researcher with close ties to the Wuhan lab, thanked Fauci in an April 18, 2020, e-mail for “publicly standing up and stating that the scientific evidence supports a natural origin for COVID-19 from a bat-to-human spillover, not a lab release from the Wuhan Institute of Virology.”

Other e-mails show that Collins and Fauci also worked to suppress the Great Barrington Declaration, a statement by Harvard’s Martin Kulldorff, Oxford’s Sunetra Gupta and Stanford’s Jay Bhattacharya against blanket pandemic lockdowns. These three men favored a policy that would not decimate the U.S. economy by focusing only on high-risk populations such as the elderly or those with medical conditions. Thousands of scientists signed declaration, but Collins condemned its authors as “three fringe epidemiologists.” Fauci sanctimoniously proclaimed that those who criticize him are “really criticizing science, because I represent science. It’s dangerous.”

The lengths to which Collins and Fauci went to convince people that COVID-19 originated naturally and that blanket lockdowns were necessary, and to silence dissenting voices even from prominent scientists, show they were more interested in hiding their role in financing Communist Chinese gain-of-function research than in helping their nation!

Treason

Dozens of government officials knew about what was really happening in Wuhan, but none of them leaked any information to the public. Some may have been too afraid to say anything, knowing how powerful and vindictive Obama is. But many Obama-era officials were Communists themselves, people who wanted to use the coronavirus to justify draconian, unconstitutional lockdowns.

These measures vastly increased the power of the state at the expense of individual freedoms. They provided authorities who dislike

the Constitution's limitations on governmental interference a weapon to push aside those limitations and force their will on the public. They empowered them to ignore the law and to rule by their own whims. And all this was abetted by a supportive, leftist media and by major tech companies that suppressed all contrary views.

New research out of Johns Hopkins University finds that pandemic lockdowns only prevented *0.2 percent of COVID-19 deaths!* But saving lives was never the radical left's goal. The goal was to use the pandemic to frighten people into surrendering their God-given freedoms.

You have to be suspicious, especially when the radical left cooperates with the Chinese Communist Party on something as sinister as bioweapons research.

Very importantly, coronavirus concerns revolutionized elections in America. It drove the push for mail-in balloting and the loosening of longstanding election standards that protect against fraud. COVID-19 enabled the Democratic Party to field a presidential candidate who could not endure the rigors of a national campaign and electioneered through Zoom calls from his basement. COVID-19 made it possible for Joe Biden to host a limited number of "rallies" sparsely attended by handpicked individuals seated in chairs contained within socially distanced circles. COVID-19 guaranteed a historically bizarre campaign and unprecedented election that installed Barack Obama's choice for president in the White House.

The timing of all these events is deeply suspicious. Obama's support for the Wuhan Institute of Virology is either the result of incompetence or diabolical treason. **THE BIBLE INDICATES TREASON!**

End-Time Antiochus

The book of Daniel is prophecy for the end time (Daniel 12:4, 9). God has revealed the meaning of this book in our day. Daniel 8:9 prophesies of "a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land." Most Bible commentaries agree that this describes

the 175 B.C. Seleucid King Antiochus Epiphanes. Antiochus was never meant to be king. He gained control by pretending to be someone he was not. Daniel 11:21 says he obtained rule through lies and flatteries before attacking the people of Judah, slaughtering them, and desecrating the temple in Jerusalem with an idol bearing his likeness.

Daniel wrote his book during the sixth century B.C., some 3½ centuries before Antiochus came along. But that ancient fulfillment of this prophecy was only a *type* or *forerunner* of what is happening today. In fact, three end-time leaders are prophesied to come in the deceptive, destructive spirit of Antiochus. One Antiochus seized control of God's Church, a second Antiochus seizes control of America, and a third Antiochus seizes control of a reconstituted Holy Roman Empire in Europe.

Barack Obama is the second Antiochus. He came to power by pretending he was a moderate social Democrat, but his goal is to fundamentally transform America into something worse than a Communist dictatorship.

The late Herbert W. Armstrong warned America decades ago that "*the Communist Party is NOT a mere political party, in the sense Americans think of the term. It is a ruthless totalitarian dictatorship.* It is run, with absolute power, by a few men at the top—all of whom are completely subservient to one man who is Dictator Absolute. This one-man dictatorship is supposed to be necessary because there may be different *interpretations* of the Marxist philosophy. Therefore, to prevent division, they must have a supreme INTERPRETER" (*Plain Truth*, February 1962). Obama, who was mentored by the card-carrying Communist Frank Marshal Davis, wants to be the supreme interpreter of American communism. Toward this end, the coronavirus has become his most dangerous weapon for convincing people to abandon constitutional freedoms and embrace authoritarian government.

It all gets back to a man with the stated agenda of "fundamentally transforming the United States of America" and blotting out the blessings and traditions of this country! ■

You Are Living in an Experiment

Global experimentation in mandates, lockdowns, vaccines and manipulated viruses is part of an even larger exercise in trial and error.

BY JOSUÉ MICHELS AND PHILIP NICE

THE LAST TWO YEARS OF HUMAN HISTORY have been changed by an experiment. It most likely began with a laboratory biologist grafting proteins from one type of coronavirus onto another to observe whether it would bind to certain receptors in a mouse that are also found in humans. It did—inside the lab and far, far beyond it.

What is certain is that humanity's response to the virus has been a gigantic experiment composed of multiple experiments: in masking, in distancing, in treatment, in business, in economics, in information sharing, in vaccine formulation, in live vaccination testing, in restaurants, in schools, in nursing homes, on the elderly, on the middle-aged, on children. Governments tested drugs on millions of people and, more importantly, examined their test subjects' receptivity to losing their rights. They forced millions of people into history's largest scientific experiment, and it's not over yet.

After 18 months of these radical, often bizarre, mass life-and-death decisions, the Biden administration stated, "[T]he United States must lean forward and catalyze the advances in science, technology and core capabilities required to protect the nation against future and potentially catastrophic biological threats, whether naturally occurring, accidental or deliberate" (Sept. 3, 2021). More experimentation is coming, in America and beyond, on your health and your rights.

The world is a giant trial-and-error lab. But this didn't start in March 2020.

The Information Experiment

One leading scientist wrote in 2012 that "the

benefits of such experiments and the resulting knowledge outweigh the risks. It is more likely that a pandemic would occur in nature, and the need to stay ahead of such a threat is a primary reason for performing an experiment that might appear to be risky." That same scientist funded gain-of-function research at the exact same lab where the COVID-19 outbreak almost certainly occurred.

And that same scientist, Dr. Anthony Fauci, has been entrusted to lead America's attempt to counteract how that virus functions.

Fauci was among the chorus of government-approved doctors in the U.S. and elsewhere who have experimented quite radically with the truth. Virologists discussed the possibility early on that the virus originated in a lab. But after a January 2020 meeting, they condemned the concept. A Dutch scientist wrote that "further debate about such accusations would ... do unnecessary harm to science in general and science in China in particular."

The orthodox doctrine became: *It came from a bat next to the lab, not the lab.* Any other explanation could "harm science." Scientists, politicians and executives in news media and social media collaborated to define (and redefine) "the science" and to censor such heretics to preserve people's faith in their medical "saviors." Only then could the experiment continue.

The experiment quickly "jumped species" from the purely biological kingdom to the political kingdom. It started with the hypothesis, advanced by the World Health Organization and Imperial College London, that multitudes could die from COVID-19. But rather than compare the actual results to the

hypothesis and adjust the hypothesis, public health officials *adjusted the results to match the hypothesis*. They counted everyone who tested positive as a COVID-19 case, regardless of the efficacy of the test, and, unbelievably, everyone who died *with* COVID as if they had died *from* it. (In January, the total in Britain was 17,000 people had died *from* COVID-19, and 150,000 had died *with* it.) They observed then ignored the evidence that most COVID-19 deaths occurred among the elderly and others who had health conditions. They observed then ignored the evidence that the “pandemic” largely equated to a bad flu season. The medical, social and political experimentation continued.

And what was the result of splicing radical social, financial and governmental coercion onto our societies? Undoctored information is hard to come by, but a February analysis of numerous international studies by Johns Hopkins University estimated that *all* the onerous and costly interventions that upended society only reduced the coronavirus death rate by a paltry 0.2 percent.

The Vaccine Experiment

The last two years have been a crossfire of financial and political motivations branded as “science.” Many of those pushing the vaccine are the same people who benefit professionally, politically and financially from it.

Development and approval of three vaccines in particular were rushed through at warp speed. Governments proclaimed that approved vaccines, including the never-before-used mRNA vaccines, were safe, were no longer “emergency use,” and were certainly not experimental. The development was proclaimed one of humanity’s greatest modern achievements.

The government granted “emergency use authorization.” Drug companies were shielded from lawsuits. Doses were administered at the cost of indebted taxpayers. Millions were induced to get vaccinated, informed that this would provide almost absolute protection. Then they were informed that they might suffer a breakthrough case but would not spread it. Then they were informed that they might

spread it and experience a breakthrough case, but would be spared serious symptoms themselves. Now it’s increasingly apparent that natural immunity is the strongest protection.

But information came out that healthy people were suffering unusual, even fatal side effects from the vaccine. Evidence kept coming. More people suffered. More died. Athletes mysteriously collapsed on the field. Children became handicapped. The U.S. Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System, which usually receives hundreds of reports per year, suddenly received tens of thousands. (This is on top of the estimated 4 million Americans annually who go to emergency rooms due to adverse effects from other drugs.)

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention now admits that those who have had the Johnson & Johnson vaccine should probably not get a booster from the same company due to serious risk of blood clots. But it still advocates getting boosters from Moderna and Pfizer. The potential medium- and long-term negative effects from these companies’ serums we must leave, in faith, to be studied some other time. The CDC admits it is withholding information on COVID-19 vaccines and boosters. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration, which reviewed the information and approved the vaccines in 108 days, says it won’t finish releasing the last of that information until 2096.

Meanwhile, the experimentation continues. Politicians—and pharmaceutical CEOs—want to see what will happen if we start giving these injections to children under age 5.

We are well through the hypothesis phase and the experimentation phase of the scientific method. The phase of analyzing data is being hotly contested. But the final phase, reporting your conclusions, has already been decided by the scientific-political elite. Despite the data showing that vaccines are killing people in the short term and the obvious impossibility of knowing the effects longer term, “After COVID-19 Successes, Researchers Push to Develop mRNA Vaccines for Other Diseases,” as *Nature Medicine* summed up in its May 2021 issue. Scientist Drew Weissman

said, “We are working on about 30 different mRNA vaccines, including ones for influenza, HIV, hepatitis C, malaria, tuberculosis and many others.” The experiment plows forward.

The First Experiment

But the origin of this radical, deadly frenzy of wild experimentation with human lives doesn’t trace back to Dr. Anthony Fauci or Pfizer or the Biden regime or even our generation. Sickness, and our way of dealing with it, originated many generations ago.

Before the CDC, before the bureaucratic state in America, before eugenics in Germany, before socialized health care in Europe, before even the modern era, human beings began an experiment.

In Babel, one of the earliest civilizations, a leader arose who is identified with the Babylonian deity Marduk, who “held the power to overcome all disease” (Félix Martí-Ibáñez, *The Epic of Medicine*). He was also a political tyrant—but the people trusted him with their safety. *The Physician Throughout the Ages* states, “There is no doubt that the Egyptians studied medicine and surgery in the medical colleges of Babylonia and in parts of Mesopotamia, and acquired a complete knowledge of all the Oriental medical practices.”

Assyrian copies of Babylonian texts reveal that “Babylonian health care relied on magic and incantations as much as, if not more than, natural treatment and prescriptions,” as *Health & Fitness History* points out. “Most of the materials used were likely chosen based on a combination of trial and error with guesswork.”

This was the foundation of civilization, established by the same man who erected that infamous tower to stand as a monument to mankind’s *own* ability to solve his *own* safety, medical, political and other problems. The tyrant Nimrod led mankind in attempting to solve its own problems in defiance of God, completely rejecting reliance on Him.

Thousands of years of experiments, at unconscionable cost, have advanced understanding of the human body and diseases. But

medicine today is still “a combination of trial and error with guesswork.” We call it the “scientific method.” Doctors discuss the “half-life of knowledge”: the amount of time it will take before half of the treatments, prescriptions and other medical knowledge of today proves, through hard experience, to have been as false as the magic and incantations of old.

The fundamental theory then, as now, is: “The sufferer has in his body one poison, so we add another poison in the form of medicine,” the late educator Herbert W. Armstrong wrote in *The Plain Truth About Healing* (see article, page 16).

But the origin of the grand human experiment traces back even further, back to the very first human beings. They were presented with a choice. They could choose to rely on God for information, for law, for correction, for protection, for safety, for healing, for blessings. Or they could choose to rely on their own minds and five senses to experiment. They could, as Mr. Armstrong enumerated, 1) reject revelation, 2) use observation, 3) use experimentation, and 4) use human reasoning. “And that is precisely the ‘scientific’ method used by modern science today!” (*The Missing Dimension in Sex*).

They chose the latter. We have been self-willed, ignorant and law-breaking ever since. Suffering the inevitable consequences, we seek solutions through self-will, ignoring God and breaking His laws further. God still characterizes our modern civilization as “Babylon”—and He exhorts us to come out of it (Revelation 18:4). That means thinking differently. That means recognizing that our human civilization is as foundationally unsound as that long-obliterated tower of Babel. Our experiment has produced an inescapable result, and we must stop trying to escape it. We do not and never have possessed the ability to solve our health problems or any other problems apart from God. That is a scientific fact. Recognize it, and you will see this dark and confusing world completely differently: for the first time, clearly. ■

What Happens When Government Controls People's Health?

A fascinating, and chilling, historical case study. **BY JOSUÉ MICHELS**

THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC HAS ELEVATED cooperation and collusion between governments and health-care providers to levels that give both of them unprecedented power. History furnishes examples of where such fusion of interests can lead. We can gain insight into the current pandemic and the role of government health policy by narrowing our focus to one relevant example: One nation that has been and continues to be a world leader not only in health care, but also in science, technology, economics and culture.

This nation pioneered a system of health care in which all citizens paid taxes to provide mandatory health and accident insurance to pay the doctors' and pharmacists' bills for those who suffered injury or disease. This revolutionary system changed the paradigm from each citizen assuming the responsibility and paying the bills for his own health, to the government assuming the responsibility and paying the bills for the collective health of the nation.

Giving the national government greater control over health care resulted in greater emphasis on and funding for the national medical industry. The nation developed a track record of producing advanced pharmaceuticals to address maladies of all kinds. It has also funded research into diet and hygiene and made groundbreaking discoveries, including important links between tobacco and cancer. As illnesses spread and populations grew fearful, response to disease became a major policy area, and the government coordinated and managed more and more aspects of medicine, infectious disease and even hereditary

diseases, sex and pregnancy. It also achieved success in the eradication of many disease-carrying pests.

The government promoted the importance of health bureaus, political health-care appointees and other government health-care workers. It assumed the leadership of formerly independent national and medical organizations. It coordinated with pharmaceutical companies to align business practices with government policy, awarding them beneficial regulations and taxpayer funding. It deployed new drugs and new technologies, including mobile medical units manned by armed government agents to screen for infectious diseases. It collected unprecedented amounts of medical data to formulate and implement health policy. It established programs for influencing youth directly, rather than only through their parents. Its institutes of health promoted policy through publications and videos and in coordination with journalists and celebrities.

Among the population, the Bible, confidence in churches, tradition and the importance of the individual was replaced by *The Origin of Species*, *The Descent of Man* and the importance of the collective. The nation came to trust in a new savior: scientific medicine. Scientific medicine was coordinated by the government, and the government was empowered by the powers and rights it had acquired from the people.

The potential applications for this approach were and are boundless.

The government and the nation applied the

power of the state and the logic of evolution to fight bacteria, viruses, insects and rodents. It used these same fundamental principles to fight for the liberation of the working class; to subject wealth, freedoms and rights to the imperative of the state; and to eradicate the pests of society.

The national government assumed temporary emergency powers. It assumed authority previously held by local governments and by individuals. Top politicians were authorized to reinterpret and contravene the constitution. Laws and directives divided the population into citizens with rights and citizens without rights. A person's license, business, livelihood and fundamental rights could be revoked or denied, sometimes based on a choice he or she had made, sometimes based on things he or she had no choice over.

Empowered by its symbiotic collusion with the government, politically correct science produced new studies on genetics and on the promising new field of eugenics: the selective breeding of human populations for genetic improvement. Politicians and everyday people across all political beliefs commonly used "superior" and "inferior" in reference to human beings and their characteristics.

Exercising its control over who participated in society and how, the government cited scientists and doctors as reasons to ban certain people from certain marriages, sexual relations and having children. Doctors, political appointees and party officials made decisions about treatment, experimentation and execution largely based on saving national resources, channeling the power of natural selection, prioritizing the collective over the individual, and politics.

The government authorized experimental medicines to be tested on the population at large. It authorized experiments, sometimes fatal, to be conducted on the ill to better understand disease. Small numbers of people with certain extreme conditions were sterilized. Some were euthanized. Physicians and others carrying out "racial hygiene" and other government policies were forced into moral dilemmas. But the ultimate authority for

morality and ethics was evolutionary theory and the government, not some religion or spiritual reality beyond it. Government scientific policy superseded the individual, superseded the statistics, superseded science itself. The suffering and deaths were considered unfortunate, but the science was clear: This was for the greater good.

Politicians and doctors identified certain groups of people as being responsible for spreading disease, for functioning like pests of society. Opposing politicians and doctors were ignored, mocked, intimidated, accused of dangerous misinformation, and subjected to "cancellation" by peers, doctors, scientists, journalists, entertainers, policymakers and government agents.

This was the state of government medical policy, carried out legally and in polite society, in one of the most industrialized, most sophisticated, most educated, most cultured, most advanced, most admired nations in the modern world: Germany.

In the 1930s.

Hitler's Science

Otto von Bismarck united Germany in the 19th century. When he introduced his insurance model, he started to tie the working class and the medical industry to an authoritarian state. The drugs Germany developed were experimental, like those developed in any other leading nation. But in Germany, the government gave drug companies authority to test these experimental drugs on the whole population. One of these companies, Bayer, is famous for inventing aspirin in 1899. It also promoted, all the way until 1912, treating children's colds and coughs with heroin.

After switching over to producing chemical and biological weapons for World War I, Bayer and other manufacturers switched back to making drugs, and the fundamental dynamic of government-controlled health care remained in place in Germany. There, scientific advancements, the theory of evolution and the evolution-based theory of socialism were spreading rapidly among the educated and the sophisticated.

The National Socialists of the 1930s did not take a perfectly good government health-care system and alter it radically. They built on it. They did not twist evolutionary theory; they tried to apply it.

Granted, the party that led German politics from 1932 to 1945 was unique in many ways—but not as unique as we might think. Certainly one of the tools through which it exerted power—national socialized health care—is frighteningly more familiar to us than we would like to believe.

In Germany, one step led to another. It was predictable, logical and all but unavoidable that if the government could gain power over health policy, it would use that power, and would use it for its political ends.

In the quest for what you might call “non-Aryan zero,” the National Socialists were able to take ultimate control of health and almost all fundamental aspects of personal life. Evolution, atheism and socialism explicitly state that there is no higher power, force, moral or ethic than the human mind, especially when organized into the state. It is, therefore, logical—even valid and good—that the state, especially in wartime, bend physicians to its policies, allow pharmaceutical companies to experiment on people, enslave thousands of non-Aryans to work in pharmaceutical factories, victimize hundreds of non-Aryans to be tortuously experimented on.

Millions of Germans followed a “logical” progression that led all the way from revoking people’s rights to concentrating a certain ethnicity in slave camps—a “logical” progression that led from using the same pesticide that fumigated the factories and cleansed the environments of the workers, to gassing unfathomable numbers of innocent people the government had identified as the evolutionary, eugenic equivalents of pests who needed to be cleansed from the environment of human civilization.

This development of Germany’s health tyranny, along with the historic documentation, is described by, among others, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum; Marc S. Micozzi, M.D., Ph.D., a physician and anthropologist who directs the National Museum

of Health and Medicine in Washington, D.C.; and Miguel Faria, M.D., editor in chief of the *Medical Sentinel*.

Why Hitler’s Science Was Banned

On Aug. 20, 1947, the International Medical Tribunal in Nuremberg, Germany, passed judgment on 23 doctors and bureaucrats for their roles in medical experiments on concentration camp inmates. In a January 2016 article in *Journal of Clinical and Experimental Pharmacology*, Francisco López-Muñoz wrote the following on the 70th anniversary of the Nuremberg trials: “Despite the sterilization and euthanasia programs, there were also drug research projects in physically and mentally disabled in hospitals and universities did not have any informed consent. ... Those tests were generally related to the treatment of infectious diseases, such as typhus, erysipelas, scarlet fever or paratyphoid diarrhea, and death rates of experimental subjects were extremely high.”

But the research into diseases was only a small part of National Socialist medical studies. In “Nazi Medicine and Research on Human Beings,” Prof. Volker Roelecke noted in December 2004: “*Rassenhygiene* (a German equivalent for eugenics) was perceived as an applied science founded on the laws of genetics and as essential for improving the health of the *volk*, or race.” Drugs were also said to have played a huge role in keeping Germany’s soldiers marching.

“The Nazis regarded Auschwitz as the ideal place for experimentation, for the creation of supermen, and Josef Mengele was the symbol of Nazi cruelty and mysticism,” said Israeli jurist Gideon Hausner, chief prosecutor at the 1961 Jerusalem trial of Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann and the head of the Mengele tribunal.

SS-Hauptsturmführer Josef Mengele, M.D., Ph.D., known as the angel of death, was not the only example of National Socialist medical tyranny, but he was likely the worst. He conducted twisted, torturous experiments on concentration camp prisoners, particularly twins, in Auschwitz. After the war, he escaped to Latin America. A sudden, inexplicable rise

in the births of twins, most of whom were blonde-haired and blue-eyed, in a small Brazilian town may be evidence of his work. Here again, the result traces back to cruel experiments made possible by some of the worst tyranny. *History.com* noted that under Mengele's supervision about 3,000 children at Auschwitz-Birkenau "were exposed to disease, disfigurement and torture under the guise of medical 'research' into illness, human endurance and more."

The scientists were ordered by the state to find ways to better equip German soldiers in military combat situations or to recover from wounds. Other experiments were aimed at aiding the development of new weapons.

In later legal trials, Nazi physicians justified the casualties by comparing them to the death of civilians in military strikes, such as the Allied bombings on German cities. The audacity of these scientists may display the worst of human nature while at the same time showing how easy it is for humans to get off track without God's guidance.

During the war, Hitler's atrocities were not fully known, yet Winston Churchill warned British Parliament and the whole world, "[I]f we fail, then the whole world, including the United States, including all that we have known and cared for, will sink into the abyss of a new Dark Age made more sinister, and perhaps more protracted, by the lights of perverted science."

"What Churchill said then is even more relevant today," *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry noted. "The 'new Dark Age' he warned about is upon us. Science has created even more-formidable, more-destructive weapons. The dangers threatening our world are proliferating. How could it be any worse? We must wake up and see reality! We need help from God! We all truly need to recognize that!" (*Royal Vision*, May 2020).

Parallels to Today

The rapid development of the coronavirus vaccines in 2020 has been heralded as an unmatched scientific achievement, and its actual efficacy is being determined by simply

giving the vaccines, at taxpayer expense, to millions of people. Advancements are being made in genetics, and scientists are talking about decoding the human immune system. Science and scientists—especially government-empowered scientists—are promoted as our great hope for salvation.

During the coronavirus pandemic, governments conducted studies in the role of genetics in relation to the severity of COVID-19 cases. At the end of 2020, Scottish scientists had found five gene variants that favor a severe illness. Such studies may or may not be in the public's interest, but they do show how our world today isn't much different from the world a hundred years ago.

"Is modern genetic testing and the Human Genome Project the first step to a new eugenics?" Micozzi asked decades before the public had ever heard the word "coronavirus." Oxford Languages describes eugenics as "the study of how to arrange reproduction within a human population to increase the occurrence of heritable characteristics regarded as desirable." The Nazis called it *rassenhygiene*: racial hygiene.

All the studies into genetics today reveal heritable characteristics that are favorable and unfavorable. For some, the next logical step would be eugenics. Of course, people don't believe that we have Nazi scientists in our midst. But it's imperative to ask: *Could it happen again?*

Another study the Nazis obsessed over was finding cures to cancer. Cancer remains virulent to this day, and politics and science are merging again to find cures. Billions are invested into projects intended to save millions of lives. How far will mankind go to find a breakthrough? How many experiments and potential casualties are morally acceptable given the lofty goal? Those are the questions we still wrestle with. Are we immune from the reasoning that we must accept casualties to advance science for humanity's greater good?

As science advances and political goals merge with monetary interests, the temptation to exploit science is the same today as it was a century ago. The new research and technologies in the field of genomics today

could transform the fantasies of the past into reality. The coronavirus has advanced fields of medical studies at an unprecedented rate. This is just one of many examples that show science today is working with the same building blocks Nazi scientists used to build their medical tyranny.

The stage is set for what could become an even worse medical tyranny. Will today's scientific advances that are heralded as humanity's hope morph into its doom? Will we again see the worst of medical practices reappear?

The Bible indicates we will.

Nazi System Prophesied to Reemerge

The medical system was only a part of the overall Nazi tyranny the world suffered under in World War II. This whole tyrannical system is prophesied to rise again in our time. You can read this in Revelation 13 and 17.

These prophecies are in the context of the return of Jesus Christ. While they point back to events already fulfilled, they also point to the future. Revelation 17:8 warns, "The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder ... when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is."

"The word translated 'bottomless pit,' or *abyss*, in verse 8 actually means *underground*. That's where the Nazis have been since before the end of World War II," Mr. Flurry explains in *Germany and the Holy Roman Empire*.

During Hitler's day, God sent Herbert W. Armstrong to warn the world of Nazi Germany and the soon-coming resurrection of that empire. Jesus Christ Himself warned that conditions would become so bad that no man

would be saved alive unless God intervened (Matthew 24:22).

But along with this warning, God prophesied that the good news of His coming Kingdom would be proclaimed (verse 14). For decades, Mr. Armstrong proclaimed that our world would enter another resurrection of tyrannical government before Christ would return to set up His Father's Kingdom. The *Trumpet*, under the leadership of Gerald Flurry, continues to trumpet this same warning message today (Revelation 10:11).

"And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space" (Revelation 17:10). In his booklet *Prophecy Again*, Mr. Flurry writes: "Notice! This prophecy is *dated*. There are seven kings here, but five are fallen, *and one is*, and the other is not yet come. It's almost as if God freezes time there—during the time of this *sixth king* out of seven.

"This prophecy implies that God is going to bring His man on the scene during the time of the sixth of the seven heads of the Holy Roman Empire. It also implies that the seventh head would not come while the end-time Elijah was on the scene. Mr. Armstrong was here when 'one is, and the other is not yet come.' This prophecy refers to a specific period of time when God sends His end-time *type* of Elijah to explain what is happening."

To understand the commission of God's Church today to sound the alarm, request *Prophecy Again*, by Gerald Flurry. This free booklet will not only help you understand the biblical prophecies that foretell Germany's rise, it will also show you the great hope there is in God's warning work. ■

'COULD IT EVER HAPPEN AGAIN?'

MARC S. MICOZZI GAVE THIS CHILLING warning in his 1993 article “National Healthcare: Medicine in Germany, 1918–1945”:

“We now know the end of this historical horror story of massive crimes against humanity and the leader of the thousand-year reich burning in a bunker in Berlin. But it is not so easy to recognize the steps on the path down the slippery slope when we don’t yet know the end of the story—as today we do not know which social health reforms in combination with which new medical technologies have the potential to plunge modern society over a brink in which disaster might result. Is legalized abortion a new form of medicine? Is

doctor-assisted suicide a step toward positive euthanasia? Is modern genetic testing and the Human Genome Project the first step to a new eugenics? Is health-care rationing, which is always a result of government involvement in medical care, a step toward the new definition of ‘life unworthy of living’? Is our present ‘quality of life index’ a new way of saying it?

“Nazi medicine was implemented by a political-medical complex—on the basis of political health care—a scientific and social philosophy imposed by a totalitarian regime. It should never happen again, but could it ever happen again?”

Recent events may bring us closer to the frightening answer. ■

Want to Be Healthy? Practice Nutritional Math!

A commonsense approach that too many ignore. **BY JORG MARDIAN**

CAN ONE PLUS ONE EQUAL ZERO? YOUR physical quality of life depends on the answer to this question!

Chronic disease now kills 7 out of 10 United States citizens—1.7 million deaths per year, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates. So many of these deaths are stunningly *preventable*, as is the suffering that affects millions more. There is an ocean of health information out there, but you can boil it all down to simple math: *Add* natural healthy habits, and *subtract* unnatural, harmful habits.

Start from this simple premise, and apply it first to what you eat. Nutritional math means eating healthy foods and avoiding chemicals. The principle is simple, yet practicing such

a simple, natural, healthy diet is deceptively challenging.

As highlighted by *The Dorito Effect* author Mark Schatzker, we are all mesmerized by heavily advertised, putty-like tubes of Go-Gurt, unnaturally fresh Twinkies, quirky veggie puffs and other items identified on their vivid polypropylene packaging as foods. Corporations design these products with extremes in color, appearance and taste to induce us to keep buying. But these items contain perfect mixtures for creating chronic disease. The American Action Forum estimates that the health-care bill they incur, including lost economic productivity, is \$3.7 trillion *every year*. Evidence also indicates that the prevalence of chronic disease

exacerbates the spread and severity of outbreaks, such as coronavirus.

A 2019 *British Medical Journal* entry states that more than four daily servings of this starchy, sugary, greasy mess of products caused a stunning 62 percent increase in all-cause mortality. Half the calories in the average American diet comes from these types of foods. This is a major reason why, as a 2015 Commonwealth Fund brief shows, America has the lowest life expectancy, highest chronic disease burden and double the obesity rate of 10 other high-income countries.

The 2019 Global Burden of Disease Study asserts that poor diet is the top cause of premature death. At the same time, insufficient intake of healthy foods deprives the body of critical nutrients.

You must not only subtract what is bad but also add what is good. Invest the time, effort and money to eat more natural, nutritious foods, which strengthen your body's energy, capacity and resistance to disease. Focus on basic staples like vegetables, fruits, beans, lentils, whole grains like quinoa, brown rice, unprocessed meats, plain yogurt, nuts and seeds, and healthy oils like extra-virgin olive and avocado oils or ghee (butter fat).

This is far better than adding chemicals to your body through processed foods, then turning your poor health over to doctors and pharmaceutical manufacturers to add more chemicals.

The U.S. government reports that 1 in 3 Americans takes at least one prescription drug, 1 in 5 takes three or more, and 1 in 10 takes five. It is common for people to eat extremely unnatural foods and reflexively trust extremely unnatural medicines, rather than facing the cause and disciplining ourselves to change our habits.

We don't realize the complexity and balance of our bodies' structures. Naturally, hormones make adjustments that regulate

several bodily processes. But pharmaceuticals are designed to take the place of hormones or other natural chemicals that regulate the body. They are not designed anywhere near as perfectly as the biology you were created with, so they always disrupt, in some way, that interconnected balance.

The side effects can be immediate or delayed, discernible or hidden. But they are there. B. Joseph Guglielmo, dean of pharmacy at the University of California, San Francisco, acknowledged, "The bottom line is, if a drug creates a complication of a normal body function, that's a disease."

Readily available prescription drugs are so powerful, doctors prescribe them so regularly, and people trust in them so much that one estimate ranks prescription medication as the fourth-leading cause of death among Americans. About half of those killed received the wrong dosage or took their prescriptions when intake was inadvisable, but the other half took their drugs correctly (Polish Archives of Internal Medicine).

Far too many of us constantly eat unnatural, non-food foods, suffer obesity and other diseases, then look to pharmaceuticals for "cures." Herbert W. Armstrong wrote that the premise is deeply flawed, and that premise boils down to the idea that one poison plus one poison equals no poison. Our approach to individual and public health was terribly wrong long before the debacle of COVID-19 and governmental response.

You have the opportunity to understand the truth about the existence of physical, biological laws that bring about good health. Whether you choose to obey or break them determines your future state of health. Take personal responsibility by adding real foods to your diet, and look into eliminating medicines. This is the proper nutritional math that helps you reduce the risk of future disease and almost immediately gives you a better quality of life.■

A Sure Path to Healing and Health

Most people put enormous faith in the medical industry to rid them of sickness and disease. Here is a sounder object for your faith. **BY GERALD FLURRY**

THANKS TO CORONAVIRUS, THE MEDICAL industry has dominated our lives in recent years. In 2020, U.S. health spending amounted to \$4.1 trillion. That is nearly 20 percent of the nation's gross domestic product—1 in 5 dollars! People put *enormous* faith in doctors to cure their sickness and disease.

The trouble is, we have seen how *politicized* many of our most-celebrated health institutions have become. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Food and Drug Administration, the National Institutes of Health—these have been shown to be deeply influenced by money from pharmaceutical companies, and they are making decisions that profit themselves at the expense of public health. You see similar problems even with local doctors: Often they prescribe drugs or recommend procedures out of financial interest, not good health.

This should shake our faith in medical science, shouldn't it? But it seems most people continue to place full trust in it.

Did you know that God deeply wishes for you to have vibrant physical health? He inspired the Apostle John to write, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth" (3 John 2). Notice, this scripture shows there is a *condition*. God wants you to prosper in physical health *as* you have vibrant *spiritual* health (that is what He means by "thy soul"). He wants us to really *look to Him* so He can give us strong health physically and spiritually.

When it comes to health and healing, God very much wants to be in the picture in our lives. Regarding your own health, where do your faith and trust lie?

God 'Shall Raise Him Up'

Sometimes God allows us to suffer health trials, but *even then* His desire is to HEAL US. Read this wonderful, God-inspired promise in James 5:14-15: "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And THE PRAYER OF FAITH SHALL SAVE THE SICK, AND THE LORD SHALL RAISE HIM UP; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him."

God ultimately wants you to receive *immortal life*. He wants to "raise you up"—to resurrect you to *eternal glory!* And what we learn from the Bible is that *physical* life is a type of spiritual life, and *physical healing* is a type of the resurrection! This passage in James refers to physical healing—but it is ultimately talking about resurrection to glory.

"[I]f he have committed sins" refers to what we can call *physical sin*. Spiritual sin is breaking God's spiritual law, such as the Ten Commandments. *Physical sin* is breaking *physical* laws established by our Creator—laws that regulate proper functioning of the body—such as neglecting good nutrition or taking self-destructive drugs. When we are sick or injured, it is because we, or someone else, has broken a physical law. God says He will *forgive* those sins and *heal us*.

God is speaking spiritually, but He *always* wants to heal us. GOD HEALS! This passage is addressing both physical health problems and spiritual problems. God wants all of us to have real, abundant life today and throughout eternity.

"And the prayer of faith shall save the sick" is a tremendous promise. Note that it has more

conditions: You must PRAY, and you must HAVE FAITH. But THIS IS A PROMISE FROM GOD, TO YOU! Do you understand that the Bible is the inspired Word of God, Jesus Christ in print? Do you realize that it shows you God's will for *your life*? The Bible is *filled* with promises from God, and many are specifically about health and healing. Have you read these promises for yourself? Have you proved them? Do you KNOW and truly believe that God will never break a single promise?

This is *wonderful* to understand. But it takes a lot of faith to believe. That is why many people misunderstand or ignore James 5:14-15 and so many other scriptures that state God's promises. Many say, *Well, I know God can heal me, but I don't know if it is His will.* There is a way to *know*: THE BIBLE expresses God's will, and if you understand the Bible, you *know* it is His will to heal you!

Some people do suffer health trials; some even die. But if they have prayed in faith, God will *keep His promise* and heal them *in the resurrection*, not just to physical life but to immortal spiritual life! But here in James 5, God is talking *mostly* about being healed RIGHT NOW, today. He wants you to be IN HEALTH! He wants to forgive you of your physical sins and save you from physical suffering. He wants you to have the ultimate good health!

How to Claim This Promise

How can you have the good health that you desire and that God desires for you? First, you must truly surrender to God. This is more than just accepting the fact of His existence. Then you have to pray fervently, and you have to believe and *know* that you are getting through to God in prayer. Prayer of this type “availeth much” (James 5:16). It *energizes* you spiritually and physically! It helps you get to know God. It helps you understand what faith is; it's not something you try to work up but something God gives you. And as you make decisions and go about your day, you must surrender to God and allow Him to guide your life. As you do these things, you will be prospering spiritually.

Part of this is submitting to God's will for your health, which means repenting of your

physical sins, whether they be diet, drugs, tobacco or something else. But if you repent of your physical sins and meet God's other conditions in James 5:14-15, God *promises* to forgive you of your physical sins.

A major problem we have today is how we wrap our lives up in material possessions. We devote so much of our thoughts and emotions to possessions and pleasures more than God (2 Timothy 3:4). This affects our health, because it wipes out our faith! And if you do not have faith in what God tells you in His Word, you are not fulfilling the condition He gives you for miraculous healing. Jesus Christ said, “[W]hen the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?” (Luke 18:8). Real faith is very rare, especially in a materialistic world. But we need that faith so God can answer our prayers to be healed and to receive His blessings in many other ways.

Avoid idolizing possessions and committing other sins. Believe what God tells you through His Word, and *He will* fulfill His promises every time! It never fails! It will bring more joy and happiness into your life than you can even imagine!

What Is Faith?

Hebrews 11:1 defines faith: “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” It is possible to have true faith. Peter, Stephen, Philip, Paul and other men of the Bible were common, humble men. Yet they came to have the *very same faith* that Jesus Christ had! God did great miracles through them, particularly miracles of healing. How was that possible? Because they surrendered to God, they studied His Word, they prayed fervently, they obeyed God, they trusted God—and He gave them the very faith that Jesus Christ had, and He kept His promise.

That is something we can all do, and that is something we can all have. We need intense Bible study and surrendered, submissive, heart-rending prayer to God!

Prove the Bible. Then believe it—every word of it. That's what Hebrews 11:1 is about: When you read what God promises, be assured He will fulfill it, even if you can't see when or

how. Just *believe* what the Bible says. That is faith! Your evidence that God will answer your prayers, and that you will be healed, is this Word of God! You must *believe* that evidence—even over other evidence, like your experiences, your ideas, your impressions, your feelings, or what you can see, hear or touch with your physical senses.

This is hard for some people to understand, but faith has *only* to do with God's Word!

As Herbert W. Armstrong wrote in *The Plain Truth About Healing*, "One man expressed it very well, 'Faith is the *assurance* that the things which God said in His Word are *true* and that God *will act* according to what He has said *in His Word*. This assurance, this *reliance* on God's Word, *this confidence* is FAITH!" Yes, it is! That's a biblical definition. That confidence or assurance that you have in relying on His Word—that is faith!

You can know what God's will is by reading and understanding the Bible. And the Bible *emphatically* says that it is God's will to heal you—period. God wants to heal *you*. God is looking for your faith, for whether you believe His Word and all His magnificent promises.

More Promises

Here is another promise from God: "... If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee" (Exodus 15:26).

God said that to Israel in ancient times, and He says it today. Any nation that will do what He says here, He will keep diseases, like coronavirus or anything else, away from them. What a *powerful* promise! Can you believe it?

"The Lord that healeth thee" is translated from the Hebrew name *Yahweh-Rafah*. GOD OUR HEALER is one of God's *names*! God is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8). It is up to you whether to believe that God is what He is named!

"... I will take sickness away from the midst of thee," God explicitly promises in Exodus 23:25.

Read Deuteronomy 7:15. Read Psalm 103:3, which says that God "forgiveth all thine iniquities" and "HEALETH ALL THY DISEASES." Do you believe what David, a man after God's own heart, wrote here, inspired by God to express His will? Christians believe that God forgives all our sins. But they don't realize or they reject what immediately follows: that if we do what He says, He wants to and promises to heal all our diseases!

Yes, there is physical sin, and there is spiritual sin. God is our Healer! God is a healing God, and healing is the forgiveness of physical sin!

Modern medicines and drugs do not and cannot heal! Honest doctors will even tell you that. But God, and only God, *can* heal and *promises* to heal.

The Price of Sin

How can God forgive physical sin? In the same way that He can forgive spiritual sin: because of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

Christians know Christ died so we could be forgiven of our sins. They read about God promising that in the Old Testament and fulfilling it in the New Testament. But when they read Isaiah 53, they read right over "with his stripes WE ARE HEALED" (verse 5). What "stripes"? Before He was crucified, Jesus was *beaten savagely*. It is *by that beating* and those "stripes" of flesh torn from Him that *we are healed*.

In the New Testament, 1 Peter 2:22-24 make the same statement: "Who did no sin ... by whose stripes ye were healed." 1 Corinthians 11:23-30 describe Christians keeping the memorial Christ commanded. They take wine, symbolizing Christ's blood shed at His death, but before that they take bread, a symbol of His broken body, His torturous beating.

Christ Himself said the bread represented "my body, which is broken for you" (verse 24). Christ was broken for *you*, to heal *you* of your physical sin, just as He was killed to reconcile *you* to God for your *spiritual* sin. What an unparalleled sacrifice! How can we neglect so great a price that was paid for our sins? Does God love us? You cannot even *describe* that love! "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son" that we might

be healed *physically* and saved *spiritually* (John 3:16). It all operates on the same principle. Christ *paid the penalty* for your physical sin *in your stead* before He paid the penalty for your spiritual sin.

In his letter to the church at Corinth, Paul said people were suffering ill health and even dying because they did not understand or apply the truth about healing (1 Corinthians 11:30).

Where will you place your faith? Truly put your faith in God, and you will never go wrong.

‘I Am the Resurrection’

John 11 contains an amazing account of Jesus going to a man who had already died. People were there who believed deeply that He was the Christ and who followed Him. They were sad He had not come in time to save the man from dying. Jesus wept. I want you to understand why.

When Christ learned of the man’s death, He told His disciples, “Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, *that I may awake him out of sleep*” (John 11:11). Jesus knew Lazarus was *dead*, but He was going to raise him up as if he were merely sleeping! He then said He was glad Lazarus had died so He could use the opportunity to build their faith (verses 14-15).

When Christ and the disciples arrived, everyone was weeping. Christ told them that Lazarus would live again. They knew he would “awake” in the resurrection, but Jesus told them, *I am going to raise him from the dead TODAY! I am the resurrection* (verses 24-25). They couldn’t believe it. But resurrecting someone from the dead is not difficult for God. In fact, He is going to raise all humanity who has ever lived from the dead! (You can read

about the resurrections in Revelation 20; to learn more, request our free reprint article “**The Three Resurrections.**”)

Christ then went to the grave and said, *Lazarus, come forth!* And Lazarus rose from the dead right before their eyes! (John 11:43-44).

These people knew the teachings of the Bible but didn’t believe as they should have. We must have stronger faith than they had. We need real faith—faith that we LIVE daily. Paul wrote, “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me” (Galatians 2:20). This is the faith of the Son of God. This is the faith God gives to you when He leads you into His one true Church, the spiritual Body of Christ. It is within that spiritual organism that you can call on the elders of the Church. It is there that you can “[c]onfess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed” (James 5:16). With true Christians led by God’s Spirit, “The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”

As a member in the Body of Christ, you can share your health problems with others in the Church and they can be praying for you. We certainly do that with our people; we pray for each other, and God honors those prayers and answers them. I KNOW it works, and it has worked throughout my life! We experience many healings in our Church.

Mr. Armstrong’s booklet on healing is one of the greatest booklets he wrote. You can request it online (theTrumpet.com/go/heal) or call us and we will send you a free copy. If you read it alongside your Bible, then you will understand faith as you have never understood it before.■

Flirting With Dictatorship

A prime minister who said he admired Chinese tyranny brings it home to Canadians. **BY STEPHEN FLURRY**

THIS IS WHAT THE COLLAPSE OF A WESTERN, liberal, democratic, freedom-loving country looks like. Canada came under martial law after its House of Commons approved emergency powers invoked by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to squash protests against vaccine mandates. The dispute surrounds the government's insistence that truck drivers and other transportation workers get vaccinated against COVID-19 if they want to enter Canada. Some protesters were arrested, their trucks were towed away, and their bank accounts were frozen.

Many have accused Justin Trudeau of acting like a dictator. Conservative member of Parliament Andrew Scheer noted that the prime minister agreed to meet with American Indians who blocked the path of a planned pipeline in 2020 but refused to negotiate with truckers who did not want to get vaccinated.

Sheer is not the only prominent figure making this comparison. Romanian politician Cristian-Vasile Terheş compared Trudeau to Communist dictator Nicolae Ceauşescu, who ruled Romania with an iron fist when Terheş was a child. Talk show host Dennis Prager openly pondered whether Canada was now North America's Cuba. The *Wall Street Journal* accused Trudeau of acting like a "tin-pot dictator." Prominent billionaire entrepreneur Elon Musk compared him to Adolf Hitler.

Maybe Canadians should have paid more attention in 2013 when Trudeau told a group of fundraisers, "There's a level of admiration I actually have for China because their basic dictatorship is allowing them to actually turn their economy around on a dime." Justin Trudeau's father, Pierre Elliot Trudeau, gave a fiery speech in 1942 calling on Canadians to rise up, overthrow their capitalist government, and establish a *socialist dictatorship*. Now

it looks like the younger Trudeau may have accomplished his father's dream by hijacking Canada's government from the inside.

Freedom Convoy

The COVID-19 crisis has offered authoritarian leaders around the world a chance to transfer control of citizens' lives from the citizens themselves to the government. Yet Canada has experienced a lot more pandemic pain than other nations.

The Macdonald-Laurier Institute's COVID Misery Index ranked Canada sixth in its analysis of 15 nations at how miserable the pandemic is making its citizens. The index showed that other nations managed to maintain hospitalization and death rates at levels comparable to Canada without harsh restrictions and lockdowns. The Trudeau government ignored such findings. Rather than lightening up and giving citizens their rights back, it imposed a new mandate on January 15 requiring truckers to present proof of vaccination at the border if they want to enter Canada.

This was the proverbial straw that broke the camel's back. Within a week, thousands of truckers began gathering into the longest motorcade in human history. They had had enough. Starting in British Columbia and traveling 2,000 miles in seven days, as many as 11,000 rigs joined the motorcade, extending for as long as 93 miles, on the way to the nation's capital, Ottawa. The first of hundreds of trucks in this "Freedom Convoy" entered the city on January 29.

Initially, Trudeau dismissed the convoy as the protest of a "*fringe minority*," but thousands of Canadians along the route came out and lined overpasses holding signs, waving flags, setting off fireworks, and cheering the truckers. One online fundraising campaign

received more than 120,000 donations worth nearly \$8 million to help pay for fuel and other expenses. That was more in a single week than Canada's five largest political parties raised in the entire fourth quarter of 2021, combined. The *Trumpet's* Canada correspondent, Abraham Blondeau, reported that he "has never seen a cause unite Canadians and inspire patriotic displays as this movement has done."

Several Canadian members of Parliament cheered the Freedom Convoy and condemned Trudeau regime vaccination mandates, while Conservative Party leader Erin O'Toole agreed to meet with the protesters and posted a video online noting how Trudeau's vaccine mandates will put tens of thousands of Canadians out of work, increase scarcity and prices for produce and food, and leave produce rotting in the warehouses of the United States, Canada's largest trade partner.

Trudeau characterized such statements as fear-mongering and then went into hiding, literally, before the truckers arrived and parked on Wellington Street and in the city's core. He claimed to have contracted asymptomatic COVID-19 and therefore needed to quarantine himself in an undisclosed location. Yet he still delivered recorded remarks associating the truckers with Nazism, racism, vandalism and hate as he devised a plan to get rid of the protesters.

Fighting Tyranny

With the convoy in Ottawa, many protesters stated that they would not leave until all COVID-19 restrictions and mandates had been repealed. The corporate media slandered the protesters as fascists and white nationalists, but the video footage of the protests revealed a very different picture. Numerous reports showed the truckers at Parliament Hill and elsewhere to be nonviolent, polite and happy. Videos show truckers and other protesters in large crowds waving Canadian flags, playing street hockey, receiving coffee and other gifts from supportive Canadians, and chanting, "Freedom!"

A flag with a swastika on it was spotted in Ottawa when Conservative Party M.P. Michael Cooper went out to show support for the

protesters. But it was spotted when a protester conspicuously walked behind Cooper while he was being interviewed by a news channel, leading many to suspect the protester was actually a leftist trying to discredit the protests. Nevertheless, the media jumped on the chance to double down on their narrative that the protest was full of white supremacists.

After Trudeau came out of hiding on February 7, he spoke in an emergency session of Parliament to condemn the protesters for "trying to blockade our economy, our democracy and our fellow citizens' daily lives." He failed to appreciate the irony in his statement: The protests were against vaccine mandates that blockaded the economy, subverted democracy, and disrupted citizens' daily lives. And the government was ignoring these concerns.

With hundreds of protesters still in Ottawa, a new group of protesters began gathering on the Ambassador Bridge connecting Detroit, Michigan, with Windsor, Ontario. This bridge is the busiest international land-border crossing in North America and accounts for nearly a third of the two-way annual trade between Canada and the U.S., so blockading it would surely get the Canadian government's attention. The protesters were right. But rather than reconsidering COVID-19 vaccine mandates and related social restrictions, Trudeau did something very different. On February 14, he invoked the Emergencies Act, basically declaring war on his own people.

War Measures

This statute is the successor to the War Measures Act. It has only been used three times in Canadian history: during World War I, World War II and, most controversially, during the October Crisis in 1970. In that third instance, Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau suspended civil liberties to stop terrorists and rescue a kidnapped provincial deputy premier and a British diplomat.

Unlike his father, Justin Trudeau suspended civil liberties to stop a peaceful and even festive protest and to force thousands of law-abiding citizens to subject themselves to vaccination or lose their jobs. The

Emergencies Act gave his regime powers usually reserved for national emergencies like a state of war, such as dispersing and arresting demonstrators and freezing bank accounts of anyone connected to protests. And Trudeau wasted no time in using these powers. Canadian police immediately cleared the Ambassador Bridge and arrested nearly 200 people in downtown Ottawa. And they weren't gentle about it: They fired tear gas and used batons. One video showed mounted officers trampling an elderly Native American woman with their horses. And Rebel News in Canada released messages between members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police revealing that officers actually wanted to harm these protesting members of the public.

Meanwhile, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police froze 206 financial products, including *bank* and corporate *accounts*, of those involved with the protests. One M.P. revealed that the Mounties froze the bank account of a single mother working a minimum-wage job because she donated \$50 to an anti-vaccine mandates protest back before the government warned people to stop donating to the trucker protests.

Many Conservatives voiced opposition to Trudeau's crackdown. Trudeau shot back: "Conservative Party members can stand with people who wave swastikas; they can stand with people who wave the Confederate flag. We will choose to stand with Canadians who deserve to be able to get to their jobs, to be able to get their lives back." He missed the irony that his dictatorial lockdowns even before the Emergencies Act blocked millions of Canadians from getting to their jobs, from getting their lives back. He failed to grasp the irony that he was the son of a *fascist* sympathizer smearing Conservatives as Nazis when some of the Conservatives in the room were the grandchildren of Holocaust survivors. When this fact was pointed out to him, he refused to apologize.

On February 21, Canada's House of Commons affirmed Trudeau's use of emergency powers in a 185-to-151 vote, basically making Trudeau Canada's dictator. If a group of truckers blocking a bridge and playing hockey in

front of the capital constitutes a threat big enough that the prime minister needs war powers to handle it, then any protesters who demonstrate against the Trudeau regime's policies are in danger of being arrested and having their financial assets frozen.

Trudeau ended the war measures on February 23, saying there was no longer a national emergency now that the protesters had been dispersed. Yet the overwhelming support he got from the Canadian Liberal Party has demonstrated that he can declare another state of emergency whenever a group of people stands up against his illegal power grabs. The *Wall Street Journal* is right: Trudeau is acting like the tin-pot dictators his father so often praised.

Bitter Affliction

For decades, the late Herbert W. Armstrong taught that the United States and British Commonwealth were descended from the ancient Israelite tribes of Manasseh and Ephraim. This truth means that end-time prophecies like Hosea 7:8-9 are actually about modern-day America and Canada mixing themselves together with foreign peoples and, by extension, foreign ideologies like communism. The far-left ideas put forward by the U.S. Democratic Party and the Canadian Liberal Party are not based on traditional values and biblical virtue. They are ideas that were introduced into end-time Israel from German and Russian universities. For decades, these anti-Bible ideologies have subversively "devoured" America and Canada's strength while the average citizen "knows it not."

"What we fail to grasp, in the struggle with Russia, is this," Mr. Armstrong wrote in 1956, during the Cold War. "We are not fighting a single nation in a military war, but a gigantic worldwide, plain-clothes army, masquerading as a political party, seeking to conquer the world with an entirely *new kind* of warfare. It's a kind of warfare we don't understand, or know how to cope with. It uses every diabolical means to weaken us *from within*, sapping our strength, perverting our morals, sabotaging our educational system, wrecking our social

structure, destroying our spiritual and religious life, weakening our industrial and economic power, demoralizing our armed forces, and finally, after such infiltration, overthrowing our government by force and violence! All this, cleverly disguised as a harmless political party!”

Like Barack Obama in the United States, Justin Trudeau was mentored by Communists and Communist sympathizers. These men came to power by pretending they were more moderate than they are in reality. But the coronavirus crisis is exposing these men’s true identities. They are Communists using COVID-19 to weaken America’s and Canada’s industrial and economic power while empowering themselves and their political allies at the expense of their own people.

This is a sobering reality, but it was actually prophesied in your Bible. As my father, Gerald Flurry, explained in his article “What Will Happen After Trump Regains Power” ([theTrumpet.com/23957](https://www.theTrumpet.com/23957)), 2 Kings 14:26-27 is a prophecy about a time when the end-time nations of Israel suffer such bitter affliction that it threatens to completely destroy them. So God has to raise up an end-time type of King Jeroboam II to beat back the afflictors long enough to give people one last chance to repent.

Today, the radical left stands ready to blot

out the political freedoms, cultural values, and biblical virtues that made America and Canada great nations. God is going to have to intervene to save us from the abyss, one last time. But why? Is He saving us just to “get back to the way things were,” as many truckers and others have expressed it?

Getting back to the way things were 20 years ago is not the answer. As you peer over the precipice, as you feel yourself getting pushed toward it, it’s time to realize that you have *only one hope*. That hope is not in patriotic truckers or in a political party or in Erin O’Toole or in Donald Trump. Your only hope depends entirely on *repenting of sin* (Amos 7:8). It depends on recognizing not only that our leaders are flawed, that our parties are flawed, and that our movements are flawed, but that, yes, you yourself are flawed. “God has made Canada one of those nations which cannot be conquered and cannot be destroyed,” British politician Norman Angell said, “except by itself.”

If you are ready to face what you need to face, ready to realize the individual accountability each of us has toward the God who made America and Canada great in the first place, request your free copy of *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, by Herbert W. Armstrong. ■

Prepare to Reduce Your Standard of Living

Despite claims to the contrary, America’s inflation crisis will get much, much worse. **BY ANDREW MILLER**

COULD THE UNITED STATES SURVIVE another Great Depression? Forty percent of Americans do not have enough money set aside to cover an unexpected \$1,000 expense, and runaway inflation is pushing people deeper into debt. The Consumer Price

Index rose 7 percent in 2021, a level not seen in almost four decades. According to economist Peter Schiff, the actual inflation rate would be closer to 11 percent if the CPI still included housing prices in its calculus.

The average U.S. household will likely see

\$3,500 disappear this year due to inflation, which is bad news for the quarter of Americans who lack emergency savings. Household debt is already up 6 percent this year, and many people report that financial strains are harming their mental health. A study by Debt Nation Relief reports that the average American loses four hours of sleep each week worrying about debt.

Analysts expect U.S. companies to pay their workers 3.4 percent more in 2022, which will lead to an increase in prices of goods and services. Yet that pay increase equates to only half of the official inflation rate. So American workers need to prepare to get by with less. Joe Biden says the current inflation rate is only temporary, but his government is still creating \$250 billion out of thin air every month. In early February, the national debt surpassed \$30 trillion.

It is self-evident that creating more dollars makes all dollars worth less, so concerned citizens need to be doing all they can to storm-proof their financial houses in preparation for a crisis.

The last time inflation was above 7 percent, the late *Plain Truth* editor in chief Herbert W. Armstrong was warning Americans to prepare to greatly reduce their standard of living. Yet few people heeded his warning and most completely forgot about it once the economy stabilized during the Reagan administration.

Now inflation is back with a vengeance, and the national debt is crushing citizens and crippling the federal government's ability to deal with the economy.

It's time to realize that we have entered something worse than a mere economic crisis.

Dollar Collapse

Opinion polls show that two thirds of American voters disapprove of Biden's inflation. Midterm elections are coming this fall, so even radical Democrats are looking for a way to at least temporarily stabilize the dollar.

An influential group of Bank of America economists expects the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates seven times this year to fight inflation. If interest rates rise high enough for Americans to start saving money

again, then much of the money the government has pumped into circulation will be pulled back out of circulation and stashed away in various financial investments. This would lower inflation and reassure Treasury Bond holders that investing in the dollar will yield a profit that isn't immediately devalued due to inflation. Under normal circumstances, a Federal Reserve interest rate hike would be long overdue.

But this problem is complicated tremendously by trillions in national debt.

America spent \$526 billion paying interest on its national debt during fiscal year 2021, up \$40 billion from the previous year. That means 13 percent of all federal taxes collected were handed over to America's creditors as interest payments. Any measurable increase in interest rates would take up billions of dollars of the federal government's budget. Obviously, any dollar spent on interest cannot be spent on other budget items, so a rate hike means the government will have to raise taxes or start running even bigger budget deficits if it wants to keep spending at current levels. And bigger deficits, of course, create yet more inflation.

Investors see the dollar as an increasingly problematic investment. They are turning to everything from Chilean pesos to cryptocurrencies to sovereign bonds in Southeast Asia to avoid inflation and a possible crash in the value of the dollar, especially if governments around the world stop using it as the standard reserve currency.

"The dollar's peak is definitely behind us," George Boubouras, the head of research at K2 Asset Management in Melbourne, Australia, told the *Business Standard*. "Currency traders are factoring in the Fed's hikes and economic recovery well and truly now. There's plenty of opportunities across sovereign bonds, credit and stocks from emerging markets to Europe with convictions the dollar could weaken further" (January 13).

If governments stop using the dollar as a reserve currency, the United States will no longer be able to borrow money at low interest rates. It will finally be forced to slash spending, increase taxes, or print money to

finance its deficits. All these options will put a great financial strain on Americans who are already caught between rising prices and empty shelves.

But that is not even close to the worst of it.

End of an Empire

Financial historian Niall Ferguson has repeatedly warned that nations and empires often collapse when the cost of servicing their debts exceeds the cost of defending their borders. The U.S. is dangerously close to this tipping point. Last fiscal year, the government spent \$526 billion on interest and \$753 billion on defense. It would take only \$227 billion in additional interest to make the debt a bigger budget item than the military. If the actual interest rate paid by the U.S. government rises by even 1 percent, interest on the debt becomes the second-largest budget item after Social Security.

“[B]ankruptcy is the Sword of Damocles hanging perilously close to Uncle Sam’s neck,” Hunter DeRensis wrote for the *American Conservative*. “What would transpire if Social Security checks stopped showing up in mailboxes and Medicare benefits got cut off? When presented with that choice, will the average American choose his social safety net or continued funding for far-flung bases in Stuttgart, Okinawa and Djibouti? Even the most militaristic congressman will know which way to vote, lest they find a mob waiting outside their D.C. castles” (Nov. 20, 2018).

Closing bases may stave off bankruptcy for a few months, but it would also allow America’s enemies to take control of choke points like the Panama Canal or the Strait of Malacca. Threatening or blocking these passages would snap already strained supply chains. The D.C. castles may be surrounded by mobs after all.

In his book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, Mr. Armstrong explained that the Americans and the British descended from ancient Israel. And Bible prophecy directed at these descendants warns that God will suddenly break the financial and military power of the modern Israelites because of their sins, including rank materialism and debt.

“And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord, that I will cut off thy horses out of the midst of thee, and I will destroy thy chariots: And I will cut off the cities of thy land, and throw down all thy strong holds” (Micah 5:10-11).

Today, Americans worship the work of their hands. Because of this, God says He will cut off the weapons systems and throw down the bases in which they trust. He has already broken the pride of America’s power, as Afghanistan, Iraq, Vietnam, Korea and other conflicts have shown (Leviticus 26:18-19), but now He will break the power itself!

Beyond Economics

Americans have been living far beyond their means for generations. They can no longer escape the consequences of their faithlessness toward God and indulgence in sin.

“It’s time you knew the real meaning of the present financial crisis—the high real interest rates and the fear of continued unemployment,” Mr. Armstrong wrote in his May 1983 *Plain Truth* editorial “Prepare to Greatly Reduce Your Standard of Living!” “Those of us in the United States have enjoyed the most prosperous living standard of any nation in all the history of mankind. There is a reason for this unmatched prosperity. There also is a reason for the present abnormal economic conditions and the continuing fear in financial and government circles that the West may well be in the beginning of a most severe debt crisis. A number of times I have published an economic analysis of the real causes of economic distresses in the United States and elsewhere. But now the stranglehold of economic disturbances is tightening around our necks.”

Mr. Armstrong proceeded to focus not on rates and consumer prices but on biblical proofs that America descended from the ancient Israelite tribe of Manasseh. He explained the end-time prophecy in Leviticus 26:19 in which God promises to break the pride of Israel’s power if its people turn against Him and His laws. “God has given the United States more national power than any nation ever had,” Mr. Armstrong wrote. “But already the noose is around our necks and is almost daily tightening! Economic ills are

starting GREATLY to reduce our standard of living! I warn you, PREPARE greatly to reduce your standard of living! Even GREATER punishments are to follow!”

Every American needs to heed Mr. Armstrong’s warning and prepare to reduce his or her standard of living. An interest rate hike

could temporarily tamp down inflation, and a conservative victory in the midterms could temporarily stabilize the economy. But the nation’s structural economic and debt problems will get much worse unless the nation turns back to the God who made America great and gave it its wealth in the first place! ■

What Does It Take for God to Reach You?

The world is suffering intensifying curses. How will you respond? **BY JOEL HILLIKER**

IN 1889, JOHNSTOWN WAS A PROSPEROUS COAL and steel town—unknowingly about to be leveled by a monster wall of water like something out of a big-budget disaster movie.

It had been built in the mountains of western Pennsylvania by a group of filthy rich industrialists who sought a retreat from the city, and it now had a population of about 30,000 who enjoyed the beautiful surroundings and, a short drive to the north, a serene lake.

The lake was a reservoir formed by a dam on the Conemaugh River. It had been built well, but maintained poorly. Its owner had sold its three cast iron discharge pipes for scrap. It sprang occasional leaks. Sometimes word spread that the dam was going to break, but *oops*—false alarms. The leaks were patched with mud and straw. One heavy storm caused a particularly large void. Years later it was finally repaired not by engineers but by a railroad construction gang.

One day, a storm poured as much as 10 inches of rain on Johnstown in 24 hours. Men saw the lake nearly cresting the dam and frantically tried to clear blocked spillways, then tried to dig a new one. Their efforts failed. A man rode on horseback to the telegraph office to send warnings to South Fork, near the dam, and to Johnstown a few miles

farther downstream. But they were considered another false alarm. Evacuations were not ordered.

At around 3:10 p.m. on May 31, the dam burst. Twenty million tons of water barreled down Little Conemaugh River. South Fork residents heard the thunder approaching. Most scampered to high ground, but four people were killed. The flood devoured 60 more feet of riverbed per second and crested at 40 feet high. It slammed into Johnstown, destroying and carrying away trees, rocks, telephone poles, railroad cars, businesses, houses and people. Within 10 minutes, the city was drowned. About 2,200 people died.

People had been confident, busy, trusting of their leaders, fine with patching problems, numb to warnings and enjoying life as if it would carry on—all while 20 million tons of tragedy were building.

You are in a similar situation. The dam of modern civilization is furrowed with cracks. Rains are pouring down and growing in intensity. Those who know current events and history see catastrophe building. The reality that something powerful and evil is happening to our societies has become inescapable.

And the Bible is transmitting *serious warnings!* God has prophesied that a flood of

violence, brutality, barbarism and destruction is coming, and He is warning us through, as Isaiah 40 describes it, “the voice.”

But the great majority of people are busy, self-confident, fine with patching problems and *numb to warnings*.

Are you? If God was trying to reach you, would you recognize it?

A Still, Small Voice

In 1 Kings 19, God caused the Prophet Elijah to witness a mighty wind, a great earthquake and a blazing fire. Yet instead of speaking through those events, He spoke through “a still small voice.”

That is how God is speaking today. Amid all the distraction and commotion is a “still small voice,” *warning you from God*.

Amid hundreds of channels and 24 hours a day, seven days a week, there is a voice speaking on *The Key of David*, with Gerald Flurry. Among the thousands of radio stations filling the airwaves, there is KPCG. Among hundreds of millions of websites, there is theTrumpet.com.

Can you recognize the voice speaking for God within the cacophony?

History is, as Winston Churchill wrote, a “long, dismal catalog of the fruitlessness of experience and the confirmed unteachability of mankind.” Human nature is *hard*. We will fight furiously to avoid admitting that we are *wrong*. We will vigorously resist the need to *change* our attitudes and actions.

Jesus Christ called us out for this self-destructive tendency. “Behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes,” He said, “and some of them you shall kill and crucify—and some of them shall you scourge in the synagogues, and persecute them from city to city: That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias, whom you slew. ...” That is what Jesus told even those who were religious. “Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation. ... You that kill the prophets, and stone them which are sent unto you, how often would I have gathered your children together, even as a hen gathers

her chickens under her wings—and you would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate” (Matthew 23:34-38).

Not long after He issued that warning, people *killed* Him. He was warning, showing people where they were wrong, telling them to change the things that were leading to destruction. And rather than repent, they persecuted, tortured and murdered Him.

If people are committing rebellion and sin, which *destroys* them and others, God warns them. But if they don’t listen to His correction, what is God to do?

At this moment in humanity’s dismal catalog, we are suffering a virus, viral government oppression, crippling political turmoil, economic tremors, social division, family breakdown, the prospect of war and worse. The Bible warning is going out, through one voice. But people as a whole are not coming any closer to repentance. Instead, they think they can solve the problems and can continue entrenching themselves in their sins.

What will it take for God to reach them? What will it take for Him to reach you?

Warning of Worse to Come

After Christ gave that warning, His disciples asked Him, “What shall be the sign of your coming, and of the end of the world?” (see Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21). He answered that world conditions would worsen, with wars, rumors of wars, nations rising up against each other, diseases breaking out, and even earthquakes in various places. Then He said, “All these are the beginning of sorrows.”

These terrible events are actually *warnings* of worse to come! Christ explained how conditions will continue to intensify until “there shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect’s sake those days shall be shortened” (Matthew 24:21-22).

So Jesus Himself warned about a period of calamity and suffering UNPRECEDENTED in the blood-stained annals of human history. This period will mark the end of the world as

we know it: It will immediately precede the Second Coming of Jesus Christ to establish His Kingdom on Earth.

Christ was affirming what several Old Testament prophets had foretold. The Prophet Daniel wrote that in the end time, mankind would suffer “a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation.” The Prophet Jeremiah wrote, “Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob’s trouble.” Jacob is the forefather of the modern nations of America, Britain, Israel and other related nations.

This is describing a time of the worst suffering in human history! And if you look at the conditions prophesied to lead up to that, you can see we are very close to that time. The dam is breaking. And people are ignoring the warning.

So, what is God to do?

The answer is revealed in the book of Revelation. There the Apostle John describes the events that close the age of man in terms of Jesus Christ opening a book sealed with seven seals. As each seal is loosed, a catastrophic event occurs. The first four are often referred to as the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse. They represent the destructive power of false religion, war, famine and pestilence (Revelation 6:1-8). The fifth seal represents the 2½-year “great tribulation,” a time of unprecedented suffering, worldwide. This will be followed by the “day of the Lord,” a one-year period of even *more grievous* plagues and curses, each signaled by a trumpet blast (Revelation 8-9; 11:15-19). God will justly judge this world for its evil. These prophecies show just how angry God really is at the evils and injustices in this world! This is the *God of judgment!*

But God’s goal in punishing is never vindictive—it is always *corrective*. HE SEEKS TO BRING AS MANY PEOPLE TO REPENTANCE AS POSSIBLE (2 Peter 3:9).

The only reason all the horrors of Tribulation and Day of the Lord are necessary is that mankind is so hard—so uncorrectable. The fact is, God does not punish any harder than He has to!

Those who repent *now*, before the

Tribulation, will be protected in a place of safety. Those who repent during the Tribulation will be protected from the Day of the Lord. Those who repent during the Day of the Lord are protected from further punishment. God has no pleasure in the death of the wicked (Ezekiel 33:11). He only wants people to turn to Him!

God gives these warnings well in advance, if only men would heed.

Revelation 9:18 reveals that in the final savage war between the sprawling armies of Europe and Asia, one third of mankind remaining will be slaughtered! That’s over a billion people! Yet still, people will not repent! (verse 20-21).

What does it take for God to reach people? This shows just how adamant and stubborn is human nature!

And you and I have the same human nature. We must fight it, and be sure we are responding to God’s correction!

The final chapters of Revelation portray an extraordinary picture of God’s final dramatic intervention in world affairs, and how God is going to force man to acknowledge what a failure he has been in governing himself, how much misery and injustice and bloodshed he has caused. And even if they *never* repent, God will ensure this world is cleansed of its filth! Revelation 16 records the seven last plagues God sends.

And there is this lightning-bolt statement in Revelation 18:4, directed at YOU, and all who are willing to hear God’s warning: “And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, *Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.*”

These horrifying plagues *are coming*—but God gives us the way to avoid them: Come out of this world NOW! Listen to God TODAY! Let God reach you. Repent, now! Apply God’s correction, while He gives it to you through a still, small voice. Let God purge the sins in your life *now*.

The truly beautiful thing is that all these nightmarish events lead to the most important event in history: the return of Jesus Christ. “And then shall appear the sign of the Son of

man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory” (Matthew 24:30).

One day, it will be the age of man, and VERY SUDDENLY—the next day!—it will be the AGE OF

GOD! The kingdoms of this world will become the kingdoms of our God.

This event is almost here! And if you let God reach you today, you will be there to help Him bring this world the justice and peace it sorely needs. ■

World Peace— How It Will Come

Excerpt from *The Incredible Human Potential*, written in 1978 by the late Herbert W. Armstrong

I TRAVEL TO ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD AS AN ambassador (without political portfolio) for world peace. I discuss world problems, evils and world peace with many heads of governments—kings, presidents, prime ministers, and those high in the government, leaders in science, education, commerce and industry. I have not been called, and therefore make no effort, to bring about world peace—but serve as an ambassador of the power *that will* bring it in our time!

Most world leaders are of superior ability. Yet they are utterly unable to abolish world evils or bring about world *peace*.

Many scientists and leaders say that the only hope for world peace is the formation of a supreme world government, controlling the world’s sole military power. Yet in the same breath they admit the utter impossibility of this, claiming that such supreme world power in human hands would enslave us all!

An Amazing Forecast

Few, indeed, know that Jesus Christ came, not as a religious leader on a “soul saving” crusade, but as a pioneer news forecaster. No man of historic note has been so completely misrepresented—so utterly misunderstood!

“The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ,

the Son of God Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the *gospel* of the kingdom of God, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel” (Mark 1:1, 14-15).

Believe *what* gospel—*what* good news? The good news of the coming Kingdom of God.

But what did He *mean*—the Kingdom of God? Few seem to know, today, that Jesus’s message was about government!

Jesus was born to be a King! Notice, once again, what was prophesied in Isaiah about Christ: “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever” (Isaiah 9:6-7).

Notice what was said to his mother Mary: “[T]hou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him *the throne* of his father David: And he *shall reign* over the house of Jacob for ever;

and of his kingdom there shall be no end” (Luke 1:31-33).

When Jesus was on trial for His life before Pilate, He was asked, “Art thou a king then?” Jesus answered, “Thou sayest I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world ...” But He also said, “My kingdom is not of *this world* ...” (John 18:37, 36).

WHY don’t the various sects and denominations of traditional Christianity tell us the real theme of the Bible? Why do they not know the true gospel that Jesus proclaimed? It’s all *IN THE BIBLE!* It’s plain and clear!

Jesus went everywhere preaching the good news of the Kingdom of God. He taught in parables about the Kingdom of God. He sent out 70 men preaching, and commanded them to preach the Kingdom of God (Luke 10:9). He sent the apostles, on whom the Church was founded, to preach only the Kingdom of God (Luke 9:1-2). The Apostle Paul preached the Kingdom of God (Acts 19:8; 20:25; 28:23, 31).

Haven’t you heard men speak of the Kingdom of God something like this: “By Christians everywhere working together to bring about world peace, tolerance and brotherly love, the Kingdom of God may at last be established in the hearts of men.”

Because they *rejected* Christ’s gospel 1,900 years ago, the world had to supplant something else in its place. They had to invent a *counterfeit!* So we have heard the Kingdom of God spoken of as merely a pretty platitude—a nice sentiment in human hearts—reducing it to an ethereal, unreal nothing! Others have misrepresented that the “church” is the Kingdom. Others confuse it with a “millennium.”

Daniel Knew!

The Prophet Daniel, who lived 600 years before Christ, knew that the Kingdom of God was a real kingdom—a *government* ruling over literal people on the Earth.

Nebuchadnezzar was the first real world ruler. This king had a dream so impressive it troubled him—moved him to tremendous concern. He demanded that his magicians, astrologers and sorcerers tell him both *what* he had dreamed, and what it meant. They could not.

Daniel disclaimed any more human ability to interpret dreams than the Chaldean magicians, “But,” he said, “there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days” (Daniel 2:28).

First, God’s purpose was to reveal to this world-ruling human king that there is a God in heaven—that God is supreme Ruler over all nations, governments and kings—that God rules the universe! The whole purpose of this dream was to *reveal* God’s government—the truth of the Kingdom of God—the very thing that is the one and *only* true gospel of Jesus Christ! And, secondly, to reveal—preserved in writing for us today—what is to happen “*in the latter days*”! This is no dry, dull, dead writing for a people of 2,500 years ago. This is living, tremendous, *BIG NEWS* for *OUR DAY!* This is the true gospel! It is the very gospel Christ preached!

Read, in your own Bible, verses 28 through 35. In his dream, this king had seen a vast statue—larger than any image or statue ever built by man—so tremendous it was terrifying, even in a dream. Its head was of fine gold, its breast and arms of silver, the belly and thighs of brass, legs of solid iron, feet a mixture of iron and clay.

There was a time element. Nebuchadnezzar had viewed it *until* a supernatural stone came from heaven, smashing the statue on its feet. Then the whole of the statue broke into fragments, and was actually blown away by the wind—it disappeared! Then this stone expanded miraculously and quickly became a great mountain—so great it filled the whole Earth!

Unlike ordinary dreams, this one was caused by God to convey the message of God’s sovereignty to Nebuchadnezzar—and, because it is part of the written Word of God, to us today—to reveal important facts of the true gospel!

“This is the dream,” said Daniel, “and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king. Thou, O king, art a king of kings”—he was the first real world ruler over a world empire!—“... for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory” (verses 36-37). God was revealing Himself to

this human world-dictator as the Most High *Ruler over all*.

People today, like this Chaldean king, seem never to think of God as a Ruler—as the Supreme One who governs—as the Head of government. The Eternal was revealing Himself through Daniel to Nebuchadnezzar—and through the Bible *to you and to me* today—as a sovereign, all-powerful, *GOVERNING* God who *is to be obeyed!*

“Thou,” continued Daniel to this human emperor, “art this head of gold. And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth” (verses 38-39).

What IS a Kingdom?

Notice! This is speaking of kingdoms. It is referring to kingdoms *that bear rule over the people on Earth*. It is speaking of governments! It is not speaking of ethereal sentiments “set up in the hearts of men.” It is not speaking of churches. It is literal. It is specific. There is no misunderstanding, here, as to what is meant by the word “kingdom.”

The great metallic image represented national and international governments—real, literal kingdoms. It represented a *succession* of world-ruling governments. First was the head of gold. That represented Nebuchadnezzar and his kingdom—the Chaldean Empire. *After* him—later, in time sequence—was to come a second, then a third kingdom “which shall bear rule over all the earth”—*world empire!* Then, verse 40, the legs of iron represent a *fourth* world empire.

After the Chaldean Empire came the still larger Persian Empire, then the Greco-Macedonian, and fourth, the Roman Empire. It was divided, with capitals at Rome and Constantinople.

Now—verse 44! Read it! Get your Bible. See it with your own eyes in your own Bible. Here, in plain language, is God’s explanation of what the Kingdom of God is: “And in the days of these kings ...”—it is here speaking of the 10 toes, part of iron and part of brittle clay. This, by connecting the prophecy with Daniel 7, and Revelation 13 and 17, is

referring to the new United States of Europe which is *now forming*, before your very eyes! Revelation 17:12 makes plain the detail that it shall be a union of 10 kings or kingdoms which (Revelation 17:8) shall resurrect the medieval “Holy” Roman Empire.

So, mark carefully the *time element!* “[I]n the days of these kings”—in the days of these 10 nations or groups of nations that shall, *IN OUR TIME*, resurrect briefly the Roman Empire—notice what shall happen: “... shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed ... but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever”! (Daniel 2:44).

Revelation 13 and 17 show that, after the fall of the original Roman Empire, there would be 10 revivals—seven of which would be ruled over by a Gentile church—the “daughter” of ancient Babylon—a church claiming to be Christian, but actually named by God “Mystery Babylon the Great”—or, more plainly, Babylonian Mysteries!

Six of those have come and gone. The seventh is now forming—the last, final, *brief* resurrection of the Roman Empire by 10 European groups or nations. These are the 10 toes of iron and clay mixed.

In their days—and they shall last but a *very* short space, possibly no more than two to three-and-a-half years—shall the God of heaven set up *A KINGDOM*.

This, then, shall be the Kingdom of God!

When Christ comes, He is coming as King of kings, ruling the whole Earth (Revelation 19:11-16), and His Kingdom—the *KINGDOM OF GOD*—said Daniel, is to consume all these worldly kingdoms.

Revelation 11:15 states it in these words: “The kingdoms of this world *are become* the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever”!

This is the Kingdom of God. It is the end of present governments—the governments that rule Russia, China, Japan, Italy, Germany—yes, and even the United States and the British nations. They then shall *become* the kingdoms—the governments—of the Lord Jesus Christ, then King of kings over the entire Earth.

This makes completely plain the fact that the Kingdom of God is a literal government. Even as the Chaldean Empire was a kingdom—even as the Roman Empire was a kingdom—so the Kingdom of God is a government. It is to *take over* the government of the nations of the world.

Jesus Christ was born to be a King—a Ruler!

These Scriptures tell you plainly *that* God is supreme Ruler. They tell you in plainest language that Jesus was born to be a King—that He is going to rule all nations of the Earth—that His Kingdom shall rule eternally.

But all this is only *part* of the fantastic, amazing, actually shocking truth about the Kingdom of God.

World-Ruling Government

Jesus described *when* the Kingdom of God shall rule all the Earth. In Luke 17:24 He refers to lightning flashing, just as in Matthew 24:27, describing His Second Coming to rule the whole world. Luke 17:26—as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be when Christ comes in power and glory as world Ruler. Verse 30—the day when He is *revealed*.

We have already seen how the Prophet Daniel recorded the setting up of the Kingdom of God—at *Christ's coming*—to consume all present national governments on Earth, and set up the world-ruling Kingdom of God. This was recorded in the second chapter. Notice now chapter 7: “I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man [Christ] came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him” (verse 13). Christ ascended to heaven in clouds (Acts 1:9). He ascended to the very throne of God in heaven (Mark 16:19). Now continue:

“And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed” (Daniel 7:14).

This vision shows God Almighty, Father of the resurrected living Christ, conferring on Christ dominion. Dominion means sovereign or supreme ruling authority. Also given to Him

was “a kingdom.” Where is that Kingdom to be? It says “a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him.” The people, and the nations speaking different languages, are here on Earth. He is given dominion over all nations—the whole world!

Now will you read, in your own Bible, Acts 3:21? It says the heavens have received Jesus Christ until—not permanently, just *until*—a certain time. Until *when?* Until the times of restitution of all things. It is speaking of restoring God's laws, God's government—of restoring happiness and universal peace.

In this seventh chapter of Daniel, the prophet had experienced a dream, and visions. He had seen four wild animals. Notice verse 16; *the interpretation* begins verse 17. This is God's inspired interpretation—not mine: “These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth. But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever” (Daniel 7:17-18).

Notice it! Not *only* is Christ to rule—but the *saints*—that is, converted true Christians—those begotten as sons of God—are to take and possess the Kingdom! They are to rule under, and *with*, Christ! In the New Testament it is recorded that converted saints are co-heirs with Christ!

The saints—then no longer human flesh and blood, but immortal—are to possess the Kingdom, at the Second Coming of Christ!

Jesus Christ makes that plain. It is Christ who is speaking in Revelation 3:21, and 2:26-27: “To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.” The Father's throne is in heaven—where Jesus Christ is *now*; but Christ's throne, in which the saints shall sit with Him, is the throne of David, in Jerusalem (Luke 1:32).

Further: “And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: And he shall rule them with a rod of iron”

Can't Know the TIME

After His resurrection, on the Mount of Olives

at the very hour of His ascension to heaven, Jesus’s disciples wanted to know whether the Kingdom of God was to be set up *at that time!* “Lord,” they asked, “wilt thou *at this time* restore again the kingdom to Israel?” (Acts 1:6).

“And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power” (verse 7). Just what did Jesus mean? He explained it another time. It is recorded in Matthew 24:36: There He was speaking of the end of this world, and His Second Coming: “But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.” He was speaking of His Second Coming and the setting up of the Kingdom, the time of which no man knows, but only the Father.

However, though we do not, even now, know the day or the hour, *we do know*, from God’s prophecies, *that it is today very near!* Notice this, in Luke 21:25-32: He had been foretelling the world events, *right now beginning*, leading to “distress of nations” in world troubles and world wars, “with perplexity”—“[m]en’s hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the

earth”—world trouble such as never before experienced. “[W]hen ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.”

So all signs show we *are in* the very last generation of this present evil world. We have hydrogen bombs stockpiled in such power and volume that they could blast all human life off this planet several times over. There are other destructive weapons today in existence, any of which could erase humanity from the Earth.

It’s time we face the hard, cold, realistic fact: Humanity has two alternatives: either there *is* an almighty, all-powerful God who is about to step in and set up the Kingdom of God to rule all nations with supernatural and supra-national *FORCE* to bring us peace—or else all human life will be obliterated (Matthew 24:22).

Events will soon erupt into *nuclear* World War III—called, in biblical prophecy, the “Great Tribulation” (Matthew 24:21-22). But God will cut short that final supreme world trouble, and send Christ again to Earth as King of kings, Lord of lords—to restore God’s *government* by the world-ruling Kingdom of God! ■

Conquer Your Lions

A proverb that changes how you look at the world, and your immediate future.

DID YOU KNOW THAT MOST PEOPLE HAVE A den of lions outside their homes? Proverbs 22:13 describes the situation this way: “The slothful man saith, There is a lion without, I shall be slain in the streets.”

This pithy scripture captures a common aspect of human nature. Motivated by selfishness, laziness and fear, it goes to great lengths and concocts ridiculous excuses to avoid work, responsibility and risk. We have seen this demonstrated en masse in people’s willingness to be locked down inside their homes because of a “pandemic.”

The original Hebrew word for *lion* here means *images* of lions. The lion outside the lazy man’s house in this proverb *is not real*. It is *imagined* in order to justify avoiding responsibility. The *Jamieson, Fausset and Brown Commentary* explains that the slothful person *invents* “imaginary dangers to excuse his indolence in staying at home, instead of going forth into active business.” *Soncino* commentary says the lazy man “invents a fantastic reason for not going about his business.”

Are there “lions” prowling outside your door?

Time can be a lion. Stretched between work, our responsibilities as husbands, fathers, wives, mothers, grandparents and children, and serving God, our lives can feel crowded. But do we exaggerate our time constraints to justify inactivity or to avoid responsibilities like prayer and Bible study? *I just don’t have time* is often a fake lion.

Sickness can be a lion. The Bible provides guidelines for quarantine, separating yourself to protect others from contagion and to help you recover. But we can easily exploit a health issue to avoid going out and fulfilling our duties. If we do this, we are concocting an imaginary lion.

Money is a common variety of lion. Lack of money can be the perfect excuse for inactivity. We look out the window and see this

lion pacing at the door and conclude that we cannot help someone, cannot serve someone, cannot fix something. Money does limit us, but it can be easy to exaggerate how much.

Your human nature can easily exaggerate family situations, physical issues, intellectual plainness, personality traits, shyness and other character obstacles into lions. Even Moses, speaking directly to God, attempted to evade his responsibility to free the Israelites by exaggerating his vocal impediment, even though God obviously knew about it and gave him that responsibility regardless (Exodus 4:10). Human nature can easily transform a kitty-size issue into a lion-size menace.

The first step to overcoming this proclivity is to understand what motivates these thoughts. Matthew Henry’s commentary states of the slothful person in Proverbs 22:13: “He talks of a lion without, but considers not his real danger from the devil, that roaring lion, which is in bed with him, and from his own slothfulness, which kills him.”

The real lion in this proverb is not the imaginary one; it’s human nature, inspired by Satan the devil!

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour” (1 Peter 5:8). Human nature is influenced by Satan, who exaggerates imaginary lions to achieve his goal of making us uncertain, weak, lazy and inactive.

“Satan is subtle,” *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry writes in *The Epistles of Peter—A Living Hope*. “He has different messages for different people—he knows our weaknesses and how to attack us specifically.”

The Apostle Peter tells us to counteract the lion by being “sober” and “vigilant.” Being *sober* means being collected in spirit, temperate, circumspect, self-aware and clued in to your thoughts and motivations. Strive to recognize when you are searching for excuses to escape

responsibility. Being *vigilant* means giving strict attention to and being active. Satan and the imaginary lions he seeks to concoct in our minds are defeated through robust action, activity and energy. To really conquer, we must be “doers of the word” (James 1:22).

If you struggle with a habit of avoiding prayer, for example, stop mulling over the reasons and take action. If you find yourself formulating excuses to avoid getting together with people, pick up the phone and invite

someone over. You will be surprised at how fast lions will flee in the face of action!

When we conquer imaginary lions through activity and energy, and through God’s help, we are doing more than overcoming excuses created to justify inactivity and laziness. We are defeating the influence of the real lion in our lives. By conquering your imaginary lions, you will conquer the real lion, Satan the devil.

Become a more effective Christian: Conquer your lions! ■

WORLDWATCH

ASIA

Russian President **Vladimir Putin** invaded **Ukraine** just after the Winter Olympics in Beijing, China, came to their conclusion. On February 21, Putin sent “peacekeeping” forces into two breakaway regions in Ukraine’s east, **Donetsk** and **Luhansk**. These Russia-led forces exchanged fire with Ukrainian troops before Russian armored columns pushed further into Ukraine. Videos posted by Ukrainian authorities showed fierce fighting around the country as air strikes hit cities and airborne troops landed near Kyiv.

The invasion was condemned by several countries at an emergency meeting of the United Nations Security Council as a violation of Ukraine’s sovereignty and international law. Those who study and believe Bible prophecy are not surprised by what is happening. Ezekiel 38 is an important passage about an end-time Russian leader who rules over a great empire. In his booklet *The Prophesied ‘Prince of Russia,’** *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry predicted that this passage likely means that Vladimir Putin “will probably conquer more nations of the former Soviet Union.”

Putin is also expanding his power over other former Soviet nations. **Russia has completed a de facto “occupation” of Belarus**, says a February 1 letter signed by 77 members of European Parliament. “The continued presence of Russian military forces at the request of the illegitimate [Belarussian leader Alexander] Lukashenko should be treated as an occupation of Belarus,” it states. Of the 140,000 troops Putin deployed near Ukraine’s borders in January, at least 30,000 were on Belarussian soil.

Like Ukraine and Georgia, Belarus was a member of the Russia-led Soviet Union (1922–1991). It remained closely aligned with Russia even after the bloc dissolved and worked under Lukashenko to officially merge with Russia. Combat-ready Russian troops in the country may speed the process.

Putin also strengthened Russia’s ties with China, meeting with Chinese General

Secretary **Xi Jinping** in Beijing on February 4. The two signed a joint declaration, stating that their partnership “has no limits” and repeatedly opposing the United States-dominated global order, the first time such a declaration has explicitly referred to the U.S. as an adversary by name.

“[W]e have been proclaiming for over 50 years that Russia, China and other Asian nations would ally themselves in the end time,” *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote in 2014. “*And we are in that end time now*” (“**Asia Stands With Putin**”).

On February 7, Xi Jinping issued a joint statement with Argentina President **Alberto Fernandez** demanding that Britain surrender to Argentina “the full exercise of sovereignty” over the **Falkland Islands**. Britain has controlled these islands since the 1830s, and the Falklanders want it to stay that way.

Genesis 22:17 says Abraham’s descendants would come to control the “gate of his enemies,” meaning strategic maritime locations around the world. Britain and the U.S. are the descendants who received the fulfilment of this promise. Prior to World War II, they controlled every major sea gate in the world: Suez, Panama, Hong Kong, Malta, Gibraltar, Falklands, Sri Lanka and others. But Deuteronomy 28:52 prophesied that if these descendants rejected God, He would revoke these blessings. In recent decades, this has been fulfilled as Britain and America have lost control of Suez, Panama, Hong Kong, Malta and many others. With China now joining Argentina, the Falklands could be next. ■

MIDDLE EAST

In a stunning scandal, it emerged in February that **Israeli police illegally hacked the devices of dozens of private citizens, business leaders, journalists and government officials**, reportedly including the aides of and the son of Knesset member **Benjamin Netanyahu**. The former prime minister is on trial for bribery and breach of trust, but this “**Pegasus affair**,”

named after the Israeli-developed software used in the hacking, lends strength to his argument that this trial and other attacks are an unjust, politically motivated “witch hunt.” A similar exposé of the corrupt “deep state” is occurring in the United States. A great unravelling is underway, around the world.

In the Persian Gulf, **Iran-backed Houthi terrorists killed three and wounded six** in January in their first direct attack on the **United Arab Emirates**. The U.A.E. is part of a **Saudi Arabia**-led coalition that has been fighting Houthi rebels in **Yemen** since 2015. The attack used weapons supplied by Iran. Houthis are known to possess Iranian-supplied drones, cruise missiles and ballistic missiles and have used them repeatedly, mostly against Saudi Arabia. Iran is using this proxy group to threaten the **Bab el-Mandeb**, one of the world’s most important oil choke points. On one side of the strait are military bases of five nations in **Djibouti**, and the increasingly well-armed and persistent Houthis are on the other. Continue to watch for Iran to threaten maritime trade through the Bab el-Mandeb and the **Strait of Hormuz**.

Also in January, **Iran’s military successfully tested its new Raaf solid-fuel rocket engine**. Mounted to a ballistic missile, the engine would put all of Europe, including Iceland, within range of the Iranian regime. Iran has showcased its new long-range ballistic missile and named it the “Khaybar Shekan,” a reference to a seventh-century Muslim conquest of Jews.

Editor in chief Gerald Flurry has consistently and accurately predicted Iran’s rise to regional dominance for three decades. In the not-too-distant future, you will be reading about Iran further increasing its bold support for rebels and terrorists and further enhancing its military power to strike not only nearby shipping lanes but also sovereign nations, especially in Europe, and producing its first nuclear weapon. Iran’s foreign policy, as Mr. Flurry has emphasized since the mid-1990s, is characterized and revealed in one word from the Daniel 11:40 prophecy: *push*. To learn more, read ***The King of the South***. ■

EUROPE

Fears of a Russian invasion have dominated European news. **Germany’s** starkly apparent appeasement of Russia was the main concern. But **the crisis has also prompted European governments to consider rearmament**. On January 25, Dr. **Thomas Enders**, president of the German Council on Foreign Relations and a former CEO of Airbus, called for a massive increase in German military spending to 2 or 3 percent of gross domestic product, potentially more than doubling the budget to roughly \$120 billion. Though this would be well behind the United States or China, it would surpass Russia (\$70 billion), Britain (\$60 billion) and France (\$50 billion). Even if not enhanced with German-Russian geopolitical collusion, such a change would revolutionize Germany’s role in the world.

Latvia has called for NATO to increase its target level of military spending from 2 percent to 2.5 percent. **Poland** has announced that it is doubling the size of its military and is upgrading its Soviet-era tanks and planes to more modern versions. **Sweden** is boosting its military spending by 50 percent, and it responded to Russian deployments by deploying its own troops to Gotland, a strategic island in the Baltic region. **Greece’s** 2021 spending was up almost 60 percent compared to 2019, and despite a struggling economy **Italy** has increased military spending five years in a row. Many of these increases come on top of significant increases in prior years.

In 2004, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote that Russian aggression “strikes intense fear in Europe” and fulfills Bible prophecy (“**Russia Frightens Europe—and Fulfills Bible Prophecy**”). Following Russia’s forcible annexation of Crimea in 2014, he wrote, “The fear you see in Europe because of events in Crimea is going to cause 10 leaders in Europe to unite in a sudden and dramatic way” (“**The Crimean Crisis Is Reshaping Europe!**”).

Meanwhile, the euro currency became increasingly important as **a major new pipeline from Russia to China was announced on February 4**. Russia will supply 10 billion cubic meters of gas per year, and China will pay for

it in euros. For almost a century, international trade has been conducted mostly in U.S. dollars. In 2015, 90 percent of trade between these two nations was conducted in dollars. By 2020, it had fallen to less than half. By mid-2021, the euro was being used for the majority of China-Russia trade.

Russia and the world's largest or soon-to-be largest economy appear to be dangling in front of European financial elites the enticing prospect of making the euro their new reserve currency. This would, intentionally, do great damage to the U.S. economy. The German Council on Foreign Relations consultancy believes Germany should form Europe all the way into a monetary union and strengthen the value of the euro. Its February 8 article, "Promoting the Euro—Countering Secondary Sanctions," argued that the European Union, a major exporter, is at a great disadvantage in any major trade war. A trade war between the U.S. and China, for example, would damage Europe heavily. Watch for Europe to avoid this by allying with China and, quite possibly, replacing the dollar as world reserve currency with the euro. ■

ANGLO-AMERICA

While the U.S.-Canada border is closed by government mandates and trucker protesters, **the U.S.-Mexico border is wide open.** Border Patrol apprehended 178,840 illegal aliens at the southern border in December, bringing the total number of apprehensions for 2021 to 2,035,010. Unknown numbers have entered and continue to enter without being apprehended, through this and other means, to the point that the actual population of the **United States** is being fundamentally transformed. Americans' ancestors in ancient Israel were specifically warned that they would lose their nation if they did not obey God. Deuteronomy 28:52 specifies open borders as one of the curses for disobedience that would afflict them and their descendants.

To keep the border open and make the vaccines mandatory, former First Lady **Michelle**

Obama is leading an initiative to register 1 million new Democratic voters before this year's midterm elections. But more significantly, she also plans to lobby senators and recruit lawyers to legalize the fraud committed during the 2020 presidential election. "We've got to vote like the future of our democracy depends on it," she said on January 9. "[W]e must give Congress no choice but to act decisively to protect the right to vote and make the ballot box more accessible for everyone." Obama and other socialist Democrats want Congress to pass the Freedom to Vote Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act to increase the number of absentee and mail-in ballots used in American elections, decreasing the scrutiny of such ballots and allowing 2022 and beyond to be decided by unverified ballots, just as 2020 was. 2 Kings 14:26-28 record history that is also prophecy for this generation: Like its predecessor, the kingdom of Israel, modern America is facing complete destruction, and only God can save it.

Much of this destruction has come from socialists' attacks on the oldest and greatest constitution on Earth. **One of their most effective attacks has been in the education of American schoolchildren.** At this point, children learn very little about the principles of the Constitution and are held to lower and lower educational standards; instead, they are learning, from increasingly aggressive school administrators, the principles of Marxist-style critical race theory. After a September 2021 report exposed the further lowering of academic standards by radical Washington State education bureaucrats, Washington Policy Center's Liv Finne summarized the situation: English teachers will teach "white supremacy," "white privilege," "institutional racism" and "structural racism," instead of sentence structure, vocabulary, expression and communication; mathematics teachers will teach that their subject has been used to oppress racial minorities; and history teachers will teach about "social construction," "hierarchy," "white supremacy" and "racial democracy." ■

Why the Corruption Is Being Exposed

‘For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed’

YOU COULD SAY WE’RE LIVING IN THE AGE OF Exposure. Staggering amounts of high-level corruption are being exposed in America and worldwide. It has been revealed in lawmakers, judges, doctors, executives, teachers, administrators and leaders in so many other aspects of our lives. Many of these are found in the English-speaking nations that are supposed to be the bastions of freedom and hope. Prime ministers, premiers and other leaders, some labeled “conservative,” have been unmasked as weak, deceitful, corrupt and shockingly dictatorial. The wretchedness of our politics, our medicine, our business, our culture, our society that was hitherto hidden is on display.

This is important. This exposure puts a responsibility on you and me.

We used to be able to mostly ignore how politicians lie, how they sell their votes, how pharmaceutical companies pay off their regulators, how regulators hold pharmaceutical company stock, how journalists can be biased, how Big Business feigns social awareness to prioritize profit. No longer.

We respected our medical institutions well enough—the National Health Service in Britain; the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Institutes of Health and the Food and Drug Administration in the United States; and the World Health Organization. They were scientists dealing in matters of life and death, above politics and corruption. Not true. They are highly political, beholden to special interests, prone to self-justification and deceit, just as motivated by money as everyone else. And *because* they deal in matters of life and death, their politics and corruption mean they have blood on their hands.

We viewed corporate America as a symbol of the strength of our free-market system. Now we see so many of them supporting and funding

criminal organizations like Black Lives Matter. We see them supplying our personal information to the government for spying purposes. We see them abetting radicals in Washington and bowing down to Communists in Beijing.

We viewed the news media as independent advocates and watchdogs, pillars of informed, responsible self-government. Now we see leading outlets like the *New York Times* caught having published scripts written by the White House and agitprop written by Communist China. They have paid repressive foreign governments for access and accepted bribes for favorable coverage. CNN has been shaken by sex scandals, even pedophilia among top employees. Newsrooms everywhere have eschewed objective reportage in favor of blatant propaganda and censorship of truths deemed heretical. Crimes by one group are excused and ignored; crimes by another are fabricated and hyped.

We viewed our intelligence services as competent and necessary, operating in the national interest. We now see that they have morphed into an unelected “deep state,” highly politicized, lacking oversight, heedless of law, dangerously powerful, weaponized by the left, and treasonous to the point of targeting a president before, during and after his legitimate election, then allowing or facilitating his defeat in an illegitimate election.

We viewed our judicial system, meant to be the world’s best, as a bulwark of liberty, a model of impartial justice. But we have seen prosecutors set low bail or no bail for violent criminals; we have seen the guilty released and go on to commit murder; we have seen arsonists and rioters ignored. We have also seen people of different ideological persuasion, who were simply defending themselves or merely trespassing, imprisoned without bail and without trial like in a Soviet gulag.

We viewed our schools and universities and their beautiful campuses as cathedrals of learning and improving humankind through knowledge. We have learned that inside, our next generation is being programmed in race hatred, gender mutilation, communism and worse, from kindergarten to post-doctorate levels. Out of these whited sepulchres will emerge a sick society's next leaders.

We want to believe that all these problems stem from a crooked few. But the exposure of corruption filling entire institutions belies that notion. As Isaiah prophesied, "The whole head is sick and the whole heart is faint and sick. From the sole of the foot even to the head there is nothing healthy in the nation's body, only bruises, welts, and raw wounds ..." (Isaiah 1:5-6; Amplified Bible).

Yet for as much power as the elites have, they have not been able to keep the corruption hidden. Why not? How has the truth continued to come out?

GOD IS EXPOSING IT.

God wants it all uncovered (Ecclesiastes 12:14; Luke 12:2). This is not so you can vote differently or donate more to certain political causes or try to bring about another "Great Awakening" to turn this around. It's so you can face reality. Human beings *cannot solve this*. Trusting in men is what got us here. Our societal corruption is *terminal*. God is exposing the truth, despite colossal efforts to conceal it, to help us see that He is cursing us *for our sins*.

The very first humans rejected God. For 6,000 years, we have been a world cut off from God by our own decisions and our own sins. Now we are staring squarely at the revolting final results of the experiment.

You see it. *Use* the fact that God is showing you the truth, however unpleasant. Acknowledge the fact that human nature itself—*your* human nature—must change. Recognize how much you—and our whole world—need God's help. And pray fervently, "THY KINGDOM COME." That is this world's only hope. ■