

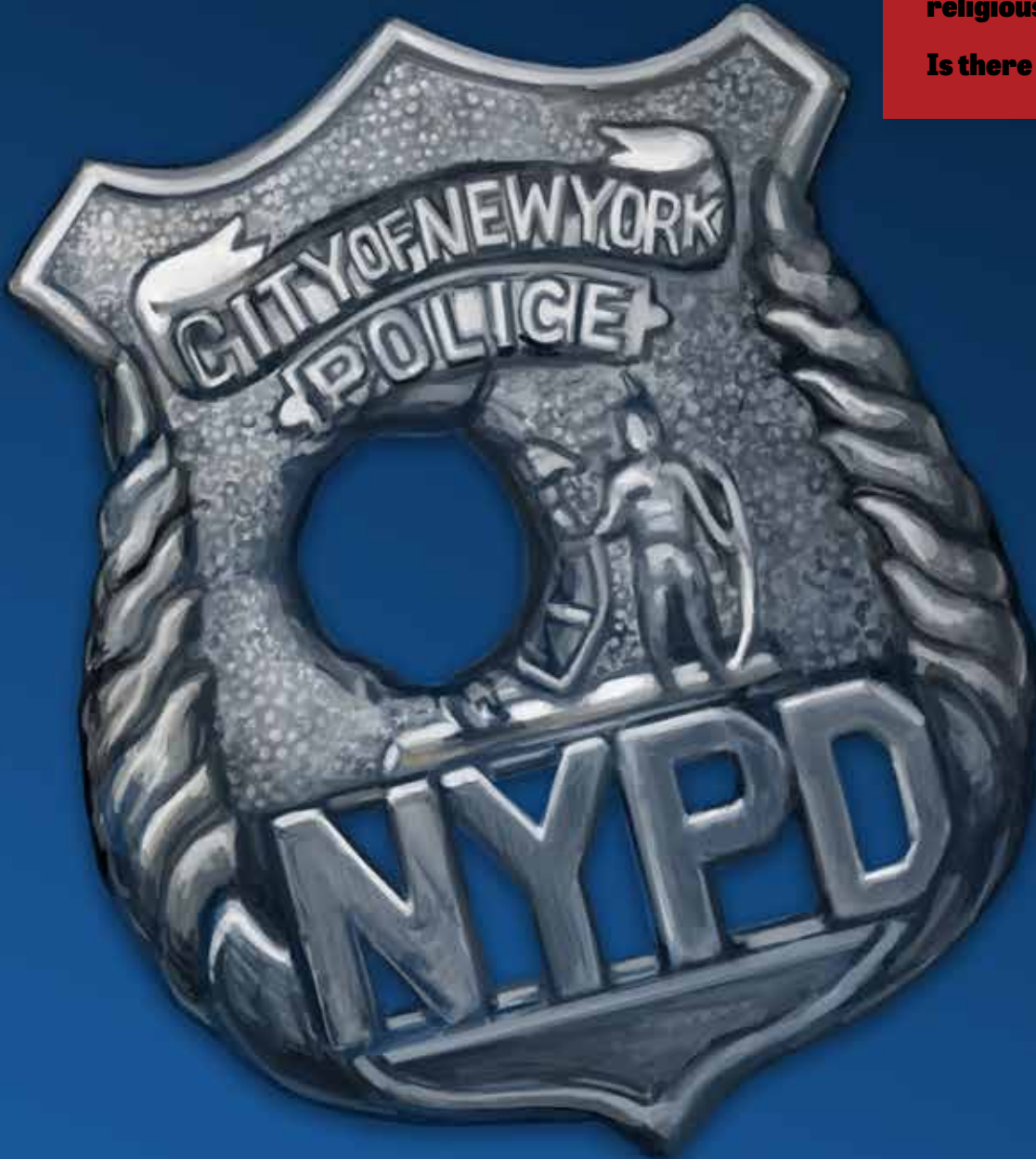
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The Greatest Lesson Steve Jobs Ever Learned

A key to his outstanding success that you can apply today

MOST BUSINESS EXECUTIVES BELIEVE THAT THE LATE APPLE cofounder Steve Jobs created the greatest corporation ever. Nobody has truly equaled his success in technology. He educated himself brilliantly in this area.

What was his secret? Is there any way we can replicate his success?

There is in fact one great lesson he learned that set him up for wonderful achievement, and it is something *every one of us* can study, emulate and benefit from.

In his biography called *Steve Jobs*, Walter Isaacson divided Jobs's career into three acts: Act I (from his founding of Apple in 1976 until his ouster in 1985), Act II (his exile from Apple until his return in 1996), and Act III (his application of the hard lessons of failure, resulting in revolutionary success until his death in 2012).



GERALD FLURRY

Jobs started Apple in 1976 with the help of a top-notch computer engineer, Steve Wozniak. These two funded their ambitious project by selling Jobs's Volkswagen bus and Wozniak's treasured scientific calculator. In just a couple of years, Jobs went from assembling computers in a garage to becoming the face of the fledgling personal computer industry.

Over the next nine years, Jobs pushed those under him to produce more than they ever thought possible. But he also micromanaged and berated them constantly. He was brilliant, and he knew it. He knew it all—he thought. He rejected the advice of other experts and followed his own path. This produced some successes, but often led to devastating failures for the company. After he tried to get the board of directors to fire his own CEO, he was relegated to such an insignificant role that he decided to resign. He was basically fired.

Why was Steve Jobs, the face of Apple, the face of the industry, fired from the company he built himself from scratch? He was *unteachable*.

Learning to Adapt

“The theory, shared by many, is that the tough love made him wiser and more mature. But it's not that simple,” wrote Isaacson. “At the company he founded after being ousted from Apple, Jobs was able to indulge all of his instincts, both good and bad. He was unbound. The result was a series of spectacular products that were dazzling market flops. This was the true learning experience. What prepared him for the great success he would have in Act III was not his ouster from Act I at Apple but his brilliant failures in Act II.”

During Act II, Jobs started NeXT, Inc. He was intent on beating his old company. But he made a number of critical errors that prevented NeXT from seriously rivaling Apple, Microsoft, IBM or Sun Microsystems. He never developed a clear focus for NeXT. He devoted too much of his time and resources toward designing sleek machines. The company exceeded his financial and time constraints.

But Jobs learned to adapt. *Becoming Steve Jobs* authors Brent Schlender and Rick Tetzeli said that he changed more than any businessman they had ever met.

What kind of change did he make?

Jobs's wife, Laurene Powell, called him a “learning machine.” He learned in many ways, but most of all he determined to learn a lesson from *every single one* of his failures in technology.

NeXT developed an innovative webpage-creation software called WebObjects. But it was struggling to find a consistent market. Meanwhile, Jobs purchased a controlling interest in Pixar. He saw this animation company churn out hit after hit: the *Toy Story* trilogy, *Finding Nemo* and *The Incredibles*, among others.

What made Pixar so successful? It had an A-team of the very best creative storytellers and graphic artists. And it had a successful management team. That team encouraged everyone to give input. Jobs had never seen anything like this before. He certainly had never implemented that management style himself.

The Pixar team worked wonderfully well together, because everyone was willing to listen and to learn from each other. Everyone had a certain humility and teachability.

Jobs recognized this quality and decided to follow their example. I believe it became the greatest lesson he learned in his life.

As a result Steve Jobs developed a *powerful* trait: HE BECAME TOTALLY TEACHABLE.

A Biblical Principle

Informed by this lesson, Jobs decided to surround himself with strong employees who were not only super-skilled at their work, but who would challenge him. This dynamic kept the company innovative and yet at the same time in harmony with the laws of business. When Jobs returned to Apple in 1996, he built a team of A-players.

Jobs constructed his team of geniuses and refused to accept any excuses from them for falling short of his high standards. Even Microsoft founder Bill Gates, Jobs's archrival, praised the Apple team. He said every last member of the team was extremely effective.

On a physical level, Jobs became totally teachable, but only in technology, learning from other people in order to apply and master the laws of technology and of business.



Police Under Att

What happens when you handcuff the nation's law enforcement?

BY GERALD FLURRY

AMERICA FACES A critical question right now. Many people—including some in very high office—are accusing law enforcement of racism and heavy-handedness. Police are under increasing scrutiny.

President Barack Obama has said he wants to make the issue of race and law enforcement a priority for his remaining time in office. What will be the outcome of that effort? You can know just by looking at what has come from his previous statements and actions on this matter.

It would be overstating it to say there is no racism among America's law enforcement officers. But there are some few people who are scrutinizing and

magnifying this issue for evil purposes. They are using it dishonestly to explain or excuse some terrifyingly dangerous behavior. They are stirring up emotion and anger—but none of it is truly intended to solve the problem.

The results are inciting evils that are quickly becoming *far* worse than those they purport to solve! The nation's police are being undermined in ways that will prove devastating to our cities in particular.

America's law enforcement is under attack. On one side people in communities are developing a mistrustful, hostile, antagonistic attitude, yelling at police, assaulting and even killing officers in some cases. Police are pulling back from doing their jobs for fear of attack, or losing their jobs or going to prison for doing anything that could be perceived as racist. On the other, the federal government is undermining local law enforcement and stripping it of power in an effort to centralize policing power on the federal level.

You need to recognize just how dangerous these trends really are.

On the Wrong Side

In 2009, a white policeman arrested a black university professor for disorderly conduct after the professor had trouble entering his own home and neighbors reported a possible breaking and entering. A week later, after conflicting reports came out of exactly what happened, President Obama held a press conference where he said, "I don't know, not having been there and not seeing all the facts, what role race played in that. But I think it's fair to say, number one, any of us would be pretty angry; number two, that the Cambridge police acted stupidly in arresting somebody when there was already proof that they were in their own home. And number three, what I think we know separate and apart from this incident is that there is a long history in this country of African-Americans and Latinos being stopped by law

SPREADING Race-related conflict between rioters, protesters and even politicians has broken out in several U.S. cities.



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enforcement disproportionately. That's just a fact."

Many law enforcement professionals were deeply disturbed by the president's remarks. Without facts, the president injected himself into this delicate situation, maligning the police with ugly statements and turning this into a very public race issue.

In 2012, a neighborhood watch volunteer killed a black 17-year-old, Trayvon Martin, and was acquitted of murder and manslaughter charges. Protests were held across the nation. Accusations of widespread racial profiling flew; the entire justice system was broadly criticized for its inherent racism. Once again the president inserted himself into a tense situation. "If I had a son, he would look like Trayvon," he said at a White House press conference. Later the president used the incident to talk about the difficulties of growing up as a black man in America, and how the

police disproportionately target African-Americans. "Trayvon Martin could have been me 35 years ago," he said.

Last summer, a white police officer fatally shot 18-year-old Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri. Violent protests started immediately, before the case could be heard in court. Then they intensified after the policeman was acquitted. President Obama publicly criticized the police for coming down too hard: "There's also no excuse for police to use excessive force against peaceful protesters or to throw protesters in jail for lawfully exercising their First Amendment rights," he said. He also accused police of "bullying or arresting journalists who are just trying to do their jobs." He ordered a review of the military hardware being shipped to state and local police.

In all three of these situations, the president was proven publicly to be on the wrong side. His false and provocative remarks have increased people's mistrust of police. They have further eroded the loss of faith in the justice system. They have increased tensions rather than settling them down.

Yet he did it again this past April. After Freddie Gray, a young black man, died in police custody in Baltimore, protests against the police began. These soon erupted in violent riots. In comments condemning the violence, President Obama said that "some police ... aren't doing the right thing." He spoke of a decades-old, "slow-rolling crisis" that was responsible for much of the tension between law enforcement and the black community.

The president uses every opportunity he can to reinforce the black community's sense of grievance.

He says he wants to make solving this issue a priority during the rest of his term. But what have been the results of the statements he has made and the actions he has taken so far?

Softening Enforcement

As I wrote in last month's cover story ("Your Cities Are Burned With Fire"), many politicians and media figures see the violence hitting our cities as being *justified*. They want to limit the police's power and ability to control these situations. And they are succeeding.

In the Baltimore case, the state attorney criminally indicted six police officers who were involved in the incident with Freddie Gray. Now more and more police officers are afraid to enforce the law. They know that if they get caught in the wrong situation, or they do something that might be perceived as racist, they could lose their jobs or face criminal prosecution.

The results shouldn't surprise any of us. Baltimore police are arresting fewer than half the number of people they arrested last year. Police Commissioner Anthony Batts said his officers feel "confused and unsupported" after those six indictments.

On top of that, arrest rates are also declining because of interference from residents, who are behaving in increasingly bold and aggressive ways against the police. "When officers pull up, they have 30 to 50 people surrounding them



REVENGE Several police officers have been murdered in apparent indiscriminate retribution for alleged brutality by other officers.

at any time,” Batts said. Such interference makes it dangerous for a policeman to attempt arrests.

These people are not just against white police; they’re against black ones as well, because half of the policemen in Baltimore are black.

What happens when fearful police pull back? Criminals run amok!

In Baltimore now, CRIME RATES ARE SOARING. May was the city’s deadliest month in 40 years—with over 100 non-fatal shootings and 43 homicides. This is a major spike over normal levels.

Baltimore resident Antoinette Perrine said that while police used to “sit on every corner,” now they are “nowhere” to be found. She is now “afraid to go outside.” She said it is so chaotic “people are afraid to let their kids outside.”

One officer, speaking anonymously to Sean Hannity, said: “After the protests, it seems like the citizens would appreciate a lack of police presence, and that’s exactly what they’re getting.”

These are the kind of effects you get when you undermine police authority, when you inflame bitterness, when you equate thuggery with a noble quest for justice.

Attacking the Police

Authorities in Ferguson, Missouri, said that during the protests and riots, it was common to hear shouts of “kill the police” from the crowds. During one protest in March, a man began shooting toward a line of about 25 police officers who were attempting to contain demonstrators.

One officer was shot in the face and another in the shoulder.

Phillip Goff, director of the UCLA’s Center for Policing Equity, said police officers are now “generally concerned that the way the nation is talking about this is going to cost one or more of them their lives.”

Isn’t that fear justified?

In December, two New York Police Department officers, Rafael Ramos and Wenjian Liu, were shot dead by a black man as they sat in their marked patrol car. The murders were apparently revenge for the deaths of Eric Garner and Michael Brown, men who died in confrontations with the police.

Last July, an Indianapolis police officer was fatally shot by an assailant with an AK-47-type assault rifle. Less than two weeks later, Lawrence Campbell killed a rookie New Jersey police officer by shooting him in the head. Other officers returned fire at Campbell, killing him. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS NOTED THAT THE MEMORIAL THAT NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENTS BUILT FOR CAMPBELL, THE KILLER, WAS LARGER THAN THE ONE MADE FOR THE MURDERED OFFICER. Campbell’s wife said her husband should have killed more police officers if they were going to “shoot him like a [expletive] dog.”

Why is all this happening? Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani said in December he believes it is the result of “propaganda, starting with the president, that everybody should hate the police.” Giuliani said black leaders, especially, have incited “strong anti-police hatred in certain communities.”

Can anyone disagree? Those who insist that this hate-mongering and violence are somehow honorable need to look honestly at the *outcome* of such deadly reasoning!

‘Far From Equal’

The president’s wife is beating on the same drum that he is. In May, First Lady Michelle Obama used a commencement address at Tuskegee University, a historically black school, to speak about the trials of being black in America.

Her race affected the 2008 presidential campaign, she said: “As potentially the first African-American first lady, I was also the focus of another set of questions and speculations, conversations sometimes rooted in fears and misperceptions of others.” She and her husband, she said, “both felt the sting of those daily slights throughout our entire lives.”

This is the first lady, who is in office because her husband won two nearly overwhelming national election victories. But she says they have been slighted their entire lives, and she is really upset about that.

What slights is she talking about? “The folks who cross the street in fear of their safety; the clerks who kept a close eye on us in all those department stores; the people at formal events who assumed we were the help—and those who have questioned our intelligence, our honesty, even our love of this country. And I know that these little indignities are obviously nothing compared to what folks across the country are dealing with every single day—those nagging worries about whether you’re going to get stopped or pulled over for absolutely no reason ...” I tend to think that many times they *won’t* get pulled over even if there *is* a reason, because policemen know what might happen.

Mrs. Obama continued, “The fear that your job application will be overlooked because of the way your name sounds; the agony of sending your kids to schools that may no longer be separate, but are far from equal ...” America hasn’t even come *close* to equality, she says. This country is filled with all kinds of white racism. (She doesn’t give one mention to black racism.) *We’ve come a long way, but there’s a long way to go*, she says.

She doesn’t show even a scintilla of GRATITUDE. This couple has become

wealthy in America. They have been given just about everything a country could give them. Why would she say things like that? What is she trying to accomplish with such statements?

She went on to speak of “the realization that no matter how far you rise in life, how hard you work to be a good person, a good parent or a good citizen, for some folks it will never be enough.” THE CROWD BROKE INTO APPLAUSE AT THAT STATEMENT.

If you were sitting in that audience of mostly black people, and she said, *Even if we're nice and have good families and everything like that, it's never enough for some folks*, what are you going to do? How are you going to deal with that?

The first lady is feeding a growing sense among African-Americans that this is an appalling problem that simply cannot be solved through normal means.

“[T]hose feelings are playing out in communities like Baltimore and Ferguson and so many others across this country,” she said. AGAIN THE CROWD APPLAUDED. What is she saying here? These “feelings” are leading to *riots, looting, burning and attacks on the police*—and she is essentially excusing that behavior because of the way African-Americans have been treated!

WHAT ABOUT THE FACT THAT THIS NATION HAS VOTED IN A BLACK PRESIDENT WHO HAS INSTALLED BLACKS IN ALMOST ALL OF THE POWER POSITIONS? WHERE IS THE APPRECIATION AND THE GRATITUDE?

Stop and think for a moment. Police-men are being SHOT because of words like this! These are *dangerous* statements!

What are we dealing with here? MORE AND MORE PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY, ARE SPEAKING OF THE NEED FOR *REVOLUTION*—EVEN *RACE WAR*. THESE COMMENTS FROM MRS. OBAMA FEED INTO THAT MOVEMENT. THIS WAS NOT A SPEECH OF LOVE.

When you keep talking that way and telling people that, you are going to have riots and cities are going to burn. And as I wrote in the cover story of last month's issue, biblical prophecy says that burning is going to grow worse and worse!

Many African-Americans don't buy into this drivel. You have to give them credit for that because they are taking a lot of heat for that position.

God loves every human being on Earth, and He has a wonderful plan to

save every single person he possibly can. He expects us to love each other no matter what race.

But there is a devil, and he is a *liar* and a *murderer*—and he is the god of this world! (John 8:44; 2 Corinthians 4:4). He rules! And whether people like to hear it or not, this administration is leading people—including African-Americans—to their death! These leaders *think* they know where their actions are leading, but they are woefully wrong.

“After the protests, it seems like the citizens would appreciate a lack of police presence, and that's exactly what they're getting.”

Seeking the Truth

Consider this statement from President Obama: “What I think the people of Baltimore want more than anything else is THE TRUTH.” He is saying, *These are wonderful people. They may be tearing down and burning businesses, but I'm telling you, mainly what they want is the TRUTH!*

Is that true? The rioters themselves said, *If we don't get the verdict we're looking for, you're going to have a lot worse riots than you've had so far.*

When the president says they just want the truth, doesn't that mean there must be white people and policemen, both white and black, who won't give them the truth?

What do you think will happen when the president and the first lady make statements like this? It's all about DESTRUCTION!

I am not saying there isn't white racism. Of course they will find some. But do they ever find any black racism? Are those rioters really so good? We saw the Bloods and the Crips, rival gangs, unite in Baltimore—why? They directed the rioters away from places owned by black businesspeople so they would target the white ones! Yet that was OK according to the pathetic media, and the Democratic Party goes along. These people just want the truth, after all. REALLY?

I DIDN'T HEAR ONE PERSON COMMENT ABOUT THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT. BUT IT IS SATANIC TO THE CORE! How many *mobs* have you seen that sought truth? That is just outrageously wrong.

Here is some truth: Most of the \$800 billion of the president's economic

stimulus money went back to the Democratic Party in indirect ways. Much went to unions, which would also come back to the Democratic Party. Almost \$2 billion went to Baltimore. What good did it do?

Baltimore has a black mayor, a black police chief, a black district attorney, and more black policemen than white ones. The man they arrested, Freddie Gray, had used drugs for years, committed numerous crimes, and was caught running from the police, apparently with an illegal knife.

Here is some more truth: Ninety percent of the homicides in Baltimore are committed by blacks. Are the federal authorities really working to solve that problem? If it is the policemen's fault, or the white people's fault, then how come 90 percent of the murders are mostly by blacks on blacks?

How much value do you put on truth? This is not a time to be ruled by emotions. We need to be ruled by the truth of God.

Taking Control Over the Police

The federal government is fueling people's mistrust of their local police forces, playing up the seriousness of these problems. One reason is that this administration is positioning itself to step in and solve them—while taking more power to itself.

On April 28, the Japanese prime minister was visiting the White House to forge an important bilateral trade deal. At a joint press conference during the question-and-answer section, President Obama chose to take the focus off trade and talk about the issue of policing. He said there are a handful of bad cops that need to be weeded out from police forces across the country. “Now, the challenge for us as the federal government is that we don't run these police forces,” he said. “I can't federalize every police force in the country and force them to retrain.”

It is odd that the president took the spotlight off this trade deal to talk about America's police forces—especially if, as he says, there are only a handful of bad cops. But it makes complete sense



The Worst Prison Break in American History

Part of a pattern in immigration policy that undermines America's own interests **BY JEREMIAH JACQUES**

CATCH AND RELEASE
Central American prisoners identify themselves with gang symbols as they await charges on extortion and murder. The Department of Homeland Security has released an average of 85 such criminally convicted convicts every day over the past six years.

UNITED STATES PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA SEEMS to pass up no opportunity to lavish illegal immigrants with high praise. “I’ve seen the courage of students ... who bravely come out as undocumented in hopes they could make a difference in a country they love,” he said during a prime-time address to the nation last November, to take one example. “[T]hey did not come here in search of a free ride or an easy life. They came to work, and study, and serve in our military, and above all, contribute to America’s success.”

But the facts show that the president’s outreach to illegals is drawing many people into the nation who do not “contribute to America’s success.”

During the six years Mr. Obama has been in power, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has knowingly released some 195,900 criminally convicted illegal immigrants onto America’s streets. That averages out to about 85 convicted criminals released *per day*.

Six-year stint

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convicted criminals have been knowingly released during President Obama’s tenure.

Day to day

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convicted criminals are released per day.

Putting Lives at Risk

Thousands of those released have been convicted of violent crimes such as homicide and aggravated assault. In 2013 alone, the releases included 193 convicted murderers, 303 convicted kidnappers, and 426 convicted of sexual assault. Others were convicted of child pornography charges, robbery, aggravated assault, and driving under the influence. More than half of those released have been convicted of *multiple* felonies. Many are known gang members or affiliates.

Also notable is that the vast majority of the releases were “discretionary,” meaning they were neither the result of local sanctuary guidelines nor required by local laws. In many cases, the releases were apparently in violation of law.

“As a law enforcement officer, I’m really disgusted with it,” said Neil Warren, the sheriff of Cobb County, Georgia, where several of the alien convicts were released.

Former chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, Republican Rep. Lamar Smith of Texas, agrees with Warren’s assessment. He called the releases “the worst prison break in American history,” and said, “President Obama’s lax immigration policies have put the lives of Americans at risk.”

Such concerns have proven well founded. Each year, around 1,000 released convicts go on to commit other crimes against Americans in the communities where they settle. After being released into the public, one criminally convicted illegal alien went on to inflict injury on a domestic partner, commit child cruelty, violate his probation, drive without a license, and fail to appear in court.

A June 15 report said that altogether at least 121 of the released illegals have gone on to commit murders in America.

Is this individual—and others who have been released and go on to commit other crimes—contributing to America’s success?

Trying to Keep It on the DL

Unsurprisingly, the administration didn’t want the latest release numbers to be publicly known. But the extent to which it tried to obscure the truth is unnerving. Last year in May, the DHS failed to respond to a request under the Freedom of Information Act to disclose records about the releases. So the Judicial Watch group filed a lawsuit against the agency and a federal court ruled for the documents to be released.

“It’s appalling that we’ve had to sue in federal court to get key information about the Obama administration’s release of 165,950 convicted criminal aliens,” said Judicial Watch president Tom Fitton. (The figure he cited does not include another 30,000 released in the most recent fiscal year.)

To be fair, the policy of releasing convicted criminal aliens into America predates the Obama administration. When republicans such as George W. Bush have been in the presidency, they too have failed to repair U.S. immigration policies, apparently because they value cheap labor provided by illegals more than border control and security for Americans. However, it is telling that previous administrations never had to be sued in federal court before they would publish data about their criminal releases.

Fitton added: “These documents show the Obama administration is lying when it says that its ‘enforcement priorities’ include deporting illegal aliens who have committed heinous crimes.”

He then asked: “Where do the innocent victims of the illegal alien criminals this president’s appointees have set free go for justice?”

The mainstream media also orchestrated something very near to a blackout on the shocking story. Back on March 18, when the latest release figures were published, most major networks failed to mention them in their evening newscasts. That night, ABC and CBS both spent time informing the country about President Obama's completion of his bracket for the men's NCAA basketball tournament. But regarding the thousands of convicts roaming the streets, both networks were out to lunch.

Why Not Deport Them?

The DHS agency responsible for immigration enforcement, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), says it releases the criminal aliens because their home nations won't take them back. Furthermore, American laws say some immigrants whose countries won't allow them to return cannot be held indefinitely. Thus, officials insist, these individuals have to be released into society after a period of time.

Critics have called for rewriting such laws and have said the Obama administration should use its authority to deny visas to leaders of nations refusing to let their citizens return, or otherwise pressure them. But the administration has taken no such measures, and continues to release staggering numbers of criminal convicts onto American streets each year.

The message this policy sends to other nations is that they can be rid of problem citizens by pushing them into the warm embrace of the United States. The message it sends to convicts wanting to immigrate to the U.S. is that going through legal channels is a waste of time; instead, hop the border and enjoy a fresh start—comparatively hassle free.

Part of a Pattern

This trend fits a broader pattern of the Obama administration's espousal of immigration policies that undermine America's own interests.

Besides the criminal-convict illegal aliens the DHS has released, the agency has also politely asked more than 700,000 "noncriminal" illegal aliens to self-deport from the United States. (The word *noncriminal* is relative, considering that just to get inside the U.S., these individuals have broken American immigration laws.) After such individuals are released from custody, nothing prevents them from circulating around the U.S. Judicial Watch says this is precisely what most do.

The administration delivered another major blow to law enforcement in 2013 when it issued a set of directives to ICE agents called "prosecutorial discretion." The measures put broad categories of illegal aliens off limits to them, forcing ICE to avoid or discontinue deportation action in thousands of cases. In many cases, the aliens had been convicted of crimes.

Recent revelations also show that from October 2013 to October 2014, the Obama administration

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sent home fewer than 1 percent of the 12 million illegals living in the United States.

In November, President Obama moved to grant legal status and work permits to nearly 5 million illegal immigrants. A series of legal setbacks has halted this plan so far, but some analysts believe it's only a matter of time until it passes. His decision to push this move by executive action—rather than through Congress—prompted House Speaker John Boehner to accuse the president of acting like an "emperor."

Goal: A Weaker, Less Traditional U.S.

The vast majority of Americans recognize the danger of the country's broken immigration policy. A poll published on May 4 showed that 77 percent now consider illegal immigration a "serious problem"; 63 percent say it is so serious that the U.S. military should be deployed along the Mexican border to prevent its continuation.

But the administration consistently ignores such polls and forges ahead implementing policies that favor illegals over citizens. Recognition of this prompted Sen. Jeff Sessions to say, "Immigration enforcement has been destroyed by this president."

Some critics believe the Obama administration's egregious immigration policies are designed to increase the supply of Democratic voters. This theory says the policies are engineered to change America from a country in which voters choose their leaders into one in which leaders choose their voters.

Perhaps that is part of the calculus. But the motivation could be deeper and even more anti-American. President Obama's track record both in word and deed reveals resentment toward what might be called "traditional" America. He has made no effort to conceal his disapproval of America's colonial legacy or to hide his anti-imperialist agenda. Could his desire to conclusively end the era of U.S. global hegemony be driving him to use his remaining time in office to weaken the nation? Whatever his intent, it is clear that releasing convicts onto the streets of America and his other immigration policies certainly do weaken the nation.

Are you concerned about where the Obama administration is leading the United States? The problem is worse than you think, and there is only one way to solve it. To understand what the solution is, request our free booklet *America Under Attack*. ■

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Why Is the Pope Provoking War in Israel?

For hundreds of years, the Vatican created rivers of blood trying to seize control of the Holy Land from Muslims. Today the Vatican apparently endorses Palestinian sovereignty. Why? **BY BRAD MACDONALD**



POPE FRANCIS IS A MAN ON A mission. But what is his mission exactly? The rhetoric and body language, the gracious gestures, the smiles and salutations give the impression of a selfless liberator determined to broker peace, cooperation and tranquility.

But take a closer look at his decisions and actions. In actuality, the Vatican is creating tension, disunity and instability that are likely to lead to conflict and war.

The pope's recent stance on the Arab-Israeli conflict is a perfect example.

Recognizing 'Palestine'

On May 13, the Vatican announced that it had formally recognized the "state of Palestine" in a newly finalized treaty with the Palestinians. (Pope Francis and the Vatican had previously supported the "state of Palestine," but never formally like this). The treaty defined the Catholic Church's activities in areas controlled by the Palestinians and was signed by both sides on May 16, when Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas visited the Vatican.

During Abbas's visit, the pope effectively gave his approval of all the acts of terror committed by the Palestinian

leader and his followers, even telling the Palestinian terrorist leader, "You are an angel of peace," according to the Associated Press, Reuters and Agence France-Presse.

Critics of Israel and backers of Palestinian statehood were elated by the Vatican's announcement. The movement to recognize a Palestinian state has gained momentum in recent years, particularly within the United Nations, and this endorsement from the Vatican is huge. Gaining the support of humanity's most respected and admired leader could be just the boost needed to get the project of Palestinian statehood over the finish line.

For the Jewish state and its declining number of supporters, the Vatican's decision was an enormous blow. "This move does not promote the peace process and distances the Palestinian leadership from returning to direct and bilateral negotiations," Israel's foreign minister said in a text message to the Associated Press.

Indeed. In return for its vital support of Palestinian statehood, the Vatican required absolutely nothing from the Palestinians. There was no requirement of the Palestinian Authority to sincerely engage in peace talks with Israel, no

LARGER THAN LIFE In spite of the papacy's disturbing history with the Jews and with Jerusalem, Pope Francis is using his clout to wedge the Vatican into the volatile Middle East peace process.

demand that it recognize Israel's right to exist, and no demand that it sever its connection with Hamas and publicly renounce Hamas's ambitions. Nothing. As Melanie Phillips noted in the *Jerusalem Post* on May 14, the Vatican's recognition "tears up the Palestinians' own treaty obligations under the Oslo Accords," and thus "has now openly made Catholics complicit with reneging on promises and shattering bonds of trust."

"[T]he one thing we can be sure it won't do is to improve the chances for peace," explained Jonathon Tobin, senior online editor for *Commentary* magazine. "By granting the Palestinians official recognition without first requiring them to make peace with Israel, *Pope Francis and the church have only made it less likely that this will ever happen*" (May 13; emphasis added throughout). Abraham Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League, released a statement saying that the Vatican's action "serves to undermine the only real solution to the decades-old conflict."

Morton Klein, president of the Zionist Organization of America, warned that the Vatican's endorsement of Palestinian statehood is a sign of the resurgence of "the historical Catholic enmity towards Jews." Michael Freund, former deputy communications director in the Israeli prime minister's office, also put it in dramatic terms in the *Jerusalem Post*. "[G]iven its sordid history of anti-Semitism, book-burnings, forced conversions and Inquisitions, the Catholic Church should think a hundred times over before daring to step on Israel's toes," he wrote. "If anything, the pope should be down on his knees pleading for forgiveness from the Jewish people and atonement from the Creator for what the Vatican has wrought over the centuries" (May 18).

These remarks are worth thinking about. Pope Francis and the Vatican are selling this decision as a routine gesture of goodwill toward the Palestinians, a decision that could even jump-start the peace process. That is pure propaganda. The Vatican's endorsement of the Palestinian cause will add significant momentum to the international movement toward Palestinian statehood. It will pile more pressure on Israel to make more concessions to the detriment of its security—even its very existence. And when and if Israel refuses to concede, it is certain to be blamed for the inevitable tension and conflict that results.

The Israeli-Palestinian peace process is destined to end in conflict—and the Vatican's decision brings that day nearer.

A Message to Bibi

The timing of the Vatican's announcement is also interesting. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was reelected in March. Only a week before the Vatican's announcement, Netanyahu finalized a coalition government that will be more hardline than the previous. In the months ahead, Israel's government—justifiably, reasonably and wisely—will continue to be extremely cautious about any sort of peace deal with the Palestinians. Prime Minister Netanyahu is trying to slow the momentum toward Palestinian statehood, convince nations that the PA cannot be trusted, and persuade the international community to demand more security guarantees

from the Palestinians in return for statehood. The Vatican's announcement undermines all this and makes Netanyahu's job much more difficult. It was a veiled message to Israel's new conservative government: *Don't get too excited, and don't get too comfortable.*

Imagine Netanyahu sitting down to discuss the peace process with a counterpart. The refrain Mr. Netanyahu could hear from pretty much every world leader he meets is, *Pope Francis supports Palestinian statehood without any demands on the Palestinians, why shouldn't I?* And as long as he refuses to accept a deal in which the other side is not required to alter its violent ambitions, *Israel's* prime minister will be maligned and ostracized.

The Vatican's behavior is not without precedent. Recall the Balkan wars, scenes of which dominated our television screens during the early 1990s. The Vatican, together with Germany, played a key role in instigating Yugoslavia's dissolution and the long and brutal conflicts that erupted. How? By being one of the first to formally recognize—despite strong opposition from the United States, the European Union and



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the United Nations—the breakaway regions of Croatia and Slovenia as independent and sovereign states. Most of the international community dutifully followed along. Within months, the Balkan Peninsula was on fire. (Learn more about this history by requesting a free copy of our booklet *Germany's Conquest of the Balkans*.)

Will we see similar tension and conflict erupt in Israel as a result of the Vatican's support of the Palestinians? It seems inevitable.

Historic Enemies

Consider also that Pope Francis and the Vatican seem to be supporting Muslim control of parts of Jerusalem.

There hasn't been a single moment in the past 2,000 years when the Vatican sincerely endorsed Muslim control of Jerusalem. There have, however, been multiple occasions when the Vatican riled up Catholic warriors and dispatched them to the Holy Land to wrest control of it from the Muslims. Why would Pope Francis reject two millennia of Catholic history—even rejecting Catholic doctrine and tradition—and support Muslim sovereignty in the Holy Land?

The obvious truth is that Pope Francis and the Vatican do not support the presence of Muslims in Jerusalem any more than they do the presence of Jews. There are two simple reasons that the Vatican, *for now*, is making it appear that it supports a Palestinian state and greater Muslim influence over Jerusalem.

First, supporting the Palestinians *undermines Israel's control over the Holy Land*. When it comes to diminishing Israel's grip on Jerusalem and its holy sites, the Vatican is quite happy for the Palestinians to do the gritty work. An honest assessment of Palestinian leadership and governance, at least until now, reveals endemic corruption, mismanagement, infighting and

internal strife. A sound-minded, fact-based, objective analysis reveals that the Palestinians have almost zero chance of ever successfully creating a stable, prosperous, safe Palestinian state in Israel. The Vatican knows that any future Palestinian state would be unstable and chaotic—and thus much more susceptible to Vatican meddling than Israel is today.

Second, the Vatican's endorsement of Palestinian statehood provides ideal cover as it pursues its own enduring ambition to wrest control of Jerusalem from the Jews and Muslims.

Reading about the treaty that was signed in May, one can't help but wonder: Did the Vatican come to some kind of quid pro quo with the

Is Raúl Castro Really on a ‘Road to Damascus’?

POPE FRANCIS HELD A 55-MINUTE PRIVATE meeting with Cuban President Raúl Castro on May 10, after which Castro said he was so impressed by Francis he might return to the Catholic Church’s fold.

“I read all the speeches of the pope, his commentaries, and if the pope continues this way, I will go back to praying and go back to the church, and I’m not joking,” Castro said to reporters at the Vatican after the meeting.

The *New York Times* called Castro’s statement “startling,” considering the recent history of Cuba: “It was a startling assertion for the leader of a Communist country, whose crackdown on dissidents in the past had drawn sharp Vatican criticism” (May 10).

The surprising nature of the statement was not lost on Castro himself: “I am from the Cuban Communist Party, that doesn’t allow [religious] believers, but now we are allowing it,” he said. He called the new allowance of some religious practices “an important step” for his nation.

Castro also said he would give Francis a warm welcome in Cuba this September,

and promised to “go to all his masses, and with satisfaction.”

Many rejoiced, thinking Castro’s statement must mean that Cuba will now reform—that Castro would spend his remaining years fixing the devastation he and his brother have wrought on the Cuban people. After all, how could the president simultaneously embrace religion and continue the totalitarian practices of banning free speech, jailing political opposition, forbidding travel of Cubans, tightly restricting religious practices, and so on?

But this optimism is ill founded. Castro is no reformer. His track record strongly indicates that he would only practice a Catholicism that tolerates his regime exactly as it is. And under Pope Francis, the church seems willing to do just that.

Throughout his pontificate, Francis has made no attempt to conceal his hatred of capitalism. He seems to view it as enemy number one. And maybe he is willing to overlook some of Castro’s faults in order to win the backing of another opponent of capitalism.

It is significant that at the end of their

meeting, Francis presented Castro with a copy of his apostolic exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium* (*The Joy of the Gospel*). As the pope handed the document to the Cuban president, he said: “There are here some declarations that you will like!”

What “declarations” might Communist Castro like in Francis’s document? Many of its passages read as though Castro wrote them himself.

For example: “[S]ome people continue to defend trickle-down theories which assume that economic growth, encouraged by a free market, will inevitably succeed in bringing about greater justice and inclusiveness in the world. ... This opinion ... expresses a crude and naive trust in the goodness of those wielding economic power.” Francis also calls free market global capitalism “a new tyranny,” and condemns it as “a financial system which rules rather than serves.”

When Francis first released *Evangelii Gaudium* back in 2013, it drew criticism for its calls to end capitalism and its espousal of extreme leftist economic policies.

After reading the document, Andrew Napolitano, a former judge of the

Palestinians? Jerusalem is as important and meaningful to the Catholic Church as Rome itself, probably more so. There are many sites that the Catholic Church considers highly valuable. What did the PA agree to cede to the Vatican in return for its endorsement of Palestinian statehood? This is conjecture. But this is the way politics, international relations and human nature work. People, nations, even most religions, will feign friendship and peace in pursuit of their goals.

Four years ago, Italian journalist Giulio Meotti, writing for Arutz Sheva, explained how Catholic authorities had at that time “increased their political initiatives for Catholic control over some sites in Jerusalem.” He recalled, for example, how the head of the Vatican’s Council for Interreligious Dialogue, Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran, had said, “Peace negotiations in the Middle East must tackle the issue of the status of the holy sites of Jerusalem.”

According to Tauran, the time had arrived for some of Jerusalem’s holy places, including the City of David, to be put under Vatican charge. After all, “it’s practically *just* the Holy See who is concerned about [the question of the holy sites],” Tauran stated.

Admissions like this are rare. It’s not often that we read about the Vatican’s love for Jerusalem and its quest for more control. But it is there, and it is thriving. The Vatican is not the non-threatening, neutral third party it appears to be—though so much of the news media believes it is. History shows that Jerusalem is as important to the Vatican as it is to Jews and Muslims. For Catholics, Jerusalem is the birthplace of Christianity and the setting of many important biblical events. The Holy City, as Catholic dogma states, is its universal headquarters.

DOES ANYONE REALLY THINK THE VATICAN GENUINELY WANTS TO CEDE

CONTROL OF THESE SITES TO MUSLIMS? The Catholic Church has shed the blood of hundreds of thousands of soldiers trying to *take* the Holy Land from Muslims.

Power Play for Jerusalem

We must look past the handshakes and platitudes, and really think about what is going on here. This decision is part of a Trojan horse strategy by which the Vatican seeks to gain the trust of the Palestinians and international community before more actively staking its claim to Jerusalem and its holy sites. Whatever happens, the last thing we can expect is for the Vatican to stand by and cheer as Muslims assume control of Christianity’s holy sites. That is never going to happen.

Putting Jerusalem under “international” control has been the Vatican’s strategy for *decades*. In 1949, the British plenipotentiary minister (essentially, the ambassador) to the

Superior Court of New Jersey, wrote: “The pope seems to prefer common ownership of the means of production, which is Marxist, or private ownership and government control, which is fascist, or government ownership and government control, which is socialist. All of those failed systems lead to ashes, not wealth.”

It is not hard to see why the pope believed a Communist like Castro would “like” *Evangelii Gaudium*. And it is not hard to see why Castro would consider returning to Catholicism—as long as it is Francis’s version of Marxism-infused Catholicism, a version that apparently makes no demands for the Castros to reform their brutal authoritarian regime.

Shortly after the news broke that Pope Francis had played a key role in brokering the deal that thawed U.S.-Cuba relations, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote: “Modern leaders would—and should—object to this kind of deal even more forcefully if they knew anything about the Holy Roman Empire. For many, the fact that the pope endorsed this deal made it *more* palatable! This shows that they really don’t

understand anything about that Vatican-guided empire. It looks so righteous, so good. But look at the history of the Catholic Church! Not only has it authored a lot of foreign-policy nightmares throughout the ages, but conservative estimates say it has presided over the deaths of more than 50 million people! ...

“The German-led European Union is the seventh and final resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire—that same Holy Roman Empire which, centuries ago, used Cuba so powerfully to fuel its wars. If the present resurrection were to move into Cuba again, it would be well positioned to make these kinds of attacks happen. The advantage is that it could do it in the cloak of secrecy, since Cuba is essentially a police state with tight controls on information. Think of the control that it could have. Think of

Vatican, John Victor Perowne, wrote, “The Vatican would have preferred, from the point of view of the fate of the holy places and of Catholic interests in Palestine generally, that neither Jews nor Arabs, but a third power, should have control in the Holy Land. Such a solution it well knew, however, was unattainable, and in the actual circumstances it preferred the Arabs to the Jews.”

So here is what is likely to happen, at least in some form. This decision by the Vatican will embolden the Palestinians in their quest for Jerusalem, further ostracize the Jewish state, and increase tensions between Israel and the Palestinians, perhaps to the point of conflict (more terrorist attacks, etc.). As the situation deteriorates, Israel will continue to look for foreign assistance and support. Relations with its traditional allies America and Britain are rapidly deteriorating, and these

countries have hardly any appetite for supporting Israel in any meaningful way. Russia and China are more on the side of the Muslims than the Jews. Israel will find itself left with one option: crying out to Germany and Europe.

It’s true that Europeans and their leaders aren’t especially fond of Jews and the Jewish state. Then again, Germany, at least its chancellor, is arguably the closest friend and ally Israel has right now. Expect Israel to cry out to Germany for assistance.

THIS IS PRECISELY THE RESPONSE THE VATICAN IS SEEKING. The European Union and the Vatican both have the same official goal for Jerusalem. They want it to be an international city—controlled neither by Jews nor Arabs, but rather by some third party.

Why does the Vatican want this? In his book *Christians and Jews—Faith to Faith*, Rabbi James Rudin wrote that the Eastern Orthodox



REPENTANT? Cuban dictator Raúl Castro appears to believe he can become Catholic without disrupting his regime.

how valuable Cuba has been to America’s enemies in the past! You need to watch what is happening in Cuba” (March 2015).

Castro’s meeting with the pope, his contemplation of returning to Catholicism, and his plan to host Francis in Havana this fall show that Vatican influence in Cuba is rapidly growing. To understand the significance of this, read Mr. Flurry’s article “The Deadly Dangerous U.S.-Cuba Deal” (theTrumpet.com/go/12381).

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churches that own the majority of Jerusalem’s sacred Christian sites oppose internationalizing the city because it “would give greater control of Jerusalem’s Christian sites and institutions to the Roman Catholic Church, which has significant influence in Europe and the Western Hemisphere.”

It doesn’t take much imagination to see the Vatican being given the chief seat in how an “international” Jerusalem is governed.

Israel is dead against this right now. But as it becomes more isolated and its situation becomes desperate, its resolve will start to crumble.

Of course, this is just one possible scenario. However it happens, the Vatican’s ambitions in Jerusalem are well documented. It desperately seeks greater control over Jerusalem, and every step it takes in its diplomacy with Israel and the Palestinian Arabs is dedicated to this end.



Made in America: A NUCLEAR MIDDLE EAST

Iran's path toward nuclear power is igniting an arms race in the world's most dangerous region. **BY AARON HUDSON AND ANTHONY CHIBARIRWE**

WITHIN FIVE MONTHS OF assuming office, United States President Barack Obama articulated his administration's goal to radically transform America's approach to the Middle East. On June 4, 2009, he delivered his keynote foreign-policy speech at Cairo University titled "A New Beginning."

This speech *did* give the Middle East a new beginning—but not in the way some would think.

President Obama worked hard to court Iran, and in perhaps his most significant statement, he declared: "No

single nation should pick and choose which nations hold nuclear weapons."

This proclamation quickly rippled throughout the region. It appeared to be a go-ahead for Iran—far more than any other country—to militarize and nuclearize. And it also appeared to be consent for the rest of the Middle East to do the same.

The Middle East is the most unstable region in the world, and it is getting worse, even as you read this. It is on a path toward chaos that will spread far beyond that region.

The reality is, this downward spiral is being accelerated by America's

foreign policy—specifically, America's extraordinary reversal of its foreign policy toward its long-time enemy, Iran.

Iran's Nuclear Program

The United States has been negotiating with Iran presumably to prevent it from holding nuclear weapons. President Obama called these negotiations a "once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," and "our best bet by far to make sure Iran doesn't get a nuclear weapon."

But the nature of the current Iranian regime makes it impossible for these talks to succeed. In fact, every effort

the U.S. expends on them only empowers Iran further.

Consider, for example, the Pentagon's delay in releasing its "Fiscal Year 2014 Annual Report on Military Power of Iran." This report was due to be presented before the Senate's Armed Services Committee in January but was deferred until early June. Analysts said the delay was part of the Obama administration's appeasement of Tehran during the negotiations.

The report noted, "Although Iran has paused progress in some areas of its nuclear program and fulfilled its obligations under the Joint Plan of Action, it continues to develop technological capabilities that also could be applicable to nuclear weapons, including ballistic missile development."

According to security experts, the long-range missile technology that Iran is building only makes sense economically, politically and militarily if Iran harbors ambition to become a nuclear weapons power. Dr. David Cooper, chairman of the Department of National Security Affairs at the U.S. Naval War College, said that such technology "turns out to be a remarkably accurate litmus test about any state's nuclear intentions."

Yet the issue of Iran's ballistic missiles is currently off the nuclear negotiations table. It would be "stupid and idiotic," according to Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, to include it in talks or to demand that Iran curb its missile program. Khamenei then vowed to mass-produce even more ballistic missiles.

In his State of the Union address this past January, President Obama assured the world, "Our diplomacy is at work with respect to Iran, where, for the first time in a decade, we've halted the progress of its nuclear program and reduced its stockpile of nuclear material." The reality though is that under the Obama administration's watch, Iran actually increased its nuclear fuel stockpiles by about 20 percent in the 18 months of negotiations, as a May 29 report by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) attested.

Iran the Incurrigible

In an April 5 *New York Times* interview, President Obama said, "[I]t's simply not the case" that Iran is undeterrable. This

mind-set is part of the logic behind negotiating with Iran in the first place.

But in a National Public Radio interview the next day, the president said that to demand that Iran recognize Israel's right to exist as a state before permitting it to have nuclear capacity is "really akin to saying that we won't sign a deal unless the *nature* of the Iranian regime completely transforms. And that is, I think, a fundamental misjudgment" (emphasis added throughout). He added, "We want Iran not to have nuclear weapons precisely because *we can't bank on the nature of the regime changing.*"

How true! We cannot bank on Iran's nature changing. We cannot bank on Iran changing its natural tendency to lie about its nuclear program; its virulently anti-American and anti-Semitic nature; its age-long, deep-seated support and sponsorship of terrorism; and its desire to dominate the Middle East. But this truth is not reason to *continue* negotiations—it is precisely why negotiations will fail.

The Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI)—the principal administrator of the 17-member U.S. Intelligence Community, which includes the State Department, the Defense Intelligence Agency, the Department of Homeland Security, the National Security Agency, the Central Intelligence Agency and the Federal Bureau of Investigation—has long said that Iran and its terrorist proxy Hezbollah posed terrorism threats

technical barriers to producing a nuclear weapon, making Iran's political will the central issue."

Doesn't Iran's size, power, history and ambition for nuclear weapons make it more menacing than the Islamic State?

Israeli think tank Meir Amit Intelligence and Terrorism Information Center said that the weakening of Iran's threat assessment "results from a combination of diplomatic interests (the United States' talks with Iran about a nuclear deal) with the idea that Iran could assist in the battle against the Islamic State in Syria and Iraq, and maybe even in the battle against jihadist terrorism in other countries."

Council of Foreign Relations member Max Abrahms made a similar observation: "I think that we are looking at a quid pro quo, where Iran helps us with counterterrorism and we facilitate their nuclear ambitions and cut down on our labeling of them as terrorists." He added, "The world has changed. The Sunni threat has gotten worse, the Islamic State is a greater danger than al Qaeda ever was, and the Iranians have really come up big in terms of helping us out in combating the Islamic State."

Free Pass

Since 1984, the U.S. State Department has designated Iran as a state sponsor of terrorism. But in President Obama's 2009 Cairo address—in which Iran was the pri-

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to the U.S. However, in its annual "Statement for the Record Worldwide Threat Assessment of the U.S. Intelligence Community" report, released February 26, the ODNI *praised* Iran for fighting against the Islamic State and aiding the Iraqi military. It then removed Iran and its Lebanese terrorist proxy Hezbollah from its list of "global terrorism" threats. Hezbollah, a well-known terrorist entity, was mentioned only as a *victim* of the Islamic State and al Qaeda's al-Nusra Front.

Yet the ODNI also said in its report, "We also continue to assess that *Iran does not face any insurmountable*

major focus—he did not even mention the word *terrorism*. It's becoming clearer why.

Using the need to combat ruthless terrorist groups like the Islamic State as a pretext, the United States has given Iran a free pass to try to defend Iraq. Now, the nation that was formerly Iran's greatest enemy in the region is just short of a vassal state of Iran, largely thanks to the United States.

Quds Force Commander Gen. Qassem Suleimani is powerfully symbolic of that influence. Ayatollah Khamenei called him a "living martyr." Iraqi Member of Parliament Mahmoud Othman observed

IRAN'S NUCLEAR TIME LINE

1950s Iran begins civilian nuclear program.

1968 Iran signs Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, agrees never to become nuclear-weapon state.

1979 The Islamic Revolution/Iranian Revolution establishes Iran's theocratic regime.

1984 Iran nuclear program restarts under Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

1984 Iran designated a state sponsor of terrorism by the U.S. State Department

1996 U.S. places sanctions on Iran to stop nuclear weapons development

2002 The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) learns Iran operated an undeclared nuclear weapons program for nearly two decades.

2003 Iran's nuclear program is suspended.

2006 Iran resumes uranium enrichment.

2006 IAEA reports Iran to the UN Security Council over its nuclear activities.

2006 First round of UN sanctions against Iran begins.

2008 Iran test-fires Shahab-3 long-range missile capable of hitting targets in Israel.

2008 Iran launches a test rocket capable of transporting a satellite into space.

2009 P5+1 talks with Iran begin.

that Suleimani “walks around Iraq from the north to the south of the country as if he is the country’s real leader.” In addition to the Quds Forces, Suleimani commands the various Shiite militia groups fighting the Islamic State and other Sunni insurgents in Iraq.

One of those groups Suleimani oversees is the Badr Brigade. Iran created it in 1982 to challenge Saddam Hussein. Today, that militia commands sections of the Iraqi Army. When CBS News’s Holly Williams asked how it is that the Badr Brigade could have such power, the Iraqi Army’s 20th Battalion commander, Gen. Ali al-Wazir, said that that power was granted by Iraq’s prime minister, and “everybody knows it.”

In Iraq, Iran has gained access and influence over some of the largest oil fields in the world, as we foretold and explained in our June 2003 cover story, “Is Iraq About to Fall to Iran?”

Yemen has already fallen to Iranian-sponsored Houthi militants. In February, the rebels overthrew the pro-American Yemeni government in Sanaa.

On January 29, the *Wall Street Journal* revealed that officials from the Obama administration had approached Houthi commanders and offered to help them hasten their transition to power after taking over the capital.

It was around that time, as *Commentary*’s Noah Rothman reported May 26, that the U.S. essentially looked the other way while at least four Iranian cargo ships hauled a combined total of over 15,000 metric tons of arms to the Houthi rebels.

In Yemen, and under the United States’ watch, Iran gained a strategic region that can give it control of the Bab el-Mandeb Strait. That translates to controlling nearly 10 percent of global seaborne oil supplies.

All this is occurring in spite of economic sanctions against Iran. How much more will Iran accomplish once the Obama administration removes those sanctions, and billions of dollars flood into the country? This economic relief

is due to come in spite of Iran’s regular violations of some of those international sanctions and the Obama administration’s awareness of those violations, as a United Nations report on June 9 revealed. The report said that “some member states” made a political decision not to publicize Iran’s violations. And why? To “avoid a possible negative impact on ongoing [nuclear] negotiations.”

The U.S. Senate rejected a bill that would have withheld sanctions relief for Iran until it relinquished its support for terrorism. Yet White House Press Secretary Josh Earnest acknowledged that “even while these sanctions have been in place, we have not seen Iran significantly scale back their support for terrorism or their destabilization activities in the region.”

Arab Response

The United States may or may not fully recognize the impact of its words and actions, but the nations in the Middle East certainly do.

In looking at what has transpired since President Obama’s 2009 Cairo speech, it is clear that the seismic shift in

U.S. foreign policy it represented has helped set the Arab world ablaze.

Eighteen months after that speech, in December 2010, the Arab Spring began. By February 2012, governments had toppled in Egypt, Tunisia, Libya and Yemen. Uprisings broke out in Syria and Bahrain. Major protests erupted in Iraq, Algeria,

Jordan, Kuwait, Morocco and even Sudan. It seemed Muslim youth were in the mood for change, and they brought about chaos and havoc upon themselves.

Now, thanks in no small part to Washington’s rapprochement with Tehran, a Middle East nuclear arms race has begun.

In fact, 12 other Middle East nations have plans to develop nuclear energy or have signed nuclear cooperation agreements. Some of those nations already have a history of harboring terrorism themselves. These nations started actively pursuing their nuclear goals after 2005, when it became known Iran had made advances in enriching



uranium. In April 2009, the late King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia expressed to the world, "If [the Iranians] get nuclear weapons, we will get nuclear weapons."

The fears driving these efforts increased all the more after the Cairo speech of 2009. Whereas before, most Arab nations believed America would never let Iran acquire the bomb, the Cairo speech changed that view. The nuclear negotiations have confirmed those fears.

In March, Saudi Arabia signed a nuclear-cooperation agreement with South Korea. Reports in May revealed that the Saudis negotiated nuclear arms deals with Pakistan. Observers believe that Saudi Arabia funded half of Pakistan's nuclear weapons program with the expectation that it would be easily able to buy back warheads from the Pakistanis.

"We prefer a region without nuclear weapons," said Abdullah al-Askar, former chairman of the foreign affairs committee of Saudi Arabia's advisory legislature. "But if Iran does it, nothing can prevent us from doing it too, not even the international community." Ibrahim al-Marie, a retired Saudi colonel, said, "If Iran declares a nuclear weapon, we can't afford to wait 30 years more for our own. [W]e should be able to declare ours within a week."

The Saudi ambassador to the United Kingdom, Prince Mohammed bin Nawwaf bin Abdulaziz al-Saud, said that Iran's pursuit of nuclear weapons "has changed the whole outlook in the region."

He added that "Iran's nuclear program poses a direct threat to the entire region and constitutes a major source and incentive for nuclear proliferation across the Middle East, including Israel."

Egypt is exploring nuclear deals with Russia. In February, Russian President Vladimir Putin announced at a press conference with Egypt's president that Russia will build Egypt's first nuclear plant in El Dabaa, 104 miles west of Alexandria. "If final decisions are made," said Putin, "it will mean not just building a nuclear power plant, it means the creation of the entire new atomic industry in Egypt."

Jordan signed a deal with Russia for its first nuclear power plant in March. In April, Turkey broke ground on its first nuclear power plant.

Smaller Gulf states are also feeling compelled to keep up with the regional heavyweights out of sheer fear.

The United Arab Emirates began building a reactor back in 2012 in Abu Dhabi and has plans for another.

At a Camp David conference on May 14, President Obama reassured the Gulf states that he would "deny Iran the ability to obtain a nuclear weapon." On May 19, Obama said that "the protection that we provide as [the Gulf states'] partner is a far greater deterrent than they could ever hope to achieve by developing their own nuclear stockpile or trying to achieve breakout capacity when it comes to nuclear weapons, and they understand that."

His reassurances fell on deaf ears. The Gulf states are petrified of an aggressive Iran and have seen firsthand how America's policy is encouraging Iran. Largely responding to U.S. foreign policy, the Middle East is starting to muscle up.

The Arab nations see Tehran's growing hegemony engulfing the region and will not tolerate a nuclear-armed Iran. As a deterrent, they want their own nukes! The arms race is on, and it's a mad dash to beat Iran.

Six years after President Obama delivered the Cairo speech, the Middle East has indeed had a "new beginning"—a nuclearized one.

Trumpet editor in chief Gerald Flurry forecast in August 2009 precisely how that speech would affect our world: "*President Obama's speech is a great turning point in this world. It is going to play a major role in terrifying prophecies of your Bible being fulfilled. It is beginning because of the broken will of America. God is going to SHAKE this world and start by shaking America, Britain and the Jewish nation for their sins!*"



Can the current arms race in the Middle East be traced back to the Cairo speech? Was it a turning point? The facts speak for themselves. In spite of what America's president says today, when the leader of the free world gives his seal of approval for Iran to acquire the bomb, that is a turning point!

The fact is, President Obama has the means and power to shut down Iran's nuclear program if he wanted to. He doesn't want to because, he says, *who are we to decide whether genocidal maniacs should have the bomb or not?*

Has the world become a safer place as America retreats from the Middle East? Does the thought of a nuclearized Middle East make you shake? It should—and it will!

The world is still reeling from the fallout of the Arab Spring; Iran's belligerent takeover of neighboring nations through proxies; its regional naval hegemony; the rise of the Islamic State; and now, the genesis of a nuclear arms race. President Obama's foreign policy has made the world far more dangerous.

A nuclear Iran is not just a danger to Israel, or even Sunni Arabs. Iran is a danger to the world at large. Biblical prophecies indicate events are about to grow far worse before they become better. The Middle East is about to explode!

Bible prophecy reveals that it will eventually be a stripped-down, German-led Europe comprised of 10 nations or kings that will act swiftly to defeat Iran and radical Islam (Daniel 11:40-43).

This clash of civilizations is soon to occur, and America's foolish foreign-policy decisions to allow the Middle East to nuclearize are leading to this event. The shaking of the nations has begun.

If we are prepared to listen to God, we will see how all these prophesied events will soon lead to the glorious return of Jesus Christ. This is the real *new beginning* the Middle East needs! ■

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America's Crumbling Religious Landscape

Traditional religion is giving way to secularism.
How are shifting religious fault lines reshaping the country?

BY DENNIS LEAP

AMERICA'S RELIGIOUS LANDSCAPE is rumbling with change. A new Pew survey draws a map that reveals traditional Protestant denominations and Catholicism slipping significantly in numbers, while a group known as the *nones*—adults unaffiliated with organized religion—is rapidly rising on America's horizon. Both trends should sound sirens that real danger is ahead for American culture and society.

Prior surveys showed that America's nonaffiliated population rose quickly in the 1990s and early 2000s. Some experts believed this growth would level off. Yet the 2014 Pew survey shows the *nones'* numbers continue to rise sharply, from 16 percent in 2007 to almost 23 percent in 2014. That's a steep climb. Even more striking is the data showing that among Millennials (those born between 1981 and 1996), *nones* now comprise 36 percent.

During this same time, mainline Protestant denominations declined from 18.1 to 14.7 percent, and the Catholic population dropped from 23.9 to 20.8 percent. That means *nones* now outnumber both of these groups.

Why are Americans, especially our younger generation, turning their backs on organized religion? And why should this matter to you?

Not Just a Problem of Affiliation

America was founded on traditional Christian beliefs and symbols. Several of our national holidays such as Thanksgiving, Memorial Day and the Fourth of July extol Christian values: giving thanks to a benevolent and authoritative God; self-sacrifice for a just cause; the protection of liberty for all people. When I was growing up in the 1950s, people often went to church on Memorial Day and Thanksgiving. Today, these values are often viewed as simply American civil values, but they are rooted in biblical teachings understood, taught and promoted by America's forefathers.

When almost 56 million American adults opt out of organized religion, this represents a massive change in Americans' spiritual life.

Some religious experts take the Pew survey as evidence of a problem with religious affiliation more than with religious practice. They rely on the fact that the U.S. is still home to more professing

Christians—seven out of 10 Americans—than any other country in the world. But we need to dig deeper and ask some hard questions about these conclusions.

Considering the conditions extant in our chaotic world—the real threat of nuclear World War III; the American and international global economic crisis; the ever present threat of terrorist attacks; the potential for violent, city-destroying race wars—you would think affiliation with religion would increase, not decline.

We need to look at history to understand what is happening in American religion today.

During the Secular Boom

In 2008, Trinity College completed the final of three surveys designed to track changes in the religious loyalties of the U.S. adult population within the contiguous 48 states for the years 1990 to 2008. The survey, titled “American Religious Identification Survey” (ARIS), was one of the largest demographic polls in history, involving telephone interviews with 280,000 respondents. Completed in 1990, 2001 and 2008, it was also the largest survey of American religions to date.

It was this survey that revealed the rise of the *nones*. The “*nones* were the only religious bloc to rise in percentage in every single state, thus constituting the only true national religious trend,” writes James Emery White in his book *The Rise of the Nones*. The survey showed the decade of the 1990s “was a period of significant shifts in the religious composition of the United States.” White refers to the 1990s as the “secular boom.”

ARIS shot holes through the conventional thinking of many religious leaders that young people often stop attending church, sow their wild oats, but eventually return to their flocks once they become married and have children. This scenario may have been true for the Baby Boomer generation—but it is not happening among the Gen Xers or Millennials.

Yet it was the 2012 Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life, “Nones’ on the Rise,” that really got the attention of sociologists and church leaders. Why? The *nones* had not stopped booming. And the Pew 2014 survey confirmed that their numbers are still growing! America is drifting further and further from its traditional Christian roots.

The Nones Speak

The number of *nones* has jumped from 8 percent in 1990 to 23 percent in 2014. And the pace is accelerating. Is this a problem?

In an effort to stop the “young and unchurched” from becoming the “old and unchurched,” national studies have been conducted with teens and people between the ages 18 and 23 in order to give church leaders a thorough understanding of the religious thinking of the *nones*. Analyzing the results of the studies, researchers have placed the emerging adults studied into one of six major categories.

About 60 percent of those studied comprise the first three categories: those still committed to, those favorable to, and those open to organized religion. The other 40 percent of the young adults say they are either religiously indifferent (25 percent), feel religiously disconnected (5 percent), or feel completely irreligious (10 percent). Of these six categories, the largest group is the religiously indifferent. Religion just does not matter much to them. “Yet indifference was not relegated to this group. In truth, indifference permeated all of the categories in one form or another,” James White tells us.

If our future generation is indifferent to religion, there must be a cause. We need to know the cause.

Backlash to Bad Religion

One of the truly great things about America has been the constitutional protection of religious freedom. The First and 14th Amendments guarantee individuals the right to believe and worship as they choose without fear of persecution or threat of civil discrimination.

However, over the centuries, America was transformed from a mere safe haven from persecution to the world's religious marketplace. Our land is filled with a multitude of Christian churches, both denominational and homegrown nondenominational. Both have generated discontent, disagreement and disunity, not being able to agree on doctrine, or practice. Buddhist and Hindu temples along with other similar centers of American-improvised communal societies dot the landscape. The number of Islamic mosques is growing on American soil.

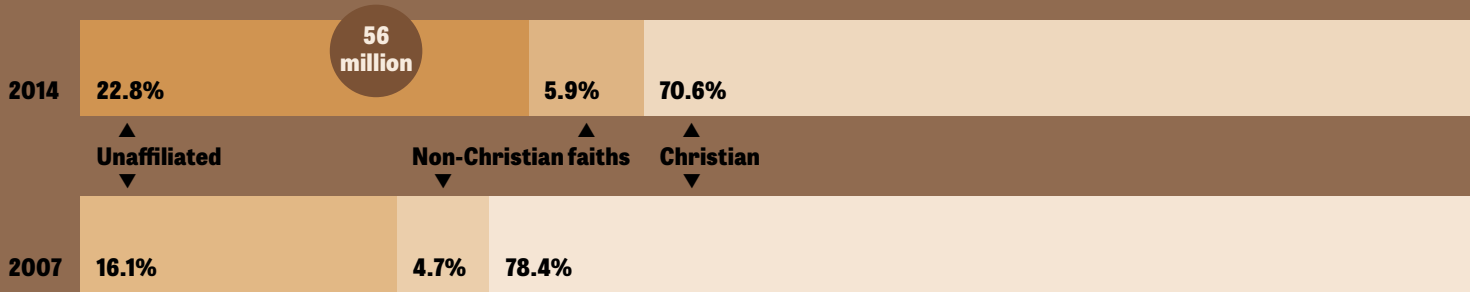
The American ideal of religious freedom has an incredibly positive value. But



RISE OF THE 'NON'

Nones among the American faithful

A 2014 Pew Research Center survey shows that the American Christian population is declining sharply, especially among Protestants and Catholics. Since 2007, mainline Protestants have dropped 3.4 percentage points, Catholics have dropped 3.1 points, and *nones* have jumped by 6.7 points.



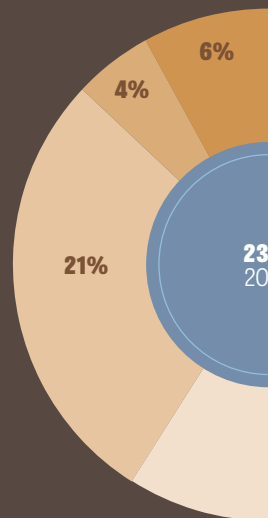
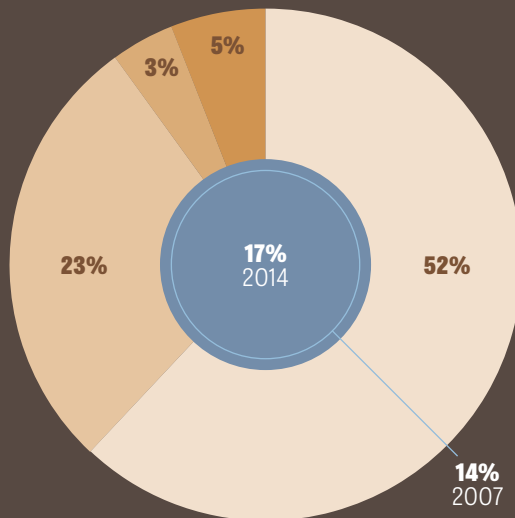
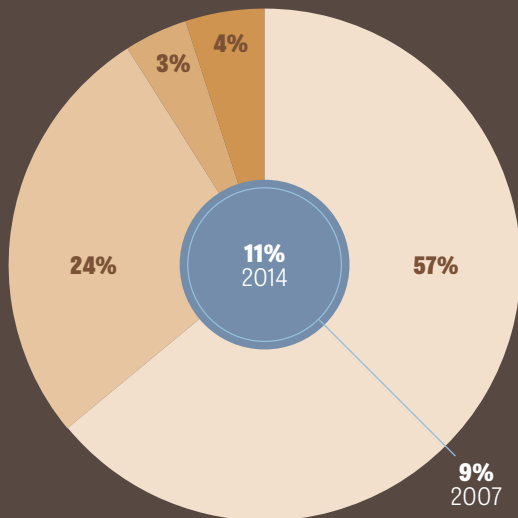
Five generations of unaffiliated *nones*

Americans commonly drift away from church or organized religion in their 20s and then return once they are married and have children. Pew and other research studies show that people are delaying

Silent Generation (born 1928-1945)

Baby Boomers (born 1946-1964)

Generation X (born 1965-1980)



● Unaffiliated (2014) ○ Unaffiliated (2007) ☒ Protestants ☒ Catholics ☒ Other Christian Groups

What the *nones* believe

60% say they have a deep connection with nature and the earth

30% believe in a spiritual energy in physical objects and in yoga as a spiritual practice

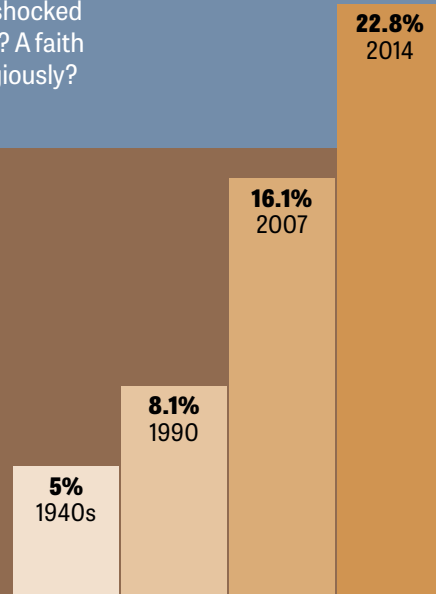
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The fastest-growing religious group in America is classified as the *nones*. When asked which Christian denomination they belong to, they answer “none.” Some are atheist, but many say they believe in God, they are just religiously unaffiliated. The rapid growth in their numbers has shocked church leaders and pollsters. What do *nones* believe? A faith based on their own thinking. What do they want religiously? Nothing in particular—they just want to be spiritual.



Percentage of American *nones* over the decades

Roughly 7 in 10 Americans profess Christianity, making the U.S. the largest Christian country in the world. Yet more than one in five Americans no longer associate with any Christian denomination.



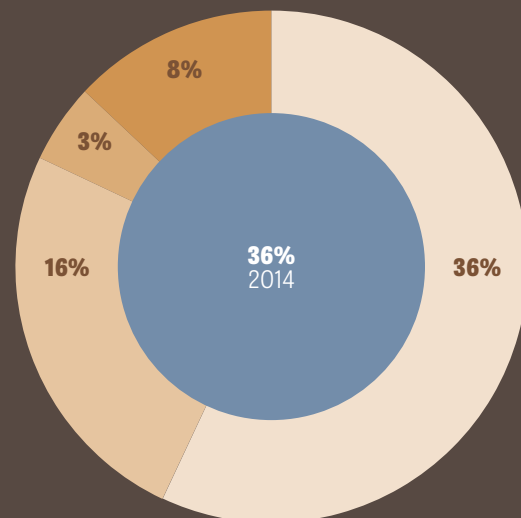
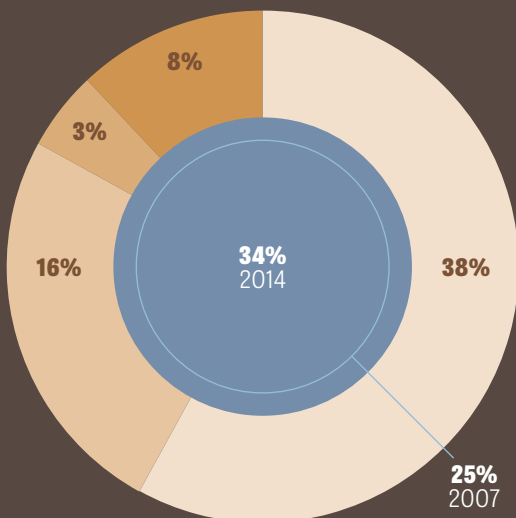
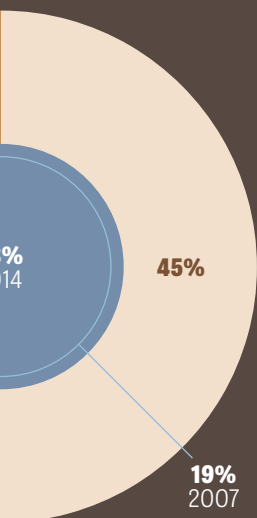
marriage into their late 20s and 30s, and many are choosing not to marry. The largest group of *nones* is nestled in the Millennials, who are already delaying marriage and who are facing an economic climate that

may put it off altogether. The number of *nones* has increased in each living generation of Americans. The largest jump in numbers begins with Generation X, those Americans born between 1965 and 1980.

(born 1965-1980)

Older Millennials (born 1981-1989)

Younger Millennials (born 1990-1996)



Other Faiths

30% have felt “in touch” with someone who is dead

25% believe in astrology and reincarnation

15% have consulted a psychic



WHY WE WATCH

Japan's March Toward Militarism

A look at the history of this trend in the news—and its future

BY JEREMIAH JACQUES

JAPAN'S SHIFT AWAY FROM PACIFISM and toward becoming a full-fledged military power has long been a focus of the *Trumpet* as well as our forerunner, the *Plain Truth*.

We have drawn attention to the shift because we believe it will culminate in a violent conflict affecting millions, possibly even billions. To understand why we hold this view, first consider why Japan became a pacifist nation in the first place.

A Tragic History

In the 1920s, Japan's economy was stagnating. To inspire the people, its leaders dusted off some ancient Japanese myths and began teaching them to the people. They taught that Japan was a nation of gods, racially superior to all others. They taught that the imperial family was the offspring of the sun goddess Amaterasu. State Shinto became the national religion. It taught that Emperor Hirohito was the "son of heaven"—an omnipotent

god destined to rule the whole world. These ideas became the mantras of school curricula and were trumpeted in Japan's civic life.

The Tanaka Memorial (a document allegedly presented to Hirohito by Premier Baron Gi-ichi Tanaka) essentially became Japan's foreign policy from 1927 until the end of World War II. One part of the document said: "The nations of the world will come to look up to our emperor as the great ruler of all nations." Although the authenticity of the document is a matter of dispute, history shows that Japan followed its strategy, at least in the broad strokes. It laid out detailed military plans for Japan to conquer the entire world, starting with China: "With China's entire resources at our disposal, we shall conquer India, Central Asia and Europe. ... A victorious Japan will place all the white races of the world under the rule of the son of heaven. ... In order to conquer the world, we must

SUNRISE Japan's Self-Defense Force is capable of much more than its name implies, and Tokyo is giving it increasing latitude to reach a much more potent potential.

first conquer China. If we succeed in conquering China, the rest of the Asiatic countries and the South Sea countries will fear us and surrender to us."

Much hinged on Japan's conquest of China. The Japanese wanted this conquest to inspire fear throughout Asia, so their invasion of China was ruthless beyond words.

In the Massacre of Nanjing, for example, Japanese troops murdered over 200,000 Chinese civilians. Mothers with infants, pregnant women, children and old men were tortured, bayoneted, beheaded, burned or buried alive. Many women and girls were gang-raped, mutilated and killed. Others were kept around as "comfort women"—sex slaves forced to serve Japanese soldiers. Unborn babies were routinely torn out from pregnant women and killed. Soldiers often gouged the eyes out of children and babies in front of their mothers before slaughtering both woman and child.

These weren't soldiers running amok, ignoring orders. The crimes were well known to the military's highest officers. The chief commander of the Nanjing invasion was Emperor Hirohito's uncle. The evils were committed with the royal stamp of approval. It was sanctioned for the purpose of instilling fear in the nations they planned to conquer next.

Nanjing was not an isolated case of savagery. Japanese troops were similarly cruel in other Chinese cities, and also in Korea, the Philippines, Singapore and other countries. A look further back into history shows that World War II was not an anomalously aggressive epoch for the Japanese. There were also the invasions of Korea in the 1590s, the Battle of Ganghwa, the First Sino-Japanese War, the invasion of Taiwan, the Russo-Japanese War, and the list goes on.

Victory or Death

During World War II, the ruthlessness and tenacity of the Japanese was largely driven by their belief that Hirohito was a god destined to rule the world. This was a toxic faith. It made many Japanese virtually incapable of surrendering—even in the face of insurmountable odds.

In 1941, Japan's top military leader, Hideki Tojo, said, "Do not live in shame as a prisoner. Die, and leave no ignominious crime behind you." Some Japanese soldiers were taken captive, but the majority obeyed Tojo and the doctrines of State Shinto, either fighting until they were killed or committing suicide. The fanatic commitment spread even to Japanese civilians. This was perhaps most evident when American troops moving onto Saipan in June 1944 saw mothers clutch their infants and fling themselves off cliffs rather than risk being captured.

By the end of World War II, Japan had been fighting for 14 years. Almost 3 million Japanese were dead, with many more injured or gravely ill. Most of the population were starving, and the nation lay in ruins. But even then, soldiers and civilians generally would not surrender. Nothing short of two atomic bombs was able to halt Japan's perverse military fanaticism.

Japanese 'Forever Renounce War'

It was then, in the immediate aftermath of that tragic history, that the United States occupied Japan and drafted its Constitution. American officials, led by Gen. Douglas MacArthur, wanted to ensure that military fanaticism would not rise again in Japan. Thus, they included Article 9 in the new Constitution. This clause outlawed war as a means for Japan to settle international disputes.

Article 9 states: "Japanese people forever renounce war as a sovereign right of the nation and the threat or use of force as means of settling international disputes. ... [L]and, sea and air forces, as well as other war potential, will never be maintained."

"We are committed," MacArthur said, "to see that the Japanese people are liberated from this condition of slavery."

As part of the liberation, MacArthur's team outlawed emperor worship and disbanded State Shinto. They led Emperor Hirohito to deliver his famous "Declaration of Humanity," a radio address to Japan in which he renounced the nationalistic interpretation of Shinto, denounced the idea that he was a god, and said the Japanese are not a superior race.

Shortly after Article 9 was written, the U.S. and Japan signed the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security. This codified Japan's dependence on the U.S.

for its defense, saying America would defend Japan by stationing U.S. troops near potential conflict zones in the region.

Quietly Returning to Militarism

The Constitution that U.S. leaders wrote, without the change of even a comma, has technically governed Japanese affairs in the decades since.

But during the 70 years that have passed since the end of World War II, Japan has made some significant strides away from pacifism.

The first of these came as early as 1950, when a National Police Reserve was established as a replacement for American troops sent into the Korean War. Then in 1954, with Washington's full support, Japan transformed this police reserve into the Japan Self-Defense Force (SDF). This "self-defense" force became in fact a fully integrated, ultra-modern assemblage of land, sea and air components to rival those of any other world power. In 1992, Japan passed the United Nations Peacekeeping Cooperation Law, which allowed the SDF to take part in certain non-military aspects of UN missions. That meant Japanese soldiers were allowed, for the first time since World War II, to be stationed outside Japan's borders. Then came the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, which brought about changes that the *New York Times* called "the most significant transformation in Japan's military since World War II" (July 23, 2007).

For the first time since World War II, Japan could soon officially have first-strike capabilities.

Japan's march toward open militarization sped up from 2004 to 2010. During those years, Tokyo sent non-combat troops to Iraq, Indonesia, Nepal, Israel, Djibouti, Somalia and Haiti. During the same time frame, Japan made more moves away from being a purely "self-defense" force. It began looking to use its space program for military purposes. Its defense agency was upgraded to become a full-fledged ministry, giving it a greatly amplified voice in the cabinet. It gained the capacity to fly F-2s more than 1,700 miles without refueling. It dropped 500-pound live bombs

as part of training exercises.

On March 11, 2011, the magnitude-9.0 Tohoku earthquake struck Japan, spawning a tsunami and causing a severe nuclear crisis. The SDF leaped to action, carrying out rescue operations with more than 100,000 soldiers—an utterly unprecedented number in the postwar era. "It is no exaggeration to say that the earthquake has spurred the most significant Japanese military operations since the end of World War II," *World Politics Review* wrote at the time.

The rescue efforts drastically improved the Japanese public's perception of its nation's military forces. The SDF experienced its greatest public support in decades.

In April 2014, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe removed the weapons export ban that was enacted in 1967. The embargo prevented weapons exports to Communist bloc nations, countries subject to arms export embargoes under UN Security Council resolutions and nations involved in or likely to be involved in international conflicts.

On July 1, 2014, Tokyo made the decision to "reinterpret" a key section of its pacifist Constitution: the ban on collective self-defense. For the preceding 70 years, it had understood this section as limiting Japan's forces to acting in its own defense, and never in defense of its allies, and never in any conflict outside Japanese territory. The reinterpretation

meant Japan could use its large, cutting-edge military in ways that would have been unthinkable just a few years earlier: If a U.S. ship is under fire, Japan can assist it; if a North Korean missile is aimed at an Australian ship, Japan can shoot it down; if the United Nations is involved in a "gray zone" activity, Japanese troops can participate.

The landmark reinterpretation paved the way for greater changes to Japan's Constitution. For the first time since World War II, Japan could soon officially have first-strike capabilities against potential threats.

In light of Japan's wartime history, all of these steps toward nationalism and militarism are worthy of attention and concern.

Whitewashing the Past

Adding to the concern is the fact that Japan is notorious for failing to express much remorse for its wartime savagery. Japan has also revised history in many cases to downplay its crimes.

For example, postwar Japan has officially apologized to China for the Massacre of Nanjing, but the apologies have been regularly undercut by revisionist statements from leading voices.

"The Nanjing Massacre is a lie made up by the Chinese," Japanese Cabinet Minister Shintaro Ishihara said in 1990. "The Nanjing Massacre is a fabrication," Japanese Justice Minister Nagano Shigeto said in 1994. "The Americans brainwashed the postwar Japanese into believing they had committed terrible war crimes," said Tokyo University Prof. Nobukatsu Fujioka in 1997.

Textbooks used in Japan's school system are also notorious for glossing over or ignoring the country's wartime barbarism. Some fear that since Japanese students aren't learning this history, the nation is forgetting its past and new generations could be more likely to repeat it. Mr. Abe has addressed this, saying he wants to *further beautify* Japan's wartime history so Japanese children can be proud of their past.

The people of Japan embody many exceptionally noble and admirable traits. Their cultural and technological contributions have enriched the human experience for millions around the globe. But as a result of historic revisionism, a dangerous number of modern Japanese view their nation's wartime atrocities with pride.

This is a foreboding and worrisome trend.

State Shinto and Emperor Worship

Adding to the worry is the fact that Mr. Abe is a member of the Shinto Association of Spiritual Leadership (SAS), which is the political arm of the Association of Shinto Shrines. Besides working to scrap Article 9, the SAS is also committed to blurring the separation of religion and state. It is dedicated to "educational

reforms" that would better nurture a "love of country" among Japanese youth.

SAS Director Yutaka Yuzawa believes it is time to undo the changes brought about during the U.S. occupation. "After the war, there was an atmosphere that considered all aspects of the prewar era bad," he said. "Policies were adopted weakening the relationship between the imperial household and the people ... and the most fundamental elements of Japanese history were not taught in the schools."

Abe also serves as supreme adviser to the Nippon Kaigi, a lobby group committed to restoring lost Japanese values.

University of Auckland Prof. Mark Mullins told Reuters that both "Nippon Kaigi and the Shinto Association basically believe the occupation period brought about ... the forced removal of Shinto traditions from public space and public institutions. For them, this was authentic Japanese identity ... and to be an independent and authentic Japan again those things need to be restored" (Dec. 11, 2014).

Would Abe really endorse a return to something as arcane and archaic as emperor worship? A clue to the answer came in October 2013 when he became the first Japanese prime minister since World War II to participate in a ceremony at the Ise Shrine, considered the holiest of Japan's Shinto institutions. The ceremony entailed rebuilding the shrine and bringing idols to it that represent the emperor's divine ancestry.

John Breen, a professor at the International Research Center for Japanese Studies in Kyoto, said the implications of Abe's participation in the Ise Shrine ceremony are enormous. "Without anyone blinking an eye ... it became a state rite," he said.

Abe and other nationalist leaders continue to make strides as they work toward a constitutional revision and a restoration of Japan's "lost values."

These "lost values" were a big part of what drove Japan's tragic wartime fanaticism. Efforts to restore them—from no less an authority than Japan's hawkish prime minister—should alarm us.

What's Ahead?

Journalists sometimes mention the biblical word *Armageddon* found in Revelation 16:16, but it is rare to hear talk of "the kings of the east" discussed a few verses earlier in that chapter. The Bible shows that these "kings of the east" will be a massive bloc of Asian nations that pool their militaries together in the end time. They do this in order to confront another power bloc led by Germany. Revelation 9:16 says that the Asian army will be comprised of a jaw-dropping 200 million soldiers.

Some specific details of how this Eastern superpower will form in the end time are still unknown, but prophecy is unmistakably clear about the fact that it will happen. And, though it will be led by Russia and China, it will almost certainly include Japan.

The *Trumpet* reports on Japanese efforts toward remilitarization because each is one small step closer to that 200 million-man army. Each is a step nearer to that unprecedentedly violent conflict. Many Bible passages show that it will be the bloodiest, most destructive conflict in history. Japan's march toward militarization points to a dark future.

But there is good news! God promises to protect any individuals—whether Japanese, American or any other nationality—who repent and turn to Him. And the hope extends beyond just physical protection in the short term. God has a magnificent plan that involves opening up eternal salvation to every human being who has ever lived. To understand these prophecies in detail, and to understand the urgency and the hope they contain, request a copy of our free booklet *Russia and China in Prophecy*. ■

Japan's past is well documented.

But only biblical prophecy can tell you its future.

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Americans would rather drive than walk. At least, compared to people from 17 other countries, according to *National Geographic's* 2012 Greendex Survey. The survey revealed that Americans are the least likely to walk to their destination, the most likely to opt for using the car.

"The United States walks the least of any industrialized nation," wrote Tom Vanderbilt in a *Slate* article called "The Crisis in American Walking." Walking in America has become an "act dwelling in the margins, an almost hidden narrative running beneath the main vehicular text" (April 10, 2012).

Why do Americans walk so little? There is a litany of contributing causes. One is that it is just plain inconvenient.

In rural areas, destinations are spaced far from each other. To walk would mean having to traverse rough country roads with no sidewalks while vehicles heedlessly whiz by. Even suburban areas face a similar problem. Though built to house large numbers of people, they are designed for heavy traffic flow and cater to the automobile rather than the pedestrian. Aside from town centers, crosswalks are few, intersections are large, and buildings are far apart—all factors that work against the walker and promote the driver. "Walking has been engineered out of existence," argued Vanderbilt.

In modern America, the need to walk is not as necessary as it once was. According to pedometer studies, the average American struts about 5,100 steps per day—half of the recommended 10,000.

Another factor that reduces the step count is occupation. Many people live



Take a Walk!

Whether you're young or old, a few thousand steps and some fresh air will enhance your life.

BY SAMUEL LIVINGSTON

far from their work; personal vehicle or public transportation is the only method to commute. Often these jobs consist of desk work and hours of sitting time, which also means less walking.

Other reasons people walk less include factors like poor health and a lack of time.

It's a shame, because walking is a simple form of exercise and transportation with a host of benefits.

Walking is the oldest and most basic method of movement. It reduces the risk of heart disease and strokes, and helps prevent Alzheimer's disease, according to a report by the Ramblers and Macmillan Cancer Support. Vanderbilt writes that "walking can help improve your child's academic performance; make you smarter; reduce depression; lower blood pressure; even raise one's self-esteem."

Walking is a great way to get outdoors, to meditate, breathe in fresh air, and spend time with others. It's free, it's calming, and it's healthy.

Herbert W. Armstrong led a healthy lifestyle, and he shared those keys in his booklet *The Seven Laws of Success*. His third law to success was "good health." He wrote: "Many ask how I (at the time of this writing in my 84th year) keep up the energy, vigor and drive. I'm sure there is more than one reason—but I do not 'jog' or go in for fads. I WALK—the best exercise for one of my age."

So in a world of modern transportation in which people sit and machines do the moving, how can you find the time or space to go for a simple walk?

The American College of Sports Medicine recommends that adults get at least 150 minutes of moderate physical activity each week. Set a goal to get out of the desk chair or off the couch for 30 minutes each day and go for a walk.

The world is fast-paced: planes, trains, cars, moving sidewalks, Segways and scooters all move people faster and more efficiently. They serve their purpose and certainly make life easier, but don't hesitate to slow down the pace once in a while and enjoy going for a walk. The benefits abound. ■

Look for multiple opportunities to walk. You don't need one solid 30-minute block; take two 15-minute walks.

Take advantage of lunch breaks. Walk to your lunch destination.

If you use public transportation, get off a stop or two before your destination and walk the rest of the way.

Don't always choose the parking spot closest to the building. Park toward the back of the lot. This will save you time trying to find a space and give you a good opportunity to chip out a few minutes of walking.

Walk for leisure—it's not always about trying to get somewhere. If you're by yourself, walking is a perfect time to meditate. Walking with friends and family is a great way to get everyone outside and moving, and it provides opportunity for conversation.

Is There a Real Spirit World?

Most answer with ‘Who can say?’ But that is a dangerous perspective. **BY STEPHEN FLURRY**

A MAJORITY OF PEOPLE BELIEVE there is a God. But many of these same people believe evil spirits and the devil are fictional.

More and more, popular movies, television shows, books and entertainment fixate on demonism, mysticism and the occult, including psychics, vampires and witches. But are these things actually real?

According to the *Telegraph*, a third of all phone calls received by Catholic officials in the diocese of Rome—the pope’s own backyard—now relate to requests for exorcisms (April 13).

A lot of people think that this spiritual dimension is unreal. And even those who believe in demons and a devil have conflicting understanding of what this dimension is all about.

But look at this world: warfare, terrorism, riots, torture, starvation, hatred, corruption, materialism, perversion.

Is there a *spirit* BEHIND these actions?

If you can believe your Bible, the answer to that question is a resounding YES.

‘The God of This World’

Satan and his demons—the *entire spirit world*, in fact—have been a great

MYSTERY to this world. The Apostle Paul revealed the astounding reason why this is the case: “But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the *god of this world* hath BLINDED THE MINDS OF THEM WHICH BELIEVE NOT, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them” (2 Corinthians 4:3-4).

Who is “the god of this world”? Most people would say God, the Creator. But “the god of this world” has *blinded* the minds of people to the gospel of Christ. The god who rules the world is actually Satan the devil. In John 12:31 and John 14:30, this evil being is called “the prince of this world.” We are living in the DEVIL’S WORLD!

When Jesus Christ came to Earth, He and Satan engaged in a titanic battle for its future. Had Satan enticed Jesus to sin, He would have failed, and Satan could have ruled the world forever. Christ didn’t argue when Satan boasted, “All this power will I give thee [referring to all the kingdoms of the world], and the glory of them: for *that is delivered unto me*; and to whomsoever I will I give it” (Luke 4:6). That’s because Christ knew that Satan did indeed have charge over the world and its riches.

Note that 2 Corinthians 4:4 says the devil *blinds* people to truth and reality. In fact, he has deceived mankind into believing he doesn’t even exist!

“Most churchmen today, viewing everything from the perspective of THIS WORLD TODAY, blindly assume this is God’s world,” educator Herbert W. Armstrong wrote. “They see certain forces of evil in it, and these they feel they must oppose. They see the Christian duty to be that of working to make this a better world. *That concept is a wrong viewpoint altogether.* This is *not* a world of God’s making. *This is SATAN’S world!* Satan is the invisible god of this world. He is the author of its organization, its basic philosophies, its systems of government, business, society—yes, and RELIGIONS!” (*Plain Truth*, November 1960).

This is vitally important truth. Do you recognize the devil’s influence in the world over which he is *prince* and *god* today? Or are you one who is *blinded* to it?

“The fact that holy angels and evil spirits are invisible does not negate their existence,” Mr. Armstrong wrote in *Mystery of the Ages*. “In truth the invisible spirit world is more real than the material and the visible.”

There is a spirit realm, an invisible dimension of life, that is *more real* than

this physical world we experience with our five senses every day!

This spirit realm has more influence on our world, and even on your life, than you realize. In Ephesians 2:2, Paul told converted Christians, “Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to *the prince of the power of the air*, the spirit that NOW WORKETH IN THE CHILDREN OF DISOBEDIENCE.” Believe it or not, Satan *works* in people, constantly influencing the thoughts and actions of human beings!

Seem unbelievable? Just take a look at today’s headlines and see if that doesn’t make complete, logical sense.

“Satan moves on the human spirit within people to move them in attitudes of envy, jealousy, resentment, impatience, anger, bitterness and strife,” Mr. Armstrong wrote. “People have no realization of the tremendous power of Satan. The human spirit within each human is automatically tuned to Satan’s wavelength. It seems as if Satan has surcharged the air over the entire Earth with his attitude of self-centeredness and vanity” (ibid).

This is an extremely important fact to recognize: Satan broadcasts on our wavelength, and we are *automatically tuned in*.

The Origins of Evil

How did Satan and the demons come into existence? The biblical revelation on this point is plain, but it must be pieced together from several different passages.

John 1:1-2 reveal that God and the Word existed eternally. These two lived in total unity as the only Beings in the universe since before time began. They are professional Creators who devised the universe and all living things in it (verse 3).

Did they create a devil, and demons?

God *did* create angels to help Him create, govern and manage His creation. Angels are ministers, agents and helpers in God’s creation. They are servants of God, playing a critical role in fulfilling His eternal purpose. The Bible reveals angelic elders (Revelation 4:10), armies (Revelation 19:14), and cherubim covering God’s throne (Psalm 99:1).

The archangel Lucifer was one of just two covering cherubs (see the description in Exodus 25:17-20 of the construction of the “mercy seat,” which was a type of God’s throne).

In Ezekiel 28, God conveys a message to this great angelic being through the Prophet Ezekiel. He refers to Lucifer as “the king of Tyrus.” We know this isn’t speaking of a human being: The physical ruler is referred to as “the prince of Tyrus” in verse 2; and God describes this “king” in terms that could not possibly apply to a mortal man.

Here is God’s message to this spirit being: “Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; ... the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire” (verses 12-14).

God created and educated Lucifer for his assignment on Earth’s throne, which was placed in the Garden of Eden—before human beings were even created! Lucifer received this special training from the “holy mountain of God,” God’s throne!

“Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created,” verse 15 begins. God could not instantaneously create a being of greater talent and beauty than Lucifer. As created, Lucifer was perfect. God *did not* create the devil! He created a *perfect* angelic being. But He gave that being *free moral agency*—the power of choice.

The end of verse 15 reveals what then happened: “TILL INIQUITY WAS FOUND IN THEE.” Lucifer *became lawless* by sinning against God’s law of love.

God intended for Lucifer to administer a universe government based on His

His throne! In a parallel passage, the Prophet Isaiah revealed the attitude that created the problem: “For thou [Lucifer] hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north” (Isaiah 14:13).

Notice: Lucifer’s rebellion started *in his heart*—with VANITY! This being became so vain that he actually thought a mutiny on God’s throne would succeed!

“When Lucifer allowed thoughts of vanity, jealousy, envy, lust and greed, then resentment and rebellion, to enter and occupy his mind, SOMETHING HAPPENED TO HIS MIND!” Mr. Armstrong explained. “His mind became *perverted, distorted, twisted!* His thinking became warped. God gave him and the angels control over their own minds. They can never straighten them out—never again think rationally, honestly, rightly” (ibid).

Lucifer—the “light bringer”—became Satan, the adversary of God and of everything that is good.

At that point, God forcefully cast this rebel down (verses 14-15; Ezekiel 28:16). This catastrophic fall took place probably millions of years before the creation of man.

This great immortal archangel had been placed on Earth to use God’s government and laws to prepare to take over the entire universe, but now he and his demons can’t roam the heavens at all.

In the end time, quite recently, another major spiritual battle took place in which Satan and his demons were again cast down and confined to this Earth. This is described in the import-

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supreme law of *giving, cooperating and serving*. But Lucifer thought he could accomplish more by competition, giving rise to *sin, violence, destruction, competition, misery and unhappiness*.

Lucifer became so prideful and arrogant that he attempted to evict God from

ant prophetic book of Revelation: “And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old

serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him” (Revelation 12:7-9).

Here again, this evil spirit being, this “great dragon,” is described as he “which deceives the whole world”! What a lightning-bolt statement of his awesome power!

“Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time” (verse 12). Yes, the angels of heaven REJOICE over the fact that Satan and his demons are trapped on Earth and can’t bother them. But what about us, who inhabit the Earth? To us God says WOE! Satan’s powerful influence over our world and its affairs has *never* been as strong as it is right now! Demonic activity has never been so intense!

Again, look at the news. Look at our society. Is it possible you are looking at human beings who were created in the image of God—but who are being directly influenced by Satan the devil?

A Battle You Must Face

Most people do not recognize the influence of evil spirits. That does not change the fact that they are subject to and continually affected by them. True Christians, however, should not be so ignorant. We must be engaged in daily, regular spiritual *warfare*, resisting these satanic broadcasts.

“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might,” the Apostle Paul wrote. “Put on the whole armour of God, that ye

may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places” (Ephesians 6:10-12).

Though Satan and his demons are spiritual and invisible, they routinely seek to aggravate and exploit our human nature, which exists to whatever degree we have come under their sway.

Our struggle against these enemies becomes easier with God on our side. Our spiritual lifeline to God is crucial. It is completely *unnatural* for us to think like God. It takes diligent, focused effort to *tune out* of Satan’s broadcast and *tune in* to God’s wavelength. We must take a stand with God through prayer, Bible study, meditation and fasting.

“[T]ake courage,” Mr. Armstrong wrote. “The awesome human potential, if we care enough about it to *resist* Satan’s wiles and evils and discouragements and to persevere in *God’s way*, is infinitely superior and higher than Lucifer’s—even as created, *before* he turned to rebellion and iniquity!” (ibid).

God protects those whom He will, and empowers His Spirit-begotten people to resist the devil. But what must we do in order to receive this protection and power? “*Submit yourselves therefore to God. RESIST THE DEVIL, AND HE WILL FLEE* from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded” (James 4:7-8).

What a wonderful promise! What marvelous hope God offers. Understand the reality of the spirit world, utilize your spiritual lifeline, *submit to God*—and FIGHT and CONQUER Satan! ■

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at the same time, the seeds of religious deceit, division and rebellion lie hidden within this constitutionally mandated freedom.

For various reasons, Americans regularly exercise their right to shop around for another religion more to their liking, or some just invent a new one. Now our young generation is opting to have no religion at all. At this point, very few of the *nones* plan to return to any flock.

The Core Problems

Nones complain of three main problems in modern American religious denominations.

1. *The bloated request for and the misuse of money.* One of the most famous religious organizations found guilty of the misuse of charitable donations was the *PTL Club* television ministry founded by Jim Bakker. “More were disgusted by Bakker’s materialism and the financial fraud that eventually sent him to prison than by his sexual mishaps,” writes James White. The misuse of money has led many to no longer trust America’s mainstream Christian denominations.

2. *The involvement of the religious right in politics.* Beginning in the late ’70s, conservative Christian clerics urged members to involve themselves in the political process in response to the rising tide of liberalism that began in the ’60s. They believed that a strong and organized voice in politics could prevent more social disintegration. Socially conservative candidates were promoted, financially supported and backed up by the voting power of conservative Christians. The Religious Right became identified with the Republican Party, and flexed its muscle during the 1980 presidential election, ensuring that Ronald Reagan became president.

Initially this partnership was seen as a good thing. However, by the 1990s (the same time the *nones* came into view) many other Americans grew skeptical of the relationship between politics and religion. Gallup polling in the mid-’80s showed that most Americans began to oppose the idea of religious groups campaigning against specific

Angels and demons are real.

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candidates. However, most agreed that religious leaders should speak out on the moral implications of public issues—something that has always been an honored tradition in American history.

3. *Christianity has become too critical, judgmental and pushy.* Nonaffiliated young Americans are blunt in their views of modern Christians. The most often used words to describe today's Christians are: abrasive, self-righteous, anti-homosexual, judgmental, hypocritical, old-fashioned, out of touch with reality, insensitive, boring, intolerant of others' faith, and confusing. Many young *nones* hold a strong anti-Christian bias. Earlier this summer Fox News featured a story about a young software engineer who was denied employment with a high-tech firm because employees—his future co-workers—discovered he was a Christian. They petitioned their management that the man not be hired.

Nones' Faith: 'Our Own Little Voice'

If we are honest with ourselves, American Christianity is guilty of even more significant and tragic errors than the three most often discussed by the *nones*. Too many Church leaders are guilty of souring people on God and religion. That is the subject for another series of articles, or even books. Yet the existence of the *nones*—now the second-largest religious contender on America's landscape (Evangelical Protestants rank first)—shows that current Christianity has enough cracks and fissures that a hard shake could bring down the house.

The 2012 Pew Forum, "Nones' on the Rise," tells us that the typical *none* is male, a liberal or moderate and a Democrat, not necessarily an atheist, not hostile to organized religion but doesn't want to belong to one, supportive of abortion and same-sex "marriage," white, and more than likely lives in the Western United States. When interviewed, many *nones* insist they still believe in God. Yet the foundation of their belief is definitely not traditional—or biblical. The *nones* have a murky belief system that is simply a reflection of the secular society around us.

Three out of 10 believe in a spiritual energy in physical objects and in yoga as a *spiritual* practice. Twenty-five percent believe in astrology and reincarnation. Nearly six in 10 say they have a

deep connection with nature and the earth. Three out of 10 say they have *felt in touch* with someone who is dead. Fifteen percent have consulted a psychic. It would not be correct to say that the *nones* are a part of the New Age movement or any other religious movement. Essentially, they believe that there is a lot of truth to go around, so they pick and choose what truth they *want* to believe.

In a study titled "Habits of the Heart," sociologist Robert Bellah features an interview with a woman named Sheila. "I believe in God. I'm not a religious fanatic. I can't remember the last time I went to church. My faith has carried me a long way. It's 'Sheilaism.' Just my own little voice," she declared. Sheila gives us a clear insight into the shallow religious thinking of most *nones*.

Herein lies the danger for *nones*. When people pick and choose truth—then essentially there is *no truth!* What truth do *nones* pick and choose about God? We can be fairly certain of what truth they would *not* pick: Nobody would choose a God of power and authority who requires obedience to spiritual law and adherence to absolute truth! *Nones* don't care a whit about absolutes. *Nones* would only choose a God who thinks just like them.

Actually isn't this the number one problem in our American and Western society as a whole? We have interpreted freedom of religion, and freedom in general, to mean that we can pick and choose to believe what we want, and act like we want—without regard to law or constituted government authority.

Those of us of the older generations must accept the responsibility that we opened the door for the rise of the *nones*. Now that the door is open, it is unlikely we can stem the tide from flooding in.

Every person in this world needs absolute truth. We all need more *right* religion and a lot more knowledge of the true God—not *NONE!* Our youth are going in the wrong direction, and as they mature, they will take society with them.

This trend is not good. Yet there is hope.

Religious Change Is Coming

God gave the Apostle Paul exciting prophetic insight into our chaotic world. "But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of

money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people," he wrote to his beloved son in the faith, Timothy (2 Timothy 3:1-5; English Standard Version). These few verses are a perfectly accurate picture of American society today. We may claim to be a Christian nation, but we are not living up to Christ's high standards.

Verse 5 in particular describes the *nones*. They can say they believe in God and assume the appearance of godliness, but they deny the very power of God.

Here is the good news. "But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men," continued Paul (verse 9). Jesus Christ is going to return and bring an end to all the folly we have created in religion, government and society. There is a new world coming that will be full of peace, right religion and satisfying happiness.

Until that day, you as an individual can get on the right track spiritually. Jesus Christ promised that His Church would never die (Matthew 16:18). Christ's one true Church is alive and well on Earth today.

If you have been called by God (John 6:44), you can find that Church. How? Get to know the Bible well. Use the Bible to measure your doctrinal beliefs and religious observances. If the Bible does not support what you believe and do, flee from it! Then, use the Bible as your compass to search out and guide you to Jesus Christ's Church. ■

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MOBILIZED A train transports Russian military vehicles near the Ukraine border.

Putin's plan in Ukraine: Invade, wait—and invade

AS REPORTS BROKE ON June 3 concerning a new eruption of heavy fighting in eastern Ukraine, a picture took shape suggesting that Russian President Vladimir Putin is following a blueprint of expansionism that dates back thousands of years.

It's a blueprint that warfare historian Victor Davis Hanson calls "invade, wait—and invade." In an article from March, Hanson explained: "From Philip of Macedon to Napoleon, aggressors ... took as much as they could at any given time; then backed away for a bit, if they sensed strong opposition was building—only to go back on the offensive when vigilance waned" (*National Review*, March 24).

Hanson pointed out that for many aggressors throughout the ages this method of expanding territory was successful.

For modern Russia, the first part of that blueprint happened last year when Putin grabbed Crimea from Ukraine. After the annexation, opposition built from the Ukrainian government with some backing from NATO and the United States. Putin

backed off.

Russia then repeated several iterations of "invade, wait—and invade" in parts of eastern Ukraine. The campaigns placed most of Donetsk and Luhansk under de facto Russian control.

Then, since February, a ceasefire had quieted the Ukraine crisis considerably.

But now, Putin sees that the U.S. has basically accepted the new reality that Crimea belongs to Russia. He views this, alongside European division and American indecision on every front, as evidence

Britain to further cut defense budget

BRITAIN WILL CUT ITS defense spending by \$770 million, the government announced on June 4. The 1.5 percent cut in spending comes after the country has already cut its defense budget by nearly 10 percent over the past five years.

"After an extraordinary 300-year run, Britain has essentially resigned as a global power," the *Washington Post* wrote, summarizing the state of the United

that the opposition is fading.

The new flare-up of violence could mean that, for Russia, the middle part of the military blueprint—the "wait"—is over once again. It could mean Russia is ready to bring more of Ukraine under its control. If Moscow could take Mariupol, it could establish an invaluable land bridge connecting the Crimean Peninsula to the rest of Russia.

The outbreak of violence also coincides with a buildup of Russian forces about 30 miles from Ukraine's border. These forces were spotted removing identifying marks from troops and tanks. With insignia removed, Russia could send these forces into Ukraine while denying official involvement.

Ukraine's president said Putin is planning a "full-scale invasion." Maybe he is right, and the violence will become an overt Russian invasion. But maybe Russia's advance will remain intermittent, murky and somewhat tenuous: Surprise the opposition—then endure their sermons, back off and bore them with inaction. After all is quiet, do it again. Here a little, there a little. Invade, wait—and invade. ■



UK referendum on EU membership ignites Scottish leadership

SCOTLAND'S TOP POLITICIAN has warned that a future United Kingdom referendum on leaving the European Union could spark a new drive for independence in Scotland.

In Brussels on June 2, First Minister Nicola Sturgeon called for a "double majority" system in the 2017 referendum that would require the support of England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland before the United Kingdom could leave the EU. Under her proposed system, the UK would only leave the EU if a majority voted to leave in each of the four nations.

Sturgeon warned that a British in/out referendum "would provoke a strong backlash" if it was decided by a simple majority of Britons. Scotland is largely seen as supporting Britain's place within the EU. ■



Meanwhile, in Germany, where defense spending has long been unpopular, the government is slowly moving in the other direction and increasing spending. Berlin is recognizing that an increasingly unstable world requires more defense spending, not less. ■

China suspected in worst-ever hack on U.S.

HACKERS STOLE THE PERSONAL data of about 14 million current and former United States government employees in a cyberattack believed to have been launched from China.

“This is the most significant breach of federal networks in U.S. history,” House Homeland Security Chairman Mike McCaul said on June 7.

China denies any involvement in the attack.

“In my judgment, this was an attack by China against the United States government,” McCaul said. “It quantifies to espionage. And that raises all sorts of issues that we need to deal with.” McCaul added that the “threat indicators” suggest that it was China, “and perhaps nation-state sponsored.”

Experts are calling this security breach “potentially devastating,” with one even asking, “What if Pearl Harbor happened and nobody noticed?”

The information stolen in the federal personnel records give hackers a wide avenue to intimidation, blackmail and identity theft. But that’s not the worst part of it. The specific data stolen also include information about drug and alcohol problems, arrests, bankruptcies, Social Security numbers, and sensitive information regarding spouses, relatives and friends. Possessing this kind of data gives hackers great power over 14 million government workers, past and present.

Glenn Harlan Reynolds, a University of Tennessee law professor, said, “With this sort of information, China will find it much easier to recruit agents, blackmail decision-makers and—in the event of a straight-up conflict—strike directly at

Americans in the government, all without launching a single missile.”

The obvious vulnerabilities of America’s computer systems also raise

the prospect of electrical grids or other computer-dependent systems being neutralized.



China surveys waters off Hawaii

CHINA HAS DEPLOYED MARITIME surveillance vessels to the waters off the coast of Hawaii, according to a May 30 report by the *Want China Times*. The Taiwan-based publication says the provocative Chinese move is a “countermeasure” against United States activities in the South China Sea.

Over the last 18 months, China has assumed a more aggressive posture in its claims of more than 90 percent of the vast South China Sea. During this time, Chinese forces have built approximately 2,000 acres of artificial landmass on disputed reefs in the area. China’s People’s Liberation Army Navy is building military facilities on the islands

Since 1995, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry has warned that reliance on computer technology would become America’s “Achilles’ heel.” In the January 1995 edition, he cited Ezekiel 7:14—“They have blown the trumpet, even to make all ready; but none goeth to the battle”—and said, “The trumpet of war was blown in Israel—mainly America and Britain. It seems everybody was expecting our people to go into battle. But the greatest tragedy imaginable occurred! Nobody went to battle—even though the trumpet was blown! Will it be because of a computer terrorist?”

The *Trumpet* has warned for years that a major cyberattack could cripple America. This massive hack announced in June exposes that America’s cyberdependence is indeed among the nation’s most vulnerable points. ■

and has issued threats to U.S. surveillance planes tracking the construction.

China’s deployment of surveillance vessels near Hawaii comes on the heels of an announcement by PLA Senior Col. Wang Jin saying the strategy of coastal defense can no longer adequately serve China’s national interests. Wang made the remarks during a May 26 press conference about the release of China’s ninth defense white paper. The implication of the white paper is that a blue-water navy is needed for Beijing to pursue its overseas interests.

The defense white paper also said China must ready itself for a conflict with U.S. forces in the South China Sea. ■



Cuba dropped from U.S. terrorism list

PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA formally removed Cuba from the United States’ list of state sponsors of terrorism on May 29. The decision advanced the president’s goal of thawing relations between the former Cold War enemies.

In 1961, the United States cut its ties with Cuba; in 1982, it designated the nation as a state sponsor of terror after the Caribbean nation sponsored Communist rebels in Latin America and Africa.

On April 14, the Obama administration announced its intention to change Cuba’s designation but gave Congress 45 days to oppose it. Congress declined, but did oppose the president’s request to lift an economic embargo on Cuba.

It is expected that the U.S. and Cuba will reestablish diplomatic ties and normalize relations in the near future, despite the nations’ radically different worldviews and political systems. The Obama administration even acknowledged that, aside from repealing Cuba’s terrorism status, the U.S. still harbors “significant concerns and disagreements with a wide range of Cuba’s policies and actions.”

The Bible prophesies of a deadly economic siege against America (Deuteronomy 28:52). That siege is certain to involve enemy nations controlling trade routes—so it is not difficult to see how Cuba could play a strategic role. Request a free copy of our booklet *He Was Right* for a detailed explanation of this prophecy. ■



Bashar Assad: The beginning of the end

BASED ON CURRENT TREND lines, it is time to start thinking about a post-Assad Syria.” That was the estimate of a United States intelligence official based on events that occurred in Syria in May.

On May 21, the Islamic State captured the ancient city of Palmyra in central Syria—four days after the same terrorists seized the city of Ramadi in central Iraq. With

the capture of these two cities, the Islamic State gained control of the vast region between them, ensuring the group’s supply routes for weapons. According to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, the Islamic State now controls 38,000 square miles in Syria—more than half of the country’s territory.

The rest is essentially a battlefield where Assad

is fighting on four fronts, against the Islamic State; Jabhat al-Nusra, backed by al Qaeda; the Southern Front, backed by the United States and Jordan; and the Army of Conquest, sponsored by Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Qatar.

Reports in late May indicated that Assad was temporarily fighting alongside the Islamic State in Aleppo, northern Syria. Analysts view this as Assad’s strategy to help eliminate the rebel groups that have greater international support and thus leave the world with only two options: a barbarous Islamic State or his own regime. In such a scenario, Assad believes he would be chosen as the lesser of two evils.

Israel’s Channel 2 Arab affairs analyst Ehud Ya’ari has a different view. “Assad no longer has enough troops to move around,” he said on the channel’s news program. “Unless Iran does what it hasn’t done so far—send in their own forces in significant numbers—Assad is finished” (June 3).

This assessment aligns with editor in chief Gerald’s Flurry’s forecast in his September 2012 *Trumpet* article “How the Syrian Crisis Will End”: “Right now, Bashar Assad’s Syria is closely allied with Iran—but [Bible prophecy] shows that these two nations are about to split. This will have a domino effect on other nations. These events will really shake this world and dramatically alter the course of history!” ■



U.S. says Jerusalem is not Israel

THE UNITED STATES Supreme Court struck down a law on June 9 in what was simultaneously a blow to Israel and a win for President Barack Obama.

The law, passed by Congress in 2002, said that people born in Jerusalem could list “Israel” as the country of birth on their passports. But the court ruled that only the president can decide which countries are listed on passports and consular birth registries. The president does not recognize Jerusalem as being an official part of Israel. His position is to list no country on passports of anyone born in Jerusalem.

The 6-to-3 split deferred to President Obama, who had said Congress’s law encroached on his executive power. The ruling was also a blow to efforts to strengthen Jerusalem’s status under U.S. law as an undisputed part of Israel. And it highlights a growing divide between Israel and America. ■

Obama threatens to limit support of Israel

PRIOR TO HIS REELECTION IN March, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed that a Palestinian



state would not be founded under his watch. In a May interview, United States President Barack Obama said ominously that such

comments “make it hard” for the U.S. to maintain its support of Israel, especially within the United Nations.

Speaking with Ilana Dayan for Israel’s Channel 2, Obama said “[U]p until this point, we have pushed away against European efforts for example, or other efforts” to recognize “Palestine” unilaterally. But Israel “loses its credibility” with such comments as Netanyahu’s, Obama said.

Israel is surrounded by enemies including Iran, Hezbollah, Hamas and the Islamic State, which are

determined to destroy it. Yet, Obama said that Netanyahu is “somebody who’s predisposed to think of security first; to think perhaps that peace is naive.” He continued: “I understand [Netanyahu’s fears], but ... what may seem wise and prudent on the short-term, can actually end up being unwise over the long-term.”

As the Obama administration limits its support for Israel while appeasing those who threaten Israel’s peace and security, expect Israel’s vulnerability and isolation to increase. ■



ON THE MARCH Thousands of people in Northern Ireland demand more privileges for homosexuals.

Ireland approves same-sex 'marriage'

SIXTY-TWO PERCENT OF Irish voters cast their ballot to legalize same-sex "marriage" on May 22. All but one of Ireland's 43 districts approved same-sex "marriage" by popular vote.

Ireland has been a deeply Catholic nation. In 1979, more than 1 million—more than a quarter of the nation's population—showed up for John Paul II's visit to Dublin. The *New York Times* recently contrasted this heritage to

the homosexual "marriage" vote: "[I]t underscored how different Ireland is today for the young, who turned out in droves to vote. In a little more than a generation, Ireland has both distanced itself from the church and sharpened its secular identity" (May 25).

As late as 1983, Ireland adhered to Catholic teachings with a two-thirds majority referendum outlawing abortion. Over the years, however,

more and more Irish have changed their minds.

Although Ireland was the first nation to legalize same-sex "marriage" by popular vote, many other countries have legalized it. The Netherlands paved the way in 2001, followed by Belgium in 2003, then Canada, Spain and South Africa. Whether legalizing these unions or simply affording them more rights, many countries' views on homosexuality have changed in the last 30 years.

The decline of traditional nuclear families deeply affects nations. Herbert W. Armstrong, founder of the *Trumpet's* predecessor, the *Plain Truth*, warned a half century ago that a downward moral plunge would pose a greater threat to our society than even the hydrogen bomb. Morals in society are becoming threadbare, yet people celebrate homosexual advancements as though they are victories.

For more information on how this trend is impacting society, request a free copy of *Redefining Family*. ■

Americans continue to shift left on key moral issues

AMERICANS VIEW A MUCH wider range of behaviors as morally acceptable than ever before, according to a survey released May 26 by the polling organization Gallup.

The survey found that in 2015, 63 percent of Americans view homosexual relations as morally acceptable, a 23 percentage point increase since 2001. Approval for having a baby outside of marriage increased 16 points in the same time frame.

Divorce and sex outside marriage saw an approval increase of at least 12 percentage points. Other issues that have seen surprising increases in support are polygamy, cloning humans, and doctor-assisted suicides.

Of the 19 moral issues tested, the only ones that saw decreases in acceptability were the death penalty and medical testing on animals. ■

California water shortage grows as Lake Mead nears crisis

CALIFORNIA IS SUFFERING its worst drought in 1,200 years, and the news keeps getting worse. Lake Mead, one of the state's most important water reservoirs, has hit a historic low. On June 12, the water level fell to just over 1,075 feet above sea level. That is almost 143 feet below capacity and the lowest level since the reservoir was filled.

With little snowpack in the Rocky Mountains, the Colorado River may flow at record low rates this summer. Federal forecasters originally predicted the river would flow at 71 percent capacity.

Now they say it could fall to 50 percent or lower.

Water levels are so low that analysts now wonder if the Hoover Dam's electricity-generating capacity could be impacted. KPBS reported May 4 that since last year, 12 million trees have died across the state due to the drought. Many more are primed for fires.

The Colorado River provides water for 40 million people across the Southwest. Cities such as Los Angeles, San Diego, Phoenix and Las Vegas are critically dependent on its flow.



DRYING OUT Parched soil at Lake Mead in southern Nevada

After 15 years of drought, every major water reservoir in California is below its historical average. For cities, water cuts so far have mostly been an annoyance. For some farmers, however, they have been devastating.

Rationing water will not solve California's water

issues. God clearly says that He controls the weather and that He causes it to rain on one field and not on another (Amos 4:7). He does this to communicate to mankind by giving blessings for obedience and curses for disobedience. California is being cursed. ■

when you realize that the White House and Justice Department are pushing to do the very thing the president says he can't do: control local police forces.

White House insider and civil rights leader Al Sharpton expressed it best two days later when he told a crowd of reporters in Baltimore, "WE NEED THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TO STEP IN AND TAKE OVER POLICING IN THIS COUNTRY. IN THE 20TH CENTURY, THEY HAD TO FIGHT STATES' RIGHTS WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO FIGHT STATES ..." (emphasis mine).

He is advocating a diabolical tyranny!

This isn't just sloganeering. If you pay attention, you can see how it is being done. First, local police forces are being discredited. In a series of these high-profile race-related cases—Trayvon Martin, Ferguson and Baltimore, as well as the case of Eric Garner in New York—the Justice Department has conducted its own investigation. The implication is clear: Local police forces cannot be trusted because they are racist. After these investigations, even if no wrongdoing was found, Justice Department investigators unearthed other data they said confirmed that police departments were racist against blacks and minorities—even departments with many black officers and in cities primarily run by black officials.

The Department of Justice says that because black people are charged with more crimes than would be expected based on their population, that proves police racism. It says this is due to "implicit" or "unconscious" bias by officers unaware of biases in their actions. They are supposedly subconsciously biased.

This is part of the Department of Justice's justification for initiating investigations into police departments. The DOJ boasted in December: "Over the last five fiscal years, our Civil Rights Division has opened more than 20 investigations into police departments across the country—more than twice as many as were opened in the previous five fiscal years."

The federal government is also making police departments in cash-strapped neighborhoods dependent on federal handouts. Last December, after Michael Brown's death in Ferguson, President Obama said he wanted to make sure police were using their surplus military and military-type equipment properly.

He also proposed over \$300 million in federal funding for local police forces to buy equipment like body cameras.

The implication is that if police departments want federal money, they must toe the official Justice Department line and adopt its policies. And they must open themselves up to Justice Department advisers, whom many see simply as witch-hunters and agitators.

Here is some more *truth*: The president has people moving into cities and taking over police departments in order to straighten them out! The federal government is getting more and more control. It has a *stranglehold* on the police even now. The Obama administration seems to view each new prominent race-related police story that explodes into the news as an opportunity to seek more control.

THEY ARE TEARING DOWN THE POLICE, THE NATION'S LAST LINE OF DEFENSE. They have already torn it down to a great extent. DO YOU KNOW WHAT COMES AFTER THAT? AS I wrote last month, *our cities will be burned with fire* (Isaiah 1:7). That nightmare is already starting, and could break out and spread throughout the nation overnight!

'Because of Transgression'

As I wrote in my booklet *America Under Attack* (request a free copy), Satan the devil is working to tear down the United States. That is his goal. He and the demons have been cast down to Earth, they know they have only a short time left, and they are full of wrath (Revelation 12:12).

As that booklet explains, a technique that the devil has used time and again throughout history is to empower a leader who is able to do his damage from within. Believe it or not, this is exactly what is happening to the U.S. today. I urge you to get a copy of *America Under Attack* for proof of this truth.

Why would God allow this to happen to the United States? Believe it or not, God does not put the primary blame on a political leader, the way that so many commentators tend to do.

In one of the Bible's prophecies of this calamity, it explains the reason why this destructive leader is able to come to power. It is a prophecy of a time when this happened within the Church of God to destroy it from within, but the same

principle applies to the United States in this end time. It is in Daniel 8:12, which says that this individual was empowered to do his destructive work "by reason of TRANSGRESSION, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered." This prophecy is explained in *America Under Attack*.

God is allowing this attack "by reason of transgression"—because of the **TERIBLE SINS OF THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA!**

The U.S. has sinned and turned away from God about as far as it possibly could.

As we show in our free book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, America has a history with God. It has received wonderful blessings from God. Yet look at how our nation is living today. God says we have become like wicked Sodom and Gomorrah! (Isaiah 1:10). He is **DISGUSTED** with our morals and our spiritual lives! The nation's conduct has gotten so bad that, as I wrote last month, **GOD SAYS, EVEN WHEN YOU LIFT UP YOUR HANDS AND PRAY TO ME, I WILL NOT ANSWER YOU!** (Isaiah 1:15). He is talking to America! He warns that our cities are going to burn with fire (verse 7), but says that when we ask for His help, He will refuse!

All of this is happening because of transgression. When we are caught up in sin, God will not protect us against the devil—and we don't stand a chance against him and his demons without God's protection. Satan is simply too powerful.

So now, a man is leading this nation to its death, but the people deserve the blame most of all. God *allows* it to happen, and **HE BLAMES**—not that man, or even Satan—but **THE PEOPLE WHO ARE TRANSGRESSING**.

We must see what is happening in America today as God does. We have to recognize the cause, and see the spiritual dimension. Then we can look at Bible prophecy and see exactly where it is leading. It is far more serious than the vast majority of people recognize.

But in the end, these nation-destroying problems are actually *correction from God* to help us see our sins and repent of them. The same Bible that prophesies of our cities burning shows that ultimately, all this suffering will help bring this nation to its senses and prepare us to submit to God once Jesus Christ returns to this Earth. Thank God for that! ■



Is Your Home Uplifting?

A checklist of qualities to cultivate in day-to-day family life

“YOU ALWAYS HURT THE ONE YOU LOVE,” THE OLD SONG SAYS. In public, around strangers, we tend to be polite and gracious. But at home, we can easily let down, and be more petty, crabby, critical.

Is your home an uplifting place?

How do you talk to your family? Your mate, your children?

How do they talk to you and to each other? Are your interactions laced with negativity, sarcasm, guilt trips, nettles and mean-spirited humor? Or are they positive, respectful, concerned for the other?



JOEL HILLIKER

Want a go-to checklist you can fall back on when you feel like home life isn't quite right? Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8. It tells us what God's love looks like *in action*. Measure your family life against this list. It

shows you how to practice selfless love toward those closest to us.

“Love is patient and kind ...” (verse 4; Revised Standard Version). That means being patient with each other's faults and weaknesses—which we are more aware of in our family members than anyone else. Imagine if God were only as patient with your weaknesses as you are with your family's. “Kind” means performing kind acts—*acting* on your love, even in little ways.

“[Love] is never rude” (verse 5; Moffatt). Our manners, our etiquette, our standard of conduct—how we present ourselves to others, must never be rude. Extend these same courtesies not just to strangers or acquaintances, but also to your own family. In *The Missing Dimension in Sex*, Herbert W. Armstrong elaborated on this point: “During the dating and romance stage, both groom and bride-to-be put a ‘best foot forward.’ They are careful about manners, grooming, the courtesies. Then after marriage comes the ‘let down.’

“If you want a happy marriage, be far more particular about all such things *after* marriage than before. Be careful about your sleeping garments—be sure they are neat, clean, attractive to the other. Be careful about your hair—especially on rising in the morning. The very first thing I try to do on rising is to get a comb and brush, before my wife sees tousled and messed-up hair! ...

“Ever notice how people answer the telephone? A wife calls her husband at his place of business or work. He answers: ‘Oh, it's *you*. Well, I wish you wouldn't bother me now. I'm busy.’ But if some other woman might call on a matter of business, his voice is cheerful, courteous, warm and friendly. And of course it's the same when hubby calls the wife during the day. She's warmly cheerful and polite to all but him. She feels, ‘Oh, he's only my husband.’ ...



“If you *must* be cross, discourteous, or appear tired before someone, let it be *anyone* else—but *never* your husband or your wife! Don't ever utter the alibi, ‘Oh, but we're married, now.’ Be lovers, as long as you live!”

“[Love] seeks not her own” (1 Corinthians 13:5). Moffatt says, “[Love] is never selfish,” and the Revised Standard Version says, “Love does not insist on its own way.” This world needs more of this kind of love—a love that is never selfish. Not around your worst enemy, and not around your spouse. Within your family, strive to always meet the needs of your spouse and children before your own.

This is perhaps the most fundamental key to making family relationships work. If everyone is looking out for the other rather than himself, there is plenty of overlap to meet everyone's needs and many of their wants. That's God's love! It's not, “I'll give you this if you give me that.” It is never selfish. It's unconditional.

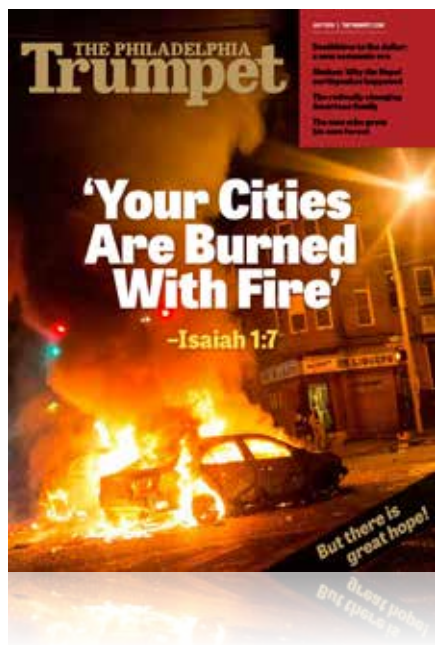
“[Love] is not easily provoked.” If you are loving your family, you are never irritated. How easy to violate this principle! You're tired, stressed—something hits you the wrong way at the wrong time—and **BAM!** you lash out at someone—usually a loved one. Your spouse and your children are the ones who see you in your most trying moments. But God's love is never irritated. It finds a way to control itself, even under difficulty. God's love is not easily provoked—it is not too touchy or sensitive. Even if someone does wrong us in some way, God's love will let it go.

“[Love] is always eager to believe the best, always hopeful, always patient” (verse 7; Moffatt). We live in a negative world. But with this love, you still have a positive, hopeful outlook. You see people for their strengths and their potential—as God does. Even those in your family. You concentrate on what you admire in them. You recognize their growth, their personal victories, their achievements.

The author Goethe said, “If you treat an individual as he is, he will stay as he is; but if you treat him as if he were what he ought to be and could be, he will become what he ought to be and could be.” How true that is among our families! How much can you help your family grow by cultivating a positive attitude toward each member?

Everyone needs appropriate praise and appreciation. Especially our impressionable children. Sometimes we can get into a bad cycle of always seeing their mistakes. This can be a trap. When you see something praiseworthy, tell them so! You'll see them blossom like a flower receiving water.

Let's make our homes training grounds in putting God's love—the most positive force in the universe—into action, every day. ■



For July, the *Trumpet* keyed in on China's attacks on the dollar, the reason for the Nepal earthquake, and America's changing family. Gerald Flurry's cover story trumpeted, "Your Cities Are Burned With Fire" (theTrumpet.com/go/12629). Your reactions:

"Racially charged unrest is actually exploding all over the world. Just like in the days of Noah. Witness the recent Rohingya refugee crisis and the Yazidi genocide as examples."

Peter Thomas MALAYSIA

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Tremendously powerful message! Thank you for speaking the truth and not the smooth lies and deceits that are heard from politicians and the "leaders" of this world.

Marty ARIZONA

One of the best articles I have read. Really hits home. Thank you. You have restored tremendous hope in me and made me realize the work that lies ahead as we obey our God.

Miriam Manning FLORIDA

Understanding economy

We are reminded that a forecast was made by Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong three decades ago of how a U.S. financial crisis would destroy the American economy and lead to a United States of Europe ("Deathblow to the Dollar," theTrumpet.com/go/12630). Through a series of recent articles you have prepared us with details of the American banking system, fractional reserve lending, fiat money, of shadow banking and "quantitative easing." These articles have prepared the way for our greater understanding of this article, which requires our full attention in these end times. Truly this is one of the signs of the times. Thank you for your efforts in keeping us fully aware of our future.

George Robertson
CANADA

Biblical prophecy is explicit in forecasting America's decline. Beyond that, it foretells exactly which power will replace the U.S. as the world's preeminent economy, and it includes a chilling description of the frenzy of participation it will arouse from greedy and unprincipled investors and merchants all over the planet.

It is truly a horrifying picture of the post-American world.

Arslan UNITED KINGDOM

Leap for joy

This story made my spirits soar and literally excited me ("The Man Who Grew His Own Forest," theTrumpet.com/go/12632). "Leap for joy" would express my physical emotion. I bet God is smiling too. What an awesome example.

Wanda Furer HAWAII

I googled this gent and read some of the stories online; yours is the best as it's written from God's perspective.

Branko

How nice to read something positive for a change. It just goes to show how one person can make a difference.

Susan Hire INDIANA

Required reading

An excellent article indeed ("Churchill on Moses," theTrumpet.com/go/12636). This should be required reading for all statesmen, thought leaders and students of law.

Prince Azariah INDIA

Topic to study

This is going to be the topic of our family Bible study this weekend when I have my children ("Just Eat the Mustard," theTrumpet.com/go/12640). I experience this all the time. Thank you for the invaluable insight and perspective we as parents need to have to raise our children properly and to manage ourselves.

James Kupiec FLORIDA

Contentment, the poor man is rich with it and the rich man is poor without it!

Majella AUSTRALIA

A Lesson for Today From Pompeii

Living in the shadow of one of the world's most threatening volcanoes **BY ROBERT MORLEY**

SOME 3.5 MILLION ITALIANS LIVE IN THE SHADOW OF MOUNT Vesuvius. Much of Naples is built on its green slopes.

Their idyllic life is built on the soil of one of the most cataclysmic, chilling disasters in human history: the destruction of Pompeii.

In A.D. 79, Mount Vesuvius erupted. Searing, toxic clouds of superheated gas and fire charged down the slopes at more than 300 miles per hour. Ash blackened the sun; day turned into night. Pyroclastic flow buried the Italian city of Herculaneum. For the inhabitants of Pompeii, a worse but equally inescapable fate awaited.

“[D]arkness fell, not the dark of a moonless or cloudy night, but as if the lamp had been put out in a closed room,” wrote Pliny the Younger, who witnessed the cataclysm from across the Bay of Naples. He described a strange cloud that looked like a pine tree shooting out of Vesuvius.

What he was seeing was a column of volcanic gas, magma bombs and cinders shooting skyward at supersonic speeds out of the mouth of the volcano. As the particles spread and cooled, they began to rain down—forming the characteristic Italian Stone Pine tree shape, or mushroom cloud.

The unfortunate inhabitants of Pompeii who did not flee at the first rumbles were poisoned and buried by the fallout.

More than 1,900 years later, it is hard not to be moved by what archaeologists have found beneath the layers of cinders. It is far more than just the lifeless city that is frozen in time. The inhabitants’ ash-charred final moments of agony are preserved too:

A mother sheltering her infant. A father covering his son. A man pulling his coat over his mouth to breathe. A family fleeing for the harbor and a chance to escape only to be overcome by fumes. Lifeless bodies adorned in jewelry, their most prized valuables—but no amount of treasure could save them.

Death for these people came suddenly and catastrophically. Scientists say the first breath of the superheated gas would have vaporized the internal organs. For others hit by slightly cooler fumes, their charred forms remained to be buried—and hidden for the next 1,669 years.

One morning, Pompeii was a bustling, prosperous vacation destination. The next, it was empty, plain, wiped clean of life.

Today, on the very slopes where death and destruction rained down, a new modern metropolis stands. Not far from the beautifully constructed Roman frescoes and excavated bathhouses of Pompeii are grocery stores and nightclubs. New docks

and harbors and a yacht club line the shores where merchant warehouses once stood.

Their presence is a monument to the unteachability of human nature.

To this day, Vesuvius remains one of the world’s most threatening volcanoes. It is alive. It shudders. It has erupted more than 30 times since destroying Pompeii. It killed 4,000 people in 1631. It killed 2,000 more in 1906. Its latest eruption was 1944.

City planners know the mountain will erupt again—it is just a matter of time. They say 600,000 people live in the most dangerous “red zone.”

Contingency plans require up to 20 days for full evacuations. People know this. They also know that if the volcano erupts again, they probably won’t escape.

Although monitoring devices are in place to warn of the volcanic activity, “if there is a major eruption with little warning and the winds are blowing toward Naples,” says Field Museum geologist Philip Janney, “you could have tremendous loss of life.”

How weak is human nature. Failing to learn from history, we become *complacent*—dulled to danger. Even history that is preserved before our eyes—the bodies of people incinerated while fleeing the very ground we now live on—can become remote and unreal.

It is alarmingly easy to “put far away the evil day.” In a prophecy where He described what the world would be like before His Second Coming, Jesus Christ warned against *complacency* (Matthew 24:36-39). “Watch therefore,” He

continued: “be ye also *ready*: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh” (verses 42, 44).

When we watch the world around us, we need to actively work not to become numbed. We must not let ourselves begin to think that we are living in normal days—that what is happening has always happened. Extraordinary, unprecedented, earthshaking events are making headlines with increasing rapidity. Prophecy is being fulfilled like never before. The ground is rumbling. Don’t ignore it. Don’t become desensitized. Realize just *how quickly* the evil day could be here.

“[T]ake heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares,” Christ warned. “For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth” (Luke 21:34-35).

Christ gave this warning so you could be among the few who *escape* the terrible events soon to strike (verse 36).

But like the residents of Pompeii and Herculaneum, most will not escape the coming world explosion. People remain confident in their own power. They deceive themselves and hold fast to an illusion of security. Meanwhile, this world hurtles toward the prophesied days of reckoning at pyroclastic-flow speeds.

“For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then **SUDDEN DESTRUCTION** cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape” (1 Thessalonians 5:3).

Flee complacency—before it is too late.



UNIGNORABLE Mount Vesuvius rises above the ruins of Pompeii.

Being totally teachable is a biblical principle. God is the great Educator, and He has a lot to say about this subject. It is a *wonderful* lesson that this world desperately needs to learn.

God *wants* to teach us. In Isaiah 28:9, He asks: “Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.” We must be weaned from dependence on flawed human beings—including ourselves—and become totally teachable before God.

If you are teachable before God, He will direct you in the right path and build your life into a magnificent success.

Steve Jobs was totally teachable in technology, but often not in other areas of his life. So his success was quite limited.

In verses 7-8, God says people “in that day”—in this end time—“err in vision.” They refuse to let God teach them. And God will allow them to go out like the great innovators, industrialists and leaders of this world and make a total mess of this planet! Ultimately, however, once they become spectacular failures, and after they experience the blackest, darkest times this world has ever known, they will finally want God to teach them!

God says that it is His great desire to “cause the weary to rest” (verse 12). I can guarantee that you will SOAR in success if you get yourself and your flaws out of the way and become *totally teachable* before God. That is the goal. We are all imperfect, but our goal needs to be *total teachability*.

We must be teachable if God is to work with us. He looks to the man who has a humble spirit and a high degree of respect for His every word (Isaiah 66:2).

In fact, right now God is building an A-team of teachable people—people He is training to teach the whole world, soon!

It only makes sense that teachers should be teachable. Yet so many teachers today are stubborn and deceived; they shouldn't be teaching anyone at all.

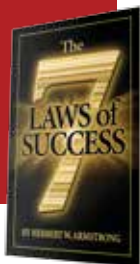
There is a way to really excel in this life: Don't look to men—certainly not to yourself. Look to the great Teacher!

Much like Steve Jobs went about his technology business, we must learn to be totally teachable and get everything and everyone else out of the way so God can teach us. Become totally teachable, and you will experience your own Act III—a spectacular success! ■

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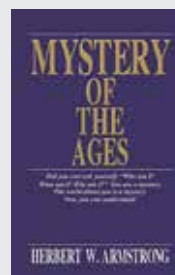
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