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Nuclear Iran—the Point of No Return?

“LIKE MANY PHYSICISTS WHO WORKED ON THE Manhattan Project, Richard Feynman could not get the Bomb out of his mind after the war. ‘I would see people building a bridge,’ he wrote. ‘And I thought, they’re crazy, they just don’t understand, they don’t understand. Why are they making new things? *It’s so useless.*’

“Feynman was convinced man had finally invented something that he could not control and that would ultimately destroy him. For six decades we have suppressed that thought and built enough history to believe Feynman’s pessimism was *unwarranted*” (Charles Krauthammer, *Time*, April 3; emphasis mine throughout).

Mr. Krauthammer said that the real problem with allowing Iran to become a nuclear power is ultimately *human survival*.

How could anyone see it otherwise? Yet many leaders refuse to face the facts.

He went on to write: “If nothing is done, we face not proliferation but *hyperproliferation*. ... Iran is the test case. It is the most dangerous political entity on the planet ...

“IF WE FAIL TO PREVENT AN IRANIAN REGIME RUN BY APOCALYPTIC FANATICS FROM GOING NUCLEAR, WE WILL HAVE REACHED A POINT OF NO RETURN. It is not just that Iran might be the source of a great conflagration but that we will have demonstrated to the world that for those similarly inclined there is no serious impediment.”

Is this really “a point of no return”? Or, understanding human nature, did we reach the point of no return when we invented the atomic bomb?

Krauthammer concluded, “No one knows the precise prospects for human extinction, but *Feynman was a mathematical genius who knew how to calculate odds*. If he were to watch us today about to let loose the agents of extinction, he’d call a halt to all bridge building.”

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad believes he was given his office by the Twelfth Imam, a messianic figure. And *why* was he given the presidency? To provoke a “clash of civilizations.”

Has there ever been a greater state of madness in the leader of a strong nation? Iran is the number-one terrorist-sponsoring nation in the world, and it is flooded with oil profits. Its leaders plan to mass produce nuclear weapons.

This world should be very afraid!

Amir Taheri is an Iranian journalist formerly stationed in Iran. He wrote in the *Weekly Telegraph*, April 19-25: “Tehran’s Shia regime believes that its nuclear weapons will speed the second coming of the Mahdi [their messianic figure] ...”

CHRISTIANS SHOULD RECOGNIZE THIS AS A DIABOLICAL COUNTERFEIT OF WHAT CHRIST SAID: “For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be *shortened*, there should no flesh be [“saved alive,” Moffatt translation]; but for the elect’s sake those days *shall be shortened*” (Matthew 24:21-22).

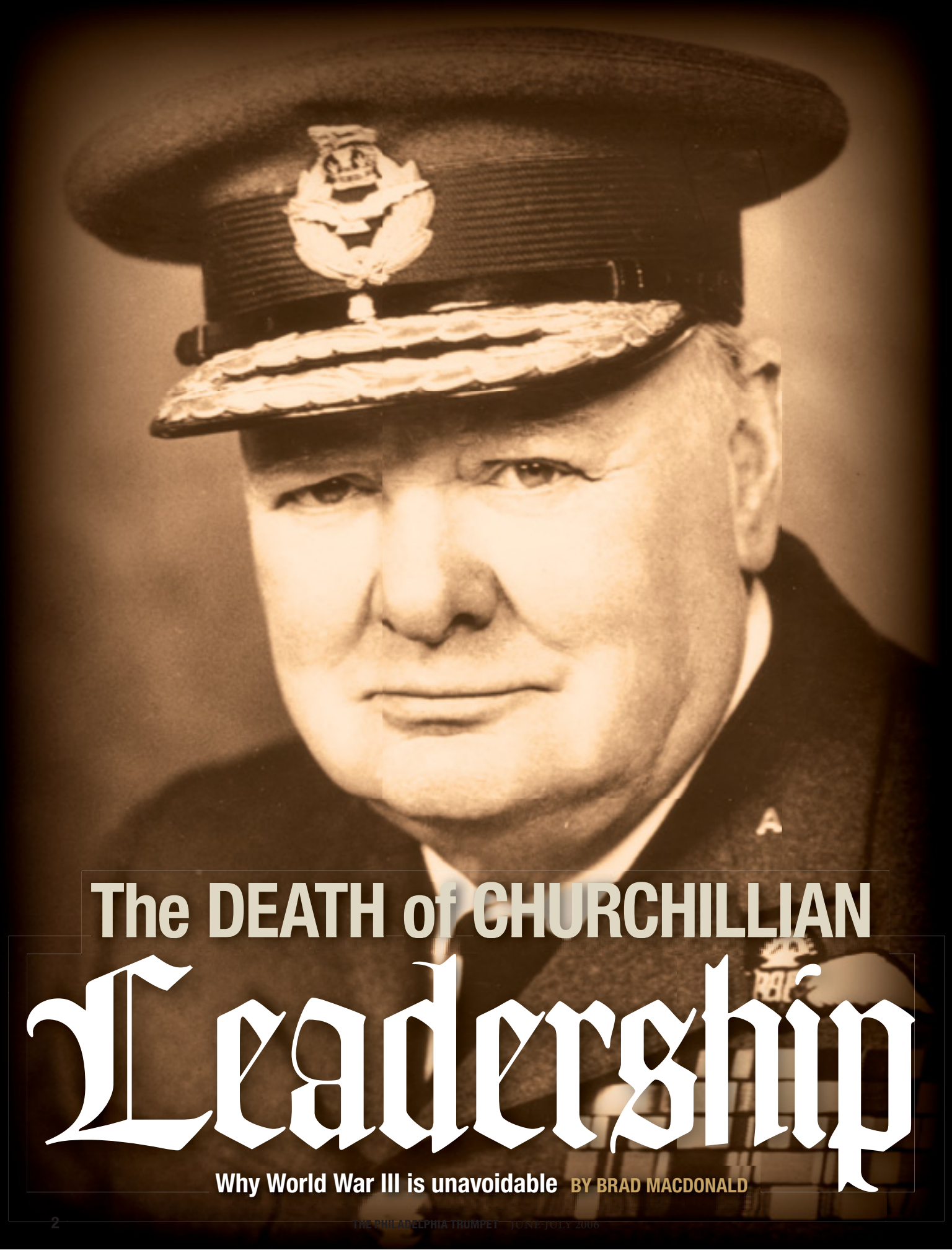
Christ is going to shorten the days and return just before man destroys every human being on this planet with nuclear weapons! Nuclear warfare is going to “speed the Second Coming” of CHRIST—not the Mahdi.

Ahmadinejad believes America and Israel lack the will to stand up to his continual *pushing* in the Middle East and elsewhere.

He is right!

Ahmadinejad has openly boasted that Israel will be wiped off the map, in “one storm”—implying a nuclear storm.

Our number-one problem today is that of human survival. The good tidings are that mankind will survive and flourish—*after* the worst suffering ever. ■



The DEATH of CHURCHILLIAN

Leadership

Why World War III is unavoidable BY BRAD MACDONALD

CHURCHILL CALLED IT “the Unnecessary War.” Though Hitler caused it, his evil intentions would not have provoked global conflict had they been met sooner by resolute resistance from the Allied leadership of Britain, France and America.

The ineptitude and weakness of British leadership during the 1930s was one of the greatest catastrophes of World War II.

British leaders were plagued by a mindset of appeasement and an unwillingness to confront reality. Politicians lacked courage and insight. A tyrant was rising up across the English Channel, yet few had the foresight and mental fortitude to speak about Hitler’s imperialist intentions.

Allied pacifism fostered the rise of the Nazi war machine!

Hitler spent the 1930s securing his dictatorship, even killing off political competitors. By blending force with a subtle spin campaign, he garnered the support of most of the German population. He stoked the fires of German factories and churned out military hardware at an unprecedented pace. He cast aside the Versailles Treaty and transformed the German Army. These actions made it clear: Hitler was spoiling for war!

Prior to becoming chancellor in 1933, Hitler wrote *Mein Kampf*, in which he outlined his hideous beliefs and ideology. Hitler, in fact, spent two decades preparing for World War II. This tyrant declared war on the Jews and Western civilization *long before* his tanks steam-rolled Europe.

Despite this very public campaign for war, the leaders of France, Britain and America remained embarrassingly silent. Britain and France were the most powerful nations in the region, *yet they did absolutely nothing*.

Germany hastily rearmed while Britain’s leaders slumbered!

This truth isn’t widely discussed today, but the facts are evident: World War II could have been avoided, but weak, passive leadership made it *inevitable*!

By contrast, the divinely inspired, honorable leadership of Winston Churchill rescued Western civilization from the mouth of the Nazi beast. With Churchill at the vanguard, Britain and America finally harnessed their incomparable power to conquer Hitler and the Axis powers.

This history teaches a crucial lesson: *World affairs hinge on national leadership*. Poor leadership destroys nations. High-quality leadership saves nations.

Strong leadership is a national blessing from God. Speaking before the United States Congress, Churchill himself acknowledged the existence of a higher power, even stating his conviction that a divine *purpose* was being worked out here below. Though in many ways the destiny of Western civilization was in his hands, this staggering responsibility didn’t deter Churchill because he believed in a higher power.

Churchill’s leadership during World War II was a blessing from God. God saved Western civilization *through* the leadership of that man!

Bible prophecy tells us that because of America and Britain’s disobedience in this end time, *God has removed strong leadership from these nations*.

Good leadership is a blessing resulting from obedience; *weak leadership is a curse resulting from disobedience!*

Isaiah is a book of prophecy for our day (request our free booklet *Isaiah’s End-Time Vision*.) Consider this *end-time* prophecy in Isaiah 3: “For, behold, the Lord, the Lord of hosts, doth take away from Jerusalem and from Judah the stay and the staff, the whole stay of bread, and the whole stay of water. The mighty man, and the man of war, the judge, and the prophet, and the prudent, and the ancient, the captain of fifty, and the honorable man, and the counselor, and the cunning artificer, and the eloquent orator” (verses 1-3). God is cursing Anglo-America by stripping these nations of high-quality leaders. Why? It is a *curse* from God that has come as a result of our peoples refusing to acknowledge Him as the source of our prosperity and blatantly disregarding His laws.

THE HISTORY LEADING UP TO WORLD WAR II IS REPEATING ITSELF TODAY—except, this time, *because of this curse*, there will arise no Churchill.

The Importance of Leadership

During the two decades prior to the war, the British Navy dominated the seas. Its colonies provided access to a wealth of raw materials from around the globe. The pound sterling was the world’s reserve currency; London was the seat of the global financial system. Britain possessed all the elements of a global superpower.

Still, this powerful force failed to prevent the greatest, most destructive war in history. *How could this have happened?*

Respected international relations expert Hans Morgenthau highlighted the importance of national leadership in his book *Politics Among Nations*. He stated, “Of all the factors that make for the power of a nation, *the most important, however unstable, is the quality of diplomacy*” (emphasis mine throughout). Here is where Britain failed.

The most powerful empire in the world is *nothing* if it isn’t helmed by quality leadership. Economic supremacy means little if it isn’t managed and administered by quality leaders. It is the diplomacy, or leadership, of a nation that combines the facets of power to make a nation powerful and influential.

Morgenthau continued, “Diplomacy, one might say, is the brains of national power, as national morale is its soul.” A nation’s leadership is responsible for giving meaning and direction to all the other elements of national power. “If its vision is blurred, its judgment defective, and its determination feeble, all of the advantages of geographical location, of self-sufficiency in food, raw materials, and industrial production, of military preparedness, of size and quality of population *will in the long run avail a nation little*.”

That statement aptly describes British leadership during the 1930s. Sadly, *it also describes British and American leadership today!*

Today’s Leadership Void

Though the United States is a mighty power, our leaders’ vision is blurred, our judgment is defective, our moral core is corrupt, and, above all, our determination is feeble. This failure in leadership has made America a *lame-duck* superpower.

“A nation that can boast of all these advantages [of national power], but not of a diplomacy commensurate with them, may achieve *temporary successes* through the sheer weight of its natural assets. In the long run, it is likely to squander the natural assets by activating them incompletely, haltingly and wastefully for *the nation’s international objectives*” (ibid.). This is the story of recent history for America, Britain and the British dominions.

Anglo-American nations possess the greatest militaries and economies in the world, but these qualities of power are being squandered through half-hearted solutions and lack of will within the leadership.

WARRIOR WATCHMAN

Britain’s World War II prime minister is credited with saving Western civilization.

Consider, for example, America's inconclusive forays in recent years and decades: Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War, Somalia, Rwanda, Afghanistan, Iraq. What is there to show? Great expenditures in effort, treasure and lives have done nothing to stop the marked rise in global anti-Americanism. Lack of decisive leadership and failure to follow through in these conflicts, though in some cases having won "temporary successes," *has not achieved "the nation's international objectives."* Rather, it has rendered these ventures largely valueless as far as America's national interest goes.

The U.S., to its shame, simply did not learn the lesson of World War II. Between the two world wars, America, though it possessed juggernaut potential, had negligible impact, simply because it refused to help solve international problems. Not only was it Britain's lack of clear-sighted leadership that allowed Germany to rise uninhibited, but most significantly, America's refusal to enter World War II until it was literally bombed into it at Pearl Harbor in 1941.

"As far as the power of the United States on the international scene was concerned, the advantages of geography, natural resources, industrial potential, and size and quality of population might as well have not existed at all, *for American diplomacy [leadership] proceeded as though they did not exist*" (ibid.).

The greatest tragedy of this history is that American and British leaders have failed to recognize the results of politically correct, feeble leadership. As a result, a scenario alarmingly similar to Hitler's Germany of the 1930s is playing out. This time, however, with the advent of advanced nuclear weaponry, the stakes are considerably higher. The Anglo-American world faces life-threatening problems.

Iran is at the vanguard of a campaign to literally destroy Israel, America and the West. Islamic terrorism remains a significant threat. The powerhouses of Russia and China are nurturing distinctly anti-American and anti-Western foreign policies. And soon the emerging European superpower will flex its muscles and take on the United States. Anglo-America is under attack from every angle!

Now is the time the nations of Israel need quality leadership. There is a desperate need for wise and sound diplomacy. We need men who will *lead* us out of these problems. We need strong leaders with strong solutions!

But instead, *weak leadership is once again facilitating the rise of tyrants.*

It is *tyrants* who are filling this world's leadership void. Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad is a man whose declared foreign policy is to start World War III. He is on the verge of acquiring nuclear weapons. As was the case with Hitler, Ahmadinejad's rise has been largely fostered by the weak leadership of the United States.

Earlier this year, former U.S. President Bill Clinton shared some foreign-policy advice: "Anytime somebody said in my presidency, 'If you don't do this, people will think you're weak.' I always asked the same question for eight years: 'Can we kill 'em tomorrow?' If we can kill 'em tomorrow, then we're not weak, and we might be wise



enough to try to find an alternative way."

This advice may sound wise; certainly at times it is prudent to put off a decision in search of an alternative. This policy, however, has a serious flaw: Often, *inaction becomes a terminal disease.*

This disease infected Britain's actions throughout the 1930s. British politicians continually put off dealing decisively with Germany. It wasn't until Germany's invasion of France in May 1940 that they accepted the need for *urgent action.*

Because American leadership fails to see the reality of its problems, it procrastinates. Other global powers are exploiting this procrastination!

Because America fails to deal with them, problems with Iran, Russia, China and radical Islam are *driving the world inexorably toward catastrophe.*

Why No Churchill Today?

Though our own perilous situation mirrors the 1930s, there is one major difference: Leading up to World War II, a lone watchman manned the vigil, frantically warning his nation to take action against the dragon across the English Channel.

Where is today's Winston Churchill? As elected officials, most of our politicians have become more concerned with telling people what they want to hear than with

speaking truth. Most leaders have grown too concerned with position and power and are losing sight of their responsibility toward the people and the nation.

Winston Churchill refused to be pushed into such a position.

The 1930s were Churchill's "wilderness years" because he possessed little influence in the British government. During this time, Churchill warned profusely of the rise of Germany and of the need for Britain to meet this threat. But politicians and citizens alike thought he was a war-monger and refused to take him seriously. Today, such unpopularity would persuade many leaders to soften their message.

Churchill refused to cower, even if speaking the truth made him the most unpopular politician in the land. He placed the truth and reality above everything, even personal gain.

This is the mark of a true statesman. Honorable leaders always put the nation and the people before themselves.

While other politicians sought to please the people by telling them what they wanted to hear, Winston Churchill was warning them about harsh reality.

Our leaders today lack the *watchman* quality of Churchillian leadership. Where Churchill faced the dangerous truth, leaders in America and Britain today live in a world of *illusion!*

Churchill told British members of Parliament in 1932, "I cannot recall any time when the gap between the kind of words which statesmen used and what was actually happening in many countries was so great as it is now. The *habit of saying smooth things and uttering pious platitudes and sentiments to gain applause*, without relation to the underlying facts, is more pronounced than it has ever been in my experience."

Because they were in the *habit* of telling the people what they wanted to hear, Britain's leaders failed to warn the nation about the beast rising on the Continent. As Germany armed itself to the teeth, the British nation was literally on holiday. Britain's leaders spoke only smooth things.

Are our leaders and people today any different?

Winston Churchill refused to soften or change his views for the people or the party leadership. Is there such a leader in Britain or America today? Even if there were, people lack the will to elect such a leader. He would never be given an office.

Today's leaders are heavily influenced by the media, their big business support-

ers and their quest to satisfy their voters. Strong leadership, however, will not be hemmed in by such things. It does not confuse popularity with wisdom.

While globe-threatening problems gather, our leaders bicker, hamstrung by the perceived need to cater to a multitude of special-interest groups.

Divisions within the U.S. government are becoming poisonously vicious. Politicians increasingly express heedless criticism, blind bias, arrogance and even hatred for their opponents. Crude and offensive remarks are commonplace. Politicians have grown more passionate and personal in their character assassination. They approach their responsibilities like spiteful children.

Former members of Congress, both Republican and Democrat, say the political atmosphere is worse than ever and has become so hostile that it is killing the government's ability to manage crises. Timothy Roemer, a former Democratic congressman from Indiana, said, "There is not only a poisonous partisan attitude in Washington, but it seems to be paralyzing Congress from acting on some of the most important national security, economic and energy-related issues facing Americans. ... It is more divisive than I have seen in my 20 years in Washington" (*Washington Times*, June 27, 2005).

Selfishness and personal bias are increasingly the pervading attitudes. Too many politicians care more about "assassinating" each other's principles and character than about destroying terrorists and other threats to national security.

Our leaders have degenerated to a child's level in judgments and decisions: "And I will give children to be their princes, and babes shall rule over them" (Isaiah 3:4). Politicians are childish in more ways than one. Seeing our nation's leaders lambaste one another with childish names and personal abuses makes this analogy very apt.

The horrors of Nazi Germany would have overwhelmed Western civilization if not for the quality leadership of Winston Churchill. Today, the world lies in the foothills of similar horrors. There is a desperate need for Churchillian leadership.

But what is that? What separated Churchill from other leaders? What facets of leadership helped save Western civilization from destruction? Though we must realize it would take more than a Winston Churchill to save us today, there are elements of leadership urgently needed in our politicians and diplomats today.

1. GREAT LEADERS ARE SELF-EDUCATED

Prestigious degrees from renowned universities do not make a great leader. Often, if a person relies too heavily on a spoon-fed education without really considering and *proving* what is being taught, his leadership can be short-sighted. Unless it combines with self-education, modern education can handicap a person's leadership.

Churchill spent years educating himself rather than simply accepting as truth the liberal doctrines of universities.

In his book *Never Give In*, Stephen Mansfield discussed the importance of Churchill's self-education. Regarding education, Mansfield wrote, "When it is done well, it can unleash a people's destiny. But when it is done poorly, it degenerates into a soul-numbing process that more often than not *kills the spirit of creativity and leadership*. Sadly, many have suffered under this kind of pitiless ineptitude ..."

Some of the most vehement opposition to Churchill in the 1930s came from Britain's most renowned universities. Oxford was one of Churchill's staunchest enemies. It was blanketed in the fog of liberalism and pacifism. (This problem is far worse today. See page 18.)

Churchill studied a range of subjects, constantly weighing what he was reading against history and experience. Winston Churchill, his son Randolph later said, "became his own university."

As a young soldier in India, Churchill spent hours every day reading books. "The discipline of self-education that Winston so passionately and aggressively practiced during those hot Bangalore afternoons remained with him throughout his life. He read ravenously and broadly, *laying the foundation for the kind of leader he would one day be*. By doing so, he proved that knowledge does not belong alone to the school or the professional, but to the hungry and willing, to those who refuse to surrender to the power of knowledge or the paths that lead to greatness. *It is indeed the mark of an 'exceptional man'*" (ibid.).

Weak leaders take knowledge at face value and never test its veracity. Quality leaders, on the other hand, do not allow knowledge to be haphazardly poured into their minds. They test everything they receive. Self-education is a mark of quality leadership!

2. GREAT LEADERS STUDY AND PONDER HISTORY

Modern education does not place enough importance on history. It does not teach the lessons of history upon which quality leaders richly depend.

History has repeated itself for generations. Churchill stated, "It is my earnest hope that pondering upon the past will give guidance in the days to come." He was a true historian. "History was the way he understood the world, the lens he used to bring reality into focus. Churchill thought historically, meaning that he understood life in terms of generations, great men, the succession of ages, heroic events, noble conflicts and the linear connections of time. For him history was more than something to study; *it was a way of thinking*" (ibid.).

During the 1930s, Churchill simply looked at the recent history of Germany and knew that the nation was spoiling for war. *It wasn't hard to see*—but because of people's innate shortsightedness due to their refusal to acknowledge history, few recognized what was before their eyes.

The same problem persists today. Our leaders must look through the lens of history to learn about the future.

Leaders of America and Britain, in particular, need to view Germany and the Vatican today in light of their history. For example, on February 16 this year, German legislators agreed to reform the system of governmental checks and balances installed by the Allies after the Second World War as a means of ensuring the likes of Hitler could never again sabotage the country's political system. When this was first proposed, Stratfor commented, "For better or worse, some of those checks are about to be voted away. And although the Bundeswehr was not looking for a flat place to march across the last time we checked, Germany's neighbors have got to be developing a bit of a nervous twitch as their long-occupied-and-divided neighbor begins thinking for itself again" (Nov. 10, 2005). If the leaders of Anglo-America studied their history, they would be pondering deeply what is taking place in Germany right now.

"It is my earnest hope that PONDERING upon the PAST will give guidance in the days to come."

—CHURCHILL

3. GREAT LEADERS STUDY THE LIVES OF OTHER GREAT LEADERS

Much can be learned about the present and future by studying *leaders* of the past.

Winston Churchill spent years studying great historical leaders. Their actions shaped his own leadership. His military mastermind was heavily influenced by his study of the military ventures of Napoleon and other greats. He wrote a book about the military genius of his great uncle, John Churchill, the Duke of Marlborough. He habitually gleaned guidance from history's most towering figures. The lives of great men held the keys to greatness, which Churchill strove to emulate.



INFLUENCES

Napoleon and the Duke of Marlborough were two military greats Churchill studied.

These studies taught Churchill that “men, exceptional men of character and vision, shape history by rising to the challenge of great events” (Mansfield, op. cit.). He knew that history is shaped by the leadership of great men.

Today's leaders could learn a lot about sound and honorable leadership by emulating this quality of Winston Churchill.

4. GREAT LEADERS ARE STUDENTS OF HUMAN NATURE

The Bible informs us that the hearts of *all* men are wicked and evil (Jeremiah 17:9). It also tells us that even mankind's goodness is like filthy rags compared to God (Isaiah 64:6). This is a reality that mankind denies.

Modern education teaches that men are inherently good. It blinds students to the reality of the human heart.

British politicians during the 1930s were blind to Hitler's evil motives. This man's actions should have convinced them he was preparing for war, but Prime

Minister Neville Chamberlain—and most of Britain—allowed themselves to be deceived by Hitler's words.

Churchill's understanding of human nature enabled him to see through the rhetoric. Understanding human nature means looking at the fruits and accepting reality. Quality leaders are not fooled by words—they look at actions.

The leaders of the English-speaking peoples need to learn this lesson today. Leaders of such nations as Russia and China can say pleasant words, but their actions speak something very different. America refuses to take seriously the fact that China is wresting control of sea gates around the world; Washington sits back and lets this happen, failing to acknowledge that China's control of strategic shipping lanes could be used against it in the future. America dillydallies with Iran, believing diplomats can “talk” the nation into changing its ways. Though Tehran's actions demand to be confronted, Western leaders continually give Tehran the benefit of the doubt.

Human nature gravitates toward catastrophe. Leaders today must grasp this reality if they ever want to solve the problems that plague their nations.

5. GREAT LEADERS FACE REALITY

Winston Churchill accepted the reality of Germany's political and military revolution. He accepted the fact that Germany was preparing for war. This reality drove him to warn Britain that it too must make preparations.

Even as late as 1938, British politicians and public alike continued to believe Germany could be appeased: In a desperate attempt to placate Hitler, Britain agreed to Germany's annexing Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland in exchange for a promise by Hitler to make no further territorial demands.

The leaders gave the people what they wanted to hear. Tragically, the reality was very different from what the people were told.

Many of America's and Britain's leaders today are largely blind to the perils of the present world. Not only do they underestimate the threat from Iran, but they also fail to see the challenges posed by Asian nations and, particularly, the dangers of a united Europe. If such blindness persists, these realities will soon destroy these nations.



STRENGTH AT LAST

As prime minister, Churchill greets a British public enthusiastic for his wartime leadership.

6. GREAT LEADERS SEE THE BIG PICTURE

Churchill saw the big picture of German rearmament. Occasional reports indicated setbacks for Germany or brought news that Germany had signed a new peace treaty. Churchill didn't let these red herrings distract him. He never lost sight of the fact that Germany was rearming and preparing intensely for war.

Too many leaders today allow themselves to be distracted. The focus is too often on which foreign policy will make a leader look good in the polls tomorrow—not what will be good for the country in the next decade, and the next generation.

In the Middle East quagmire and the war against terrorism, clarity of vision requires seeing the big picture: recognizing that the core problem—the prime sponsor of terror and instigator of anti-Americanism and anti-Israelism—is Iran.

Economically, if America really accepted the big picture—that the U.S. is indebted to and at the mercy of the rest of the world—it would take action.

Leaders today often nurture pet policies or preconceptions that prevent them from having a broad-enough perspective and seeing the real dangers.



The End Result

World War II teaches us that weak, inept and pacifist leadership propels a nation toward disaster. The disastrous quality of American and British leadership during the decade prior to the war left a massive void in global leadership.

Hindsight being 20/20, it's easy to look back and ask, *what were America and Britain thinking?* For years they could have prevented World War II!

What will history say about the actions of these nations today? Circumstances are alarmingly similar to those of the 1930s! Serious dangers are escalating because of poor-quality leadership.

Winston Churchill was always urgent, highly conscious of *time*. "When the situation was manageable it was neglected," said Churchill in a 1935 speech to the House of Commons, "and now that it is thoroughly out of hand we apply too late the remedies which then might have effected a cure."

"There is nothing new in the story. It is as old as the sibylline books. It falls into that long, dismal catalog of the fruitlessness of experience and the confirmed unteachability of mankind. Want of foresight, unwillingness to act when action would be simple and effective, lack of clear thinking, confusion of counsel until the emergency comes, until self-preservation strikes its jarring gong—these are the features which constitute the endless repetition of history."

What a condemning statement! We haven't learned from history—even the recent history of Churchill and World War II! Now we are just waiting for the "jarring gong" to awaken us.

Rather than denazify Germany after World War II, the Allies simply asked Germany to denazify itself. It didn't! The Nazis simply went underground. Now Germany is back on the scene with increasing power and political influence. The ugly factions are about to gain control again. Already they are throwing their weight around—after the world has seen their grisly past in living color! That should be enough to teach us that we are going to have to deal with yet another militant Germany.

As Churchill said in 1934, "Germany is a country fertile in military surprises." Germany has already caused two world wars. And according to Bible prophecy, it is destined to start a third! (Request a free copy of our booklet *Germany and the Holy Roman Empire*.) As Churchill said, it is "the endless repetition of his-

tory." And the leadership void created by a hugely powerful but indecisive and weak-willed U.S. is destined to open the way for a new tyrant to emerge in Europe—one who *will* deal decisively not only with Iran and the terrorist threat, but any other threat it perceives.

The "endless repetition" of our foreign-policy weakness plagues us. The prophecy in Isaiah 3 warns of the demise of Churchillian leadership in Anglo-America in this end time. This deficit in America and Britain is fueling the rise of the most despotic rulers in history. No one is doing anything to prevent nuclear war from erupting!

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7. GREAT LEADERS PONDER THE FUTURE

In May 1940, Churchill was appointed prime minister. By this time, it was almost too late to save Europe from the Nazi death-machine. Churchill was called upon in the 11th hour, yet with God's help he still managed to rescue the Continent from Hitler. How?

One factor that made this heroic deed possible was that Churchill had spent the entire prior decade planning for the war that he saw was becoming inevitable. His power of imagination and foresight was remarkable. While Britain slumbered, Churchill prepared for war.

Even as the war progressed, Churchill was able to see into the future and predict Hitler's next move. Because of this prophetic mindset, Britain was a step ahead of Hitler for much of the war.

Churchill devoted his attention to future circumstances. He used the present as his palette for imagining the future.

Today, great insight would be gained from pondering the implications of the rise of Europe, the rise of Iran, and a host of other trends. Leaders must use present conditions and facts as a foundation for imagining the future. The embryo of future events lives within current events. Only a leader with vision can discern and unravel tomorrow's problems today.



THE VANISHING “MAN OF WAR”

How the mightiest military in history is making itself vulnerable to annihilation **BY JOEL HILLIKER**

THE PROPHET ISAIAH FORETOLD a massive leadership void that would plague the modern nations of Israel and Judah. Perhaps nowhere is this scenario more dramatically and distressingly fulfilled than in the United States military.

Read Isaiah 3:1-3. Among the male leaders prophesied to be absent in our day are the “mighty man,” the “man of war,” and “the captain of fifty”—*strong men, valiant men, champions, warriors and generals*. Isaiah’s pronouncement clearly includes a *softening among military personnel*.

Could this dire prophecy actually describe America’s armed forces? The United States has funneled more cash into its military than any nation in history: close to a billion dollars a day, ev-

ery day, for over 60 years, outpacing the entire rest of the world combined. As a result, its forces have a certain air of invincibility—at least in the minds of many Americans. No one would question the fact that the military bristles with fearsome firepower and tough soldiers.

Unprecedented spending, however, does not guarantee unprecedented combat readiness. Within America’s modern military, many *policies* are also unprecedented—largely untested within major warfare—and evidence indicates they significantly impair force effectiveness. Among them: redefining what constitutes “the enemy”; shaping strategy based on squeamishness over civilian casualties; over-relying on technology; obligating *soldiers* to act as *policemen* and *peacekeepers*; increasing soldier specialization; abandoning traditional “warrior culture”; relaxing authority in the chain of command; lowering physical standards and discipline.

The “untested” policy that gives the most poignancy to Isaiah’s prophecy, however, is *sexual integration*. The U.S. Armed Forces include more women, quantitatively and proportionally, than any country in the world. History has no record of a sexually integrated military force on the scale of what the United States is attempting today.

“In other words,” says observer and analyst Stephanie Gutmann, “we are in the middle of a huge social experiment” (*The Kinder, Gentler Military*). It is an enormous experiment with life-or-death implications. Gutmann concludes: “The returns are beginning to come in ... yet the real test is sometime in the future” (emphasis mine throughout).

Exactly right. Not since World War II has the U.S. fought a first-rate global

power. Though Korea and Vietnam enjoyed the support of “second world,” Communist-bloc nations, both were poor and technologically bankrupt. Cuba, Iran, Grenada, Libya, Iraq, Somalia, Serbia, Afghanistan—all these have posed historically minor challenges to American power.

But there will come a point—most likely sooner than we expect—when the U.S. will be engaged by a truly top-of-the-line foreign military power and taxed to its limits. At that point—and that point only—will the results of this policy experiment come flooding in.

Women Warriors

With all the advancements in tools, weaponry, transportation and technology, war today is quite different from war 100 years ago.

Even so, the *single most transformative change* in the U.S. military over the past century—particularly the past generation—has been the *massive expansion of the woman’s role*.

The story of the metamorphosis of America’s all-male warrior military into an almost completely sex-integrated force has been authored by an aggressive minority of lobbyists and politicians pushing for special privileges for a select group of women. It is a story of politically correct idealists demanding the military atone for its gender-related “sins.” It is a story about buried facts, wishful thinking, duplicity, doublespeak and deliberate deceit.

Before World War I, women in the services essentially functioned only as nurses. With a few specific exceptions, their role expanded only slowly for the next half-century. But what threw the door open for women in uniform was the post-Vietnam War change from a conscripted military to an all-volunteer force.

Ending the draft might have seemed necessary in the face of Vietnam-era public protests, but as far as the military was concerned, it couldn’t have come at a worse time: Patriotism and public confidence in the military were at all-time lows. A primary strategy proposed to ensure enough new recruits in this dismal climate was to bump up the number of women soldiers. Thus, the percentage of women comprising the total force rose from 1.5 percent in 1972 to 9 percent in 1975, and continued to grow.

Soon, the all-male environment of military academies came under attack—despite the fact that the likes of West Point and Annapolis existed pri-

marily to train combat leaders, and women were barred from combat by federal law. Ignoring strong objections from military reps, civilian congressmen overwhelmingly voted to force the academies to open their doors to women posthaste. Thus, 1976 saw the first sexually integrated classes in America’s military academies—in time for America’s bicentennial, as a symbol of how far the nation had progressed in 200 years.

It quickly became clear, as military leaders had predicted, that something would have to change. The traditions and standards of the all-male academies collided head-on with the limitations of the female physique.

The Integrated Academy

The average woman is almost 5 inches shorter and over 30 pounds lighter (with closer to 40 fewer pounds of muscle and 6 more pounds of fat) than the average man. She has less than half of his upper-body strength, 20 percent less aerobic capacity, and lighter, brittle bones. She cannot run or jump as far; last as long; grip as well; push, pull, lift or carry as much.

Thus, the first females joining basic training suffered far higher rates of injury—including stress fractures, shin splints and tendonitis—which meant they visited the medical clinic three to four times more than the men. (And with more medical restrictions, they missed considerably more training.)

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Officials responded by implementing separate conditioning standards for women: In lieu of having to do a certain number of pull-ups, female cadets were graded according to how long they could hang on the bar; on the obstacle course, they could use a 2-foot step-stool to climb an 8-foot wall. Academies adopted an “equivalent training” doctrine, striving to elicit from each cadet “equal effort rather than equal accomplishment.”

In some cases, rather than create a double standard, officials eliminated the standard altogether. Certain requirements became optional; certain activities became history. Competition among platoons (which many drill sergeants considered key to galvanizing recruits and developing squadron *esprit de corps*) was stopped, in part because of the unfair ad-

vantage held by all-male platoons. Boxing and wrestling were replaced by karate and self-defense or “interpretive dancing.” Once traditional *training methods* began to be abandoned, virtually *everything* came under scrutiny.

As the rigor of physical training decreased, classroom instruction increased. Even the academic emphasis shifted away from the hard sciences, engineering, history and military tactics (subjects in which women generally expressed less interest) and more toward social sciences and humanities. (This trend had been under way for decades; introducing women to academies merely accelerated it.)

Double standards extended beyond physical performance. For example, while male cadets who wanted to quit the academies were treated as being unfit to remain, women who wanted out received counseling intended to persuade them to stay.

Male cadets struggled with bad attitudes over seeing women being measured by a less-exacting yardstick. Upperclassmen, however, could see that standards were being lowered *even for the men*. At the end of basic training, though the women who finished had felt challenged and gained a sense of pride in accomplishment, male initiates said it had been easier than expected. The fact that women had fulfilled the “same program” diminished their pride in being a cadet. It

was hard to shake the sense that they had undergone a watered-down, feminized version of the ACADEMY EDUCATION.

Sex and the Soldier

Another major concern that roared into the academies with the women was *sex*.

With young women walking the grounds, fraternization became rife, as did public displays of affection and promiscuity. Cadets who were lectured on responsibility and high standards watched their instructors flirt with female plebes, sneaking them away on weekends. Pregnancies quickly became widespread. To solve the problem, the services one by one lifted the policy of dismissing pregnant soldiers. Within a few years, they had saturated military life with sex education, introducing mandatory classes

on human sexuality and readily dispensing contraceptives. This change took the time-honored sense of military life being hard, regimented, set apart, cloistered in service to country, dedicated to austere principles of discipline and personal sacrifice—and replaced it with the perfumed atmosphere of flirtation, romance, jealousy, flings and trysts.

Adding women into the mix aggravated some problems and created brand new ones. Charges of sexual harassment proliferated as soldiers adapted to the new reality and many traditions proved wholly inappropriate. Privacy—totally nonexistent in the all-male forces—became a sought-after commodity; however, realities of military life could provide only so much of it, and soldiers had to acclimate. Single parenthood became far more problematic, simply because single mothers are many times more likely than single fathers to have custody of their children. With fully 12.5 percent of servicewomen being single moms (not to mention one third of pregnant servicewomen being unmarried), children by the tens of thousands pay the price. But the problem is hardly better for *married* service mothers: Two thirds of them are married to servicemen; almost none have husbands who are stay-at-home dads. In-service or dual-service marriages create logistical nightmares over housing and deployment—snags that are compounded when children are involved, which is the case more than half the time.

“But Why, Sir?”

The military has always been a place of strong authority and government. An effective fighting unit requires strong leaders commanding responsive soldiers.

In the new military, however—reflecting attitudes of society at large—strong authority carries a stigma, and a massive effort is under way to eliminate anything that could be perceived as an abuse of power.

During boot camp, for example, drill sergeants face a litany of rules restricting their dealings with new recruits: Don't shout, don't demean, don't overtax, don't touch. Recruits are provided a Miranda-like list of their drill sergeant's limits. “It destroys what we call our power base right there,” says a former drill sergeant at Fort Jackson. Matched with this is another list of the recruit's rights: “‘You have the right to do this, you have the right to do that,’ right on down the line,” he says. “By the time they get down to the basic training company they have this huge attitude.”

The utopian feminist ideal is one of “androgynous warriors”—men and women working shoulder to shoulder, interchangeably. When those who espouse this philosophy encounter sex-related problems, they routinely blame men for clinging to outmoded thinking or failing to control their hormones.

It apparently doesn't enter their minds to reconsider the *integration policy* that *introduced* all those problems. It is beyond them to question their own unrealistic expectations of how men and women—human beings possessing emotions and weaknesses—will act toward one another in quite intimate quarters, in a stressful and often very physical environment. As Edward Luttwak told the *New York Times Magazine* in 1997, “The Army can't do something that eluded the Franciscans. It can't run a mixed monastery.”

Nevertheless, even the feminists see that a sexualized climate, with all its attendant problems, hurts the effectiveness of a fighting force.

Recruitment Troubles, Selfish Soldiers

Ironically, President Bill Clinton was apparently one who believed that men and

women should be able to conduct themselves responsibly in a unisex setting: He strongly favored expanding the female force. Instead of turning the biggest, strongest, toughest young men in the country into soldiers, Clinton sought “a force that looks like America.” To draw more women, recruiting budgets doubled, and the percentage of women recruits promptly mushroomed from 12 percent to 22 percent. (Today, that figure has settled down to 16.5 percent.)

To make these numbers happen, however, requires a regrettable amount of game playing. At times recruiters must actually *reject better-qualified males* in order to secure the arbitrarily determined “right” number of females. Military officials insist that such quotas (they call them “goals”) do nothing to impair force effectiveness. This defies logic. *Any* criterion for the job that trumps raw mental and physical qualifications will ensure that less-qualified individuals will win through. It unabashedly sacrifices readiness in favor of politics.

Studies and recruiting efforts repeatedly prove that women are simply less interested in the military than men. Though there exists an exceptional minority, those women who join are generally more likely to think negatively about the harsh demands of military duty. They tend to view it as a short-term choice, a stepping stone to a better life as a civilian with a family. For example, whereas getting married tends to make a man more stable, solidifying his careerist goals in the service, it has the



US ARMY

COMMANDING PRESENCE

Army drill sergeants, a very symbol of authoritative leadership, have their hands tied in today's “progressive” military.

This very unmilitary-like process is followed up with regular “sensing sessions” where recruits provide “feedback” on whether they have received enough respect from their drill sergeants. Thus, drill sergeants essentially lie at the mercy of the very cadets they are supposed to lead.

The idea of training soldiers to respond to orders unquestioningly has been attacked for various reasons over the last few decades. In a 1997 *Los Angeles Times* article, Paul Richter reported, “Not long ago, the recruit asking why he had been ordered to perform some task would be told, fortissimo: ‘Because I said so!’ Now instructors

are to explain the rationale behind each order so recruits learn to think and understand and carry on willingly. ‘They've always got a question,’ sighed Master Chief Petty Officer Garry McClure. ‘Whatever it is, they want to discuss it and discuss it some more.’”

Not exactly a habit you want a soldier to develop before charging onto the battlefield, trying to defend your freedom!

opposite effect on a woman. Attrition rates are consistently many times higher among women than men.

Nevertheless, feminists in the Pentagon are intent on ensuring plenty of career opportunities for female soldiers. Such thinking was typified by this statement from Antonia Handler Chayes, undersecretary of the Air Force, during 1979 Defense Department hearings: "There must be policy changes to assure women that they can *satisfy personal career goals and ambitions* by moving up the ladder to senior management. What we achieve by barring women from combat roles is an *obstacle to career advancement*." Yes, in the new military, satisfying personal career ambitions ranks higher in priority than maximizing combat readiness—as if the military's primary purpose is not to wage war, but to *make people feel self-fulfilled*.

This sense that somehow women—or any people, for that matter—are *entitled* to military careers, even if they lack the skills and qualifications, represents a seismic shift in traditional thinking. As Brian Mitchell said in his testimony before the Presidential Commission on the Assignment of Women in the Armed Forces, "To obligate the military to employ certain people is to make the military the servant of its members, a complete reversal of the natural relationship between the service and the serviceman" (May 4, 1992).

Contributing to this trend is the fact that, in order to lure volunteers, the military must make duty more attractive using inducements such as higher pay, shorter tours, more comfortable accommodations, bonuses and other benefits (not to mention playing down the untidy fact that you may be shipped off to war, which could involve killing). *Appeals to potential enlistees all play to self-interest*.

In a way, then, it is hard to fault recruits for coming in feeling a sense of entitlement—but, of course, that doesn't exactly make for the most committed combatants. Thus, *holding on* to these individuals has necessitated that the whole culture of the services get a facelift and a makeover—better suiting it to its new members' tastes.

Declining Standards

In the past, boot camp was intended, in the words of ex-Marine Lieutenant Adam Mesereau, "to simulate the stresses and strains of war." First it broke civilian recruits down through intense pressure and punishment, then gradually built

The 5-Foot Drop

"Last month, a few dozen of Capt. Meng's privates clambered onto olive-green trucks for one of their final boot-camp exercises. The troops, traveling in an Iraq-style convoy, were 'hit' by a series of smoke-spewing roadside bombs. Enemy fighters, represented by pop-up targets, sprung from nearby prairie grass. A broad-shouldered drill sergeant ordered a counterattack.

"Instead of leaping off the back of the truck, as they would in a typical exercise, or in actual combat, the privates waited about 10 seconds for someone to walk to the back of the truck and place a ladder on its rear bumper. They then climbed down the 5-foot drop, one at a time."

—*Wall Street Journal*, "To Keep Army Recruits, Boot Camp Gets Revamp," February 16



them up into something decidedly different: a strong, cohesive fighting force of professional killers.

This "transformative" approach is out. Today's army is much more about personal empowerment: building self-confidence and self-esteem, and doing everything possible to keep each soldier feeling positive about his or her endeavors. (There are even companies that offer a personalized video of the boot-camp experience to each soldier.)

From the beginning of sexual integration, harsh discipline for women recruits took a back seat to "positive motivation," a policy later extended to *all* soldiers. Rather than shouting at recruits, drill sergeants were told to use "eyeball to eyeball instructing in a firm voice." They have changed from disciplinarians into counselors. One former drill sergeant complains that, in following the new rules, "You're not being a soldier, you're being a mama."

Whereas the old military set a standard and demanded everyone meet it or get out, the new military sounds more like a flight attendant: *Join us and stick around. If you don't like something, let us know and we'll change it for you*. Rather than requiring the same physical exertion from everyone, people are divided into "activity groups,"

and only asked to perform to the level of their group. Great care is taken to avoid humiliating anyone; self-esteem is more important than fitness. To avoid direct comparisons of the capabilities of men versus women, the military has fallen in love with a "teamwork" approach: Forget two men hauling a stretcher with a wounded soldier; the new military wants a whole *cluster* of grunts doing it. Scrupulous attention is devoted to managing the stress levels of recruits. Individual safety has become a big concern: Harnesses and safety lines are now in common use in potentially hazardous exercises—conveniences altogether absent on the battlefield.

This is the new United States military.

The latest bevy of boot-camp lifestyle enhancements intended to reduce attrition and increase graduation levels was implemented last fall. Recruits now sleep more, run less, and eat more deserts than ever before. Unsurprisingly, this confluence of factors—fewer physical demands, more personal freedoms, pressure on officers to keep weak recruits in the program—has introduced a new problem: Weight standards for soldiers have had to creep up, and now many soldiers are overweight.

ALL THESE CHANGES HAVE OBLITERATED ANY NOTION OF BOOT CAMP SIMULATING "THE STRESSES AND STRAINS OF WAR." In fact, in some cases it apparently doesn't even simulate the stresses and strains of *routine military responsibilities*, particularly among women.

Soft physical training standards, coupled with a refusal to acknowledge female performance problems, create nightmares in the field. "The GAO [Government Accountability Office] found that 62 of 97 female aircraft mechanics could not perform required tasks such as changing aircraft tires and brakes, removing batteries and crew seats, closing drag chute doors, breaking torque on bolts, and lifting heavy stands. Female missile mechanics often lacked the strength and physical confidence to harness and move warheads and to maneuver large pieces of machinery. Some had trouble carrying their own tool boxes" (Brian Mitchell, *Women in the Military*).

Such lack of capability can seriously complicate the job of a military leader and compromise a mission. In other words, it imperils lives.

The old, meet-our-standard-or-quit military training produced a specific type of soldier. "Just like McDonald's ham-

burger, anywhere you find it, the package would be expected to contain certain predictable elements ...” wrote Gutmann. “The idea was that a general standing over one of those topographical table maps with the little flags and the pushpins could say, ‘We’ll send the 187th Armor over here,’ and be fairly confident that he didn’t have to think too much about human variables—just variables like weather, equipment and terrain” (op. cit.).

By stark contrast, in today’s gender-integrated soldiery, the “personalized” training, activity groups, sliding standards—not to mention factors such as pregnancy or increased injuries—all compromise the predictability and reliability of deployed forces.

To avowed believers in the integration doctrine, however, such dangers are hardly worth worrying about.

Accept It or Else

In the midst of all this compromise and weakness, there is some force to be found: feminists strong-arming their ideology through the Pentagon.

Evidence of the increased costs and reduced combat effectiveness of a mixed-sex military is plenteous—but because it rubs the feminist lobby the wrong way, it is ignored. Policy makers disregard problems for “lack of documented evidence,” when simple observation and common sense would do. At the same time, proposed studies that *would* document the evidence are avoided. With contrary facts quashed, then, the Department of Defense continues to insist that the influx of women into the military has created zero decline in combat capability.

In addition to routinely ignoring problems associated with women’s physical limitations, the military has repeatedly proven itself too shackled by political correctness to answer this simple question truthfully: Do *psychological* differences between men and women exist—and if so, how do they influence their effectiveness as soldiers?

Feminists simply can’t decide what to believe. Feminism has traditionally been a pacifist movement. The whole of human history shows that males tend to be more aggressive than females. Many feminists say aggressiveness is a deficiency in men and contend that putting more women in charge would bring more peace to the world. Other feminists reject that idea, insisting that if society didn’t indoctrinate them to be softer, women would be just as warlike as men.

Whichever view one takes, in the end, *male aggressiveness is denounced while female aggressiveness is celebrated*. Case in point: the new American military.

In the past, the strongest, most masculine “warrior” soldiers tended to come from more conservative backgrounds—these were the men recruiters sought most aggressively and who were most interested in enlisting. Trouble is, their traditional thinking is unacceptable in the new military. Ideas contrary to feminist orthodoxy are forcibly rooted out from incoming males via sensitivity training, sexual harassment sensitivity training, values training, and conscientious monitoring. New beliefs are crammed down their throats; resistance can jeopardize a man’s job.

Simple logic tells you that, in general, the more a man is trained to be sensitive to his female unit-mates, the less his mind is being conditioned to effectively fight enemies who seek to kill him. Though many soldiers—of all ranks and both genders—readily acknowledge that sensitivity training stifles fighting spirit, the party line is that the two are absolutely compatible.

Embracing such conflicted, oxymoronic thinking has produced a military culture of doublespeak. Despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary, officials consistently deny that women cannot perform at the same level as men. They have publicly praised women as being their top performers, their most indispensable soldiers. Then the same leaders will say that women discharged from active duty for getting pregnant have *no negative effect on combat readiness*. Above all—in blatant contradiction to all reality—the official line is that *integrating women has not substantially changed the military at all*.

It simply cannot all be true.

“It’s becoming like Mao’s Cultural Revolution,” ex-Army officer John Hillen says. “Everybody knows *it’s a system built on a thousand little lies*, but everybody’s waiting for someone that’s high-ranking who’s not a *complete moral coward* to come out and say so.”

Over the years, thousands of qualified men—whose training cost untold billions of dollars—have been let go for failing to embrace the new military order wholeheartedly enough. Those who see

Should We Draft Women?

Once individuals are locked into defending the repeal of restrictions against women in combat, they can travel down some ideologically bizarre territory.

Former President Jimmy Carter, an avowed feminism supporter, worked hard to expand the role of women in the military. A couple of crises late in his administration prompted him to call for a re-statement of the draft. The legislation presented to Congress the next week said the draft needed to include women. Despite overwhelming public resistance, Carter defended the idea, saying: “There is no distinction possible, on the basis of ability or performance, that would allow me to exclude women from an obligation to register.”

The American Civil Liberties Union and the National Organization for Women (NOW)—which both opposed the draft in principle—now supported the draft for women, calling it a greater sin to draft only men. NOW countered resistance to drafting women by calling a men-only draft “blatant and harmful discrimination” against women, depriving them of “politically maturing experiences.” Just what that meant became clear when the Supreme Court ruled that a men-only draft was constitutional: NOW’s president complained that the court had “taken away our voice of protest. We can’t even say, ‘H--- no, we won’t go.’”

What an impossible moral morass: Preaching like an apostle on a holy mission for a two-sex draft—simply so you can dodge it!



MISSION IMPOSSIBLE

Try to follow the logic in the ACLU and NOW’s posture on the drafting of women into the military.

legitimate problems have learned simply to shut their mouths. Gutmann makes this observation: “The really sad thing, of course, is that it never had to be like this. *If we had had sensible, plainspoken, morally courageous leaders*, we could have had a force that continued to be appreciative of the women who ... qualify to serve, without alienating (and in too many cases actively persecuting) the men who make up—and will always make up—the majority of the armed forces” (op. cit.).

Alas—those sensible, plainspoken, morally courageous leaders have been taken away. In their place are admirals and generals who have either become true believers in the feminist cause, or who cravenly punish the men under them in order to further their own careers.

Placing Women in Danger

One of the biggest lies foisted upon an American public—which, on the whole, opposes putting women into combat—is that the military is loaded with “non-combat” jobs.

The irrefutable fact is, *the military is a combat organization. Its mission is war.*

The designation of a position as “non-combat” serves essentially one purpose: to open up more jobs to women. The line separating combat from non-combat is arbitrary and in flux: The harder the lobbying to expand opportunities for women, the narrower the definition of “combat” becomes.

Current law, passed by the Bush Pentagon, allows women to serve virtually anywhere—even *directly alongside combat units*, as long as combat is not occurring at that moment. The bizarre promise is, they will be *evacuated if combat starts*. Once the enemy telephones and announces that it is ready for hostilities, the battlefield will have a time-out until the necessary cavalcade of combat and transport helicopters, armored personnel carriers and tanks reaches the scene and escorts the battleground’s lady guests away—or so the thinking seems to go. This policy would devote pilots and drivers, combat equipment and vehicles—*during combat, when they would be most fiercely needed*—to the idiotic chore of moving women who shouldn’t have been there in the first place.

But even the idea of fielding a select group of strong, efficient, disciplined, maximally effective “combat” troops, supported by weak, gender-normed “non-combat” troops, is inherently flawed. A war front can shift in a flash: If a supply

line is attacked, or a bomb goes off in the “rear,” suddenly that is a new “front.” The fact that American women in uniform are being killed and captured is all the proof one needs that the military is not honoring—nor *can* it honor—the law restricting women from serving in combat. “Women in combat is not really an issue,” says Lt. Dawn Halfaker, who lost an arm in Iraq last year. “It is happening.”

Though civilian leaders constantly speak of the “new warfare” being a tidy, push-button, technology-driven business, reality has never matched that fiction. War is brutal, physical, demanding and deadly. Politicians can easily

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overlook that fact in the midst of relative peace. But their eagerness to plunge women into the nightmare of warfare is, in fact, *disregard* for women masquerading as *support* for women.

Some female soldiers recognize this—too late—and are not impressed. As one of them said, “Those feminists back home who say we have a right to fight are not out here sitting in the heat, carrying an M16 and a gas mask, spending 16 hours on the road every day and sleeping in fear you’re gonna get gassed.”

The number of women accepting more-combat-related jobs is just a fraction of the number of such jobs that have been made available to them. *They don’t want those jobs*. Army surveys show that *85 to 90 percent* of enlisted women strongly oppose policies aimed at thrusting women into combat. The drive to open those positions to women has come from a small group of hard-core careerist women and feminist civilian leaders.

IN ESSENCE, THE FEMINIST DREAM IS TO SEE WOMEN VICIOUSLY TORTURED AND KILLED ALONGSIDE MEN.

Sally Quinn wrote in the *Washington Post*, “If we can’t win a war without our mothers, what kind of a sorry fighting force are we? Even the evil Saddam Hussein doesn’t send his mothers to fight his war.” Some see women warriors as a sign of progressiveness. In truth, it is a sign of *barbarity*.

Women face greater danger than men in most combat situations. Physical limitations make them likelier to be injured, captured or killed. This reality also endangers the men who are forced to fight

alongside them. (Elaine Donnelly says bluntly, “No one’s injured son should have to die on the streets of a future Fallujah because the only soldier near enough to carry him to safety was a 5’2”, 110-pound woman.”) And when women are captured, experience has shown that *they are treated far worse—unimaginably worse—than male prisoners of war*. Though feminists lobby hard against rape generally, they “bravely” insist that, since women are duty-bound to serve as combat soldiers, rape in war cannot be stopped. Jessica Lynch, a poster child for women in combat, was allegedly beaten, raped and sodomized in captivity.

Shame on those decision-makers who would purposefully subject women to such abuse—only to serve their own twisted ideology!

Consider soberly: The military agency that trains pilots in survival, evasion, resistance and escape as prisoners of war actually **INCLUDES A COMPONENT TO DESENSITIZE MALE SOLDIERS TO THE SCREAMS OF THEIR WOMEN COHORTS.**

Of course, *these same men* are then expected to treat women soldiers with utmost respect and dignity, in keeping with all of the *sensitivity training* they have had forced upon them!

In the “brutish,” non-politically correct world of yesteryear, the strong were obligated to serve the weak. A traditional-thinking male seeks to *protect* a woman. An *honorable* man *shields* a female from danger and hurt. *This attitude, to the feminist, is contemptible*. And on a gender-integrated theater of combat, it introduces a host of complications. A leader is expected to view that woman not as a woman, but simply as a soldier—a grunt whom he must be able to send into harm’s way. In the up-is-down moral climate of today’s military, his *reluctance* to pitch her into the lion’s den is considered backward!

Laughing Stock

It is hard to overstate the costs associated with the transformation of the U.S. Armed Forces to integrated forces. Of course there are the physical costs—plusher accommodations; more child-care facilities; greater hospital capacity; special clothing, equipment, weapons and tools. There are

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JUDICIAL POWER

The Supreme Court has become our most powerful national institution—but what is it doing?

BY MARK JENKINS

I AM AGAINST TWO THINGS: FAMILY and religion.

The notion of preserving some archaic definition of “family” offends me. First off, who defined marriage in the first place? And if you believe certain sexual behavior is wrong—which I certainly don’t—how would you enforce your rules: by invading people’s bedrooms, trampling on the right to privacy? The spirit of tolerance demands that we allow free men to define family for themselves.

Also, the idea that God has a place in U.S. society goes against the principles I hold dear, the tenets by which civilization should be governed. Any American knows that church and

state must be kept separate. Should Muslims be forced to view publicly displayed religious messages like the heavy-handed Ten Commandments? Should a young Buddhist be forced to listen to school prayer? Should millions of atheists feel compelled to say they belong to one nation under God?

You might think I’m extreme or that my views won’t carry any weight. But think again. I am, after all, the Supreme Court of the United States of America.

The war on family and religion in the U.S. is now decades old, and one of the primary weapons of those who oppose morality is

the judiciary. Congress does not typically pass laws that are years ahead of the American people in terms of moral degradation. The president certainly has not come out against family or religion. But because of radicals in robes, family and religion are on the defensive; a tiny group of judges has created a pattern of rulings that are against God.

God Himself said it would be so. When the Prophet Isaiah warned about a lack of leadership in the modern nations of Israel and Judah, he specifically warned that God would take away the “judge”—the men who would interpret the law and properly administer justice (Isaiah 3:1-3). Today, the highest court in the land is handing down morally irresponsible rulings that violate God’s laws and attack religion and family. To do so, justices are forced to violate even the U.S. Constitution.

A Case for Law

In his classic text on constitutional law, *The Tempting of America*, Judge Robert

Bork explains the concepts of originalism and judicial activism.

Originalism means that judges look to the U.S. Constitu-

USE JUDGMENT

Behind closed doors—and openly proclaimed outside of them—our highest judges are replacing the Constitution with their own reasoning.



tion but avoid creating rights beyond those defined by the Constitution. Originalism promotes the rule of law by imparting to the Constitution a permanent, predictable meaning.

But rather than limiting themselves to the original intent of the Founding Fathers, some justices engage in *judicial activism*: predetermining the outcome they would like to see, then devising a reason to support it. Some Supreme Court justices engage in an “endless search for extra-constitutional justifications and inventions to explain their activism,” according to Mark Levin, author of the *New York Times* bestseller *Men In Black*, an exposé on the effect the expanded power of the Supreme Court is having on society.

Justice Ruth Ginsburg says a strict interpretation of the Constitution is unworkable, even going so far as to say that “boldly dynamic interpretation departing radically from the original understanding” of the Constitution is sometimes necessary. Former Vice President Al Gore may have expressed this philosophy best when he said the U.S. needs an “evolving” Constitution.

Justice Sandra Day O’Connor was willing to look well beyond U.S. law to make her rulings, even if it meant turning to foreign governments for support. She said rulings in other countries “should at times constitute persuasive authority in American courts.” She also stated that “[i]nternational law is no longer a specialty. ... It is vital if judges are to faithfully discharge their duties.” Using that reasoning, foreign law could even supersede U.S. law at times.

In his desire to give his rulings constitutional authority, Justice William Douglas wrote in 1965: “[S]pecific guarantees in the Bill of Rights have penumbras, formed by emanations from those guarantees that help give them life and substance.” In other words, according to

Douglas, rulings can have constitutional authority based

upon mere implication. This nebulous reasoning has enabled some justices to find constitutional ground in empty air.

This brand of judgment has increased judicial power far beyond what the Founders envisioned. The intended power of the Supreme Court was quite limited: Its function was to interpret law.

The roots of expanded judicial power are found in *Marbury v. Madison* (1803), the landmark case that established the right of the Supreme Court to declare a congressional act unconstitutional. Lame-duck president John Adams had tried to appoint 42 new judges on his final day in office. When Thomas Jefferson assumed the presidency, he voided 25 of the appointments. One of the judges, William Marbury, took the case to the Supreme Court.

Though the court ruled that Marbury was entitled to his appointment as a judge, it found that the court had no constitutional right to *issue mandates* to members of the executive branch. The court would not—now legally could not—order the secretary of state to deliver the appointment. Though the ruling itself was of little consequence, its language redefined the power of the Supreme Court. The principle of *judicial review*—that the court could review acts of Congress—was established, along with the potential for the Supreme Court to become a much more powerful branch of government.

Judicial review was not used again until the disastrous 1856 *Dred Scott* decision, when Chief Justice Roger Taney ruled that any congressional ban on slavery was unconstitutional because it denied property without due process. This decision clearly breached Article IV of the Constitution, which gives Congress the power to establish “all needful rules and regulations,” and also ignored the reality that free black men had exercised voting rights in five of the original colonies. In his dissenting opinion, Justice Benjamin Curtis wrote that when the “theoretical opinions of individuals are allowed to control its [the Constitution’s] meaning, we have no longer a Constitution ...”

The idea that men can interpret the Constitution to mean whatever they want has created the Supreme Court we see today.

Two Concepts

Two simple concepts, without root in the Constitution, have helped shape important modern judicial rulings. The first is separation of church and state.

The judicial origin of this concept is found in *Everson v. Board of Education* (1947). Justice Hugo Black’s ruling inserted into judicial dogma a metaphor that Thomas Jefferson originated: the famous “wall of separation between church and state.” Of course, Jefferson never intended that the establishment clause be used against religion; rather, it was a check against wrongful use of government power.

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But Justice Black, who had been a member of the anti-Catholic Ku Klux Klan, established a dangerously anti-religious precedent: “No tax in any amount, large or small, can be levied to support any religious activities or institutions, whatever they may be called, or whatever form they may adopt to teach or practice religion. ... The First Amendment has erected a wall between church and state. That wall must be kept high and impregnable. We could not approve the slightest breach.”

Levin points out that this ruling could lead to absurd outcomes: For instance, if a cleric had a heart attack while preaching, he could not use a public ambulance to go to the hospital.

Since that original 1947 ruling, this idea of the separation of church and state has been at the heart of rulings against school prayer and the public display of the Ten Commandments, as well as an attempt to have the Pledge of Allegiance removed from schools that, despite not being successful, clearly left the Pledge in judicial limbo. In 2004, the court ruled that a state could bar a scholarship student from pursuing a degree in theology.

The Supreme Court’s 2003 refusal to overturn the rulings against public display of the Ten Commandments was particularly egregious, given that District Court Judge Myron Thompson had written in his November 2002 ruling that the state *cannot* legally acknowledge



God. The Declaration of Independence, the dollar bill, and virtually every presidential speech would seem to indicate otherwise; nevertheless, the Supreme Court let Thompson's ruling stand as the law of the land. That means, in the United States, the law now requires that the government divorce itself from any sort of moral compass.

The second concept that deserves our attention is the right to privacy. "Right to privacy" sounds American. It seems like such a fundamental truth that no citizen would want to see it infringed.

Here's the shocker though: The right to privacy has no real basis in constitutional law. In fact, the phrase "right to privacy" has been used to effectively wage a war on family and family values.

This was, in fact, the "right" that Justice Douglas found in a "penumbra formed by emanations" of the Constitution (his words). The argument for right to privacy began in a minority opinion in a 1961 case regarding the sale of contraceptives. Although the case was tossed out, Justice John Marshall Harlan issued a dissent saying it would be "an intolerable and unjustifiable invasion of privacy" to make contraceptive use an offense. Thus, the genesis of the "right to privacy" is found in a dissenting opinion on a case that did not even require a ruling.

In a second attempt to establish a right to use contraceptives, in 1965, the executive director of the Planned Parenthood League of Connecticut prescribed birth control to a married couple. The relationship at hand was doctor-patient, but the ruling talked about the right to marital privacy. One line in particular from that ruling has been used to support abortion and sodomy: "Would we allow

the police to search the sacred precincts of marital bedrooms for telltale signs of the use of contraceptives?"

Justice Black objected to this new-found right to privacy: "The court talks about a constitutional 'right of privacy' as though there is some constitutional provision or provisions forbidding any law ever to be passed which might abridge the 'privacy' of individuals. But there is not. ... 'Privacy' is a broad, abstract and ambiguous concept which can easily be shrunken in meaning but which can also, on the other hand, easily be interpreted as a constitutional ban against many things other than searches and seizures. ... I like my privacy as well as the next one, but I am nevertheless compelled to admit that government has a right to invade it unless prohibited by some specific constitutional provision."

Of course the government has a right to regulate behavior in the bedroom. Otherwise, polygamy, bestiality, rape, and any number of other crimes would be deemed legal—even murder in your bedroom would fall under the privacy rule.

Legalizing Abortion

In 1972, Justice William Brennan argued to further expand the right to privacy: "If the right of privacy means anything, it is the right of the individual, married or single, to be free from unwarranted governmental intrusion into matters so fundamentally affecting a person as the decision whether to bear or beget a child." Thus, in another ruling on contraceptives, Justice Brennan laid the groundwork for the legalization of abortion under the umbrella of the right to privacy.

In the famous 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision, Justice Harry Blackmun, while ac-

knowledging that the Constitution does not mention a right to privacy, said that the court had recognized certain areas or zones of privacy. "These decisions make it clear that only personal rights that can be deemed 'fundamental' or 'implicit in the concept of ordered liberty' ... are included in this guarantee of personal privacy. They also make it clear that the right has some extension to activities relating to marriage ... procreation ... contraception ... family relationships ... and child rearing and education ..."

Levin correctly analyzes the legal relevance of *Roe v. Wade*: "Blackmun felt that the right of privacy, wherever it comes from, includes the right to abortion. Do not look any further for legal argument amidst the voluminous opinion, because it does not exist." The extra-constitutional existence of a "right to privacy" extended to a right to abort unborn children.

Further clarifying abortion law in *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* (1992), Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote: "At the heart of liberty is the right to define one's own concept of existence, of meaning, of the universe, and of the mystery of human life." Ironically, while the court allowed everyone else the liberty to define existence, it gave the unborn fetus no right to exist at all.

Mystified by Kennedy's explanation, Justice Antonin Scalia later wrote, "I have never heard of a law that attempted to restrict one's 'right to define' certain concepts; and if the passage calls into question the government's power to regulate actions based on one's self-defined 'concept of existence, etc.,' it is the passage that ate the rule of law." Simply put, if a person can regulate his actions based on

Separation of Church and State: ABSURD DECISIONS



**HUGO BLACK
1947**

THE STATEMENT Judge Black said that no amount of tax money, however large or small, could be used to support any religious activities or institutions.

THE RESULT Public services, freely available to any other citizen, can be denied to the religious. For instance, in 2004, the court ruled that a state could bar a scholarship student from pursuing a degree in theology, but not any other type of degree.

WHY IT'S ABSURD The implications are ridiculous. For example, if a cleric had a heart attack while preaching, he could not use a public ambulance to go to the hospital.



**TEN COMMANDMENTS
2002**

THE STATEMENT Judge Myron Thompson ruled that the state cannot legally acknowledge God. The Supreme Court chose to let the ruling stand.

THE RESULT A 5,280-pound statue in the Alabama Supreme Court rotunda (pictured at left) had to be removed, because it contained the Ten Commandments.

WHY IT'S ABSURD The Declaration of Independence (which mentions God) as well as all U.S. currency (bearing the motto "In God We Trust") both disagree with Thompson's statement.

his own concept of existence, the law simply does not apply to him. Justice Kennedy's philosophizing made it unnecessary to offer legal basis for his ruling.

Whether someone is for or against abortion, it has no legitimate constitutional underpinnings. But with the abortion battle largely won for now, the judicial activists have turned to the redefining of marriage as a concept.

Redefining Marriage

On June 26, 2003, again under Justice Kennedy's pen, the Supreme Court determined a fundamental right to sodomy in the landmark case *Lawrence v. Texas*. The majority ruling claimed the *Lawrence* decision "does not involve whether the government must give formal recognition to any relationship that homosexual persons seek to enter." Justice Scalia responded in his dissent: "Do not believe it."

"This effectively decrees the end of all morals legislation," Scalia wrote. "If, as the court asserts, the promotion of majoritarian sexual morality is not even a legitimate state interest, [no law against fornication, bigamy, adultery, adult incest, bestiality, and obscenity] can survive rational-basis review."

Whether or not you agree with abortion, whether or not you support homosexual marriage, *the route taken to legalize these things has decimated the integrity of our judicial system.*

But equally concerning to the legally spurious nature of these rulings is the fact that *the court is throwing morality out as a basis of judgment.* THE LAW IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE MORAL LEADERSHIP. Instead, the court is devising law that *protects immorality.* Sound judgment based on morality is gone, just as Isaiah prophesied!

Consider one final example of the court leading a moral downhill: its support of child pornography.

By law, in the United States, material that is "indecent" is protected by the First Amendment, while "obscene" material is not protected. Who decides what is "indecent" and what is "obscene"? Congress says "contemporary community standards" should determine what is harmful to children. In other words, whatever the majority of people believe is okay.

That rationale would be bad enough, but in 2002, the Supreme Court deemed parts of the 1996 Child Pornography Prevention Act unconstitutional. The Supreme Court decision, in a 6-to-3

vote, ruled that "virtual" child pornography—created using computer images instead of actual children—can be okay, along with pornography that involves adults who look like children.

Is this decision going to strengthen the nation? Does this reflect sound reasoning? If these judges would simply carry out their jobs appropriately, *they could put a stop to such nonsense!* Instead, they torture existing laws in order to discover such "rights" as the freedom to create family-destroying, photorealistic child por-

freedoms are derived not from a king or a country or a government or even from law, but from the source of law and morality: God Himself.

Anciently, God expected the king of Israel to write a copy of the law by hand—not to write his *own* law, but to write the law of God out meticulously.

The further we get from God's law, the worse the result. God didn't grant anyone the right to commit sexual sins, even in their own bedrooms. In its original intent, neither did the U.S. Constitu-

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nography. In doing so, THEY VITIATE THE MORAL FOUNDATION OF THE NATION.

The law now protects your right to act immorally even if Congress, the public, and even prior law says you should not.

Even when Congress opposes judicial activism, the courts and the media defend this perverse, outcome-based method of ruling that allows judges to decide cases based on what they personally feel is right.

That idea is not new. Referring to ancient Israel, Scripture states: "In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes" (Judges 21:25). This period of men following after their own ways—using their own human reasoning as a substitute for the law God gave—produced the darkest period in Israel's history. Today, it has led to a society whose court system opposes two things: God and family. There is leadership to be sure—but it is far from lawful, far from moral, and certainly far from godly.

God's Law

Of course, the U.S. Constitution is not a perfect document. But does that mean God would want us to break that law? Far from it. Jesus Christ commands us to be good citizens wherever we live, paying our taxes, obeying His laws—and obeying the laws that are in place where we live. Man's laws may be imperfect, but unless they contradict God's laws, there is absolutely no basis in Scripture for violating them.

The U.S. Constitution in particular is tied to a declaration that our rights and

tion. These rulings defy God's law. God certainly didn't grant any man the right to redefine marriage—an institution that He Himself ordained.

Neither God nor the Constitution grant justices the right to make the sort of lawless decisions they make today. By grabbing power and writing law from the bench, radicals in robes are waging a war on religion and family.

The Prophet Micah knew our leaders would abhor judgment in the end time (Micah 3). The leaders of the U.S. will not—in fact, now legally cannot—acknowledge God.

The intended basis of any law is morality. The manipulation of the U.S. court system has twisted the law into a sickening caricature of itself: The law is becoming a set of rules protecting your "right" to behave in a morally bankrupt and ultimately destructive way.

When we see the results of degraded law, it becomes clear why King David loved God's law and said it was his meditation all the day (Psalms 119:97). Such an attitude means we can have proper judgment; we will have it when Jesus Christ returns to establish a kingdom with judgment and justice forever (Isaiah 9:7). When Jesus Christ is established as the Judge over all mankind, then the entire Earth will see the fantastic results of holy, righteous judgment based on *morality* as defined by God. ■

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THE AMERICAN University

A startling case study in higher education's failure to produce leaders

BY PHILIP NICE AND ROBERT MORLEY

TERCENTENARY THEATER. It is one of the most scholarly and noble of vistas, a hallowed ground named after the school's three centuries of academic nobility. Scholars quietly pace the famous crisscrossed footpaths of the Harvard Yard beneath a leafy canopy supported by elm columns. Surrounding these "best and brightest" of minds, stately brick halls with wood-fashioned hearts shelter more brilliance; some sitting here studying philosophical epistemology amid a stack of aged leather volumes, some stooping there over a cherry wood table comparing piles of public policy and comparative politics notes beneath brass lamps. The intellectual power emanating from within these grand and classic brick monoliths is almost palpable.

But this Ivy League institution is more than just a stately campus. Founded in 1636, it boasts America's richest academic tradition, the largest university library on Earth, and the wealthiest endowment of any academic institution.

To walk from Matthews and Grays halls across the Old Yard to the well-worn steps of Widener Library, or to study in the colonial-style confines of University Hall, you must be something special. The signature American university is also one of the nation's most selective, with fewer than 10 percent of its talented applicants ever entering the cathedral-like confines of Annenberg Hall as students.

From this comparatively tiny pool of intelligence, however, has come a waterfall of American presidents, authors, philosophers, and world leaders in politics, education, science, business and industry.

Harvard graduates founded many of the country's other elite schools, and the Harvard model forms a basis for American secondary and post-secondary edu-

cation. It is the epitome of American scholarship, fostering the nation's most brilliant cluster of intellectual stars and its most radiant hopes for quality leadership in the world of tomorrow, when its "best and brightest" minds darken the doorways of society's highest offices.

However, if you peer past the elegant confines of Johnston Gate and the pomp and circumstance of the American university's proudly pronounced reputation, troubling clouds darken the Cambridge sky. Fraught with division, wracked with bickering self-interest factions and plagued with a hatred for real leadership, universities like Harvard are failing the acid test: They do not produce read leaders. In fact, our elite institutions *attack* leadership.

Case Study

Note this insight from Timothy Foote, class of 1952: "Many students drift through Harvard with a nagging sense of failure and anxiety," he wrote in a 1982 *Esquire* article "The Trouble With Harvard," adding that Harvard students are "turned loose in a system practically without discipline, or order, or viable requirements, or supervision, or even advice." Foote quoted then-student Kiyo Morimoto: "There is so much freedom here that studies become extracurricular." The article added that students at the prestigious institution skipped class and received virtually unlimited extensions for term-paper deadlines. But Foote's most disturbing revelation is Harvard's deep-seeded opposition to *authority*—in any form. "Today," he quoted Morimoto, "all authority is seen as negative."

This, from the supposedly best and brightest American university for producing *leaders*. "Harvard is deeply ambiguous about authority," Morimoto said.

Twenty-five more years of zero dis-



THAT WAS THEN

Students cross the Harvard Yard under the bronze gaze of the university's name-sake. John Harvard would be shocked to see what is happening in Cambridge today.

cipline, weak leadership, hatred for authority and an increasingly liberal, egalitarian mindset have only watered the poisonous seeds Mr. Foote unearthed.

In view of the resultant anti-educational weeds that have cropped up at the institution—the Harvard Corporation appointed wunderkind Lawrence H. Summers to its presidential post in 2001 to enact sweeping changes and, ultimately, to rectify the general failure of the institution and its graduates to lead society to higher ground. The gifted former World Bank chief economist and secretary of the Treasury was a straight-talking, reform-minded, visionary choice initially hailed as a man who could not only put the university back on the track of intellectual excellence, but also serve as the nation's spokesman for educational ideals. He also passed higher education's "entrance exam": He was a liberal.

Summers's plan included updating undergraduate curriculum, expanding development of the sciences, recruiting exceptional young scholars to replace aging tenured faculty, improving financial operations and recruiting the most outstanding students in the world.



GETTY IMAGES

Revolt Against Leadership

But shockingly enough, the new president's agenda for recapturing the pursuit of academic excellence and having faculty teach students more—empowering the university and its graduates to change the world for the better—were ideals that a powerful segment of Harvard's faculty vehemently *opposed*.

Ostensibly, the 370-year-old patriarch of American education has enjoyed a rich history of academic excellence. But this shining surface of intellectual leadership is somewhat gilded. In recent years, liberals and conservatives alike have decried urgent problems within Harvard and its counterparts, including complacency, meager faculty attention for undergraduates, division between faculty and administration, and faculty preoccupation with tenure, individual research, promotions and politics.

In one of his early efforts to improve Harvard, Summers made the seemingly straightforward request for a member of the Afro-American Studies faculty to devote more time to scholarship and less to recording rap music. However, not only did the professor take offense, but

also several faculty members spoke out in indignant protest. The rapping professor packed his suitcase for Princeton.

The next academic hypocrisy Summers addressed came when he called efforts to revoke all Harvard's investments in companies doing business with Israel "anti-Semitic in their effort if not in their intent." Faculty members cried out against their leader's remark—and never seriously addressed the issue he raised.

In the critical eyes of Arts and Sciences professors, Summers's next "blunder" was to speak favorably of the United States military, American troops, and restoring the Reserve Officer Training Corps to the campus. Left-wing professors were furious.

In his fight for a quality of student experience "commensurate with their quality [and] the quality of the Harvard faculty" (as he later wrote), Summers campaigned for full professors to spend more time teaching—one of his most egregious sins.

Since senior professors receive comparatively little recognition or financial compensation for teaching undergraduates, universities attract faculty luminar-

ies with light teaching loads and lots of graduate students to do the grunt work for their research. In great part, faculty elites are "paid" in numbers of weeks they can subtract from their teaching load. Since recognition and monetary rewards lie in research achievements, most of the actual teaching is left to junior faculty members and graduate students.

Summers pushed for a return to the practice of senior professors teaching introductory courses in a stronger, more well-rounded curriculum, leading to better-quality graduates. He also asked faculty members to stop handing out A's en masse to the point that 90 percent of the school's graduates leave Tercentenary Theater with honors.

The powerful Arts and Sciences faculty and liberals across campus were boiling. Though introductory core curriculum-based courses provide undergraduates with a better education, they are also time-consuming to develop and teach, and awarding B's, C's and D's takes time away from writing and research to answer questions from students wanting to know why they received the grade they did.

For related reasons, course offerings at many schools are based less on core curricula standards than they are on whatever subject of study a professor is pursuing. As Thomas Sowell wrote in the *Baltimore Sun*, "Thus, in some colleges there may be a course on the history of motion pictures but no course on the history of Britain or Germany. Students can graduate from some of the most prestigious colleges in the land without a clue as to what World War II or the Cold War was about. At Harvard, chances are nine out of ten that such uninformed students can graduate with honors" (March 9).

Summers lost his quest for higher-grade curricula. The final curriculum report called for almost no core requirements.

Espousing such controversial views as better education for students, increased devotion to teaching, selection of scholars according to ability and promise rather than racial background, and support of American troops, Summers's mission to revive the institution had been doomed almost before it began.

Political Endgame

In early 2005, Summers bought his ticket out of Massachusetts at a "Diversifying the Science and Engineering Workforce" conference by citing research suggesting

that the relative lack of women in physics, astronomy, mathematics and related fields was due less to discrimination and more to aptitude and personal choice, and calling for further research on the subject. The fact that this was one of the leading economists in the nation citing scientific research was drowned out in the din of a faculty that insisted, in the words of the *Weekly Standard's* James Pierson, "it was wrong for the president to call for research on a subject about which they had made up their minds" (March

to improve the status of women in the university, a woman who said his words had granted "a moment of enormous possibility"—if feminists could spin it as long as possible and play the politics right. An advisory "deanship of diversity" also rose up to advance the position of women and minorities, and Summers announced a \$50 million, 10-year plan to increase the number of female faculty members at Harvard.

For all his efforts and in spite of his apologies, Harvard's faculty held a series

just how much backing the president still retained. Summers was not without support. Though caught in a wicked ultraliberal crossfire, he enjoyed strong support from deans of the Business, Law and Kennedy schools, alumni and important donors. Even more robust support came from the students. The *Harvard Crimson* editorialized in support of the president and published a poll in which students favored Summers three to one, noting that they liked him, saw him frequently on campus, and felt he was an effective leader.

Summers mistakenly chose to compromise, continuing to backpedal in hopes of reaching consensus and affecting some sort of minor improvement in the areas he was appointed to overhaul. But by February 21, it was too late. Summers drafted a letter to the Harvard community announcing that he would resign in June, saying that the rifts made it "infeasible for me to advance the agenda of renewal that I see as crucial to Harvard's future." Summers continued, "Believing deeply that complacency is among the greatest risks facing Harvard, I have sought for the last five years to prod and challenge the university to reach for the most ambitious goals in creative ways. ... My sense of urgency has stemmed from my conviction that Harvard has a special ability to make a real difference in a world desperately in need of

wisdom of all kinds."

The world is in ominous need of wise leadership. But the Summers fiasco disputes Harvard's "special ability," when *America's greatest university has proven itself chronically unable to effect change within its own halls.*

Representative Case

Unfortunately, observations from the Harvard experiment are confirmed in institutions across the nation and around the world, from Ivy League to Slippery Rock. William Cooper of the University of Richmond and Jeffrey S. Lehman of Cornell University both fell to subversive factions resistant to the changes these presidents were appointed to make.

"[T]he spectacle of a rebellious faculty's toppling their president created new worries that the shifting balance of power could limit the effectiveness of future



STAY, SUMMERS, STAY

Harvard students enthusiastically greet university president Lawrence Summers the day he announced his resignation. The *Harvard Crimson* reported students approved of Summers at a ratio of 3 to 1.

6). The message was clear: Presidents of American universities ought never to put research or the unburdened pursuit of academic excellence before "diversity."

Challenging the central assumptions of "diversity" ideology resulted in the crimson wound from which Summers would never recover. Though the science and accuracy of his statements was not challenged, his character and office were. "The fallout from these remarks is vivid evidence that, of all the victim groups on campus, THE FEMINISTS WIELD BY FAR THE GREATEST INFLUENCE" (*ibid.*, emphasis ours).

Liberal faculty members jumped on Summers like wolves on a stricken kill, demanding formal apology after formal apology and concession after concession from the weakened president. In one effort to mend fences, Summers appointed a faculty member to head up an initiative

of meetings denouncing Summers for his remarks, attempted reforms and—most of all—his apparent irreverence for the liberal faction's ideals. A first-ever "no confidence" vote ensued: 218 to 185 against the embattled president. The accompanying resolution included this startling explanation (which was later removed from the document): The faculty wanted the president out for his "ongoing convictions about the capacities and rights not only of women but also of African Americans, Third World nations, gay people and colonized peoples." The statement made it plain: The reason for the ouster was that the president challenged the ideology of the diversity-drunk Arts and Sciences Department.

Soon after, the Harvard Corporation, whose handful of members ranges from liberal to mega-liberal, began canvassing the Arts and Sciences faculty to see

university presidents” (*Newsweek*, March 6). Translation: A ban on leadership.

The *New York Sun*’s Daniel Pipes reports that although the lack of leadership and liberal stranglehold on higher education seems obvious in the recent Harvard debacle, assuming smaller institutions are freer of such domination is bad logic. His case study, Pennsylvania’s publicly funded Slippery Rock University—representative of the low and middle classes of post-secondary education—is wracked with politics and the influence of the diversity regime, as exposed in Slippery Rock professor Alan Levy’s report to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives’ committee on academic freedom.

According to Levy, activity in the faculty union trumps classroom or scholarly excellence regarding tenure and promotions. Instructors are so political that students learn to echo their professors’ political views back to them for good marks. One feminist professor openly intimidates students as a matter of routine at the beginning of class. The curriculum review committee typically checks for one major credential in the bibliography: 50 percent female authors.

Neither the Ivy League nor Slippery Rock are safe havens for academic freedom, let alone the bold ideals of graduates leading the world into a brighter future.

Not Learning the Lesson

Though Harvard’s interim successor, even-more liberal Derek Bok, is as much a “winter” to Summers as dark is to light, even he recognizes the troubling problems his predecessor was hired to fix. The title of Bok’s latest book: *Our Underachieving Colleges*.

Bok shares the view of faculty members, reporters and analysts: Although some initiatives that Summers, Cooper, Lehman and others have championed are good, leaders must first learn to “build a consensus.” A bevy of articles assert that if leaders want to effect change, they must first humor the right faculty members and then work on reaching a middle ground.

According to these pundits, today’s lesson is: *Don’t lead—compromise!*

The question *begs*: How can you build a consensus among people who would leave your institution before agreeing to spend their time teaching students?

Universities will never enjoy quality leadership—let alone fulfill the premise of *producing* quality leaders—as long as compromise and the sprawling, intolerant dictatorship of diversity continue to rule.

The Lesson

As *Key of David* presenter Gerald Flurry asked, “Why are [universities] in such a crisis if they have knowledge that should show us how to solve our problems?”

Harvard began as a colonial college for the training of ministers of religion, funded with money and produce by farmers and citizens of New England. Today, it sprawls over 380 acres, claims over 31,000 total students and faculty, and enjoys a \$26 billion endowment. Yet an educated guess tells us that for all its

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pomp and circumstance, Harvard was likely a far better institution for training *leaders* in the days of its humble beginning than it is 370 years later.

Despite Harvard’s present leadership problems, many of its graduates have, in fact, become leaders. Franklin D. Roosevelt, John F. Kennedy and William Rehnquist were all Harvard men. The secretary and undersecretary of the United Nations, Israeli prime ministers, multiple American presidents and scores of the world’s academic, business, judicial and political leaders were trained as young men at America’s elite universities. But have these men—who have risen to the top of the top—led our society out of war, hatred, inequality and injustice? On the contrary, even those men who manage to become leaders fail this litmus test.

Some of Harvard’s earliest graduates, such as John Hancock, John Adams and Theodore Roosevelt, genuinely attempted to lead society into a better future. Even their noble efforts have ultimately failed. Though we would do well to look to these men more than today’s leaders, the grand total of all our efforts is a society on the brink of moral, criminal, financial and nuclear destruction.

Mankind has never turned wholeheartedly to God for leadership. Instead, it has forged its own way, stumbling deeper and deeper into unhappiness and destruction. Our society’s top institutions look only to academic scholarship—human reasoning—for answers to war, crime, corruption, disease and unhappiness. At best, university presidents like Lawrence Summers seek to find human solutions to these pressing problems afflicting millions through academic

knowledge, hoping this will produce a by-product of beneficial leadership.

This has failed.

Though at one time, America’s best universities pushed students to at least address society’s pressing problems, now they have drifted from even this ideal. Classes and personal instruction on effective leadership are consumed in the blind march of the liberal agenda. As it turns out, even intellectual excellence can be sacrificed on the altar of liberal “diverse” ideology, regardless of science, research or

truth. With each passing semester, mankind’s best and brightest institutions fail to educate tomorrow’s leaders properly even on the material level, turning instead into a corrupted haven for infighting, hypocrisy, and non-leadership.

“Veritas”—*truth*—the age-old motto of the crimson school, implies graduates who know the truth of the matter, and thus lead the world to societal high ground.

Ironic.

Those still harboring shreds of true vision or strong leadership are attacked, ostracized and dismissed by the suffocating, advancing mush of sacred liberal ideology, group-think and the diversity regime.

All told, the correct answer on the final exam is this: Man’s scientific experiment of leading and educating himself is failing.

Disappointing as it might be to see man’s brightest hope for change grow dimmer and dimmer, there *is* an even brighter hope—one that will not fail. Soon, *God’s system of education* will produce effective, fair leaders who will help Him implement the desperately needed SOLUTIONS to all of the world’s problems. As the Prophet Habakkuk said, at that time shall the whole Earth “be filled with the *knowledge* of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.”

Consider applying as a transfer student out of man’s fading educational system to a system that *will work*: GOD’S EDUCATION. ■

For a shining contrast to today’s leadership crisis and a refreshing and uplifting study of God’s educational leadership, request *Education With Vision*, and *God’s Family Government*.

With hatred for American supremacy peaking, and geopolitical troubles surpassing America's ability to manage them, many are calling for Europe to step into the gap of global leadership.

Does the World Need A EUROPEAN SUPERPOWER?

BY RON FRASER

THE GENERAL VIEW OF THE UNITED States, foisted off on a largely ignorant public, is that America is an imperialist power, bent on seizing control of Middle Eastern oil assets and extending its hegemony globally, unfettered by any other global entity of opposing strength to balance its perceived unrestrained power.

That the U.S. is technically broke; that its military power—though massive—is currently stretched beyond its capacity to cope with its largely voluntary global policing role; that its internal politics increasingly riven by division; that its population is in rapid moral decline—ethnic and racial tensions roiling below the surface—is a vision to which its own population remains largely blinded. Yet other powers, perceiving these realities, are moving to take advantage of them.

Behind the scenes, certain leaders within the European Union, which has till recently been seen as an ally of the U.S., are becoming aggressive in the push to take advantage of America's growing internal weakness. The EU is maneuvering to restrain American power, seeking its own superpower status. The question is, will such a move be to the benefit of world peace or to its detriment?

Imbalance of Power

Relations between nations are largely governed by perceived balances of power between them.

For a little over 40 years following World War II, the global balance of power was held by the U.S. and the USSR. Each

was perceived to have equal and opposite military, economic and political power such that one balanced out the other, thus effecting a status quo that held relations among all other nations in check and gave reasonable stability to the world during the era known as the Cold War.

The seminal event that changed the Cold War global balance of power was the fall of the Berlin Wall on Nov. 9, 1989. Within two years of the fall of that ugly edifice that had divided east from west in Europe's heartland, the USSR ceased to exist. A sea change of continental proportions then swept nations previously part of the Soviet Union into the welcoming arms of mother *Europa* in her modern guise as the European Union. The post-war global balance of power was shattered.

Only a decade after the U.S. attack in Iraq on Jan. 16, 1991, the most astute observers of the international scene were decrying the fact that the world had entered a new era of global disorder. With the old power balance gone, the U.S. found it increasingly difficult to garner the support it needed to maintain its role as global policeman. That it had seemingly slunk away from confrontation in Lebanon, Rwanda and Somalia, and had not possessed the political will to finish the job it started by initiating aggression against Iraq, only served to enhance the developing world view of the U.S. as a geopolitical blowhard. It strengthened the increasingly popular view that America was intent on pursuing its own national interests at the expense of others. Dramatic video clips of U.S. soldiers



in flight from Somalia gave the impression that the U.S. would turn tail and run rather than use its might to help solve other international crises of no direct interest to the glutted American public. This view of America only accelerated under the weak administration of the self-serving Clinton era.

Despite the inherent weakness of U.S. political will, the ascent of George W. Bush to the U.S. presidency has temporarily led Islamic leaders to recognize that the president is intractable in his opposition to their efforts to seize control of the Middle East and parts beyond. They now see that he is determined to pursue extremist Islamic terrorists. They are adjusting to a "waiting it out" approach toward their policies of perpetual resistance to America. Islamic leaders realize that they now need to await the coming of the next president to office before they can resume effective confrontation against the U.S. by incursion from within and attack from without.

In Europe, the Bush administration is constantly denigrated by a barrage of imagery portraying the president as a bumbling, shoot-from-the-hip cowboy. This has produced a rapid rise in negative European public opinion of the United States as a whole.



SENDING A MESSAGE

Will the European Union respond to calls like this one in Amsterdam?

Wanted: Another Superpower?

In the meantime, within the U.S., most of the media and press spin machines grind out their often treasonous anti-Bush, anti-America, anti-reality formulas of repetitive “news,” seemingly doing all in their power to influence public opinion against the current U.S. administration. In the process, these purveyors of deceit, in some cases unwittingly, in others quite deliberately, supply massive help to those intent on America’s demise both as a cohesive nation and as a global power.

Given all of the above, whether the U.S. by its overwhelming military strength poses a threat to the world, or by its fundamental weaknesses is rendered incapable of creating equilibrium among the nations of the world, the question remains: Does the world need another superpower to either balance the power of the U.S., or to shore it up so as to effect a reasonable stability in international relations? More importantly, should that power be a *European* combine?

The current U.S. administration breathed a sigh of relief when Angela Merkel took over the German chancellorship from Gerhard Schröder. In tandem with French President Jacques Chirac, Schröder had been a thorn in the side of the Bush administration. The two

had proven implacable in their resistance to the Iraq War, refusing to supply troops or any other overt assistance to the U.S.-led alliance against terror. Merkel appeared to be supportive of the U.S. in her foreign policies. Very early in her chancellorship, she visited the U.S. president with the apparent motive of shoring up the alliance between the U.S. and Germany that had suffered under Schröder. She also made it clear that she was happy to pursue a foreign policy independent of France if necessary. Indications were that Germany would become a supporter of U.S. policy in Iraq and the rest of the Middle East. Such a turnaround in German foreign policy not only refreshed the U.S. government, it galvanized some clearer-thinking Europeans who felt increasingly besieged from within by the rise of Islam on the European continent.

Following a decade of seeming indifference to Islam’s incursion northward right up to the doorsteps of Rome, Paris, Berlin, Amsterdam and as far north as Scandinavia, recent crises have provoked Europe to begin developing legislation to curb the flow of Muslim immigrants. The Madrid train bombings caused a change of government in Spain. Islamic youth rioting in France last autumn and again this spring is resulting in increas-

ing calls for the government to move to limit Islamic incursion on the French way of life. In Germany, recent ructions in the school system blamed on Islamic youth sparked an uproar in that country. Many Europeans are finally seeing the need to speak with a united voice against the impact of extremist Islamic fundamentalism on their way of life, even posing a threat to the continuance of the grand European vision of unification.

This common Islamic threat to European culture, religion and way of life is increasingly becoming the catalyst to weld the 25 fractious nation-states that comprise the greatest single trading bloc in the world into a singular, cohesive and cooperative political entity that can speak with one voice in forums such as the United Nations. A European superpower could be just the stopper to dam the flood of Islam into Europe and hasten Europe’s return to its cultural roots.

An Ally for Israel

Another reason that a European superpower would be beneficial to the drive for world peace, so the argument goes, is to balance the situation in the Middle East, especially in relation to Israel.

In January, Pope Benedict XVI, in his “state of the world” address to diplomats representing 174 nations gathered in the Vatican State, declared that the Holy Land is the “nerve point” of international relations. In making this declaration, the pope was focusing attention on the Middle East peace process.

It was no mean gesture by the newly formed government in Israel that led former Prime Minister Shimon Peres to visit the pope within days of the recent Israeli elections. Israel needs a friend. It particularly needs a friend in Europe, where anti-Jewish rhetoric has been heard increasingly, even in some nations’ parliaments, and anti-Zionist sentiment and behavior is increasing across that continent. The papacy, under John Paul II, sought public forgiveness from the Jews for its historic persecution of those peoples and sought reconciliation with Jewry through much diplomatic action over the past quarter-century.

Ties between the Vatican and Israel have never been closer. Influential voices in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv see the pope as benefactor and as a friend who could influence European opinion in their favor. An Israeli nation with a united European superpower on its side would provide powerful resistance to

those who seek to wipe Israel off the map, so the argument goes.

Within the EU, Germany in particular has sought to muscle in on the Middle East peace process. Former German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer assumed a personal mandate to effect continual diplomacy between the Israelis and the Palestinians in efforts to gain an outcome acceptable to all parties involved. The EU remains strongly committed to maintaining a lead role in the peace process. Superpower status, should it be assumed by the EU, would be seen to greatly magnify the voice of the EU in Middle Eastern affairs, in particular on the burning issue of the peace process.

All the above arguments are entirely consistent with current U.S. foreign policy. America increasingly lacks friends in the international arena where global politics are played out.

Friends Needed

While Britain and Australia remain America's staunchest allies, its most immediate neighbor, Canada, has refused to support the war on terror. And at America's backdoor, a whole continent has suddenly turned sour on the U.S.

China still maintains that the U.S. is its number-one enemy as it continues to buy up its bonds and send massive container loads of Chinese manufactured goods into U.S. ports to meet the unquenchable appetite of the American consumer. Some are finally starting to see that this massive trading deficit with China is but part of its long-term strategy to get America onto the ropes so that it can ultimately deal a powerful knockout blow to a future besieged American economy.

Russia's Vladimir Putin, whom President Bush once called "a man I can trust," has increasingly turned his back on the

peace among nations as it once was, it is viewed now as a warmongering imperialist power of the most voracious kind.

In reaction to all this, certain foreign-policy exponents within the U.S. insist that unless the European Union adds military muscle to its already incredible economic power and comes to speak with a singular influential voice in global affairs, the world will suffer for it. Not only will the U.S. lack support in its efforts for world peace, but the danger will grow that other powers—China, the rapidly developing Indo-Asian powers, pan-Islam, or even Russia—will fill the gap and tip the balance of power against the West, risking the loss of all that this ancient civilization has contributed to the benefit of mankind over the centuries.

Given this scenario, the U.S. would dearly love to cultivate a powerful European ally with which to join in its mission to spread the gospel of U.S.-style democracy globally, roll back the tide of extremist Islamic terror, and trade on happily with the rest of the world forever into the midnight sun.

Dream on!

The Grand Illusion

The plain fact is, such a scenario is a diabolical illusion! Far from a united Europe ever becoming a positive influence for maintaining global peace and order, least of all in tandem with the U.S., *the European Union is destined to become the greatest threat to world peace in the entirety of man's history!*

Few will believe that statement. Most will remain blind to this prospect until it becomes a reality that slams into their ongoing daydream and rips their world apart! The plain truth of the matter is, that threat is building rapidly *now*, even as you read the words on this page!

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American president, pursuing policies often quite at odds with those of the U.S. and even in direct opposition to them.

It seems that wherever the U.S. turns these days it is met by jeering accusations and deep suspicion, its diplomatic representatives attacked verbally, if not physically, within host countries to the point that, far from being seen as a broker of

Students of history know that whenever the German nation dominated Europe in tandem with the Vatican, the results were devastating to all who opposed their combined authority. Following Charlemagne's rise to power in the eighth century A.D., his reign became the first of a series of continuing resurrections of combined Roman and Germanic



IN "GOOD" HANDS
 Israel is turning to two ominous allies: Germany and the Vatican. Above, senior Israeli politician Shimon Peres meets with Pope Benedict XVI in April.

imperial initiatives that repeatedly exerted their iron will over Europe, the Mediterranean, the Middle East and northern Africa clear on down to the 20th century. The last such resurrection consummated in the 1930s under the powers of fascist Italy and Nazi Germany.

A reading of our free booklet *Germany and the Holy Roman Empire* will prove this history to you. This publication clearly demonstrates that what is occurring within the heartland of Europe today is yet one more in the continuing series of resurrections of this so-called Holy Roman Empire of the German nation that has dominated world history on and off for in excess of the past 1,200 years!

The present volatile politics within Germany and Italy are but a forerunner to the rise of two powerful leaders, one political, the other spiritual, who will lead this European Union into the status of a global superpower of devastating proportions!

Herbert W. Armstrong warned repeatedly of this grave danger to world peace over the 52 years that he published his widely read *Plain Truth* magazine. Gerald Flurry has continued that same warning, with even greater immediacy, over the past 16 years of this magazine's life. The message has been clear and totally consistent, despite all opposition to it. A united European power—under the combined political, economic and military leadership of Germany and spiritual leadership of the Vatican—will rise quickly to dominate the globe for a short period of



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Just as the Bible supplies (as many archaeologists admit), the key to understanding true history, so it supplies the key to opening up our understanding of history and current events in relation to the *future*. It contains the key to our making correct predictions as to the future outcome of major world events!

In the past, the *Trumpet* has repeatedly shown our readers where current events are heading. We have made confident predictions about the outcome of world events, even pinpointing particular personalities to watch in respect of the impact that they will have on future world events. We have enough evidence in print for you to check out the consistency with which our predictions have come to pass, to date. That often-pinchpoint accuracy of prediction is not of our own doing. Without the decades of labor of Herbert Armstrong, working to restore the true foundation of all knowledge, and the *Trumpet* building on that foundation, we would just be another news source. But we are demonstrably not!

If you are a doubter, go check the archive of articles on our website. Better still, request our special collectors' edition of the *Trumpet*, its cover titled "He Was Right!", and you will be startled at the accuracy of Mr. Armstrong's predictions about the many world events that have fulfilled Bible prophecies declared *during* his lifetime and fulfilled *subsequent* to his death. And the earliest, most consistent of those predictions? That a *united Germany would rise up to lead a great European superpower that would dominate the globe, under the spiritual influence of an ancient, pervasive religion—to wreak its havoc on the nations of Israel in their modern form, actually ENSLAVING them, and literally ruling the world for a prophetic hour of time!*

Check the facts for yourself. Write now for your own free copy of the book that will lead you to the key that unlocks the identity of nations, *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. Then read that special edition of the *Trumpet*, and begin following current events and see if your ability to predict the outcome of worrisome world events is not enhanced many-fold. It could mean the difference between being caught by *surprise* in the very near future, and being well *prepared* for the drama of current events climaxing at the literal "end of history." Forewarned is forearmed. Our task is to issue the warning. The rest is up to you! ■

time. Its period of global domination will be sufficient to enable it to wreak great havoc on the English-speaking peoples, their brother Judahites, and their brethren who hail from the Scandinavian nations, the low countries of Europe, and the western French. These peoples, as multiple proofs provide overwhelming evidence, are the latter-day offspring of the 12 tribes of Israel.

An observer of the current world state could not begin to appreciate where it is all heading without a deep historical perspective. A true understanding of the reasons for the present global disorder, of the state of America, of the tiny nation of Israel, of the European Union, of Russia, China, India, Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East, and of where the present global scene is heading, is *impossible* without an understanding of the biblical identity of the nations as they appear today in their modern form.

Biblical Perspective

The Bible, while not of itself a history text, does contain the keys that unlock true history. That true history is a far cry, in many instances, from the history of the world as foisted off onto students since the age of German rationalism impacted our schools and colleges. It is a history which gives form, order and reason to its being. But if we are to make sense of the flow of the history of mankind in relation to current world events, and in particular be able to extrapolate where this world is heading, we need another vital key.

to God for solutions. This was not the case in World War II.

A failure to turn to God will produce unparalleled suffering! The Olivet prophecy in Matthew 24 discusses the nuclear warfare about to engulf the world: "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be" (verse 21). Weapons of mass destruction will make this a period of tribulation unlike any other in history.

As the prophecy continues, though, it tells us that civilization will not be completely destroyed. "And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened" (verse 22). This is a prophecy about a leader intervening in world affairs to prevent the complete devastation of mankind.

This leader will be Jesus Christ. The government of Christ will rescue mankind from the brink of destruction. Christ's leadership will restore perfect health, happiness and abundance to Earth. You can learn more about the government of God and the perfect leadership of Jesus Christ by requesting our free booklet *The Wonderful World Tomorrow—What It Will Be Like*.

Notice the perfection and wonder of Christ's leadership. Isaiah 9 prophesies of the time when He will establish His perfect and loving government on Earth. Verses 6-7 read, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this."

Churchill's leadership wasn't perfect, but thanks to help from above, it saved Western civilization. Today's leaders would do well to emulate the qualities of Churchillian leadership.

Lasting success and *real* hope and prosperity, however, lie in submitting ourselves to the perfect rule of God. CHRIST'S LEADERSHIP IS MANKIND'S ONLY HOPE! ■



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EUROPE

Elite More Pro-Nuclear Than Ever

LEADING VOICES IN Europe dared to think, and to state, the unthinkable on the very anniversary of the worst nuclear disaster in Europe's history.

"The EU political elite is more pro-nuclear than ever before according to nuclear industry lobbyists, with leading MEPS urging people not to use the 20th anniversary of Chernobyl to bash EU nuclear expansion plans," reported EUobserver.com (April 26). This article quoted European Atomic Forum (Foratom) chief Peter Haug speaking about having "a meeting at a very high level in the European Parliament and European Commission" on April 25 in which "the clear message was the present commission is as friendly to nuclear power as never before"

Ironically, the same day just 20 years ago, an atomic reactor exploded at the Chernobyl plant in Ukraine, scattering radioactive material as far west as Ireland and killing 4,000 (according to the World Health Organization—NGO Greenpeace insists the figure was more like 90,000). An area the size of Belgium remains contaminated to this day.

Far from leaning away from further development of nuclear capacity, European Union nations increasingly favor the use of nuclear energy for power generation. That such a move also sends a signal of enhanced ability to proliferate nuclear weapons is the largely unspoken part of this equation.

Britain, France, Finland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, the Czech Republic and Slovakia all plan to boost nuclear capacity. In addition, EU

candidate nations Romania, Bulgaria and Turkey have expressed their commitment to ongoing development of their nuclear capability. The EU's neighboring countries of Russia and Ukraine are also slated to enhance their use of nuclear power.

Peter Haug and Dutch energy experts also predict, based on certain noises being made by the main party in Germany's coalition government, that Angela Merkel's Christian Democratic Union will scrap plans of the previous government to phase out nuclear power. "There will be no early closures of nuclear plants in Germany," Mr. Haug said (ibid.).

German conservative Hans-Gert Pottering had the gall to declare that the 20th anniversary of the Chernobyl

catastrophe "should not be used as a political instrument against nuclear power as such" (ibid.).

Read between the lines: What is still fresh in these politicians' minds is the hiccup caused by Russia this past winter when Russian energy giant Gazprom temporarily reduced supplies to Europe during an argument with Ukraine over price hikes. Ever since, the argument for alternative energy sources has been a hot potato in the EU. Combine this with the current scare in Europe over the consequences of Iran obtaining nuclear weapons, and you have the ideal moment presented to EU hawks who seek to add to Europe's already globally dominant trade position an equally

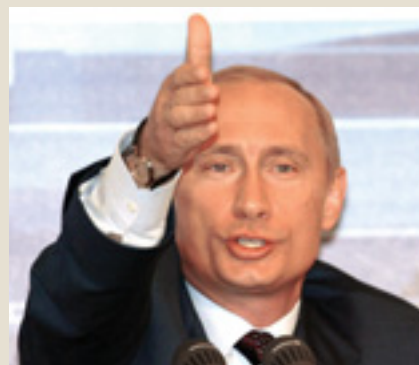


REMEMBERING On the 20th anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster, a man visits a memorial dedicated to firefighters who died after the nuclear meltdown.

dominant military presence. Without this dominant military presence, the EU's expressed desire to become a countervailing global presence to the singular superpower status of the U.S. will be so much pie in the sky.

Watch for the nuclear debate to heat up within the EU and to coalesce in agreement for the increased production of nuclear power.

Russia, China Extend Hand to Iran



fairly non-committal—until recently.

In April, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) announced that it was inviting Iran to become a full member.

Last year, the United States lobbied for observer status in the SCO—a request which was denied. Now, *Asia*

Times has reported, "Mongolia, Iran, India and Pakistan, which previously had observer status, will become full members" (April 18).

Formed in 2001, the SCO has until this point been a security organization comprised of the Central Asian states of Kazakhstan,

Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, as well as Russia and China. Although it certainly hasn't been a central organization in global affairs, the membership of Russia and China definitely means the SCO can't be marginalized. Now, with additions like firebrand Iran and economic powerhouse India, watch for the SCO to begin to throw its weight around on the world scene.

The "SCO's decision to welcome Iran into its fold constitutes a political statement" (ibid., emphasis ours throughout). This invitation to Iran was essentially Russia and China's announcement that in the standoff between Iran and the West, they have decided to come down on Iran's side.

Asia Times reported that the "SCO would now proceed

INVITATION The SCO, of which President Vladimir Putin's country is a member, has asked Iran to join.

IRAN HAS LARGELY STOOD alone against Europe and America in its fight for the right to nuclear weapons. No nation of any real influence has completely thrown its weight behind Tehran. Though Russia, China and India all have a soft spot for Iran, even they have been

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EU Criminal Law Worries UK

FOR YEARS, THE EUROPEAN Union has been defined by a daunting pile of legislation created by men and women who have not been elected to their posts and, thus, hold no accountability to European citizens.

As the EU slides down this slippery slope, we see the next logical step: introducing criminal law Union-wide. “Brussels announced the first EU-wide criminal sanction [sentence] yesterday, requiring every member country to imprison organized counterfeiters for four years and fine them up to €300,000” (Times Online, April 27).

Franco Frattini, one of those lawmakers unaccountable to anyone, said that counterfeiting “was so serious that it had to be made a European crime” (ibid.).

If approved, this will “mark the first time that a criminal law has been introduced in Britain that has not come from the

Houses of Parliament and that Parliament will have no power to block” (ibid.).

Though it makes sense that in order for Europe to function as a *true* Union it needs laws that supersede national sovereignty and a government that can enforce those laws, the legislation will be cause for great debate among states not willing to give up their sovereignty—like Britain, which has never wholeheartedly set its hand to the plow when it comes to integrating with Europe.

London says it must retain the right to determine how to punish its citizens. “We have very serious concerns about the criminal penalties,” one official said. “We also have long-standing concerns about the need for legislation on this at a European level” (ibid.).

One British member of the European Parliament said, “I am very, very disturbed by it. Criminal law

to adopt a common position on the Iran nuclear issue at its summit meeting June 15.” If SCO members take Tehran’s side, Europe and America’s task of halting Iran’s nuclear program will grow much more difficult.

Asia Times continued, “The SCO’s change of heart appears set to involve the organization in Iran’s nuclear battle and other ongoing regional issues with the United States.” By embracing Iran, Russia and China are essentially making the SCO a primary means to coordinate their efforts to challenge Western power and influence.

Iran’s deputy foreign minister told ITAR-TASS that the membership expansion “could make the world more fair” (i.e. provide competition for American “imperialism”).

He also discussed coordinating the energy infrastructure of Russia and Iran and building an Iran-Russia “gas-and-oil arc.” With gas prices surging worldwide, the suggestion that two oil-rich and intensely anti-Western nations might work together to consolidate their energy resources is no small concern.

With pressure over the Iranian nuclear program mounting, the SCO’s decision is literally a “lifeline for Iran in political and economic terms” (ibid.).

Ironically, the SCO is ostensibly committed to *monitoring religious extremism and countering terrorism*, among other things. Welcoming Iran is simply Russia and China flouting America’s contention that Iran is the world’s number-



FIRM EU Commissioner Franco Frattini is behind the EU-wide sentencing legislation.

has to remain under the control of nation states. The penalties—deciding when people go to prison—have got to be dealt with by our own legislators.”

What’s London to do? If a “qualified majority” vote in favor of the legislation, Britain will have no choice but to implement the law. The only alternative might be that Britain decides enough is enough and that it must excuse itself from the EU.

Britain knows, as logic would also tell us, that this type of authority from the EU will not stop with sentencing counterfeiters. Last September, the European

Court of Justice decided it was necessary for the EU to have the right to impose criminal laws on member states in order to uphold EU legislation on fighting pollution. “The European Commission has

insisted that the PRINCIPLE APPLIES ACROSS ALL POLICIES, and identified seven areas in which it might try to introduce European crimes” (ibid., emphasis ours).

The *Trumpet* has stated for years, based on key Bible prophecies, that Britain ultimately will not be a part of a united Europe. Britain has been the most vocal of nations not wanting to give up sovereignty to a supranational Union. And, whether it is kicked out for not abiding to certain European rules or it excuses itself to maintain national sovereignty, we know Britain’s fate in the greater European scheme.

one sponsor of terrorism and a nation led by religious fanaticism. SCO membership would equip Iran with something it presently lacks: credence.

Membership also comes with significant economic benefits—“access to technology, increased investment and trade, infrastructure development such as banking, communication, etc. *It would also have implications for global energy security*” (ibid.).

The SCO’s decision to invite Iran into its fold shows Tehran that two of the world’s most powerful nations have no qualms about aligning with it. Also, America and Europe’s battle with Iran will intensify, as Russia, China and India throw their weight behind Tehran. This invitation additionally highlights

that a distinctive anti-Western fault line is growing deeper throughout the world. Finally, with Iran, India and Pakistan as full members, together with Russia and China, the SCO will likely seek to establish a stronger position of influence in Western and Central Asia. Surrounded by SCO members, American and NATO forces in the region could be squeezed out.

Moreover, thanks to the support it will receive from other nations, such as its fellow SCO members, Iran will only grow bolder and increasingly pushy in its foreign policy. As this occurs, watch for America and Europe to grow more frustrated in their attempts to “manage” this Middle Eastern dilemma.

Hamas Going Broke?



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renounce violence, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad promised to remove funding if it did. Now that the day of trouble is actually here, Tehran has promised \$50 million to help make up the annual \$1 billion shortfall. Iran

LOOKING Palestinian PM Ismail Haniyeh needs funding for his government but does not want to compromise Hamas ideology to get it.

WHEN HAMAS INSTALLED its new cabinet in March following its success in the Palestinian elections earlier in the year, it came face to face with an unavoidable reality: Running a government costs a lot of money. And the Palestinian government is hugely dependent upon foreign aid.

After Hamas refused to renounce violence and recognize the Jewish State of Israel—both clearly unreasonable demands from any self-respecting terrorist’s perspective—the United States withdrew its \$400 million a year of funding; similarly, the European Union withdrew its annual \$600 million.

This \$1 billion withdrawal amounts to over half of the Palestinian Authority’s annual budget.

Hamas’s desire to solve the financial disaster without sacrificing its greater ideology has exposed which nations are willing to come out in support of terror.

Iran’s position as chief terrorist-sponsoring nation should come as a surprise to no one. When the possibility arose that Europe and the United States might remove funding if Hamas *did not*

ideologically, financially and even vocally supports the destruction of Israel.

The Palestinians have also found new financial support from Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates in the form of \$80 million. On the downside, that \$80 million would only keep government workers paid for about three weeks.

The Palestinian government knows something has to be done soon. Unpaid Palestinian security forces have stormed PA buildings and blocked roads in protest. President Mahmoud Abbas has threatened to dissolve the government, removing Hamas from its official authority altogether.

The United States and Europe are taking heart from what appears to be an implosion of a terrorist organization unequipped to handle the rigors of national governance. But it is naive to expect that present volatility will make for a more peaceful situation in the long term. The ideals that created Hamas and brought it to power are deeply held convictions. The Palestinian people are more likely to interpret the budget crisis as

an American and European creation and respond with greater anger, than they are to suddenly turn against the widely popular Hamas movement. Not surprisingly, Hamas has already been working to drum up resentment among Palestinians against Europe and the U.S. for withholding PA funding.

The lack of money could even cause Hamas to return with greater vigor to its tried-and-true *modus operandi*: terrorism. The new Hamas-led Interior Ministry is actually making the case to its unpaid security officers that stepping up their attacks against Israel would be the quickest way out of the PA’s current budgetary problems, since it would inspire greater generosity from Iran and other havens of radicalism in the region (Middle East Newline, April 18).

Ultimately, even if the PA collapses, Stratfor analysts believe Hamas could use the crisis as an excuse “to incite an explosion of anger in the territories and form the catalyst for another uprising

...” (April 12). Israel, surely aware of this possibility and squeamish about what may emerge from the PA’s instability, appears willing to develop a working relationship with Hamas; albeit, at this stage, through back channels. Already, in April, Arab members of Israel’s parliament have met with senior Hamas officials in a move that has been tolerated, even if publicly condemned, by the Israeli government (*ibid.*, April 27).

It is absolutely nonsensical to expect Hamas to behave peaceably in the long run. The organization was founded on the premise that Israel should not exist and has not backed away from its charter principles one iota. From its perspective, terrorism has been a successful strategy. If the Palestinian people did not support that strategy, Hamas would not be in office today.

If this latest situation gives the terrorist organization an opportunity to incite further violence against Israel and the West, then violence is in the cards.

Flu Bug Winning War on Drugs

THE CENTERS FOR Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is seriously concerned—and with cause. In January, for the first time in history, the organization started warning doctors not to prescribe two common antiviral drugs (rimantadine and amantadine) to treat H3N2, the most dominant form of flu virus, because they simply will not work. Just two years ago, fewer than 2 percent of samples were resistant to these drugs; today, 91 percent of samples are resistant to these front-line medications (CDC Health Alert, January 14). The speed of the mutation

is cause for alarm.

Could a simple household flu become an epidemic? Every year, about 36,000 people die from the flu; 200,000 are hospitalized in the United States alone.



Other medications are still widely available this year that the flu has not yet overcome. But the ability of viruses to rapidly adapt and change

Iceberg Ahead for Dollar Boat

ON MARCH 9, THE BANK of Japan announced that it was ending its “easy money” policy, which has kept interest rates near zero for almost 10 years and kept much foreign investment flowing into the United States. Low Japanese interest rates allow an investment strategy known as the *Japanese yen carry trade*—where investors borrow Japanese yen at low interest rates, then invest it in higher-yielding currencies like the U.S. dollar or Icelandic krona.

This policy has had the side effect of buoying up the U.S. dollar and the currencies of other recipient countries. The termination of this strategy, therefore, could have serious ramifications for the U.S. dollar—if events unfold the same way as they did in Iceland, which has been a sizeable beneficiary of the carry trade.

According to the *Wall Street Journal*, foreign investor retreat, triggered by the downgrading of Icelandic

debt by Fitch ratings agency, resulted in the rapid unwinding of the carry trade in Iceland and has left the nation “trying to stave off a financial meltdown” (April 10). So far this year, the Icelandic krona has fallen 12 percent against the U.S. dollar, despite increases in Iceland’s central bank’s lending rate (which is now 11.5 percent). Also, the Icelandic stock market has tumbled nearly 20 percent—including its biggest one-day loss in 13 years—over recent weeks.

Denmark’s Danske Bank warns that the Icelandic economy could shrink by 5 to 10 percent over the next couple of years and its currency could fall by 25 percent.

The krona’s meltdown set off a chain reaction that hit New Zealand, Poland, Hungary and Brazil.

Jim Willie, financial analyst and editor of the *Hat Trick Letter*, says, “The yen carry trade unwind is probably the biggest potential



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change factor in the financial world this year ... When it unwinds, the damage will be pervasive ...” (*Daily Reckoning*, March 20).

The yen carry trade works as long as interest rates and the value of the yen remain stable compared to other currencies. If Japanese interest rates or the yen value rises, it destroys the profitability of the yen carry trade and results in investors unwinding their trades.

This could be very significant for the U.S. because, as analyst David Chapman says, all the major players—including “investment dealers, banks, insurance companies, hedge funds and mutual funds”—are involved in the trade. What’s worse, the banks, investment dealers and hedge funds have lever-

aged themselves by speculative borrowing (Bullion Management Services Inc., March 3).

“Investors have some good reasons to fear the Bank of Japan,” especially in a world where so many financial institutions, governments and consumers are “leveraged to the gills” (*Economist*, March 11).

Carry trades account for hundreds of billions of dollars globally. As they start to unwind, that will affect foreign exchange, interest rates and the derivatives markets, which turn over a total of some \$2.4 trillion per day—an astronomical amount. If the unwinding process becomes disorderly, it could easily devolve into a major crisis.

Many economists feel that for Americans, the end of the yen carry trade is no cause for worry because the U.S. is a special case—the largest economy in the world; the U.S. dollar is the world’s reserve currency; U.S. Treasury bills are considered the safest investment available.

But America has many of the same problems as Iceland, including record trade deficits, massive debts, heavy reliance on foreign nations to buy its securities, and lending booms that have fostered soaring property values. Add into that mix the fact that the euro is continually gaining status as a reserve currency alternative to the dollar, and the U.S. greenback could be in very serious trouble.

Whether the end of the yen carry trade will be the final factor that sinks America’s economic boat remains to be seen, but even putting the yen carry trade aside, the boat is sinking.

For more on the fundamental reasons that America’s economy is in trouble today, please request our free book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*.

to overcome medications is clearly growing. Tamiflu will defeat the flu this year; what about next year? What about 10 years from now?

Still more foreboding, tuberculosis and HIV have also gained resistance to frontline medications recently. Is bird flu next? A simple mutation is all that is needed to turn bird flu warnings from merely ominous headlines into the worst pandemic in modern times.

Despite the billions of dollars world governments are spending to prevent a pandemic, the leader of the World Health Organization says it is only a matter of time before an avian-flu

virus acquires the ability to jump from human to human, sparking the outbreak of human pandemic influenza. The last such pandemic—the Spanish Flu in 1918—killed 40 million people.

A confluence of negative conditions has set the stage for disease epidemics of biblical proportions—which is exactly what we will see. Scripture says there will be diseases and pestilences as the pale horse of the apocalypse rides across the land.

As curses for disobedience to God, Deuteronomy 28 warns about consumption (chronic, degenerative diseases such as AIDS), inflammation (malaria or communicative

diseases such as influenzas), emerods (tumors, cancers, etc.) and other diseases “whereof thou canst not be healed” (verse 27). In other words, diseases become more than resistant to drugs—they are incurable!

While the antiviral drugs, vaccines, and other advances of modern medicine that people look to as saviors will prove to be of little help, there is a sure Savior you can call upon for protection from the coming pandemics. Request a free copy of Herbert W. Armstrong’s booklet *The Plain Truth About Healing* for an in-depth biblical study of this subject.

How Feminism Harms Families

BY DENNIS LEAP

FEMINISM IS UNDER FIRE. Feminist philosophy has reigned—the queen unchallenged—since the end of the early 1980s. But in recent years, biologists, educators, law enforcement officials and thinking women have begun objecting to and rejecting some long-held feminist doctrines. The throne's foundation has cracks! Many of the radical feminist's sacred truths are now recognized for what they are: myths and lies.

Although there exists some strong opposition against the feminist fortress, we should not expect the feminist movement to topple any time soon. But is there truth in the criticism? Has the feminist movement, so proudly praised for servicing women, done a disservice to the family?

Women's Suffrage to NOW

Feminists claim the women's suffrage movement as the

beginning of modern feminism. The suffrage movement originated in the United States during the 19th century. Some famous early suffragists were Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucy Stone. Originally, women's suffrage sought to give women equal political rights with men—the right to vote in elections and referendums; the right to hold political office. We must remember that these political rights had only been given to the majority of the male population as a result of the democratic revolutions of the 18th and 19th centuries. The women's suffrage movement claimed its victory shortly after World War I with the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution on Aug. 18, 1920, guaranteeing women the right to vote in state and federal elections.

In the 1960s, the women's liberation movement was organized and became active. Betty Friedan is credited as one of the founders of modern feminism. Her 1963 book *The Feminine Mystique* challenged the traditional idea that women could find fulfillment only as wives and mothers. She taught that the idealization of the role of wife and mother was the product of a well-organized conspiracy by males to prevent women from competing with men.

In 1966, Friedan founded the National Organization for Women (NOW) to fight for equal rights for women, and served as its president until 1970. At that time, the women's movement sought to liberate women from the tedious humdrum of babies, bottles, diapers, cleaning and cooking. Women's movement leaders sought freedom
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Where have
four decades
of feminism
taken us?

their “prison” at home. The key to freedom was equal opportunity with men, which meant equal jobs and equal pay.

Then, the women’s movement aligned itself with the civil rights movement. A clear message was being sent: Blacks had to fight white racism; enslaved women had to fight male sexism. Women everywhere had to be made aware of their oppression and oppressors. The women’s movement borrowed heavily from the attention-getting strategies of the civil rights movement. It skillfully employed rallies, demonstrations and marches to trumpet the women’s cause. Besides politicians and media, the struggle targeted young, impressionable college-aged women. What began as a tiny rumble soon roared into major discontent. Many angry, frustrated women joined the cause. The energy released by the women’s liberation movement was enormous. Old traditions came tumbling down.

Now we have four decades of feminist history to look at. What do we see?

More than any other social movement in our time, feminism has changed the warp and weave of our society. Feminist philosophy has made major inroads into politics, the work place, the military, education, medical research and the building block of society—the family. Very few have questioned the changes. Many who balk at some feminist notions heartily embrace others.

Wisdom tells us not all change is good. Not all change is growth.

Some bitter fruits are now

being harvested from feminism in all areas it has infiltrated, in the personal lives of many women, and especially in the family. Who will take the blame?

For decades, feminists have condemned men for everything. Supposedly, our patriarchal society is the root cause of everything wrong. Of course, some men should be condemned for their mistreatment of women. But what has *feminism* brought us? Is life really better for women? Are families better off? Is society stronger?

Attack on Motherhood

The fact that so many women identified with the liberation movement shows that there were real problems within the American home. The movement greatly publicized the dissatisfaction and desperation of housewives. Many American wives were indeed unhappy. But what was the cause of all the unhappiness?

Leaders of the women’s liberation movement theorized that the real cause of women’s sorrow was the role of wife and mother. Many asked, shouldn’t we women find fulfillment in a career like a man? Supposedly, those who wanted to hold a career had been made to feel guilty about it by oppressive males. Many women began to feel their real po-

tential was being denied them. The proposed solution was that women seek real fulfillment outside of the home—without guilt.

Women fought hard for the right to choose a career outside the home. Yet labor statistics at that time show that a large number of women had already entered the work force. Could the cause of unhappiness have been wrongly identified? Was a wrong solution given? Caught up in the movement, few seemed to ask these all-important questions in the ‘60s and ‘70s.

Today, many women have come to understand that feminism really did not offer a choice in the ‘60s. In fact, it demanded that women could *only* find fulfillment through a career outside the home. Though it has taken several decades for it to be recognized, in reality, *feminism has led a vicious attack on motherhood*—one of two major underpinnings of strong families.

The ‘60s woman complained that she was made to feel guilty for not desiring to stay home. Isn’t it ironic today that a woman who desires to stay home to be a wife and mother is made to feel guilty? In an interview on ABC’s *Good Morning America*, prominent feminist Linda Hirshman said, “I am saying an educated, competent adult’s place is in the office” (February 23). Feminist Rebecca Traister admits that, somewhere along the line, the feminist movement declared stay-at-home mothers



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uneducated and incompetent: “[W]hen you lose your paycheck and lose your title, somehow you lose respect. And ... that should not be the case” (Salon.com, Dec. 6, 2005).

Young women are made to feel that education should be directed toward career advancement only and not toward teaching and training their own young children. Stable families with educated, stay-at-home mothers would solve a large number of our current social troubles. We must learn to defend and praise the women who stay at home. Motherhood is noble and fulfilling, real work!

Mothers as Non-Persons

Today, a stay-at-home mother is viewed as a kind of second-class woman. In fact, feminists do not even view stay-at-home mothers as persons. This derogatory view began with Betty Friedan. “[V]acuuming the living room floor—with or without makeup—is not work that takes enough thought or energy to challenge any woman’s full capacity. Down through the ages man has known that he was set apart from other animals by his mind’s power to have an idea, a vision, and shape the future to it. ... [W]hen he discovers and creates and shapes a future different from his past, he is a man, a human being” (*The Feminine Mystique*). The basic idea of feminism was that women should have a choice to go to the workplace and become less animal-like. What does that make a stay-at-home mother? Since being a wife and mother was supposedly glorified in the 1950s, the women’s movement fought to demote that role to the lowest level possible. Many impressionable young women wholeheartedly believed this 1960s philosophy.

Unfortunately, this feminist teaching has planted deep roots in the consciousness of American women. The feminist tree has blossomed. Today, it is considered a great shame to be a wife and mother only. In fact, being a wife and mother is synonymous with the meaningless life of a lower, uneducated class of people. What are today’s fruits of this philosophy?

Families in Crisis

The fight for women’s rights has actually turned into a fight against the family. Even the mothers of modern feminism admit that radical feminists have worked hard to repudiate the family.

Feminist Stephanie Coontz, history professor at the Evergreen State College in Olympia, Wa., wrote in the *Washington*

Post, “We cannot afford to construct our social policies, our advice to our own children and even our own emotional expectations around the illusion that all commitments, sexual activities and caregiving will take place in a traditional marriage” (May 1). You don’t have to read between the lines to understand that such thinking is destroying the traditional family!

It is within the Anglo-American world that feminism has been embraced the most passionately. These countries also have the highest divorce rates in the world, and are producing record numbers of fatherless children—which in

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turn creates many other social problems. Robert Sheaffer writes, “One can try to argue that the U.S. family died of natural causes at precisely the same time feminists began shooting at it, but after examining the depth and ferocity of the feminist attack against women’s roles as wives and mothers, such an argument fails to convince” (*Feminism, the Noble Lie*). Let’s own up to it: Feminism has caused some tragic results for the family.

If we are going to fix our social problems, we must recognize that feminism has led our Western families into serious crises. Here is how it happened. Although many young women answered the call to pursue a career, they could not deny their natural desire for a husband and children. Many then opted to have a husband, children and a career. Realizing that certain feminine desires could not be denied, a new movement slogan was quickly pushed into public view—“having it all.” This slogan lives on. But it ignores a hard reality for many working mothers: Having it all also means handling it all. Working career mothers were forced into a high-stress rat race. Having it all was supposed to be fulfilling, but it was not. Now, almost four decades later, women find they are not any closer to finding true, satisfying fulfillment. For some, “having it all” has meant losing it all.

The truth is, working mothers suffer. The children of working mothers always suffer. And should we forget—the hus-

band suffers too.

Severe fatigue plagues many working mothers. Balancing career, marriage and child care is an impossible task. Few can actually do it all. To do it all, corners have to be cut. Unfortunately, because of feminist peer pressure, marriage and family are sacrificed before career. Many two-career marriages have crumbled. Children have been left at home alone. Can we begin to see the harm that working motherhood has done to families?

Absentee Mothers

Our society of working mothers is a disaster. Experts agree that the industrial revolution produced families with absentee fathers. Now feminism has given us families with absentee mothers. What does this mean? Essentially, our children are growing up alone.

It is estimated that as many as 60 percent of American children do not have full-time parental supervision. Think about it. If children are blessed enough to be in a two-parent home, generally they still have both parents working outside the home. The children are left home alone. If the family is run by a single parent, that parent (whether male or female) is working. Again, the children are home alone. This means our youth are growing up with an ever-dwindling amount of parental love, nurturing and supervision. The average latchkey child (a child returning home after school with no parent to greet him) is alone three hours per day. Some of these children are as young as 8; most are in their teens. When we think about parents arriving home after a difficult day at the office, we can logically surmise that there is not much quality time left for the child.

All children and teens fundamentally need acceptance, praise, teaching and discipline. Children need to be taught right from wrong. Children need to learn how to be successful. This requires experience and activities. These needs are best met by parents. If these needs are not met at home, children have no other choice than to look elsewhere. This makes our children frustrated, angry and vulnerable to many dangers.

Unfortunately, many children and teens are falling prey to unscrupulous adults and other youth who lead them in the wrong direction. For example, law enforcement officials recognize that gang membership is up. The sale of illegal drugs to elementary and middle school children is also escalating.

One proverb states, “The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame” (Proverbs 29:15). Many adults are shocked by headlines about school shootings and other youth crime, but is anybody doing anything about it? Experts are looking for causes and solutions. It is a proven fact that children and youth living under the loving attention of parents generally do not get involved with crime. Most experts now agree that to fix our social problems, the family has to be restored. But how?

The solution to restoring families can only be found by understanding God’s intended purpose for men and women.

God’s Purpose for Women

Herbert Armstrong taught for many years that if you start from a wrong hypothesis, then the solution will be in error and the problem will grow worse. Isn’t that exactly what we are seeing today? When it was discovered that so many American women were unhappy, the women’s liberation movement assumed that the role of wife and mother was the cause of all the unhappiness; the solution to the problem was to have women reject the role of wife and mother. Did this solution produce the desired result? Today, many women admit they have not found true fulfillment in careers, and our social problems have increased. As Mr. Armstrong forewarned, the problem has grown worse.

What is the cause of women’s unhappiness? We must look to the Bible for our answer. The cause for women’s unhappiness and frustration predates even the women’s suffrage movement of the 1900s.

For millennia, women (and men) have not understood the God-intended purpose for women. Elizabeth Cady Stanton stated this about the Bible: “I know of no other books that so fully teach the subjection and degradation of women” (*Eighty Years and More*, 1898). I am sure many of today’s feminists would agree. But this comment reveals a total lack of understanding of a woman’s true purpose in life—of what true womanhood is and how to achieve it.

In truth, the Bible’s purpose for women (and men), when fully understood, reveals a potential so incredible it is nearly unbelievable. Request your free copy of *The Incredible Human Potential*, by Herbert Armstrong, for an eye-opening explanation of God’s purpose for all mankind.

The Bible shows that God created women to be wives and mothers. “And

the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him” (Genesis 2:18). This one verse reveals that man by himself was not complete. God designed a woman to be his perfect counterpart.

A woman was not created to be a man’s slave, but his co-regent (Genesis 1:28). Neither could achieve success in life without the other. To be successful and happy in life, both would have to fulfill their respective created roles. Simply put, the man was to be a loving leader and provider; the woman was to help and inspire the man. She was also given the

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exalted responsibility to bear and train children. Men and women were created to work together to build a happy society that fosters growth and success. All this training on Earth was intended as a preparation for a future, more permanent afterlife. God intended that men and women share equally the opportunity to obtain eternal life (1 Peter 3:7). When men and women work together to achieve their designed purpose, they will experience satisfying fulfillment.

So how do we restore families? What about putting fathers back in charge of families and having mothers stay at home? To many, this solution may seem oversimplified, yet it is the only solution that will work. As long as men and women forsake the position in life God intended for them, unhappiness, frustration and catastrophe will be the result.

Our first parents, Adam and Eve, rejected what God taught them. They rejected their intended roles and they produced a child delinquent. Remember, Cain killed Abel (Genesis 4). Sounds thoroughly modern, doesn’t it?

Will society fix our family problems? The answer is no. But if you seriously consider this article, you can change *your* family situation.

It’s All About Me

The problems in our society and families go much deeper than feminism. What is the real problem? Feminism is a symptom of a deeper human sickness. After

40 years of history, it is clear now that feminism’s agenda has always been to seize power and change society to suit its own purpose. Feminists have been selfish and self-centered. Little thought has been given to the impact on others. Many now recognize that feminists have grown excessively selfish. The movement is now best defined, not as *we*, but *ME!*

The current trends in feminism are a sign of our times. It is typical of a human problem that has existed since Adam and Eve: Men, women and children have all become extremely selfish.

The Apostle Paul prophesied this sickness in our society nearly 2,000 years ago. He wrote to Timothy, “This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men [and women and children] shall be *lovers of their own selves*, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, *heady, highminded*, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away” (2 Timothy 3:1-5). If we are truly honest with ourselves, we can easily recognize that this scripture perfectly describes our time.

We live in dangerous times. Why? Remember, there is a cause for every effect. As Mr. Armstrong said so many times, all human beings are living the way of get! Everyone selfishly seeks only what he perceives as good for himself. What are the results? Isaiah gives us the answer. Referring to our time, he wrote, “And the people shall be *oppressed*, every one by another, and every one by his neighbour: the child shall behave himself proudly against the ancient, and the base against the honourable” (Isaiah 3:5). When human beings live only for self, everyone eventually suffers. The Bible shows us that the worst time of human suffering is just ahead of us (Matthew 24:15-21). Mankind—which includes men, women and children—is bringing this suffering upon itself.

But there is hope. Although the Bible shows us there are some very serious times just ahead, afterward there will be the best of times. Jesus Christ will return. He will restore the family. Women’s high calling as wife and mother will be reestablished. Fathers will be taught how to lovingly guide their families. Peace, success and abundance will break out worldwide. ■

Illegal Immigration

I HAVE READ A LOT OF YOUR LITERATURE and have been especially interested in Israel's lack of fortitude in holding onto its land and its unwillingness to protect it and defend its gift from God ("Israel's Final Chapter," May). It occurs to me that the same thing is happening here in the U.S. with regard to Mexico. Our country seems unwilling to defend or control our border with Mexico, and enough numbers of illegal aliens are coming through that politically, and eventually physically, we will be forced to give the states along the border back to Mexico. Concerning our failure to confront illegal immigration, there is a glaring lack of penalties for people who break our laws. Even cities like San Francisco are stating that they will not enforce the laws on illegal aliens. It appears that God has broken America's will as well as Israel's. Thank you for being the best source of prophecy I know of.

Don Kirby—LAMONT, OKLA.

Overpraised Children

IN REGARD TO YOUR MAY ARTICLE, "Overpraised Children," wow! You hit the nail on the head and said exactly what I was thinking on the inside! Every day, teachers here are faced with these issues, especially from management, education consultants and the government. ... There are so many troubled kids who get rewarded and praised (not the proper counseling needed) in ways that make others jealous; hence other pupils begin to act out as well It is managerial override decisions like these that set a very dangerous and undermining tone in schools Oftentimes, there is a huge mindset that must be changed before the student even begins to learn math and writing—they have an overblown ego on how much they can accomplish, when in reality they are well below the national average. Then the management and government comes down on the schools and teachers to demand results. You can't teach a very overpraising, laissez-faire approach and still expect academic results. That formula just doesn't work. ...

Troy Ellison—UNITED KINGDOM

I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO Joel Hilliker for bringing up the subject of narcissism. ... I have seen firsthand the long-term effects of a child raised

on the notion that he is a marvel. These individuals cannot distinguish between the image of who they imagine themselves to be and the image of who they actually are. Narcissists love their image, not their real self. They have a poor sense of self. Their activities are directed toward the enhancement of their image. They lie, show no guilt, and they lose the ability to distinguish truth from falsehood. Yes, the promise of specialness is the seductive lure put forward in the parent's effort to mold the child into his or her image of what the child should be. Being special sets one apart. The special person is bound initially to the individual who makes him or her feel special and later to those who regard him or her as special. Psychologists say that this personality disorder is among the most difficult to deal with. As Mr. Hilliker stated, "It is only when we recognize our own inadequacies that we can see the need to seek God's help to live the right way." The problem is that a narcissist feels he does not need God; he feels that he is God!

Roger Kicklighter—GEORGIA, U.S.

Iran Is King

THIS IS THE MOST ILLUMINATING ARTICLE ("Iran Is King," May) as to why the U.S. is failing in Iraq and the enormous growing influence of Iran in the Middle East. This is an ominous sign for disastrous things to follow and the U.S./ Britain/Israel, along with like-minded nations, must get their act together to neutralize Iran's ambitions.

Anil Kapur—NEW DELHI, INDIA

Unpopular Parenthood

JOEL HILLIKER'S "UNPOPULAR PARENTHOOD" (April) is admirable, but there's a little more to it in America. Go back to the '50s or '60s when America got a book advising parents to raise kids permissively and many—too many—did. We got a generation of kids who were a total mess stretching from unmanageable through unminding, incapable, etc. ... who grew up worthless—the worthlessness that only socialism produces, believing that the world owes them a living without responsibility. When these kids had to give up their bottle, they turned to drugs and sexual activity for entertainment. Then they became parents, and America got another generation of failures by parents who knew nothing about raising

children. And that problem still persists in America's parenthood.

Toby Elster—WICHITA, KANS.

I'M HAPPY TO SEE YOU'RE GIVING SHORT shrift to Dan Brown's nonsense ("Debunking The Da Vinci Code," April). But maybe you take too gloomy a view of present-day Christianity, with statements like "All mankind is caught in the clutches of religious confusion," and "Mankind has created its own gods and religious systems. ... [M]odern Christianity has done the same with Jesus Christ." Well, yes, no denomination is perfect, but the mainstream Christian traditions—Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox—do in fact provide spiritual sustenance for a vast number of people.

As you say, the Bible is the reliable source of truth, but it doesn't necessarily follow that the truth is always obvious. If it were, there wouldn't be so much disagreement about it!

The point is that you can only understand the Bible correctly in the context of a living Christian tradition and a competent teaching authority. "No prophecy of scripture is for private interpretation" (2 Peter 1:20). In practice, what you make of the Bible depends very much on whose authority you are prepared to accept. As John Henry Newman put it, "The Bible is not so written as to force its meaning on the reader; nor does it carry with it its own interpretation."

John Bunting—GODALMING, ENGLAND

It may sound extreme, but numerous scriptures show that humanity as a whole—including its multifarious religions—are deceived, reading their own interpretation into the Bible (e.g. Revelation 12:9; Matthew 24:4-5).

To understand the Bible, never take a man's word for it—prove what the man says from the Bible itself. Follow the Apostle Paul's admonition to "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good" (1 Thessalonians 5:21). Paul praised the Bereans for their positive attitude toward Bible study, because "they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so" (Acts 17:11). Truth can—and must—be proven from the pages of the Bible.

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Give Yourself a Big Bonus

What skyrocketing CEO pay says about corporate leadership BY ROBERT MORLEY

THE GUYS MAKING THE BIG BUCKS ARE MAKING BIGGER bucks than ever. I'm talking about CEOs, who took home record pay last year. Capital One Financial's Richard Fairbank made almost \$250 million—more than the profits of 550 *Fortune* 1000 companies, including Goodyear Tire & Rubber, Reebok and Pier 1. The \$149 million that Analog Devices CEO Jerald Fishman took home seems to pale in comparison.

There's nothing necessarily wrong with making money. After all, even the Bible says you should reward a man according to his works, and that a worker is worthy of his hire. Many of these CEOs have led their respective companies and shareholders to massive profits. But the Bible also warns about greed, dishonesty, and lack of character in leadership. In too many cases, soaring CEO paychecks are a symptom of poor leadership at best—greed and a lack of integrity at worst.

The median pay among CEOs of the 100 largest U.S. companies leaped by 25 percent last year. Not too many employees get rewarded with 25 percent raises. The typical American worker received a 3.1 percent average wage increase over the same period. Are CEOs more important today than they were 10 or 20 years ago? How about two or three years ago? Are average CEOs worth the over 50 percent more they get paid today than they did in 2004?

During the 1970s and '80s, CEO compensation was roughly 15 to 20 times that of the average employee (FrugalMarketing.com). By 2002, that executive compensation had skyrocketed to 281 times more than the average worker (*Kiplinger Business Forecasts*, March 14). Today, some estimates put it at closer to 431 times average pay. In comparison, CEOs in the United Kingdom earn 25 times as much as their employees, while those in France, Germany and Japan earn even less (*ibid.*).

"The system's broken," says Mark Van Clieaf, an analyst at MVC Associates International, a firm specializing in pay-for-performance issues, in reference to pay and performance being out of alignment (*USA Today*, Dec. 15, 2005).

What makes these statistics even more disturbing is that when executives fail, often they still get paid a ton. Even those who are fired are taking away millions at a time including bonuses.

For example, over the past five years, executives at Honeywell destroyed \$4.3 billion in economic value (net operating profit minus the total cost of capital used up) while the top five executives made a combined \$223 million over the same period. Time Warner executives destroyed \$41.4 billion in economic value and \$59.8 billion in market value while they collected \$1.3 billion in pay.



A letter originally sent to the Securities and Exchange Commission and obtained by *USA Today* cited research showing that, in fact, CEO pay at many companies actually bore no relation to how well those companies performed. Over the last five years, 60 of the worst-performing companies in the Russell 3000 index (which covers 99 percent of the U.S. stock market) lost a combined total \$769 billion in market value. At those same companies, 300 top executives were rewarded with salary, bonuses and stock options worth \$12 billion (*ibid.*). In return for destroying some three quarters of a trillion dollars in shareholder value, these executives were rewarded with \$40 million apiece. You would think that if you destroyed that much shareholder wealth, you would consider giving some back to the shareholders in the form of drawing a lower salary. Unfortunately, this kind of mindset is rare in society today.

The problem is not so much that CEOs are paid an awful lot of money. It is that they often are not standing up for their investors and their employees—the people whose interests they are supposed to be looking out for.

CEOs are supposed to look out for those they are responsible for. However, in their search for ever-increasing paychecks, many have lost sight of their responsibilities—the welfare of their companies and those underneath them. A CEO who accepts massive payments while the company he is responsible for is floundering certainly isn't showing the integrity essential in quality leadership. Putting selfish interests ahead of those one leads—in this case, to the tune of millions, even billions, of dollars—is the antithesis of sound leadership.

Leo Hindery has been CEO or president of five major media and cable corporations. He says, "Excessive executive and CEO compensation belies the principles of a meritocracy Senior management positions are a privilege, but they rise to something akin to royalty when their associated compensation is at totally unjustified levels ..." (FrugalMarketing.com).

If CEOs were exhibiting proper leadership, the formerly prestigious but now scandal-ridden Enrons, WorldComs, Adelphias and Tycos would not be the corporate embarrassments they are today. It would be stretching it to say these companies became disasters because of excessive executive compensation—but the greed and lack of integrity exhibited by those at the top are indicators of problematic leadership. With honest leadership, reputations would still be intact, shareholders and retirees would be happy, and thousands of employees would still have jobs.

Unfortunately, excessive CEO pay has become symptomatic of the decaying leadership within corporate America. ■

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the costs associated with higher medical nonavailability among women, as well as attrition rates that average 36 percent higher than those of men.

But the real costs cannot be measured in dollars. They must be measured in how severely sex-integration has downgraded force preparedness and combat effectiveness. And given the unrealistic, “you’re doing great—it’s all right to cry” environment of today’s military, *how can* we possibly know just how weak the U.S. has become? *Only when the military is forced to defend itself against a truly capable, determined aggressor will we know.*

Ponder these words—a plaintive voice from within a nation that already relies on its military for daily survival. Israeli military historian Martin Van Creveld says that the woman’s central roles in the U.S. Armed Forces “shows that you really don’t take the military seriously. For you, the military is not a question of life and death”—at least, we could add, *not yet*. “So you can afford to make all kinds of social experiments, which we [Israel] cannot. ... The very fact that you have this debate may itself be construed as proof that it’s not serious. It’s a game. It’s a joke.”

The military is the most respected institution in America. It possesses some of the finest, most dedicated and self-sacrificing individuals the nation has produced. But woe be unto us if we fail to recognize how its effectiveness is being fatally undermined by a failure to beat back and restrain the virulent and invasive forces of feminization that enfeeble our modern society.

The Bible prophesies that this experiment in sexually integrating our military is going to fail cataclysmically. (Read, for example, Leviticus 26:14-21.)

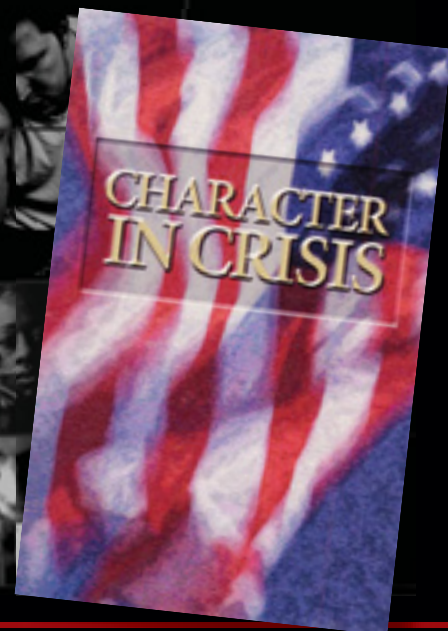
All the money and manpower expended on trying to turn women into warriors hasn’t been merely squandered. *It has also made America’s stout warrior heart faint.* IT HAS SAPPED AMERICA’S RAW WILL TO WAGE WAR.

Not only that: It has broadened the grin and tightened the curl of contempt on the lips of America’s enemies. As Phyllis Schlafly said in 1979, “What a way to run the armed forces! We must be the laughing stock of the world.” ■

Next month, we will examine some of the broader issues currently hampering U.S. military effectiveness.

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