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—WINSTON CHURCHILL



BEACON OF HOPE The Statue of Liberty represents freedom to those who arrive on America's shores. (ISTOCK.COM/KEVINJEON00)

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Great Again

America is going to become great again, but not the way millions of Americans think.

I JUST PROMOTED MY NEW BOOKLET *GREAT AGAIN* ON TELEVISION for the first time. This booklet was published in the summer of 2016. President-elect Donald Trump published a book with the same title at about the same time! When my new booklet went to press, I knew nothing about Mr. Trump's book. It was originally titled *Crippled America*. He changed the name to *Great Again*.



GERALD FLURRY

Is this scenario just *coincidence*? I don't think so.

People need to compare the two books. Both are about America becoming great again. But they are polar opposites in how that will be achieved.

America is now faced with a *choice*. My booklet is based on Bible prophecy. It is the only message that can and will

prevail—and you can prove it. God has set before us a choice between life and death (Deuteronomy 30:19). My booklet *Daniel Unlocks Revelation* proves that this scripture is prophecy for today.

A few writers and commentators are beginning to see something is dreadfully wrong with America.

In her last *Wall Street Journal* column before voters went to the polls in the 2016 presidential election, Peggy Noonan wrote, "A closing thought: God is in charge of history. He asks us to work, to try, to pour ourselves out to make things better. But He is an actor in history also. He CHASTISES and rescues; He intervenes in ways seen and unseen. Or chooses not to. 2016 LOOKS TO ME LIKE A CHASTISEMENT. HE'S TRYING TO GET OUR ATTENTION. We have candidates we can't be proud of. We must choose among the embarrassments. What might we be doing as a nation and a people that would have earned this moment?" (Nov. 3, 2016; emphasis mine throughout).

This writer works for one of the most prestigious newspapers in the world.

Peggy Noonan does *not* believe Donald Trump will make America great again. She thinks he is some kind of strong correction from God!

She believes that God "chastises" for our sins.

We can all see that Mr. Trump has promised to deal with some serious problems in America. Millions of Americans are excited about that. And they have a right to be.

After the election, Ms. Noonan softened her view and expressed some optimism about a Trump presidency.

But she was correct before: Mr. Trump is going to turn Americans even more away from God. She was also right in

saying that we have brought this chastisement upon ourselves—by looking to men instead of God and His Bible.

However, she did *not* explain *how* or *why*. My new booklet explains how God's chastisement is going to play a major role in making America great again! In fact, AMERICA IS SOON TO BECOME GREATER THAN IT EVER HAS BEEN IN THE PAST—BY FAR!

Ms. Noonan also said that GOD IS "TRYING TO GET OUR ATTENTION." The Bible relates how God has done that throughout history. But it takes more than just being chastised to get our attention. We must know that God *teaches* us WHY we are chastised—what kind of changes are required. And most important of all, we must see it's coming from a loving God. He also *warns* us before He chastises, telling us how to avoid being chastised.

That is precisely what our new booklet—*Great Again*—explains. (Request a copy. All of our literature is free.)

God has led us to warn America, Britain and the Jewish nation for over 80 years. He has given us ample new revelation from the Bible that you can prove.

"2016 looks to me like a chastisement. He's trying to get our attention." —Peggy Noonan

God is trying to get these nations' attention through this new booklet and all of our messages. That is the only way God will keep us from being *chastised* as no other people on Earth ever have been.

Here is a short excerpt from our *Great Again* booklet:

America has been the world's only superpower for decades now. After World War II, it assumed the mantle of the greatest power on Earth from Great Britain. The time that these two nations have been preeminent in the world has been remarkably peaceful. As historian Andrew Roberts wrote, "War has been the almost constant lot of mankind since the days of Rome, yet the English-speaking peoples have presided over a longer period of peace between the Great Powers than at any time since the Dark Ages" (*A History of the English-Speaking Peoples Since 1900*). Winston Churchill said in 1938, "It is the English-speaking nations who, almost alone, keep alight the torch of freedom."

In the second half of the 20th century, Britain fell from being a globe-girdling empire to being an isolated, middle-rate power. Now, America is following



CURRYING FAVOR
Exxon Mobil CEO Rex Tillerson meets with President Putin in 2011, to formalize a deal with Russian oil giant Rosneft.

the same course. Darkness is descending on the long, historically extraordinary Anglo-American age.

History teaches that world orders don't last. They come and they go.

Many people are celebrating America's loss of power. But the world is about to find out what kind of nightmares occur when other, more violent nations fill the void that America is leaving behind. This planet is about to experience a short, shocking period of unimaginable brutality and barbarism.

In September 2006, President George W. Bush tried to get the world's most powerful leaders to sign a document condemning Iran (and its puppet Syria) for causing the current Middle East conflict. The whole world knows that Iran is

“I have concerns about what kind of business we do with a butcher, a murderer and a thug, which is exactly what Vladimir Putin is.” —Sen. John McCain

the primary sponsor of Hezbollah in Lebanon and Hamas in Gaza. But Russia, China and other nations said there was *no evidence* to support such a view!

RUSSIA AND CHINA ARE AMERICA'S ENEMIES. WILL WE EVER STOP BELIEVING RUSSIAN PRESIDENT VLADIMIR PUTIN'S WORDS AND JUDGE HIM BY HIS ACTIONS? Do we ever practice the biblical statement “by their fruits you shall know them”? If we don't know our enemies by their deeds, our nation is in grave danger.

History also thunders that message.

Mr. Trump and the Russian Trap

The new American president has expressed a fondness for Vladimir Putin. Mr. Trump also believes he can work with him. Barack Obama had similar views, and he was humiliated and shown to be an extremely weak spectacle before the world for eight years.

Did Mr. Trump learn anything from that wretched history?

Putin is setting a deadly trap for President Trump, just as he did for Barack Obama.

Charles Krauthammer, one of America's outstanding foreign-policy analysts, wrote on Dec. 1, 2016: “The autocracies are back and rising; democracy is on the defensive; THE U.S. IS IN RETREAT. Look no further than Aleppo. A Western-backed resistance to a local tyrant—he backed by a resurgent Russia, an expanding Iran and an array of proxy Shiite militias—is on the brink of annihilation. RUSSIA DROPS BOMBS; AMERICA ISSUES STATEMENTS [as groups of little children beg for their lives!].”

“What better symbol for the end of that heady liberal-democratic historical moment. The West is turning inward and going home, leaving the field to the rising authoritarians—Russia, China and Iran. ...”

“As for China, the other great challenger to the post-Cold War order, the administration's ‘pivot’ has turned into an abject failure. The Philippines openly defected to the Chinese side. Malaysia then followed. And the rest of our Asian allies are beginning to hedge their bets. ...”

“The West's retreat began with Obama, who reacted to (perceived) post-9/11 overreach by abandoning Iraq, offering appeasement (‘reset’) to Russia, and accommodating Iran. In 2009, he refused even rhetorical support to the popular revolt against the rule of the ayatollahs.

“Donald Trump wants to continue the pullback, though for entirely different reasons.”

Charles Krauthammer doesn't think Mr. Trump is going to make America great again. He believes just the opposite.

My new booklet has chapters illustrating why Russia is so devious and dangerous. It has been planning America's destruction for over 70 years. It is clearly documented history that is painful to read. That is especially true because our people are ignorant of that history.

Secretary of State—Putin's Friend

Several U.S. senators are deeply concerned about Mr. Trump's selection for secretary of state, Exxon Mobil CEO Rex Tillerson.

Here is a press release from Sen. Marco Rubio's office regarding the choice: “While Rex Tillerson is a respected businessman, I have serious concerns about his nomination. The next secretary of state must be someone who views the world with moral clarity, is free of potential conflicts of interest, has a clear sense of America's interests, and WILL BE A FORCEFUL ADVOCATE FOR AMERICA'S FOREIGN-POLICY GOALS TO THE PRESIDENT, within the administration, and on the world stage” (Dec. 13, 2016).

What are these foreign-policy goals going to be? Will America know who its real enemies are and take a strong stand against them?

The secretary of state will be giving the U.S. president direct information from other world leaders. Sen. Lindsey Graham believes that Trump and Tillerson are naive about Russia.

“Mr. Tillerson is a talented businessman with a great deal of international business experience,” Senator Graham said. “Based upon his extensive business dealings with the Putin government and *his previous opposition of efforts to impose sanctions on the Russian government* [which had been put in place because of its violent conquering of other countries], there are many questions which must be answered. I expect the U.S.-Russian relationship to be front and center in his confirmation process” (Politico, Dec. 13, 2016).

Sen. John McCain is also concerned, raising questions about Mr. Tillerson's ties to Putin. "I HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT WHAT KIND OF BUSINESS WE DO WITH A BUTCHER, A MURDERER AND A THUG, WHICH IS EXACTLY WHAT VLADIMIR PUTIN IS," he told National Public Radio (Dec. 13, 2016).

Senator McCain talked about Putin's "outrageous" actions in Syria, supporting dictator Bashar Assad. "What's really egregious is now the precision strikes that Russian aircraft are dropping—precision weapons on hospitals in Aleppo. [T]here is no depth that these people won't plummet," he said.

The *Wall Street Journal* reported that in 2011, Tillerson negotiated an energy partnership with President Putin that Putin said could be worth as much as \$500 billion. Soon after, Tillerson received the *Russian Order of Friendship*, one of the highest awards Russia gives to foreign nationals.

VLADIMIR PUTIN IS INDEED A BUTCHER. HE IS NOT ONLY A MURDERER BUT A MASS MURDERER! He is responsible for the deaths of many thousands in his own country, the former Soviet Union and Syria.

Putin has killed thousands of innocent women and children in Syria. He has also been A MAJOR PLAYER IN CREATING MILLIONS OF REFUGEES FROM THAT AREA. He is totally unconcerned about the massive and intense suffering!

Have you noticed how CHINA AND RUSSIA HAVE EXTREMELY CLOSE TIES WITH TERRORIST-SPONSORING NATIONS? Iran is the number one terrorist-sponsoring nation in the world by far!

Russia is fighting beside Iran in the Middle East and helping it build a nuclear bomb.

Syria is considered the number two terrorist-sponsoring nation in the world. Russia is Syria's greatest protector now.

How can we ever hope to be friends with Putin as he supports the worst terrorist sponsors in the world?

We have the illusion that *negotiations* can solve any problem. Negotiation will never solve our problems with Vladimir Putin!

America should not even be negotiating with Putin until he stops fighting alongside the world's worst terrorists. These terrorists are dedicated most of all to destroying America, the Jewish state and anybody else who gets in their way.

The Bible states that we have lost our "natural affection" for human rights and true freedom. If we have any morality left, *how can we cozy up to such murderous monsters?*

The fact that we do, speaks volumes about America and its values!

God commissioned America, Britain and the Jewish state to be champions for freedom throughout the world. That is the Bible's message. How many of America's leaders ever bring God and His Bible message into the picture—as our forefathers did?

Therein lies our only hope.

As Peggy Noonan said, God *chastises*. That is a lesson taught throughout the Bible. So brace yourselves.

In spite of all this, our new booklet shows that there is an awe-inspiring end to all of these terrifying problems. ■

AMERICA WILL BE GREAT AGAIN— BUT NOT UNTIL ...

Many Americans want to see America restored to greatness. But for this to happen, we must understand what caused that greatness, and what has destroyed it. Gerald Flurry's new booklet answers questions that every American and every citizen in the free world needs to ask. This booklet reveals:

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- **What led to America's dangerous turn left**
- **Why the deal with Cuba is more concerning than people realize**
- **What caused America's many recent foreign-policy disasters**
- **Where America's race riots are leading**

This booklet exposes the common cause for so many of the problems plaguing America today and explains from Bible prophecy where they are leading. It also shows America's ultimate destiny to be a great nation once again. Order your free copy of *Great Again*, by Gerald Flurry.





WAS THIS GERMANY'S 9/11?

UNDER ATTACK Berlin mourns after the December 19 terrorist attack. Germans demand a response, and some even call for Chancellor Merkel to step down.

After the Berlin attack, Germans are grappling with a choice between who they want to be and who they need to be.
BY BRAD MACDONALD

ON DECEMBER 19, IT happened: the gruesome, heart-wrenching terrorist attack on Germany's capital that many expected, and that the West's radical Islamist enemies warned was coming. A radical Muslim in a truck mowed into a crowd in a Berlin Christmas market, killing 12 and injuring 48 others.

The question is, what effect will this attack have on Germany and Europe?

Only time will tell. But this could be a game changer. One analyst said the day after the attack that this could be Germany's 9/11. It's easy to exaggerate in the moment, but he may be right. The death count is far lower, but the symbolism and, more importantly, the consequences—on Germany and Europe, and eventually even the international community—could be similar.

The attack joined the already long list of Islamist terrorist attacks on Europe, a list that includes the Charlie Hebdo slaughter (12 deaths), the November 2015 Paris attacks (130 deaths), the Brussels bombings (32 deaths), the Cologne sexual assaults (1,200 victims), the Nice massacre (84 deaths), the Würzburg ax assault (5 injured), the Reutlingen attack (1 killed, 2 injured), the Munich shooting (9 deaths) and the Ansbach festival suicide attack (15 injured). But what happened in Berlin is likely to



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impact Germans and Germany more profoundly than these. Why?

To begin with, three reasons: the timing, the target and the location.

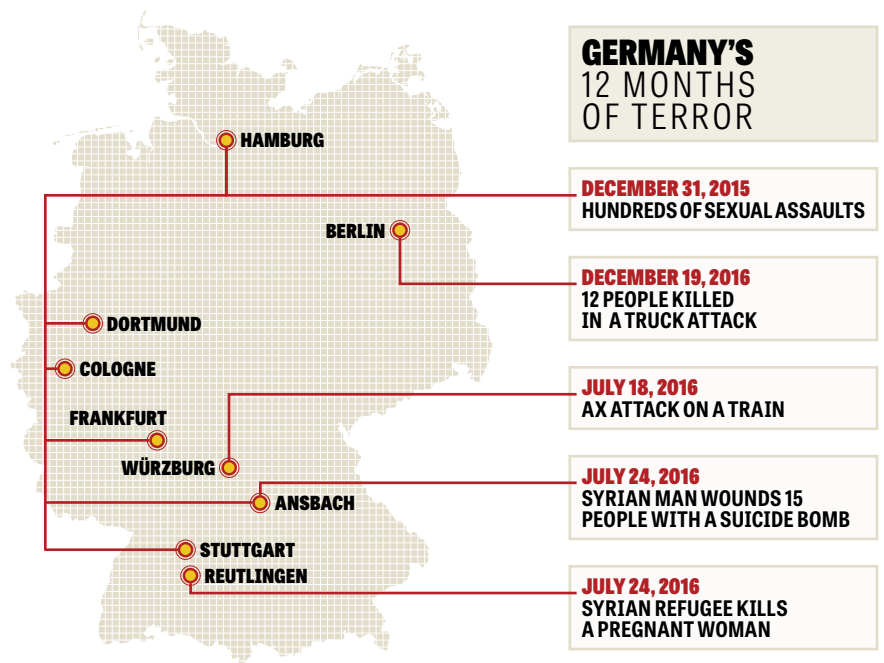
The Timing and Target

The timing of the attack, *less than a week before Christmas*, resonated powerfully with the German people. Germans have a special, fervent love of this holiday. The Christmas tradition is rooted in ancient Babylon but was perpetuated particularly well by the Germans. This wasn't just an attack on a crowd of people, a community or even a city; it was an attack on a deep-seated cultural and social tradition. It was an attack on what it means to be German, at least at this time of year. "During the last months of the year, Germany is extra popular because of its Christmas markets," explains Berlin-Enjoy.com, a popular travel blog. "The German Christmas atmosphere is different from most other countries in the world. The German people simply love Christmas, and this can be observed on the streets, in the shopping centers and even around touristic attractions."

Today this love of Christmas is more cultural and social than spiritual or religious. Still, Christmas is obviously a distinctly Christian practice. The radical Islamist terrorists know this—and so do Germans, many of whom view this as an assault on Germany's Christian heritage. There is already growing momentum in Germany (especially in the conservative, traditional south) and Europe to revive and defend Europe's Christian roots. This trend isn't obvious; Europe's churches aren't overflowing. But look at the politicians and parties whose popularity is growing, like François Fillon in France and Geert Wilders in the Netherlands. These and a host of others all seek to revive Europe's Christian heritage.

December's attack drove home the message to Germans that Germany's Christian culture, its Christian traditions, and its Christian values and morality are under attack. The response, quite naturally, will be for growing numbers of Germans to gravitate toward the leader or political party they believe will best defend them.

Consider also the specific target of this attack. Christmas markets are a



feature in villages, towns and city centers across Germany in the weeks before Christmas. Some are internationally renowned, attracting tourists from all over the world. The market attacked in Berlin, the Weihnachtsmarkt an der Gedächtniskirche, is one of Berlin's most popular; more than 2 million people visit each year. If you're American, what happened in Berlin is akin to a 50-ton truck thundering down 6th Avenue and plowing through spectators at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

The attack on a Christmas market just before Christmas resonated with Germans in a unique and personal way.

Location

Consider too the location of this attack. Berlin is Germany's capital and, in many respects, the capital of Europe. It is home to the Bundestag, most of Germany's intellectual and political leadership, and the most powerful person in Europe, Angela Merkel.

But Berlin is more than just a national capital. It is Germany's shining city on a hill. It's a symbol of the progress and achievements of postwar and post-unification Germany. Berlin is a glowing testament to Germany's incredible post-unification transformation, and a prophecy—in the eyes of the German elite—of Germany's future.

During the Cold War, Berlin was divided and dilapidated. Since 1989,

however, it has become one of Europe's most vibrant, wealthy, sophisticated and liberal cities. Berlin is cosmopolitan and multicultural, a city marinating in various cultures, races and religions. *Time* magazine in 2009 called Berlin Europe's capital of "cool."

Now consider the *mentality* and *spirit* behind Berlin's stunning transformation. Berlin was created by German liberals and today is the epicenter of German liberalism. To Germany's intellectual and political class, the city of Berlin—its culture, laws, atmosphere, politics and media—embodies what it means to be a post-unification German: secular, sophisticated, tolerant, open-minded, multicultural, environmentally friendly.

Berlin is home to Germany's leaders and trendsetters, the intellectual elite, the mainstream media, members of the mainstream political parties, the nation's top journalists, professors, artists and politicians. And it's from Berlin that these liberal leaders seek to transform the rest of the country into Berlin. From Berlin they beam their message of tolerance, multiculturalism and secularism to the rest of the nation.

This attack shows that radical Islamist terrorism is not being stopped, not even in Europe's most important city. This attack in Berlin—a city that supposedly testifies to the countless



Democracy Is Dying

What will take its place?
BY RICHARD PALMER

A CROSS THE WORLD, DEMOCRACY is dying. Self-government—once viewed as the ideal of freedom and the only way to fairly administer a country—to the younger generation has become “meh.”

In the United States, only 30 percent of those born in the 1980s say it is “essential” to live in a democracy, according to data from the World Values Survey (1995–2014). Only 19 percent of them say a military takeover, in the case of the government being incompetent or failing to do its job, is not legitimate in a democracy. Only one third of them say civil rights are “absolutely essential.” In 2015, one in six said they were fine with a military coup. (In 1995, that number was one in 16.) A 2011 survey found that nearly a quarter of young people thought democracy was a “bad” or “very bad” way to run the country.

“Three decades ago, most scholars simply assumed that the Soviet Union would remain stable,” wrote Roberto Stefan Foa and Yascha Mounk—the academics who compiled these statistics—in the *Journal of Democracy*. “This assumption was suddenly proven false. Today, we have even greater confidence in the durability of the world’s affluent, consolidated democracies. But do we have good grounds for our democratic self-confidence?” (July 2016).

“What we find is deeply concerning,” they warned. “Citizens in a number of supposedly consolidated democracies in North America and Western Europe have not only grown more critical of their political leaders. Rather, they have also become more cynical about

the value of democracy as a political system, less hopeful that anything they do might influence public policy, and more willing to express support for authoritarian alternatives. The crisis of democratic legitimacy extends across a much wider set of indicators than previously appreciated.”

Similar data shows the same trend forming in Sweden, Australia, the Netherlands, New Zealand and the United Kingdom.

The death of democracy has already gone beyond the theoretical. It is affecting ballot boxes across the world. Everywhere you look, you clearly see early warning signs of the death of democracy. And biblical prophecy strongly indicates that this trend is going to accelerate.

Pirates

Since World War II, the Western world has come to a consensus on what a democracy should look like: a system of government that has been termed liberal democracy. The West dreamed of spreading this enlightened ideal of representative self-government around the world, pushing back socialism, communism and/or dictatorships and tyrannies and giving everyone worldwide the freedom to govern themselves.

But not only has the West failed to export its prized product, it is rotting on its own shelves. Democracy in Britain, Europe, America and beyond is crumbling. This has been visible in decade-long trends and in recent elections. And it is more than a rejection of certain politicians or parties. It shows a world no longer happy with the way government works, even in free societies. It shows a world where voters are so dissatisfied with democracy that they are willing to conduct live experiments on themselves with alternative and even radical forms of government.

One alternative is the pirates. On Oct. 29, 2016, pirates came close to taking over Iceland. These were not literal pirates, but the Icelandic Pirate Party.

The pirate movement is one of the newest in politics. It morphed from a protest against restrictive online copyright enforcement to a political movement, promoting the right to privacy, government transparency and free speech.

The party was founded just four years ago, but in October it won 15 percent of the vote, making it the third most popular party in Iceland. That's explosive growth.

Like almost everywhere else in the world, it's easy to see why Icelandic voters have so forcefully rejected politics as usual. Earlier in 2016, the Panama papers revealed massive corruption at the top of Iceland's government, leading to the resignation of the prime minister.

A key platform of the pirate parties in Iceland and across Europe—and the biggest way they reject “liberal democracy”—is their support for direct democracy. Just about all of the West's liberal democracies are *representative* democracies. The people choose a representative; the representative is charged with lawmaking, judging or administering the way that he thinks best within the constitution; and if voters disagree, they vote him out at the end of his term—if not sooner.

But when elected representatives are as corrupt as the Panama papers, Wikileaks and other leaks reveal, it's easy to see why voters want something different. Under direct democracy, citizens vote directly on the policies themselves, cutting out the middleman.

Beppe Grillo, the former comedian who is looking more and more like the future prime minister of Italy, leads a direct democracy group: the Five Star Movement. The Netherlands passed a law last year that allows petitions to trigger referenda on legislation.

Peasants

At the same time the pirates assaulted Iceland, a farmers' party stormed to power in Lithuania in two rounds of elections, held on October 9 and 23. Before the election, the Peasant and Greens Union held just one seat in parliament. Now it is the largest party, with 54.

Once again there is a new party; once again people are fed up with politics as usual. But instead of giving the people more power, this coalition wants to give them less. One of the core policies of the Peasant and Greens Union is to create a technocratic government. Because elected politicians have made a big mess, it reasons, Lithuania needs to appoint experts to deal with it.

This too is an idea that has spread far and is gaining more popularity after America's presidential election. “The election of Donald Trump as president of the United States may have signaled the death of the closest thing we have to a religion in politics,” wrote former British Conservative MP Matthew Parris. “On both sides of the Atlantic, democracy risks being knocked from the high altar as an unmitigated and unquestioned good” (*Spectator*, Nov. 9, 2016).

Jason Brennan, a political philosopher at Georgetown University, has just written a book called *Against Democracy*. He advocates instead for an *epistocracy*—meaning rule by the knowledgeable. “Trump's victory is the victory of the uninformed,” he wrote in *Foreign Policy*. “But, to be fair, Clinton's victory would

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also have been. Democracy is the rule of the people, but the people are in many ways unfit to rule” (Nov. 10, 2016).

Clearly, it's not just young people souring on democracy. Many of the elites have too.

Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama are really part of this same movement. The European Union has followed this approach for decades. In America, politicians from both sides of the aisle have allowed the number of unelected bureaucrats in America to grow to the point that over 2.5 million non-military personnel now work in the executive branch. They are appointed, not elected. Yet this sprawling mass of bureaucrats includes myriad agencies that have the power to pass laws, try cases and enforce punishments. They call these laws “regulations.” And the average citizen has little to no recourse against this bureaucratic state.

The more control these bureaucrats have, the less control the people have. The natural allies of bureaucrats, technocrats, epistocrats and their related synonyms are leftists, because they all want the same solution: big government.

'Illiberal Democracy'

But not everyone is happy about big government. And the fight-back is leading to another movement: "illiberal democracy." This was a term used by Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán to describe those who, like himself and Donald Trump, are democratic but reject many of the norms of the modern Western state. They do things that some

consider beyond the pale, things that democratic leaders should never do, no matter how strong their mandate.

These "illiberal" democracies tend to be built around strongmen: leaders who are democratically elected but who greatly emphasize their personal power to solve their nation's problems.

In many ways, this is the hardest trend to describe, because so much is distorted. The left has gained control of many of the levers of power in liberal democracy. It has used the bureaucracies, the judiciaries, the media, the schools and even central banks to move nations to the left. When leaders on the right want to change their country's direction, they

can only do so by "interfering" with the leftist policies of these bureaucracies, judiciaries, government-owned broadcasters, etc. When they do this, the left screams blue murder.

But all this crying wolf is dangerous. It makes it hard to see where leaders are just pushing back against leftist control, and where they are genuinely altering the government toward illiberalism or oppression. Hungary and Poland are two governments singled out as being "illiberal democracies." Are they truly illiberal? There is certainly some concerning news. But with all the heated rhetoric, it's hard to tell what is really going on. A person is not a Nazi because



How can you undo democracy? Undo the education of the voters. **BY ABRAHAM BLONDEAU**

DEMOCRACY IS FAST LOSING ITS appeal. A growing number of today's youth have a diminished view of democracy as a viable form of government. One cause for this trend is the decades-long decline in teaching history in American public schools and universities.

The American Historical Association (AHA) released a report last September showing that between the 2012–2013 and the 2014–2015 school years, undergraduate enrollments in history declined by 7.6 percent. Of 123 history departments, 96 reported decreases, 55 of which dropped by 10 percent or more.

The decrease in history degrees

conferred over the same period is the greatest change, up or down, over the past 15 years. Millennials (those born in the 1980s and 1990s) showed a marked disinterest in learning about history at the secondary level. The fact that fewer young people are learning from the past may explain why a rising minority are not disturbed by the prospect of military coups, technocracies and other authoritarian regimes (article, page 6).

But even for those who are interested in learning history at American universities, what types of courses are the professors teaching?

The AHA pointed out in another report published in December 2015 that over

the past 40 years, the percentage of faculty members who teach classic intellectual history has been falling. Meanwhile, over the same period, history studies regarding women and gender increased 797 percent, and the faculty share of those studies also increased from 1 percent to nearly 10 percent. Environmental history studies grew from 0.2 percent to 2.7 percent. Race and ethnicity studies rose from 0.7 percent to 2.1 percent. Faculty specializing in legal and constitutional history declined from 3 percent to 2 percent. Faculty specializing in intellectual history declined drastically from 10.3 percent to 5 percent. Diplomatic history declined nearly 5 percentage points, and economic history declined almost 3 points.

The increases in specialized history have been accompanied by a decrease in the education of fundamental, core subjects vital to national wellbeing, such as the Constitution, the Civil War, the lives of great leaders and general history of Western civilization.

University administrators have replaced these courses of study with such specialized classes as Harvard's "Emotions in History" and Yale's "Indigenous Religious History," "Witchcraft and Society in Colonial America," "History of the Supernatural" and "Sex, Life and Generation," to name a few. Stanford provides a study on "Mad Women: The History of Women and Mental Illness in the U.S."

This lack of solid historical education

he criticizes the decision-making of a central bank or because he wants to see an out-of-control supreme court reined in. The left's smears against Poland, Hungary and the Trump administration make it harder to detect if and when these governments do, in fact, take actions that are genuinely dangerous.

Escalation

These movements all feed off each other. The more the elites take power, the more people are determined to take it back, and vice versa.

Italy was forced into a technocratic government from 2011 to 2013. During that time, the direct

democracy-supporting Five Star Movement exploded in popularity in a major reaction against technocracy. The first time the Dutch used their new powers of direct democracy, it was to strike down an EU treaty with Ukraine—a strike aimed at the technocrats in the EU. However, the technocrats quickly began working on a method they hope the Dutch government will use to ignore the vote.

Many in Britain hate the EU for its anti-democratic nature and elitism. And when Britain voted to leave in a rare instance reminiscent of direct democracy, this only proved to the elites that the people do not deserve and cannot

handle the power to govern themselves.

Direct democracy and illiberal democracy have some common ground. One wants to give power directly to the people, whereas the other trusts a single individual to smash the status quo. But both are quickly opposed by the elites. The elites oppose the “illiberals” or “the people” grabbing power, so they seek to grab more power back—and must become more extreme in order to do so.

These countries are just examples from the most recent elections. They are not rare. A new political party winning support in a European nation has become so common that it barely makes the news. Greece, Lithuania,

may be a key reason why so many millennials say they would tolerate a military coup or the removal of all checks and balances in the U.S. government. They never learned whether or why their constitutional form of self-government brought safety, opportunity and prosperity to American citizens and helped the world: It just didn't come up in class. Yet ignorance of history leaves an individual without any memory beyond his own, without any guide by which to make decisions. For instance, a strong, autocratic leader may appear attractive if you have never learned the historical facts about Mussolini, Hitler, Stalin and Mao.

Not only do specialized classes avoid these historical lessons, they also usually carry a politicized message. Studies of subjects such as race, gender, religion and the environment confine their focus to social issues, championed by those with a social, political agenda. The narrow focus of such a course disconnects it from its place in the arc of history, causing wrong conclusions to be drawn. It can create an unfair bias in which the truth and the past are distorted.

What caused the eroding of history education in America? Was it neglect? Was it an accident? Was it intentional?

American education readily adopted the liberalism of German rationalism in the early 1900s. Two world wars later, American politics became much more liberal between the 1950s and 1970s. The various civil and social rights issues sparked a wave of change. Communism,

the promise of a classless, borderless utopia of income equality, became popular among young people and among professors; many openly praised Karl Marx and Frederich Engles, and even Joseph Stalin and Mao Zedung.

“In the 1960s and '70s, America had many problems with rioting and violence on college campuses,” *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry writes in his booklet *Great Again*. “Educators would ask who was in charge, and in almost every case, there was nobody in charge except the people who were rioting.

“Soon, the New Left began to get into

and aggressiveness were at least as responsible, if not more, for the coming of the Cold War as was the Soviet Union. ... Unlike the revisionists of the 1920s and 1940s, these authors had little opposition from most of their historian colleagues: for such was the, generally leftist, intellectual tendency of the American 1960s.”

The students who rioted on university campuses against the Vietnam War or protested over civil rights are now the instructors. Individuals with radical political views, especially those who espouse communism, have become powerful voices in the American educa-

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those institutions and gain control. It was in the educational system that the left got its foothold into the nation: first in colleges, then high schools and even elementary schools. It is from the educational system that a nation gets its leadership. WHERE DID THE IDEAS OF AMERICA'S LEADERS TODAY COME FROM? FROM OUR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.”

John Lukacs wrote in his book *Remembered Past* about a “wave of revisionism” that “came not from the New Right but from the New Left. These were the historians who during the fretful 1960s attempted to rewrite the origins of the Cold War with Russia, arguing and claiming that American foreign policy

tional system. Many view communism as an alternative to the U.S. Constitution. Barack Obama is a product of such radical instructors. (Request a free copy of *America Under Attack* for more background on Mr. Obama's education.)

Have millennials, scholars and educators found a better alternative to democracy? Has the erosion of history education and the establishment of an antidemocratic, radical-left worldview led to a better nation and a better world?

Democracies die at the hands of those they govern. While there are many causes for the discontent with democracy today, one important cause is ignorance of the human alternatives. ■

Iceland, Portugal, Spain, France, Finland, the Netherlands and Sweden are all major examples of this trend. That represents a lot of people who are dangerously dissatisfied with the status quo of modern democracy.

It is important to recognize that one can make legitimately strong criticisms about all these alternatives. America's founders rejected direct democracy for good reasons. Rule by elites concentrates power in the hands of the few; the best-

in today's world will only get worse. Europe's economic crisis continues to rumble on with no sign of a solution. Parts of Europe are stagnating, with Great Depression levels of unemployment. Even Germany, Europe's engine of growth, seems likely to encounter an economic crisis. America is swimming in debt and is poised for disaster.

If masses are rejecting the system now, how much worse will the situation get when millions more find themselves

over man. He does not have the capacity. None of man's governments has created or can create peace, stability and order. We are now seeing the latest round of men deciding that yesterday's perfect ideal of a system has failed, and scurrying around to find tomorrow's new ideal.

It is a failure not of politics but of human nature. No system eliminates greed and selfishness.

But that doesn't mean that all systems of government are equally bad. Some do a much better job than others of restraining selfish human nature.

A simple understanding of history should warn of the dangers in rejecting liberal democracy and embracing alternatives. Looking at the broad sweep of history, most people in the West have never had it so good. The vast majority of mankind for the vast majority of history has lacked the freedoms that most of us take for granted.

As Winston Churchill put it, "Democracy is the worst form of government except all those other forms that have been tried from time to time."

America's Founding Fathers knew some of the problems with human nature. They designed a system of government that would restrain it. Government in the rest of the English-speaking world and beyond grew out of a similar tradition. After World War II, many of the rest of the world's democracies were founded on similar principles.

All these alternatives to liberal democracy fail to protect from the dangers of human nature. Illiberal democracy concentrates power in one strongman and frees him of checks and balances. That's great if that man has little of the selfish, greedy, corrupt human nature. And what if that power corrupts him? It always does. And what about his successor? Technocracy gives power to a few elites, again, with few checks

or balances. They become a gang of heavyweights that is almost impossible to rein in—

without resorting to a strongman. Yet these experts still have the same human nature that has given liberal democracy such a bad rap.

Direct democracy is the least tried of all the alternatives. Its experiment

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—WINSTON CHURCHILL

laid plans of expert bureaucrats *gang aft aghy*—go often askew. As F.A. Hayek put it, “The curious task of economics is to demonstrate to men how little they really know about what they imagine they can design.” Strongmen can, and often have, become strong dictators.

Still, none of these movements are Nazis. All are supported by well-meaning people, most of whom would protest any suggestion that they are anti-democratic. But their support all rises from some kind of sense that the system is broken, and that we need to make big changes to the way we're doing things. They share many views of the 25 percent of young people who believe that democracy is “bad,” even if they might reject that conclusion. They are all symptoms of the deep dissatisfaction with the way Western government works, and the sense that democracy has let us down.

Once even a significant minority starts to lose hope in democracy, the trend is hard to stop. It creates its own vicious cycle. In the 1930s, upstart parties rose with similar speed to those that are rising today. Their rise meant the established parties no longer held enough votes to form governments, and the regular coalitions no longer worked. Democracies became even more dysfunctional, more people became convinced of the need for something else, and the spiral worsened.

Furthermore, the problems building

without work? When millions of families have real worries about whether they'll be able to keep their home?

Returning to the academics we started with, Public Radio International reported on an interview with Yascha Mounk, writing, “Mounk believes at least part of the explanation for the disenchantment with democracy is economic. Most citizens of established liberal democracies have been contending with stagnant or falling incomes for the past 20 or 30 years. They may believe the system has failed them, while their children face an even more uncertain future” (Nov. 29, 2016).

An economic crash would make that future radically less certain. And the sense that the system has failed would explode into chaos or anarchy.

Why Governments Fail

The global dissatisfaction ties in with a great many forecasts that the *Trumpet* and the *Plain Truth* have made for decades: the breakdown of the political order in the United States; the rise of strongmen in Asia; Europe's turn toward nationalism; the creation of a new, undemocratic European superstate.

Underlying all this is a simple cause: Man simply has no good way of ruling

Read more about the rise of the world's strongest representative self-governments in ***The United States and Britain in Prophecy***, by Herbert W. Armstrong.

in ancient Greece was an absolute disaster. Direct democracy—mob rule—has proven dangerous and volatile. Regardless of how it would work in practice in a modern setting, it certainly would not solve the problems caused by human nature.

History and human nature, then, warn us to beware. Bible prophecy gives us an even more specific reason.

A Dangerous Ending

The Bible prophesied the rise to global power of Britain and America. God promised that these nations would become “the head, and not the tail”; that He would make them “above only, and thou shalt not be beneath” (Deuteronomy 28:13).

That is exactly what history has witnessed. The last two centuries have been Anglo-American centuries. The form of government championed by these nations—a form of government that has at its heart some important biblical principles—has spread throughout the Western world.

But the Bible also says that this time of Pax Britannica, followed by Pax Americana, would end—and that is happening now. The same God who put Britain and America on top is now reversing that. He prophesied that if Britain and America did not obey Him, then strangers would be the head, “and thou shalt be the tail” (verse 44).

This global falling out with the Anglo-American method of government is in tandem with the decline of Britain and America.

Now we are heading for an age of strongmen. All the major power blocs prophesied in the Bible are ruled by strong leaders. Russia will be led by a “Prince of Rosh,” Vladimir Putin. Europe will be led by a “king of fierce countenance,” who rules as part of an old-fashioned Holy Roman Empire church-state combine. Even America’s government is in dire trouble, and possibly deteriorating into the rule of a strongman.

The Bible describes these as “the times of the Gentiles” (Luke 21:24). It is a time of unrestrained human nature. Without the trappings of liberal democracies, the constitution or international norms, as Thucydides put it, “the strong do what they can, and the weak suffer what they must.”

As these strongmen discard representative democracy, the Bible says they will bring the world to the brink of destruction.

But the good news is that man is close to finally learning the lesson God wants him to learn from history.

Right at the beginning of human history, man rejected God’s rule over him. Therefore God evicted him from the Garden of Eden, and told man, in effect, “Form your own concepts of what is god, your own religions, your own governments, your own lifestyles and forms of society and civilization” (Herbert W. Armstrong, *Mystery of the Ages*). Now, we are witnessing the final failures of these man-devised governments. Human experiments in government have ultimately failed, every single time. And today’s radical experiments on live patients in a world full of terror and weapons of mass destruction will culminate in the ultimate lesson: Human beings actually are incapable of governing themselves.

This final failure will force us to accept that fact. The rise of pirates, peasants and Donald Trump shows that we are desperate for alternatives. We are not yet desperate enough to consider the government of God as an alternative. But when this experiment finally ends, we will be.

A Successful Government

At that point, a new government will be established on Earth—under the perfect rule of the King of kings! Herbert W. Armstrong explained it in his booklet *The Wonderful World Tomorrow—What It Will Be Like*: “Now notice just how the new world government will function! It will not be so-called democracy. It will not be socialism. It will not be communism or fascism. It will not be human monarchy, oligarchy, or plutocracy. It will not be man’s government over man. Man has proven his utter incapability of ruling himself.

“It will be divine government—the government of God. It will not be government from the bottom up. The people will have no votes. It will not be government

of or by the people—but it will be government for the people. It will be government from the top (God Almighty) down.

“There will be no election campaigns. No campaign fund-raising dinners. No dirty political campaigns, where each candidate attempts to put himself forward in the most favorable light, defaming, denouncing, discrediting his opponents. No time will be wasted in mudslinging campaigns in the lust for power.

“No human will be given any government office. All in government service will then be divine spirit beings, in the Kingdom of God—the God Family.

“All officials will be appointed—and by the divine Christ, who reads and knows men’s hearts, their inner character, and abilities or lack of ability. ...

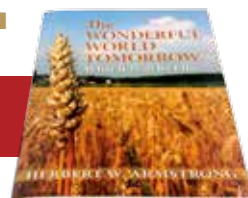
“In short, under the New Covenant which Christ is coming to usher in, what we shall see on Earth is happi-

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ness, peace, abundance and justice for all. Did you ever read just what this New Covenant will consist of? Did you suppose it will do away with God’s law? Exactly the opposite. ‘For this is the covenant [that Christ is coming to establish, you’ll read in Hebrews 8:10]; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts ...’

“When God’s laws are in our hearts—when we love God’s ways, and in our hearts want to live by them, human nature will be put under subjection—people will want to live the way that is the cause of peace, happiness, abundance, joyful well-being!” ■

To learn more about the coming government that will work, request a free copy of ***The Wonderful World Tomorrow—What It Will Be Like***.





'Fake News' and the Shifting Media Landscape

News-making in America is transforming in a way that often casts truth aside. But there is cause for hope. **BY JEREMIAH JACQUES**

AFTER IT BECAME SUDDENLY clear on the evening of November 8 that Donald J. Trump had won the U.S. presidential election, many Americans suffered a great jolt. "I'm still having a hard time getting myself used to standing on this Earth right now," said MSNBC commentator Chris Matthews the next evening. "This is a different Earth today than it was 24 hours ago."

Before the vote, Matthews and hundreds of thousands of others had existed inside a certain version of America. In that America, several things were clear: Mr. Trump was a racist, sexist individual who was equal parts monster and clown; he had no real chance of victory; and the political right was comprised mainly of white supremacists destined to be beaten into guilty submission by the unstoppable force of social justice warriors and other progressives.

But that was not the actual America. It wasn't real.

It was a narrative, a fabricated version of the country. The fabrication

was so pervasive, the narrative so elaborate and so carefully formed, that it deceived even many of those who were helping to weave it, such as Matthews.

For those living inside that version of America, the polls and surveys all agreed. So did all the news stories. All the posts they saw in their Facebook and Twitter feeds were in agreement too—save a handful from that embarrassing redneck cousin.

But it was a mass-shared illusion. And with Trump's win, the news bubble they were living inside abruptly popped. That version of America was revealed to be false.

And the alarming thing is that this false reality and news bubble were created *mostly* by the mainstream media.

'Madam President'

Rather than striving to discover the truth and objectively report it, most mainstream media outlets wanted to sell their preferred narrative, to win others over to believing it, and to suppress opponents into feeling like the

hopelessly, righteously outnumbered, bigoted minority.

This was evident when the *New York Times*—the country's leading paper—made no real effort to hide its switch from reporting to advocacy, and ceased offering even a pretense of impartiality. A stark example of this came on Aug. 7, 2016, when the self-styled "paper of record" ran a front-page story saying many journalists felt they had to sacrifice objectivity during the presidential race because they believe "dangerous" Trump is driven by "nationalistic tendencies."

Two weeks later, when news broke of a major Clinton Foundation scandal—85 of 154 individuals who had had an audience with Hillary Clinton during her tenure as Secretary of State had previously donated to the foundation—the *Times* made no mention of it. This was evidence of "pay to play" at its worst by the Democratic Party candidate, but the *Times* had no use for the story among its 46 pages of "All the News That's Fit to Print." Michael Goodwin, who spent a decade writing for the *Times*, said that contrary to the publication's "Fit to Print" slogan, "The truth is that only news that fits the party line gets printed" (FoxNews.com, Aug. 24, 2016).

Such news executives, seeing the world through a thick leftist lens, decided their obligation to truth, objectivity and fairness was outweighed by their bias against Trump. After Trump's victory, *Times* publisher Arthur Sulzberger Jr. and executive editor Dean Baquet admitted that the paper's newsroom had to suddenly turn "on a dime." Turn from what? From the relentless partisan bigotry that had skewed their election coverage.

Brent Bozell, president of the conservative Media Research Center, said, "All season long, the pro-Hillary press treated Trump's followers with utter contempt. At the same time, the left-wing media were giving aid and comfort to Hillary Clinton, covering up her scandals when they could, spinning them in her favor when they couldn't. ... We documented it all season long."

The media's fixation with the narrative was also evident in the months and weeks leading up to the vote, when mainstream sources published

and fixated on a flurry of polls saying Trump could not possibly accumulate enough support to win.

On Election Day, the *New York Times* said, “Hillary Clinton has an 85 percent chance to win.” The Huffington Post blog was even more optimistic, saying its presidential forecast model gave “Clinton a 98.2 percent chance of winning.” *Newsweek* took it a step further, sending out 125,000 copies of a commemorative magazine with Clinton’s smiling picture on the cover and the headline “Madam President.” After Trump’s victory was clear, the magazines were recalled, but you can buy copies on eBay for anywhere from \$75 to \$2,500 each.

How could polls, supposedly one of the more scientific and objective parts of the mainstream news, have gotten it so wrong? There are many theories, and it is impossible to pin down. But part of the reason was due to bullying behavior of many of those who supported Clinton, and who said Trump supporters were idiots at best and racists at worst. At one point in the campaign, Clinton herself demonstrated this by saying, “You can put half of Trump supporters into what I call the basket of deplorables. Right? Racist, sexist, homophobic, xenophobic, Islamophobic, you name it.”

These kinds of sentiments were echoed over and over by mainstream sources and left-leaning opinion leaders. But many Trump supporters didn’t agree with this assessment of themselves. Still, they didn’t want to be called racist, sexist, homophobic, xenophobic, Islamophobic or deplorable, so instead of triggering the wrath of social justice warriors, they often kept quiet about who their vote would actually go to, thereby skewing some polling data.

At various points in the lead-up to the election, Mr. Trump’s team said those polls and projections that the media were so confident in were significantly understating his actual support in key states.

But several *fact-checking organizations* said these claims were false and that the polls were right. Time revealed that those polls were wrong. They were part of the fabrication. Part of the narrative.

So now that the thunderbolt has struck, and the mainstream media’s

biases, partisanship and disinformation have come to light, how are these outlets reacting? Are they chastised, humbled, rending their garments, wearing sackcloth and sitting in ashes, trying to correct their imbalances? No. Instead, many are claiming victimhood, deflecting blame and doubling-down on the narrative.

‘It’s the Alternative Media’s Fault’

In 1996, powerful media moguls rejoiced when President Bill Clinton signed the Telecommunications Act that significantly boosted their power and influence (sidebar, “The Consolidated Media”). But in the years that followed, many such moguls recoiled at the rise of unexpected competition, in the form of alternative news sources, mostly via the Internet.

Many alternative sources have become quite powerful in their own right. For example, during October 2016, the conservative aggregation site Drudge Report received a total of 1.73 billion page views. That’s more than CNN’s 984 million, the *New York Times*’ 642 million and Reuters’ 85 million *combined*. And many of the stories Drudge highlighted during this pivotal pre-election month carried a pro-Trump message.

After the election upset, and after issuing a flaccid non-apology apology, the *New York Times* editorial board deflected blame for their biased coverage, saying a solution to the problem would be to censor nonmainstream news sources, and online platforms that disseminate their stories. “Most of the fake news stories

are produced by scammers looking to make a quick buck,” it wrote. “The vast majority of them take far-right positions. But a big part of the responsibility for this scourge rests with Internet companies like Facebook and Google, which have made it possible for fake news to be shared nearly instantly with millions of users and have been slow to block it from their sites” (Nov. 19, 2016).

President Obama echoed these sentiments: “If we are not serious about facts and what’s true and what’s not, and particularly in an age of social media when so many people are getting their information in sound bites and off their phones, if we can’t discriminate between serious arguments and propaganda, then we have problems.”

Now that the thunderbolt has struck, and the mainstream media’s biases, partisanship and disinformation have come to light, how are these outlets reacting?

It is true that many sites exist only to peddle misinformation and propaganda for profit or for fun. The headlines are comical: “Obama Signs Order Banning Pledge of Allegiance,” “Hillary Team Conspires with George Soros to Give Donald Trump Cancer,” and “Trump Was Born in Pakistan and Not in America!”

What Makes the *Trumpet* Unique?

Readers of the *Philadelphia Trumpet* will readily recognize that this magazine is different from other news media.

The *Trumpet* is not financed by big corporations or special interest groups, and we have no paid ads. We are not beholden to any political party. And whether online or in print, our publication is available at no cost to the reader.

Think about what this means. This allows us rare freedom to publish unvarnished *truth*.

We have not hypocritically flip-flopped on major issues because of our personal feelings about whichever political party happens to be in office. We are not trying to appeal to advertisers, politicians, corporations, special interest groups, a wealthy philanthropist—or even subscribers.

Truth is our aim above all. We seek to help readers understand the world in which we live from the perspective of the unchanging, absolute truths of the Bible. We aim to provide unbiased, nonpartisan perspective informed by biblical instruction and prophecy—and to publish the truth of God in love. That is what makes this magazine unique.

It's beyond dispute that such sites do a disservice to readers, particularly those too naïve to recognize their falsehoods. But, despite the mainstream media's claims to the contrary, there weren't nearly enough people who believed these kinds of patently false stories to throw the election to Trump. And it wasn't fake news that inflated the media bubble whose abrupt popping jolted many left-leaning Americans.

Perhaps the most worrying aspect of the current fake news hype is the chance it gives to mainstream institutions who yearn for the days when their opinions went nearly unchallenged to harness it as a means of muzzling not just scammers trying to make a buck, but also their credible competitors who simply have a different viewpoint.

Who Determines What's 'Fake'?

No one would argue that sites engaged in fabrication of stories—such as the one about a pedophile ring operating out of a Clinton-linked pizzeria—are not peddling fake news. But the issue

a privately owned station; in fact, after the 2006 midterm elections, Democrats began pushing to allow government regulators to act again as censors by listening to broadcasts and fining those it doesn't think presents both sides fairly. Now some are using the 'fake news' phenomena as an excuse to reinvent this kind of government control over First Amendment-protected speech or by asking Facebook and Twitter to become even bigger censors of certain views."

Political activist Egberto Willies leans to the left but agrees that the trend has potential dangers. He wrote on November 28: "This new concern by the mainstream media for 'fake news' after the election is disingenuous. ... They want to blame Americans' ignorance on the misinformation they receive from Facebook and other social media, thus reducing the credulity of the medium with the expectation of gaining back the audience they've lost to social media. Unfortunately, what the mainstream media want you to ignore is that they were, in fact, the

not value truth: "None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity. ... And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. Yeah, truth faileth ..." (Isaiah 59:4, 14-15).

Does this landscape in which "truth is fallen in the street" and "truth fails" sound like an apt description of today's narrative-driven media? God inspired the Prophet Isaiah to write this passage more than 2,700 years ago, but it is describing the situation in America today. (To prove this for yourself, please request our free booklet *Isaiah's End-Time Vision*.)

The shift we are witnessing toward a "post-truth" media landscape in which "truth fails" is sobering. But there is great cause for hope. The Bible makes clear that God's love "rejoices in the truth," and that the "truth will set you free" (1 Corinthians 13:6; John 8:32).

A time is rapidly approaching when truth will be universally prized. The entire world will rejoice in truth and appropriately value it. Pure truth will be proclaimed to all people. Through Isaiah, God said: "[T]he earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" (Isaiah 11:9).

World-renowned educator Herbert W. Armstrong wrote about this rapidly approaching, truth-filled future era in his booklet *The Wonderful World Tomorrow—What It Will Be Like*. He wrote: [I]f everyone told the truth—everyone's word were good—everyone were honest ...—what a happy world we would have!" Mr. Armstrong explained that we *will* soon have that truth-loving and happy world, under the reign of Jesus Christ. "The only hope of justice—of peace—of truth—of right solutions to all this world's problems, is the coming in power and glory of Christ to set up world government. Right government. The government of God! ... Light will replace darkness—truth will replace error. Understanding will replace crass materialism. True knowledge will replace intellectual ignorance."

Truth is precious beyond words. And we can be filled with hope knowing that it will soon saturate all media. ■

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begins to become more complicated when news sites that are not mainstream, but which do strive for accuracy and truth, are targeted.

Writing for Townhall on December 10, John Hawkins said: "[L]iberals being liberals, they lump pretty much every conservative website that gives them a case of the 'sads' into the 'fake news' category. Breitbart? Fake news. Right-wing news? Fake news. Redstate? Fake news. What they really want is to use 'fake news' as an excuse to encourage social media platforms to censor conservatives."

Writing for *Forbes* on November 17, Frank Miniter explained that many are attempting to harness the fake news scare in order to resurrect the Fairness Doctrine, a principle that granted the U.S. government powers to determine what media content was neutral before President Ronald Reagan abolished it: "Many Democrats ... think government is a fair arbitrator that can neutrally decide when someone can speak, even on

catalyst for misinformation" (Daily Kos).

While actual fake news truly is destructive, the sudden hysteria surrounding it is partly an attempt by mainstream media to deflect blame for their own transgressions and to disparage their competition. It is not difficult to see how the drive to kill fake news could be expanded to include legitimate nonmainstream sources. It isn't difficult to see how such a crusade could be used to silence dissent and unpopular opinions—even when that dissent and those opinions are truthful.

'Truth Is Fallen'

In today's media world, both mainstream and alternative news sources have moved away from objectively reporting the truth in favor of more biased, opinion-based messages. Truth simply isn't valued as it once was.

The Bible—the same Bible our magazine bases its forecasts on—foretold a time when media and society would

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Trumpet website now available in German, Dutch, French and Spanish **BY PHILIP NICE**

Speakers of German, Dutch, French and Spanish can now read theTrumpet.com in their own languages, thanks to the efforts of volunteer translators who are members of the Philadelphia Church of God.

TheTrumpet.com launched on Feb. 15, 2016, in German (diePosaune.de); on November 18 in French (laTrompette.fr) and Dutch (theTrumpet.nl); and on November 30 in Spanish (laTrompeta.es). The new sites include regularly updated articles, an archive, literature library and translations of Trumpet editor in chief Gerald Flurry's *Key of David* television program. The department also opened associated accounts on Twitter, Facebook, Google+ and YouTube, which are accessible on the homepage of each site.

The Church, which publishes the *Trumpet* and theTrumpet.com, includes a translations department staffed almost entirely by Church member volunteers. Working remotely from Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, El Salvador, France, Germany, Guatemala, Italy, Mexico, the Netherlands, South Africa, Suriname and the United Kingdom, about 50 volunteers, dozens of whom have been serving for years, have produced about 30 videos, more than 250 combined pieces of literature and more than 60 lessons of the *Herbert W. Armstrong College Bible Correspondence Course* for the four websites.

The German version of theTrumpet.com features a newly translated article each week; a literature library containing 50 quarterly editions of the *Philadelphia Trumpet* newsmagazine; 27 books, booklets and reprints; and 17 *Key of David* and diePosaune.de videos. The literature is translated and edited by Austrian, Canadian, German and UK members Hans Schmidl, Emanuel Maximoff, Annette Ommen, Peter de Lauw and Herta Geisler. The videos are voiced over by Maximoff. The site was developed and launched by Netherlands member Aart van Halteren.

The French-language website features an archive of four years' worth of articles. LaTrompette.fr includes several videos translated from the English site by Canadian members Pierre Vernier and Tony Chiasson and recorded by Belgian member Paul Fontinoy, such as "Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg en 90 Secondes" ("Who is Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg? In 90 Seconds") and a *Key of David* program titled "Pourquoi vous devez surveiller Jérusalem" ("Why You Must Watch Jerusalem").

The Dutch-language website features regularly updated news and commentary and similar videos dubbed over with Dutch subtitles translated by Van Halteren's wife, Irene, and assisted in editing by Netherlands member Egbert Raedt van Oldenbarnevelt. It also includes a literature library of more than 40 books, booklets and reprints.



The translations department plans to post new content every business day, including articles, *Key of David* programs, transcripts, chapters from books and booklets, and full books and booklets as they are completed. The department also hopes to produce occasional Dutch-, French- and German-specific news written exclusively for theTrumpet.nl, laTrompette.fr and diePosaune.de.

The Spanish-language website offers 48 literature titles, translated over the years by numerous volunteers. It also includes a handful of videos and 91 back issues of *La Trompeta* newsmagazine. LaTrompeta.es manager Deryle Hope said the site is scheduled to be updated with fresh articles two to three times per week and with a new *Key of David* every week, translated and voiced over by Spanish department head Carlos Heyer.

Foreign language translations manager Edwin Trebels said the department can now respond to world events much faster than before, posting articles within a day, rather than within one month (with the Spanish print edition of the *Trumpet*) or within three months (with the German, French and Italian editions). Readers no longer have to wait as long for good analysis on world events, he said.

With websites and much of the literature library in place, the department aims to increase its content and its offline and online readership in 2017. Department head Brad Macdonald and Trebels are exploring an effective digital marketing strategy for bringing the PCG's message to exponentially more people.

"The websites are still young and continue to be fine-tuned," Macdonald said. "But we are doing our best with the resources at our disposal to support Mr. Flurry as he fulfills the full scope of the PCG's Revelation 10:11 commission."

The department also translates into Italian, Portuguese, Finnish, Norwegian, Afrikaans and Hebrew. An Italian-language site (laTromba.org) is planned for the coming months.



What will happen to America's debt-burdened economy under Donald Trump? **BY ROBERT MORLEY**

THERE IS A STORM BUILDING. NOT OF winds or waves, but of money and debt. The United States is the cumulonimbus of pitch-black, rumbling debt: \$20 trillion in federal debt, and accumulating \$3 billion more every day.

The U.S. will now be led by a man who has a lot of experience with debt—although you might be surprised to hear that he personally doesn't owe a cent. But don't be fooled: Companies that he owns do. According to a *New York Times* investigation, Trump-owned companies probably owe upwards of \$650 million. But Donald Trump is also part owner in many businesses, such as an office building on Avenue of the Americas in Manhattan, which carries a \$950 million loan from the Bank of China. Some of that debt is technically Trump's too.

Donald Trump has borrowed billions and billions over his career. Much of it he has turned a profit on and paid back. Some of it he has not.

Will President Trump, the self-described "king of debt," suddenly

reverse course and change the debt storm's trajectory?

Federal debt is now more than \$61,000 per citizen: \$61,000 for each mother, father, baby, grandmother, unemployed uncle, credit-card-happy neighbor and welfare cousin in America. Most Americans simply cannot contribute much of anything to pay down this debt. Bankrate.com says 56 percent of working-age Americans can't even come up with a thousand dollars cash in an emergency.

Debt Is the Same as What?

Don't blow this out of proportion, you gloom and doomsayer. Debt is not a threat, it's a tool. *Forbes* explained on Jan. 14, 2016: "The correct conclusion to draw is that these people are indeed middle class in a country with a well-functioning financial system. Because of this *they don't need savings because they have access to credit*" (emphasis added throughout).

You can be part of the middle class without even a thousand dollars to

your name, as long as you can accumulate debt!

"[I]f we're honest about it, credit and savings are economically the same thing," wrote *Forbes*. "That most Americans don't have \$500 or so of 'savings' as conventionally defined simply doesn't matter."

Credit is really the same as savings. That is being "honest about it." "[A]s ever in the study of things economic, it is consumption which is the important point of it all" (ibid).

There you have it! Why sacrifice, wait and save to build an emergency fund, or to buy your car, or to pay for your college when, functionally speaking, the result is supposedly the same as using an American Express card? *It doesn't really matter how you pay for it—all that really counts is the ability to consume.*

Sounds a lot like Vice President Dick Cheney's 2004 remark that budget "deficits don't matter." Four years later, the 2008 economic storm hit.

The Bush administration accumulated \$4.9 trillion in debt. The Obama administration accrued \$9.3 trillion. Federal government debt has reached almost \$20 trillion and now approximates the total value of every single company listed on the New York Stock Exchange, the biggest stock exchange in the world.

Will the Trump administration reverse that trend? Will the growing debt storm calm or at least level off during his presidency?

In the real world beyond Washington, credit is not the same as saving, and debts cannot be perpetually paid for by swapping credit cards. Analyst Wolf Richter wrote, "So now we're burdened with such an enormous amount of debt that I think it is very hard to even breathe for the economy. A lot of people out there are worried about this" (PeakProsperity.com, Oct. 16, 2016).

Yet America's leaders are still trying to solve the too-much-debt problem with more debt. Richter wrote, "I mean, the Fed is still saying, *We will make money for free and you just need to borrow more money*, and that's its solution to having too much debt. It's insane when you look at it."

America's federal debt works out to more than \$166,000 per income-tax-paying citizen.

There is another \$3 trillion in state and local debt that must eventually be paid too. That's an additional \$25,000 owed per taxpayer. But Americans have no savings. They do, however, have a lot of something else: debt! Vortex in personal and corporate debt, and the U.S. debt rotation is \$67 trillion. And none of this includes the promised benefits to future generations of Medicare and Medicaid recipients.

Depending on how you calculate it, America has liabilities of greater than \$100 trillion. Boston University's Laurence Kotlikoff says it is closer to \$200 trillion.

That's a potential debt storm so big it is virtually impossible to fathom. Forget those promises made because they won't be paid. Not in full. That in itself is going to hurt a lot of people who are relying on the government for shelter during retirement.

But even the part of the debt that analysts think the government could pay is quickly blowing past America's ability to sustain it. The total size of the U.S. economy is under \$18 trillion, which equates to a government debt-to-GDP ratio of over 110 percent. That is up from 100 percent of gross domestic product in 2011.

Just eight years ago, the federal debt was about \$10 trillion. It has almost doubled during the tenure of America's current president. And it doubled during the previous administration too. Is that rate of growth sustainable?

No.

Does that mean politicians will come to their senses? That the debt storm will abate?

No.

In fact, the debt storm will probably intensify before making landfall. Total U.S. household debt hit a whopping \$12.25 trillion last March, but that is still 3.3 percent below the peak that preceded the 2008 subprime mortgage crisis. It has room to run. Student loan, auto and recent credit card debt are growing. Call them the 3-trillion-dollar triple-threat.

What President Trump Will Do

America's leaders think debt is good. On December 14, the Federal Reserve raised interest rates a quarter of a point from 0.5 to 0.75, only the second minuscule increase in over 10 years. The Fed's unstated purpose is to support consumer spending. That's why it is keeping interest rates ridiculously low: to encourage continued borrowing?

President Trump has been seen as a disruptive figure. Will he disrupt this spinning vortex of indebtedness?

No.

Donald Trump *loves* debt—he admits it! He said on CNBC May 5, 2016: “Yeah, I think—look. I have borrowed, knowing that you can pay back with discounts. And I have done very well with debt. Now, of course, I was swashbuckling, and it did well for me and it was good for me and all that. And you know, debt

a fortune by using debt, and if things don't work out, I renegotiate the debt. I mean, that's a smart thing, not a stupid thing.”

And what if America borrows more than it can handle? Mr. Trump has that inevitability covered too: “You go back and you say, ‘Hey, guess what? The economy just crashed. I'm gonna give you back half’” (ibid).

According to the Brookings Institution, the national debt may grow by almost as much under President Trump as under President Obama. Brookings estimates \$9.5 trillion in additional debt over the next 10 years.

Those estimates will rise. If there is one thing America has proven in recent history, it is that it knows how to underestimate spending.

And while America embarks on its greatest debt binge ever, a storm of



“I'm the king of debt.

I'm great with debt; nobody knows debt better than me. I've made a fortune by using debt, and if things don't work out, I renegotiate the debt. I mean, that's a smart thing, not a stupid thing.” —Donald Trump

was sort of always interesting to me. Now we're in a different situation with the country. But I would borrow, knowing that if the economy crashed, you could make a deal. And if the economy was good, it was good. So, therefore, you can't lose. It's like, you know, you make a deal before you go into a poker game, and your odds are so much better.”

On August 11, he said on CNBC, “[T]his is a time to borrow, and to borrow long term, so that we can have money to rebuild our infrastructure.” According to Mr. Trump, nobody knows how to use debt like him. “I'm the king of debt. I love debt,” he said (CNN, May 4, 2016).

He told *CBS This Morning* in an interview on June 22, 2016: “I'm the king of debt. I'm great with debt; nobody knows debt better than me. I've made

epic proportions will be developing offshore. On land, all may appear sunny and tranquil. Debt will buoy the stock market; consumption will give the appearance of prosperity; temporary jobs will be created.

And then one day the storm will roll in. Suddenly the skies will darken. The wind will blow. The rain will fall. And a tidal surge of epic proportions will wipe America's debt-based economic system right off the map.

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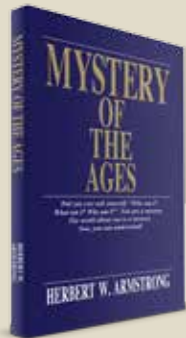
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—Herbert W. Armstrong
MYSTERY OF THE AGES



SIGMUND FREUD 1856–1939

PSYCHOSEXUAL DEVELOPMENT A child goes through phases of focus on different erogenous zones.

ONTOLOGICAL MATERIALISM There is no spirit world; mental phenomena result from material interactions.

NEUROSIS Internalized feelings of anxiety lead to illogical, self-destructive behavior.



ALFRED KINSEY 1894–1956

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WILHELM REICH 1897–1957

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SAUL ALINSKY 1909–1972

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HOWARD ZINN 1922–2010

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MICHEL FOUCAULT 1926–1984

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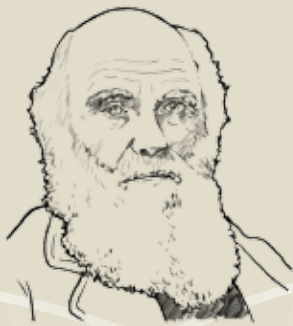
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EDWARD SAID 1935–2003

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- 1 PANSEXUALITY** Human sexuality is a spectrum ranging from homosexual to heterosexual. **MORAL DARWINISM** Adultery, fornication, homosexuality and pedophilia are natural results of evolution. **EUGENIC STERILIZATION** Sterilize a portion of the “lower classes” to foster a more robust gene pool.
- 2 CRITICAL THEORY** Conservative ideology is the principal obstacle to human liberation. **NEW LEFT** Socialism is best achieved via gradualist and reformist efforts, instead of violent revolution. **LIBERATING TOLERANCE** Intolerance against conservative ideas and toleration of liberal ideas.
- 3 CULTURAL HEGEMONY** The ruling class holds power by controlling the culture of society. **PASSIVE REVOLUTION** The only way to permanently overthrow a culture is to establish a counterculture. **WAR OF POSITION** Establishing a counterculture requires the creation of intellectual institutions.
- 4 COMMUNITY ORGANIZING** Systematically agitate special interest groups into causing disruptions. **RULES FOR RADICALS** Revolutionaries should not flaunt their radicalism but should infiltrate the system. **MORAL RELATIVISM** An organizer working for an “open society” has no “fixed” or “absolute” truth.
- 5 SOCIALISM** Socialism is a positive idea that got a bad name from its association with Soviet communism. **MARXIST HISTORIOGRAPHY** American history is a story of capitalist exploitation of the working class. **ANTI-WAR ACTIVISM** Oppose the Vietnam and Iraq wars as acts of American imperialistic aggression.
- 6 SEXUAL REPRESSION** Sexual repression leads to illogical, self-destructive behavior. **SEXUAL REVOLUTION** Sexual emancipation leads to “psychological unburdening” and positive economic change. **FREUDO-MARXISM** Full sexual emancipation is necessary for a successful Marxist revolution.
- 7 SOCIAL CONSTRUCTIONISM** Absolute truth and universal morality only exist as a social construct. **QUEER THEORY** Gender and human sexuality are social constructs dictated by society. **POST-MODERNISM** Concepts of individual freedom and self-determination are a form of cultural repression.
- 8 MARXIST HUMANISM** People lose their humanity when they become part of capitalist societies. **DIALECTIC OF RACE** The black race must think in terms of class in order to fight white supremacy. **ANTI-COLONIALISM** Violent revolution is required for people to overthrow their imperialist oppressors.



CHARLES DARWIN 1809-1882

NATURAL SELECTION Species change as the strong overcome the weak.

EVOLUTION All organic beings descended from one primordial life form.

MORAL RELATIVISM Morality is an ever changing byproduct of evolution.



KARL MARX 1818-1883

DIALECTIC MATERIALISM Civilization is an ever changing byproduct of evolution.

CLASS CONFLICT History is an evolutionary struggle defined by conflict between social classes.

COMMUNISM Utopia will be a classless social system in which all property is publicly owned.



HERBERT MARCUSE 1898-1979

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ANTONIO GRAMSCI 1891-1937

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MARGARET SANGER 1879-1966

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FRANTZ FANON 1925-1961

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GYÖRGY LUKÁCS 1885-1971

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JOHN DEWEY 1859-1952

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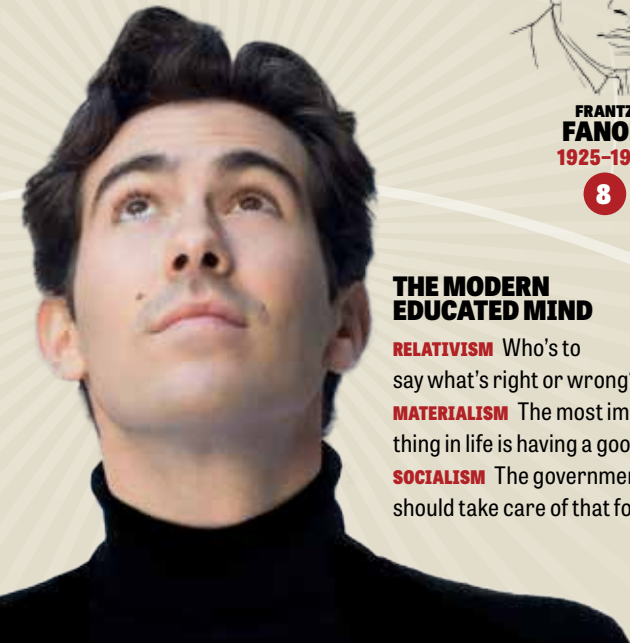
C. WRIGHT MILLS 1916-1962

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BILL AYERS b. 1944

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THE MODERN EDUCATED MIND

RELATIVISM Who's to say what's right or wrong?

MATERIALISM The most important thing in life is having a good income.

SOCIALISM The government really should take care of that for me.

- 9 **DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISM** Elected representatives should control the means of production. **EUGENICS** The human race can be improved by controlled breeding to increase desirable traits. **SEXUAL LIBERATION** Women should have extramarital sex without fear of procreation.
- 10 **ALIENATION** Being part of a social class strangles people from their true personality. **VANGUARDISM** The struggling masses must be led by a vanguard party of the proletariat. **WESTERN MARXISM** Cultural revolution must precede economic revolution.
- 11 **SECULAR HUMANISM** Human beings are capable of being ethical and moral without religion or God. **PRAGMATISM** Concepts of right and wrong change according to circumstances and personal convictions. **PROGRESSIVISM** Social progress is inevitable as human nature marches toward perfection.
- 12 **ORIENTALISM** Eastern civilizations are victims of Western cultural imperialism. **ANTI-ZIONISM** Jewish religion requires Jews to commit murder, genocide and other crimes against others. **ANTI-AMERICANISM** The U.S. is a genocidal power with a history of reducing countries to ruin.
- 13 **DISRUPTIVE POWER** The lower class's source of power is its ability to shut things down. **GUARANTEED INCOME** The federal government should provide every citizen with a minimum income. **CLOWARD-PIVEN STRATEGY** Overwhelming welfare roles will force the government to redistribute wealth.
- 14 **ABORTIONISM** Abortion is a woman's choice that should be legal. **MARXIST FEMINISM** Women are oppressed by the patriarchy via capitalist economic practices. **TRADE UNIONISM** Unions are necessary to help workers stand against employers.
- 15 **POWER ELITE** American citizens are powerless subjects of military, corporate and political elites. **CASTROISM** The Cuban Communist Revolution was a justified rebellion against American imperialism. **PLAIN MARXISM** Orthodox Marxism is flawed, but can be reformed to fit modern realities.
- 16 **SEXUAL COMMUNISM** Traditional families must be abolished to achieve perfect income equality. **LGBT EDUCATION** Government should teach children that same-sex relationships are normal. **LEFT-WING TERRORISM** Revolutionaries must war against the U.S. to end capitalist imperialism.

A Headache for Pope Francis



The United States has chosen a president who opposes the Vatican's political vision. How will the Roman Catholic Church respond? BY ANDREW MILLER

TWO DAYS AFTER DONALD TRUMP was elected to be America's 45th president, Roman Catholic Archbishop José Horacio Gómez delivered an emotional homily at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles, California.

"In the past couple days since the election, we have children in our schools who are scared," he said. "They think the government is going to come and deport their parents any day now. Right now, all across this city, and in cities all across this country, there are children who are going to bed scared. There are men and women who can't sleep because they are trying to figure out what to do next. Trying to figure what to do when the government comes to take them away from their kids and their loved ones."

This homily was a response to President-elect Trump's pledge to reverse President Barack Obama's executive actions on immigration and to resume enforcement of existing immigration laws passed by Congress.

Archbishop Gómez ignored the details of Mr. Trump's deportation plan—such as his pledge to keep families intact—and insisted that the government was coming to take parents "away from their kids." He concluded his homily with a pledge of unconditional support for illegal immigrants in the United States.

"Tonight, we promise our brothers and sisters who are undocumented: We will never leave you alone," he stated. "In good times and in bad, we are with you. You are family. We are brothers and sisters."

This pledge was well received by bishops across America, judging by the fact that they elected Archbishop Gómez to be vice president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops only five days later.

In an interview with *Crux* magazine, Gómez, a Mexican-born Hispanic, said his election was a statement about the status of the U.S. Hispanic ministry. "It's more and more clear how important Hispanics are," he said. "Already, something like 40 percent of all Catholics in the country are Hispanic, and they're 50 percent of our youth" (Nov. 15, 2016).

The archbishop vowed to use his new position to advocate for the rights of illegal immigrants. His homilies are filled with rhetoric that sounds loving, but at the same time, he is encouraging even more Latin Americans to break U.S. law and illegally enter the country in hopes of receiving sanctuary in a Catholic cathedral.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops penned a letter to Mr. Trump, putting him on notice that the Catholic Church is committed to resettling immigrants throughout the nation. Gómez's election is one sign that Catholic bishops are gearing up to fight the Trump administration and to sustain the flow of illegal immigrants into the country.

Why does the Catholic Church support illegal immigration into the United States? And what will happen when the Vatican's hierarchy clashes with the president? Remarkably, the Bible reveals the answers to these questions.

Hispanic Immigration

Archbishop Gómez and the members of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops are not the only Catholic leaders concerned about Donald Trump's election.

The leader of the Catholic Church, Pope Francis, tried to influence the results of the presidential election last February, when journalists asked his opinion of Trump's proposals to halt illegal immigration. "A person who thinks only about building walls, wherever they may be, and not building bridges, is not Christian," the pope replied. "This is not in the gospel. As far as what you said about whether I would advise to vote or not to vote, I am not going to get involved in that. I say only that this man is not Christian if he has said things like that."

The pope may not have explicitly told Catholics which name to put on their ballot, but he said nothing about one candidate while rejecting the other as un-Christian. He also revealed his

preferred policy for the American border: Keep it open.

Why is a pope who supposedly shies away from giving political advice so bold about America's border policy?

After Mr. Trump's election, the pope offered more commentary. "I don't make judgments on people and on political men," he told an Italian journalist in an interview published Nov. 11, 2016. "I only want to understand the sufferings that their way of proceeding causes the poor and excluded."

In truth, Pope Francis isn't averse to politics at all. The Vatican never has been. Meddling in national politics is considered a Catholic religious duty!

Vatican watcher Austen Ivereigh wrote in *Crux* magazine on November 15, "The Florida Strait and the U.S.-Mexican border are to Francis what the Iron Curtain and the Berlin Wall were to [Pope] John Paul II."

According to Italian newspaper *Corriere della Sera*, most Catholic officials residing with Francis behind the 39-foot wall around the Vatican backed Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton as a "lesser evil." While these officials agreed that a Clinton presidency would have been a major setback for the Catholic position on abortion and homosexual "marriage," they considered Trump "unelectable" due to his "aggressive chauvinism."

These Catholic leaders viewed the Republican nominee as a "white" bulwark against a demographic invasion of Latin American immigrants, of which Pope Francis of Argentina is the supreme protector.

San Diego Bishop Robert McElroy stated that mass deportations of illegal immigrants could remove 10 percent of Catholic parishioners from U.S. churches. This figure is likely based on the hypothetical situation that every one of the 11 million illegal immigrants in the country will be deported—instead of just the 2 to 3 million Mr. Trump has pledged to deport. But it shows how important the influx of Catholic migrants is to the future of the U.S. Catholic Church.

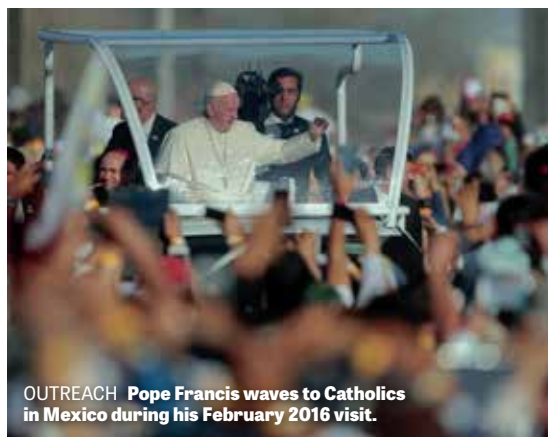
Why does the Catholic Church care so much about American border penetrability? Not so much because the migrants are poor, but because they are *Catholic*.

Pew research data shows that there are 67 million self-identified Catholics in the U.S., roughly 21 percent of the population. Many of those probably haven't been to mass in a while. And for every new Catholic convert, six Catholics leave the church. About half of these former Catholics give up on religion altogether, while the other half join a Protestant denomination. The reason the Catholics aren't plummeting as a percentage of the U.S. population is that *foreign-born Catholics are replacing native-born Catholics*.

Without illegal immigration, the Roman Catholic Church would be a shrinking, aging organization with diminishing influence in the United States. Immigrants moving into the

support of a majority of white Irish Catholics in the Midwest, even as he lost Hispanic Catholics in the Southwest. This ecclesiastical divide highlights a challenge for Pope Francis: He has a problem with native-born Midwestern American Catholics.

Many of Mr. Trump's Catholic supporters voted for him because of his campaign promises to support religious freedom and appoint pro-life justices to the Supreme Court. According to *Corriere della Sera*, however, many Vatican insiders view Trump's victory as evidence that the U.S. has become "angry and radicalized." They seem to agree with Bishop Daniel Flores of Brownsville, Texas, who views the deportation



OUTREACH Pope Francis waves to Catholics in Mexico during his February 2016 visit.



NO BOUNDARIES San Diego Archbishop McElroy speaks to worshippers on both sides of the Mexico-U.S. fence on Dec. 10, 2016.

"The Florida Strait and the U.S.-Mexican border are to Francis what the Iron Curtain and the Berlin Wall were to [Pope] John Paul II." —Austen Ivereigh, *Crux* magazine

country give Catholic leaders enormous influence they wouldn't otherwise have.

According to a paper by the Vienna Institute of Demography, Catholicism would overtake Protestantism to become the largest religion in the United States by the middle of the century if immigration doubled. This explains why so many bishops are willing to support a political party that advocates the slaughter of unborn babies in an attempt to stop Donald Trump from tightening border control.

Americanist Church

Despite opposition from Pope Francis and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Donald Trump still managed to garner 52 percent of the Catholic vote. In particular, he gained the

policies of the Trump administration as "formal cooperation with an intrinsic evil—not unlike driving someone to an abortion clinic" (*Crux*, July 26, 2016).

The fact that so many American Catholics were willing to vote for Trump prompted Massimo Faggioli, a professor of religious studies at Villanova University, to write about the rise of the Americanist Catholic Church. "We are witnessing the return of what church history students will remember as 'Americanism,' when in 1899 Pope Leo XIII accused the U.S. church of being too adaptive of American political culture," he wrote.

"The issue of the balance between a universal (Catholic) interpretation of Catholicism and its necessary local-national embodiment is a returning

question that every Catholic in the world has to face, consciously or unconsciously. But in this historical moment, in light of the election of Donald Trump to the U.S. presidency, it seems to me that deep at the heart of the future of the church in the United States is the fundamental choice between being a Roman Catholic Church in America or being an Americanist Catholic Church” (La Croix International, Nov. 14, 2016; emphasis added).

After the rise of the countercultural movement in the 1960s, many socially conservative Catholics and Protestants put aside their differences to form a “moral majority” capable of striking a blow against the radical left. Now, after 50 years of cooperation, many socially conservative Catholics find they agree with Republicans on political issues more than with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

If this conservative Evangelical-Catholic coalition could manifest itself in the form of a living human being, that would be Donald Trump’s running mate, Mike Pence. As a self-described “born again, evangelical Catholic,” he began blending his Catholicism with Evangelical Protestantism while still in college.

So, as Mr. Trump promises to halt the flow of illegal immigrants into the nation, his vice-president is drawing native-born Catholics into a political coalition opposed to many tenets of the Vatican’s political vision.

All this poses an enormous headache for Pope Francis, who considers himself pastor of the universal church!

“Donald Trump is an alien, if not an enemy, for papal Rome,” wrote political columnist Massimo Franco in the *Globalist*. “His values and geopolitical vision are just the opposite of Jorge Mario Bergoglio’s [Pope Francis’s]. In a way, he is considered a kind of anti-pope. What is worrying, in the Holy See’s vision, is that the new U.S. president might become a model of conservatism, perhaps even of a reactionary mood, within the Catholic world itself. He could exacerbate a growing difficulty of Francis’s church to be heard in Western public opinion” (Nov. 17, 2016).

Borderless Church

Among other disagreements between Donald Trump and Pope Francis are

Trump’s dismissal of global warming as a Chinese conspiracy theory, his pledge to raise tariffs on imports, his condemnation of the North American Free Trade Agreement, and his hostility to the Castro regime in Cuba. In the words of London-based Catholic journalist Austen Ivereigh, “Assuming he goes through with these pledges, Trump next year will slam a truck directly into Pope Francis’s geopolitical objectives in the Americas, and redefine the U.S. church’s public priorities for a generation” (*Crux*, Nov. 15, 2016).

To defend his “geopolitical objectives,” the pope elevated three U.S. archbishops to the office of cardinal on November 19. Many expected Archbishop Charles Chaput to be made a cardinal after he supported Kentucky county clerk Kim Davis, who refused to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples after the Supreme Court ruled it was legal to do so. Yet Pope Francis sidelined Chaput in favor of three anti-Republican, pro-immigration prelates: Blase Cupich of Chicago, Kevin Farrell of Dallas and Joseph Tobin of Indianapolis.

The most unexpected of these appointments was Archbishop Tobin. This man rose to national prominence due to his role in opposing Mike Pence on a measure to ban Syrian refugees from Indiana in 2015, when Pence was the governor of the state. Supported by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Tobin resettled a Syrian family in his diocese in direct defiance of Governor Pence’s directive to halt the resettlement of Syrian refugees in Indiana in the aftermath of the Paris terrorist attack.

“In one fell swoop, therefore, Francis has reshaped the character of the most senior level of the American hierarchy,” Vatican expert John Allen Jr. wrote about the announcement of these appointments in October. “The outlook, while certainly defending church teaching on matters such as abortion and euthanasia, is more inclined to see them as part of a spectrum that also includes immigration, the death penalty, the environment, concern for the poor, and so on” (ibid, Oct. 9, 2016).

Another way Pope Francis is looking to counter Trump’s agenda is by encouraging heightened collegial ties between the U.S. Conference of

Catholic Bishops and the Latin American Episcopal Council.

Ties between these two councils have been steadily growing since the days of Pope John Paul II, whose 1999 exhortation “*Ecclesia in America*” put a high priority on inter-American political integration. A recent meeting called by Pope Francis in Bogotá, Colombia, brought together 15 cardinals and 120 bishops to celebrate the pope’s Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy on the American Continent. The interesting thing about this synod was the unusually large delegation of North American cardinals and bishops who attended.

Vatican watchers are predicting that Francis may start inviting U.S. prelates to Latin American synods more often in



a bid to fight the isolationism of a Trump administration by treating the Americas as a single entity, a seamless web.

The Vatican has been a tireless advocate of both European and Latin American political unity for centuries. The current pope’s feelings on national borders were revealed in his 2013 apostolic exhortation.

“Migrants present a particular challenge for me, since I am the pastor of a church without frontiers, a church which considers herself mother to all,” Francis wrote in *Evangelii Gaudium* (*Joy of the Gospel*). “For this reason, I exhort all countries to a generous openness which, rather than fearing the loss of local identity, will prove capable of creating new forms of cultural synthesis.”

Economic Sanctions

In many ways, Donald Trump and Jorge Bergoglio are emerging as leaders of rival power blocs. Mr. Trump is positioning himself as the leader of a rebellion against transnational elites. Pope Francis is calling for a new global

institution with the political authority to end both poverty and climate change.

“The 21st century, while maintaining systems of governance inherited from the past, is witnessing a weakening of the power of nation states, chiefly because the economic and financial sectors, being transnational, tend to prevail over the political,” the pope wrote in his 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si (Be Praised)*. “Given this situation, it is essential to devise stronger and more efficiently organized international institutions, with functionaries who are appointed fairly by agreement among national governments, and empowered to impose sanctions.”

As America and Britain begin to rebel against the notion of such a glo-

reach southward and eastward into the Middle East to conquer the Holy City, Jerusalem. Then with its right arm, this “Holy” Roman Empire will reach southward and westward across the Atlantic to take control of Latin America and to besiege the United States.

These prophecies may or may not be fulfilled during the papacy of Jorge Bergoglio, who has stated that he feels his pontificate *may* be brief. Nevertheless, this pope has been influential in reshaping the College of Cardinals into a governing body opposed to principles of national sovereignty and free-market capitalism.

While the majority of U.S. Catholics are more loyal to America than to Vatican City, the fact remains that God is

“We are witnessing the return of what church history students will remember as ‘Americanism,’ when in 1899 Pope Leo XIII accused the U.S. church of being too adaptive of American political culture.” —Massimo Faggioli, Villanova University

balist political authority, transnational organizations like the European Union and the Union of South American Nations are looking to the Vatican for leadership. Will the day come when the Anglo-American people have economic sanctions levied against them because of their refusal to submit to the dictates of a Vatican-dominated power bloc?

The Bible actually has some strong things to say about a false church wielding great political and economic power in the time before Jesus Christ’s return. In Revelation 13, this church is depicted as looking like a lamb but speaking as a dragon. In Revelation 17 and 18, this church is labeled “Babylon the Great” and prophesied to rule a vast empire from a city with seven hills. In corresponding Old Testament prophecies in Isaiah 23 and Ezekiel 27, this empire is called *Tyre*, the most powerful trading center of the ancient Mediterranean world.

Based on these scriptures, educator Herbert W. Armstrong long predicted that the Roman Catholic Church would gain influence over a vast transcontinental alliance, including 10 European kings and a network of Latin American vassal states. With its left arm, this Vatican-dominated conglomerate will

allowing many *nation-destroying* curses to afflict the United States because its people have rebelled against His law.

Imperial Politics

Even many Catholics don’t grasp that Vatican City is more than the headquarters of a religion; it is a nation-state participating in political machinations involving *empires*.

As British political economist Rodney Atkinson wrote to the late *Trumpet* writer Ron Fraser in 2013, “Imperial politics rather than the religion of the Roman Catholic Church have been its critical characteristic.”

In 1898, Pope Leo XIII wrote an encyclical, *Testem Benevolentiae Nostrae (Witness to Our Goodwill)*, that declared “Americanism” to be heresy. In particular, he condemned American ideals of individualism and separation of church from state to be heretical fallacies.

While many think the Roman Catholic Church has abandoned these beliefs, the chairman of the Pope’s Council of Cardinal Advisers delivered a lecture in Washington, D.C., in 2014 reaffirming that American concepts of individualism and libertarianism are still completely incompatible with Catholic Social Doctrine. In his lecture

titled “Erroneous Authority: The Catholic Case Against Libertarianism,” Honduran Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez Maradiaga declared that the “invisible hand” of the free market described by 18th-century economic philosopher Adam Smith was a cruel trick to exploit the poor. He brushed aside criticism of Pope Francis’s economic policies from “libertarian” Catholics as fallacies advanced by those who “do not read the social doctrine of the church.”

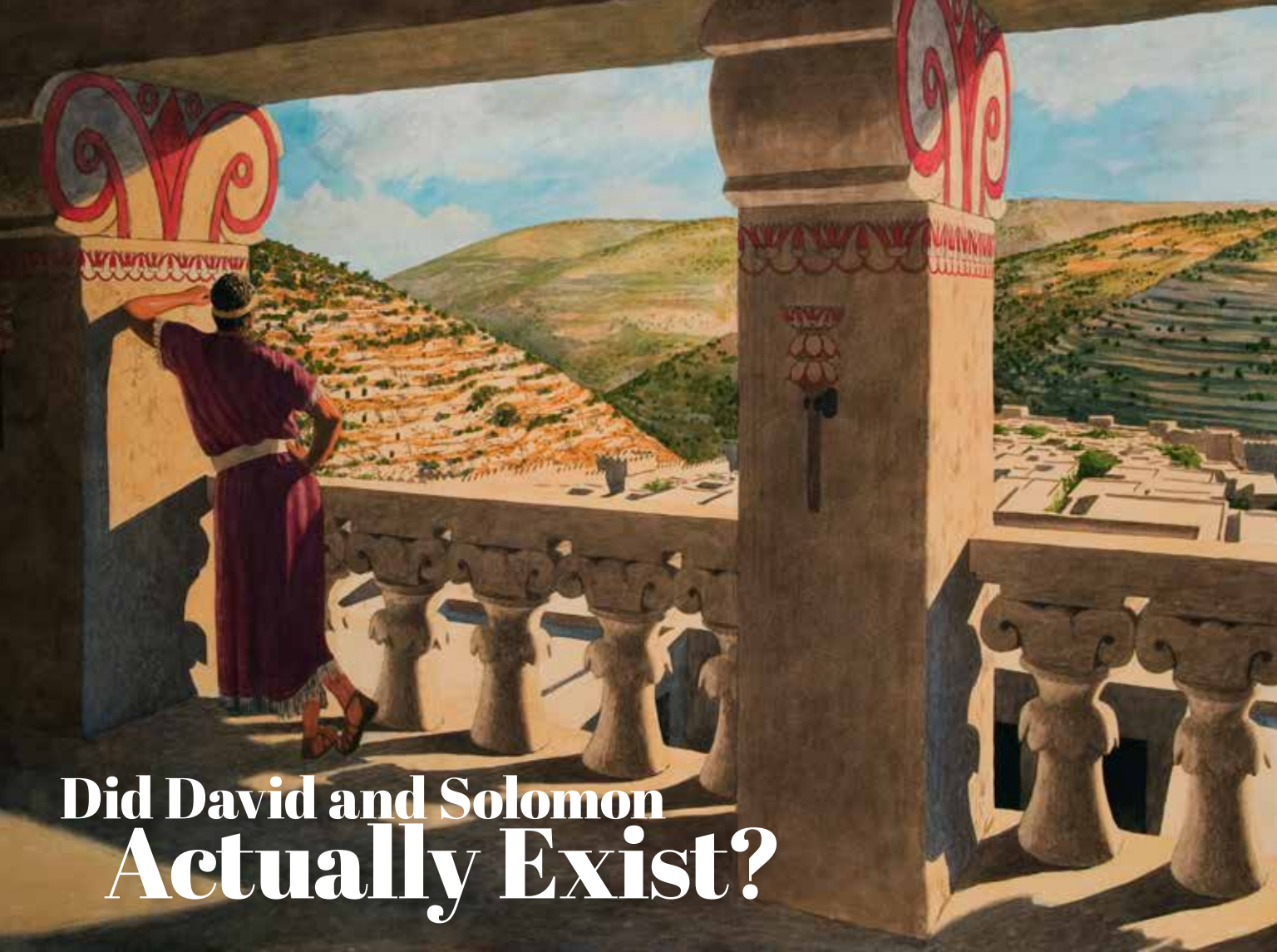
After Maradiaga’s lecture, an assistant professor of theology at St. John’s University spoke on how true Catholics don’t view themselves as individuals but as members of a community, just as they view God as a trinitarian being.

When such statements are analyzed alongside Bible prophecy, it becomes increasingly clear why these developments should deeply concern everyone in America—regardless of their religion. Most people are asleep to the danger, but a clash of civilizations is coming between Anglo-America and a Vatican-dominated empire. The policies being espoused by the Trump administration—and deeply American principles much, much older—are completely at odds with the globalist vision of the Roman Catholic Church.

It is important to recognize that Pope Francis and the College of Cardinals are actively working to establish a new system of world government. The Roman Catholic Church doesn’t believe the Kingdom of God is a literal kingdom to be established on Earth by Jesus Christ at His Second Coming. The Catholic Church’s position is that the Kingdom of God is a modern-day church, ruled by the vicar of Christ.

Biblical prophecy describes a church existing in the end time that holds significant political influence with “the kings of the earth.” It will have particular power over a political-military union of nations described in symbolic terminology as a “beast” (Revelation 17). This description can only apply to one church in modern history—a church that meddles in the affairs of nations and considers itself mother to all—a church that has repeatedly aligned with a political empire in order to exercise its power.

Many prophecies reveal what this church will do in the time just ahead



Did David and Solomon Actually Exist?

If so, were they the glorious kings the Bible describes, or just small-time chieftains? **BY BRENT NAGTEGAAL**

JERUSALEM

WHEN THE FIELD OF BIBLICAL archaeology began, its first practitioners believed that in order to understand the material remains of civilizations in the holy land, you needed to understand the Holy Bible. Yet in their excitement to support the biblical narrative, the founders of biblical archaeology often failed to fully vet the biblical and scientific evidence. They rushed to pronounce their discoveries to be biblically significant, and this led to many false conclusions and hasty identifications of sites.

In the following decades, repeated expeditions and improved methods showed that many of these archaeological sites are not the same as those found in the Bible narrative.

Many of the nascent archaeologists

in Israel were upset when they learned of these early mistakes in the field of biblical archaeology. However, rather than questioning the interpretation of their teachers, the next generation of archaeologists questioned the validity of the Bible itself.

In cases where there was no known corroborating evidence for a particular period of biblical history, the Bible was no longer assumed to be accurate. Soon these arguments from silence (the idea that evidence does not exist because it hasn't been found) gave way to scholars refuting the very existence of some biblical personalities.

The most notable of these were King David and King Solomon. Did these men exist? And if so, was their kingdom as great as the Bible claims?

Just a Petty Tribal Chieftain?

Although most traditional biblical archaeologists were not ready to dismiss David and Solomon entirely, some scholars in the mid-1980s to early 1990s did exactly that. However, this argument was challenged by the discovery of the Tel Dan Stele in 1993. Found in secondary use—having been later used in the construction of a wall—the Tel Dan Stele is a small engraving detailing the defeat of Israel at the hands of Syrians. Scholars were stunned when they noted that one of the lines of text read BYTDWD, or “House of David.” This was the first extra-biblical reference to King David and the fact that he had a *house*: a family lineage descending from him.

Biblical minimalists at first tried to interpret the characters written on

the Tel Dan Stele as saying something—anything—besides “House of David.” Eventually, they conceded that there was no other way to read the inscription. But they did not change their conclusion; they changed their attack. They acknowledged that David and Solomon did exist but said they were not as wealthy, powerful or significant as the Bible describes: They were probably small-time tribal elders who had a small settlement on the hill of Jerusalem.

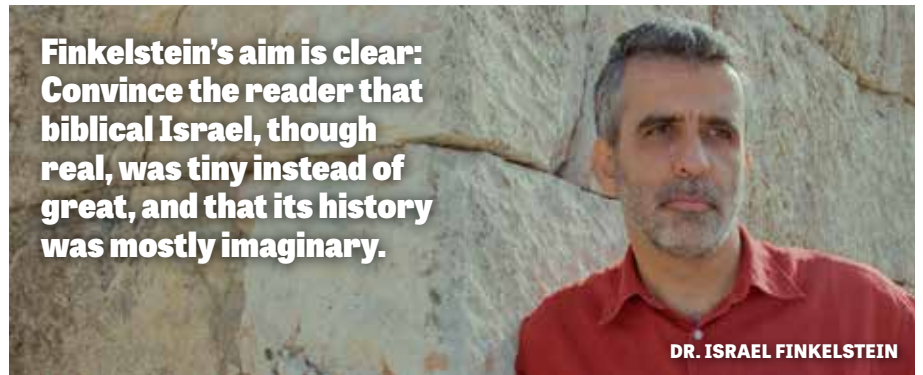
To the old-school biblical archaeologists, this backlash was ludicrous. Although no finds could be conclusively attributed to the reign of David, a number of grand finds from Solomon’s time had been verified.

The key scripture in this regard is 1 Kings 9:15: “And this is the reason of the levy which king Solomon raised; for to build the house of the Lord, and his own house, and Millo, and the wall of Jerusalem, and Hazor, and Megiddo, and Gezer.” This verse details a vast building program undertaken by Solomon not just in Jerusalem but throughout the territory belonging to his kingdom. Gezer is in the southern region of Israel, overlooking what was once the lands of the Philistines. Megiddo is in the north-central region, 70 miles from Jerusalem and inland from the modern Israeli city of Haifa. Hazor lies north of the Sea of Galilee.

These three ancient cities are perhaps some of the most excavated sites in Israel. And what have archaeologists found there? Massive gatehouses, one at the ancient entrance to each city. Each is so similar to the others that this consistent design is known today as the “Israelite gate.” These gatehouses indicate a developed, wealthy, powerful society able to construct sophisticated fortification walls with large gates and impressive structures within them. What’s more, when archaeologists dated these gates by the pottery associated with their construction, they dated to the time of David and Solomon, the 10th century B.C. For decades, this was considered solid proof of Solomon’s large-scale building projects described in 1 Kings 9:15.

But the minimalists contested this seemingly insurmountable weight of evidence proving Solomon’s building

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program. Unable to deny the existence of the structures, they attacked the dating of those gates by disputing the age of the pottery.

Low Chronology

Digging during the 1990s at Megiddo—one of the cities described in Solomon’s building program—was Dr. Israel Finkelstein. He is most famous for a 2005 text, *The Bible Unearthed*. His main thesis in the book is unambiguous: “The world in which the Bible was created



TEL DAN STELE

was not a mythic realm of great cities and saintly heroes, but a tiny, down-to-earth kingdom where people struggled for their future against the all-too-human fears of war, poverty, injustice, disease, famine and drought. The historical saga contained in the Bible—from Abraham’s encounter with God and his journey to Canaan, to Moses’s deliverance of the children of Israel from bondage, to the rise and fall of the kingdoms of Israel and Judah—*was not a miraculous revelation, but a brilliant product of the human imagination*” (emphasis added).

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In the text and corresponding papers, Finkelstein introduced a new

chronology of ancient Israel known as Low Chronology. Traditionally, archaeologists believed that the beginning of David’s reign marks the start of the archaeological period called Iron IIA. This period covers a massive increase in building throughout Israel. Traditionally, this building program was associated with David and Solomon.

Low chronology is a hypothesis that shifts the start of Iron IIA to *after* David and Solomon died. This chronology claims that monumental buildings, such as the Israelite gate, were not built by Solomon, but by later kings. Finkelstein said that David and Solomon rather belonged to the simpler, far less advanced civilization of Iron I, a period normally associated with the Judges—and with decentralized, weak, unimpressive Israelite trade, institutions, government and construction. That pushes forward the society that built those massive gatehouses out of the period of Solomon to a later king, when such construction would have been more common and less impressive.

Finkelstein’s key evidence is based on an analysis of Carbon-14 samples taken from within Iron IIA strata. This evidence is suspect, given that the margin for error in carbon samples from that period is the same amount of time that Dr. Finkelstein wants to push the Iron IIA chronology forward.

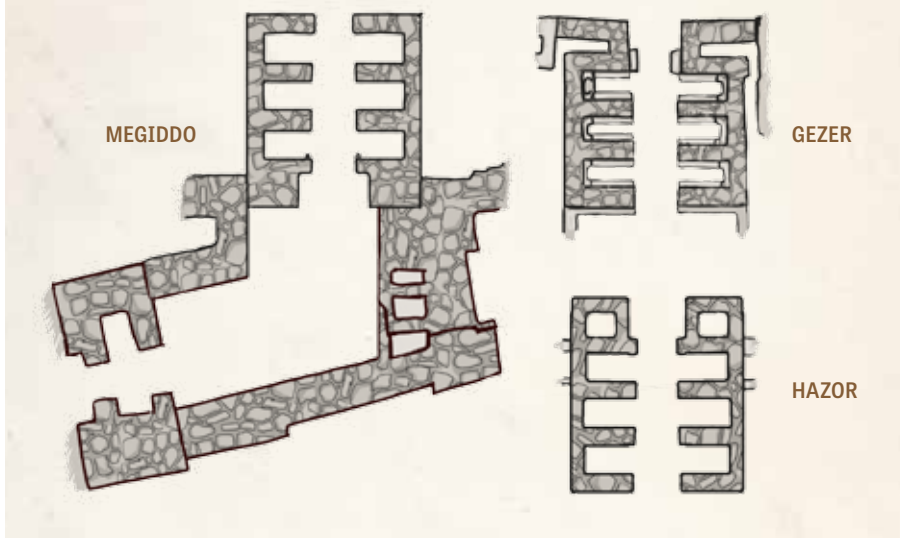
Discovering David

The same year that Finkelstein published his book, an excavation began in ancient Jerusalem, in the northern part of the City of David. There, archaeologist Dr. Eilat Mazar set out to excavate an area she believed could be the location of King David’s palace. Within days, her spades struck massive



THE MEGIDDO CITY GATE

Six-chambered gates



rocks that had been lying just under the surface. The huge rocks formed a 90-foot-long wall over 12 feet thick. Any structure, modern or ancient, with walls this thick is a truly massive building. From the pottery related to the structure, as well as from several carbon samples, Dr. Mazar was able to date the wall to somewhere between the 11th and 10th century. This is the exact period in which the Bible indicates David built his palace.

After finishing the excavation that year, Mazar declared the most logical conclusion was that this large structure was King David's palace. The following excavation seasons, from 2006 to 2008, revealed even more walls from the same structure, with the strong eastern wall measuring 19 feet thick! What's more, the 2008 excavation season revealed that this wall actually

connected to the very top of the famed Stepped Stone Structure, a 65-foot-high retaining wall descending into the Kidron Valley. In effect, it showed that the huge retaining wall was built at the same time expressly to support the eastern wall of the structure above: the palace of King David.

Mazar estimates that only 20 percent of the palace remains have been excavated. But other than the sheer size of the structure, there are other indications that this structure was royal. Forty years before Mazar's discovery, Dame Kathleen Kenyon, a formidable archaeologist in her own right, excavated in the valley just outside and below the palace walls. She discovered a massive capital—the descriptive support attached to the top of columns—known today as a Proto Aeolic capital. This architectural

feature is characteristic of palaces at other Israelite sites such as Megiddo, Samaria and Ramat Rachel. Clearly, this capital (which is featured on the Israeli five-shekel coin today) must have fallen from somewhere important.

Mazar's discovery was an archaeological broadside on Dr. Finkelstein's effort to cut David and Solomon down to size. It was a daring claim for a meticulous and respected archaeologist like Mazar to make in the face of biblical minimalists. Led by Finkelstein, the minimalists scoured her published findings to try to discredit her methods or her reasoning in order to disprove her identification of the structure as King David's palace.

Even tour guides from the City of David tourist center—which perches ironically atop steel supports fastened directly to the bedrock of the palace—thought the idea that they were standing in the area of King David's palace was far-fetched. Many of them belittled the claim as they led their groups through the massive remains. Granted, 3,000 years of later occupation have made it difficult to make out all the palace walls, but some (like the 19-foot-wide eastern wall) are simply unmistakable.

However, over the course of time since Dr. Mazar's original designation, even biblical minimalists are starting to acknowledge that although the walls are not inscribed with King David's name, they are inarguably the foundations of a massive building constructed in the exact biblical location of King David's palace, and within the (albeit contested) time frame supported by traditional archaeologists, Carbon-14 and the Bible.

Soon after Mazar made her discovery, the another important find from the same period was announced. Known as Khirbet Qeiyafa, this site was located on the border of Israelite territory against Philistine land. Based on findings at the site, excavator Yossi Garfinkel wrote, "The argument that Judah was an agrarian society until the end of the 10th century BCE and that David and Solomon could not have ruled over a centralized, institutionalized kingdom before then has now been blown to smithereens by our excavation." Excavations revealed a heavily fortified site. A series of carbon samples were taken

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from within early Iron IIA strata. These samples date at the latest to 969 B.C., a date associated by all archaeologists to the time around King David's death.

The dating of the site to David's time is so rock-solid that biblical minimalists have had to concede the point. But many then began to claim it was not an Israelite fortress, but rather a Philistine one. And yet, the architecture, pottery styles, inscriptions and lack of pig bones (pork is an unclean meat to the Jews) all indicate that Khirbet Qeiyafa belonged not to David's archenemy, but to David himself.

Need More Proof? Just Wait

Even with these and other discoveries testifying to the existence of both David and Solomon, the battle for historical truth still rages in academic circles in Israel. The biblical minimalists' story keeps changing as they try to match the real world with their main claim that remains consistent: Biblical Israel isn't what the Bible says it was.

Debate and difference of opinion is important for any scientific assertion—but not as important as intellectual honesty.

And intellectual honesty, or the lack thereof, has real consequences. The very heated and public debate about David and Solomon has tainted the public's receptivity to past and future discoveries that have biblical significance. Because critics have impugned the biblical account, many assume that the Bible's descriptions have been scientifically disproved, when in reality they have merely been academically contested.

Over the past 30 years, scholars have tried to undermine the Bible as a historically accurate document. Many have been motivated by a mixture of facts and agenda. These scholars have taught the next generation of Israeli archaeologists and historians a baseless sense of skepticism about the Bible's historical records. That bias is as equally unfair as—and less well-founded than—the bias that led early biblical archaeologists to their original misidentifications. This contrary bias has led biblical minimalists to misidentifications of their own.

Dr. Walter C. Kaiser Jr. addresses this growing bias against the historicity of the Bible in his foreword to *The Popular Handbook of Archaeology and the Bible* (2013): "The case for the reliability of the persons and events of the Bible becomes more needed and more necessary each day as the newer generation's anti-biblical thesis takes a greater hold on the hearts and minds of its members."

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We live in a time when technological advancement in the field of archaeology has led to an explosion of discoveries that are proving the Bible to be an accurate historical text. More and more excavation and scholarship is taking place. More and more evidence is being unearthed. Artifacts that match the biblical record are emerging faster than ever. Biblical minimalists and maximalists and everyone in between

still argue back and forth, but the more evidence that emerges, the more interesting the debate becomes.

Dr. Mazar is a good example of the latter group: She is a credentialed scientist, serious-minded and thorough. Controversial as her conclusions are, her overall methodology is undisputed. Less knowledgeable or less scrupulous critics accuse Dr. Mazar of being a religious fundamentalist with an obvious bias to "prove the Bible true." Those who know her know that she is not religious at all but respects the Bible as a historical document. To her, the Bible details the events of her forefathers, chronicling the history of her Israelite ancestors. And for that, she holds it dear.

Also, the Bible shows her where to dig.

Continuing in this foreword by Dr. Walter C. Kaiser Jr.: "Meanwhile, the evidence for the truthfulness and historicity of the Bible continues to mount up as never before. Just when skepticism seems to be making the most noise, we are being flooded with an overwhelming amount of real, hard evidences that demand a verdict opposite to what skeptics, revisionists, minimalists and deconstructionists are clamoring for in their current worldviews and life views. Never has any previous generation seen the amount and significance of evidences that are now available to us today."

For many, skepticism surrounding the Bible will remain, regardless of how many artifacts are discovered. Many continue to use arguments from silence to discredit biblical history as fable. But it was similar arguments of silence that led people to believe David and Solomon never existed. Now we know that they did. And that they built a kingdom of biblical proportions. ■

For a look at more of these discoveries, read "The Bible: Legend or Literal?" from the November-December 2016 *Trumpet* (theTrumpet.com/go/14250).

Europe marches toward a military

European Union plans for uniting member countries' militaries have been little more than hopes and schemes—until now.

On Nov. 14, 2016, EU defense and foreign ministers agreed on concrete steps that will significantly increase cooperation among European militaries. The European Commission announced further plans on November 30 for the EU to jointly boost spending and research new technologies.

This outline is not an overt plan for an EU army but is a specific, practical approach for eventually achieving just that.

EU foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini said November 10, “[W]e can only succeed in providing security to our citizens if we work together as a true Union, with the full potential of a superpower, in the field of security and defense.”

“It’s more than just ‘blah, blah, blah,’” an unnamed EU diplomat said, according to the *EU Observer*. “There’s a new level of political ambition and a document with concrete tasks and a detailed timetable for implementation” (Nov. 15, 2016).

The EU will now create a limited military headquarters. It will command training missions and logistics, but military missions will still be run by

national governments. Italy’s foreign minister said this was “not yet a European general staff” but was intended to become one. The EU will also establish a European Medical Command.

This compromise sums up the progress the EU made in November. A military headquarters unauthorized to head military missions is absurd, but this step is all EU nations can agree on—for now. Once it is operational, it will be a small matter to make good use of the investment and authorize

Angela Merkel plans to ban the burka

Germany’s chancellor announced on Dec. 6, 2016, that she wanted Germany to ban the burka, the Muslim full-face covering. “The full-face veil is not acceptable in our country,” Angela Merkel said at the Christian Democratic Union’s convention, to great applause. “It should be banned wherever it is legally possible.” The ban will probably apply to schools, government buildings and when driving.

This is a revolutionary step: the moment Germany joins Europe’s cultural clash with Islam.

Merkel, who has defined her chancellorship with an

it to do what it was built to do: command and control European military missions.

The defense and foreign ministers also agreed that the EU needed joint military forces that can be sent to “situations of high security risk in the regions surrounding the EU.”

“EU battle groups have existed for 10 years but have never seen action, in part, because participating states never wanted to foot the bill,” wrote the *EU Observer* (ibid). The ministers took some major steps toward changing that.

Under the new plan, these groups will be funded from the EU’s budget. The ministers also agreed that EU nations should not be penalized as firmly if extra defense spending takes them into debt.

On November 30, the European Commission proposed further steps toward spreading this cost around. The EU would spend about \$100 million per year on research, increasing up to \$500 million after 2020. EU institutions, including the European Parliament, would have a say on how this money is spent.

EU members would also spend \$5.8 billion on new jointly shared equipment. This money would be put up by individual nations rather than from the EU’s budget. EU budgetary rules on national debt would not apply to any money borrowed to finance this spending.

The Commission argues that EU nations waste \$27 billion to \$107 billion by not working together.

These practical steps toward a European military are being supported by the United States. Washington officials praised the increased spending proposed on November 30.

Donald Trump’s election as U.S. president is also accelerating Europe’s push for a military. European leaders and thinkers, such as Munich Security Conference chairman Wolfgang Ischinger, have voiced hope that “Trump shock” has “dramatically grown” Europe’s willingness to arm itself.

Finally, Britain’s exit from the EU is also removing a major block on EU spending. The push toward an EU military is accelerating like never before. ■



ANONYMITY A person clothed in a burka walks past Berlin police.

unpopular decision to open Germany’s borders to migrants from the Middle East, is now taking a step that few European countries have made.

Thus far, Germany has fought terrorism by focusing on individual terrorists, raiding houses, and cracking down on incitement to violence. The burka ban

is the first time it has targeted a cultural symbol of a more radical and repressive strain of Islam. Germany is starting to accept that it is involved in a clash with a religious movement, not just a few individuals.

Europe, especially Germany, continues to build toward a clash with radical Islam. ■



UNSTABLE Rioters face off against the Algerian police in January 2016.

Crisis looming in Algeria

Algeria “will probably implode” if 79-year-old, wheelchair-bound President Abdelaziz Bouteflika dies. That was the somber assessment of journalist Stephen Pollard on December 3, in his article “How Algeria Could Destroy the EU.”

“The Islamists who have been kept at bay by his iron hand will exploit the vacuum,” wrote Pollard. “Tensions that have been buried since the civil war will reemerge. And then Europe could be overwhelmed by another great wave of refugees from North Africa” (*Spectator*).

Algeria has a troubled history of conflict and terrorism. The nation’s “black decade,” the civil war of 1991 to 2002, killed over 150,000 people and internally displaced more than a million.

Bouteflika helped end that war when he became president in 1999. But even his strong-arm polices have not fully pacified Algeria.

One of the worst incidents came on Jan. 16, 2013, when Islamists seized a natural gas facility in eastern Algeria; 39 foreign workers and 29 terrorists were killed. The Algerian government said some of the attackers had come from Egypt and had even participated in the 2012 assault on America’s embassy in Benghazi, Libya.

Watch Algeria for signs of further destabilization. Both Europe and radical Islam are undoubtedly preparing for the end of Bouteflika’s reign. Algeria may yet become a pivotal battleground between these two powers. ■

Iran’s victory in Lebanon’s election

On November 7, one week after Lebanon’s presidential election, newly appointed President Michel Aoun held his first meeting with a foreign minister: Javad Zarif of Iran. The visit appeared to underscore the importance of the Iranian-Lebanese alliance and the close bond between the fledgling president and his Iranian allies.

Aoun is a Christian, but he is

also a close ally of Iran, its proxy terrorist group Hezbollah and the Syrian regime of Bashar Assad.

Lebanon’s unwritten laws require the president to be a Christian, the prime minister to be a Sunni, and the speaker of parliament to be a Shiite. Such guidelines have hampered Shiite Iran’s influence in Lebanon by curtailing Hezbollah’s political rise. The election of Aoun promotes a close friend

Egypt shifts toward Iran

Saudi Arabia and Egypt have been close allies, but there are indications that the strategic alliance is breaking down.

In April, Saudi Arabia promised to provide Egypt with 700,000 tons of refined oil products per month for five years. But the cooperation was undermined in early October, when Egypt voted for a United Nations draft resolution implicitly backing Russia’s decision to bomb Syrian rebel groups, essentially siding with Russia and Iran in the ongoing Syrian civil war.

Saudi Arabia opposed the UN resolution and criticized Egypt for supporting it. In October, Saudi Aramco, Saudi Arabia’s state-owned oil company, halted indefinitely all shipments of refined oil products to Egypt.

Weeks later, reports emerged that Egyptian Oil Minister Tarek al-Molla had made a low-profile visit to Iran to discuss alternative oil sources. An anonymous source inside Egypt’s government told the New Arab website that through Russian-Iranian intervention, Iraq had agreed to cover Egypt’s oil needs.

Al-Monitor reported that oil is bringing Iraq and Egypt closer together. “Iraq, which is

... not on good terms with Saudi Arabia, wants to invest in the crisis between Riyadh and Cairo and give Egypt a chance to prevent its economic conditions from deteriorating now that its former ally, Saudi Arabia, is out of the picture,” it wrote. “Thus, Iraq gains an important Arab country like Egypt and benefits from Saudi Arabia’s loss of such an important Arab ally” (Oct. 26, 2016).

But Iraq’s gain is also Iran’s gain. Al-Monitor added: “Some Arab media outlets said the Iraqi-Egyptian rapprochement was provoking Saudi Arabia, given Iraq’s submission to Iran. ...

“Now Tehran insists on the necessity of Cairo taking part in the Lausanne talks on Syria to win the largest number of supporters and for Egypt to join the Iranian alliances on the Syrian crisis.

“Iraq is certainly not going to be the sole beneficiary of supplying Egypt with oil; in addition to Cairo, Tehran may be the biggest beneficiary since it needs to strengthen its Arab alliances against Saudi Arabia ...”

If the Egypt-Saudi alliance is on the way out—and a new Egypt-Iran alliance on the way in—this could mean a seismic shift in the balance of power in the Middle East toward Iran. ■



VICTORY Lebanese supporters of Aoun celebrate his election as president.

of Hezbollah to the nation’s highest office.

As a former general, Aoun holds great sway over the Lebanese military. For Assad, this

means a relatively safe border to his west, as well as more pressure on Sunni rebels who travel between the two nations. But the ultimate winner is Iran. ■



Japan's soldiers authorized to use force

A contingent of 130 Japanese soldiers arrived in South Sudan on November 21, marking the first time Japan has deployed armed troops overseas since the end of World War II.

The Self-Defense Force (SDF) soldiers joined United Nations peacekeepers, whose main task is to construct infrastructure damaged in the civil war that has raged since December

2013. But due to pivotal new legislation Japan passed back in September 2015, these SDF troops also have a mandate that none of their predecessors have had for 70 years: To protect UN staff, civilians or themselves, they are authorized to use lethal force.

Deutsche Welle reported, "SDF personnel are now permitted to fire warning shots to make an armed group back off and

have approval to fire directly at assailants if they determine themselves to be in life-threatening danger" (Nov. 18, 2016).

In mid-December, SDF troops were reinforced with 220 additional troops and given an additional mandate to secure UN facilities in South Sudan, which have come under fire several times and are likely to be attacked again.

Since Shinzō Abe became Japan's prime minister in 2012, he has pushed for the nation's military to take on a greater role. This deployment represents a major victory toward that end. Tim Kelly, Reuters's Tokyo defense and security correspondent, said, "For Japan, it actually represents a very, very big step and a very major stride away from those seven decades of pacifism" (Nov. 22, 2016). ■

Royal Navy: soon obsolete?

The navy that brought the world the aircraft carrier with no planes is about to reach a new level of absurdity. The Royal Navy will become the navy with no missiles, meaning it could soon be beaten by every significant navy on the planet, and perhaps even by 100-year-old ships.

The Ministry of Defense recently admitted that the British Navy would be withdrawing its Harpoon antiship missile in 2018, and it has no replacement lined up.

A navy with no missiles is every bit as useless as it sounds. The navy's other antiship missile, the helicopter-launched Sea Skua missile, will be leaving service next year. Without these, the British Navy will be able to engage other ships only with 4.5-inch guns.

The Harpoon missiles have a range of 80 miles; the guns have



a range of only 17. Royal Navy ships would retain defense capabilities such as air defense missiles, but other ships would be able to attack Britain's warships long before the Royal Navy's guns came within range.

The *Register* noted that in the late 19th century, Royal Navy (RN) ships had bigger guns than those in use now: "After 2018, the RN's front-line warships would be hopelessly outgunned by century-old designs. ... British naval credibility will vanish down the toilet—and in the modern world where actually firing at another state's ship

could provoke a full-blown war, it is credibility and implied threat that matters most." If a war did break out in 2018 and Royal Navy ships survived the opening salvo, they would have to leave their patrols, sail back to port, and be refitted with Harpoons.

"Against any competent navy in a ship vs. ship fight, the Royal Navy is in for a humiliating defeat," wrote *Popular Mechanics* (Nov. 16, 2016). Naval sources told the *Telegraph* that the decision was "like Nelson deciding to get rid of his cannons and go back to muskets." ■

China furious at Trump

Beijing voiced its anger on December 12 over United States President-elect Donald Trump saying a day earlier that the U.S. would not necessarily be bound by the one-China policy.

The policy acknowledges China's view that Taiwan is not an independent, sovereign, democratic nation but is instead a breakaway province of Communist China that will eventually be reincorporated under mainland rule. Since 1979, the policy has underpinned ties between Washington and Beijing, allowing the U.S. only a nonofficial relationship with Taiwan.

Mr. Trump suggested that he may wish to use the policy as a bargaining chip in the U.S.-China relationship. "I don't know why we have to be bound by a one-China policy unless we make a deal with China having to do with other things," Mr. Trump said in an interview with Fox News, mentioning China's currency manipulation, trade tariffs, military buildup in the South China Sea, and relationship with North Korea as areas where Beijing may need to make concessions.

The statements came just nine days after Mr. Trump had angered China by accepting a phone call from Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen, marking the first contact between an American president or president-elect and a Taiwanese leader since 1979.

China's state-run *Global Times* said China would have no motivation to "put peace above using force to take back Taiwan." There is a need for Beijing "to launch a resolute struggle with him [Mr. Trump]," the paper said. "Only after he's hit some obstacles and truly understands that China and the rest of the world are not to be bullied will he gain some perception. [I]n the field of diplomacy, he is as ignorant as a child." ■



Black Lives Matter defends Cuban Revolution

After Cuban dictator Fidel Castro's death on Nov. 25, 2016, Black Lives Matter published an editorial praising his legacy: "Lessons From Fidel: Black Lives Matter and the Transition of El Comandante."

"Although no leader is without their flaws, we must push back against the rhetoric of the right and come to the defense of El Comandante," the group wrote. "And there are lessons that we

must revisit and heed as we pick up the mantle in changing our world, as we aspire to build a world rooted in a vision of freedom and the peace that only comes with justice."

Black Lives Matter picks up a mantle dropped by a dictator who locked up one out of every 18 Cubans as political prisoners in the aftermath of the Cuban Revolution, an incarceration rate higher than that of Joseph Stalin's Soviet Union. Yet the

Depression on steep rise among U.S. teens

Half a million more American teenagers experienced a major depressive episode in the past year compared to 2005, according to a national study on depression published in the November 2016 issue of *Pediatrics*.

In a follow-up article in the same journal, pediatricians Anne L. Glowinski and Giuseppe D'Amelio said the study sounded "an alarm" about a "disturbing

development" in adolescent depression and anxiety.

The study evaluated more than 350,000 Americans from 2005 to 2014 and determined how many suffered from such episodes each year. Psychologists define a major depressive episode as "a depressed mood or a loss of interest or pleasure in daily activities consistently for at least a two-week period." The prevalence of reported cases in teens rose from 8.7 percent in 2005 to 11.3 percent in 2014—a 37 percent increase.

These numbers suggest that

authors insist that he offers lessons of "freedom" and "peace."

"From Fidel, we know that revolution is sparked by an idea, by radical imaginings, which sometimes take root first among just a few dozen people coming together in the mountains," the authors continued. "It can be a tattered group of meager resources, like in Sierra [Maestra] in 1956 or St. Elmo Village in 2013."

The Sierra Maestra Mountains were where Fidel and Raúl Castro took refuge in 1956 after returning to Cuba from exile in Mexico. From this base, Castro and his followers launched the revolution that caused the Communist takeover of Cuba. This editorial links Castro's "tattered group" to the 30 people who met in Los Angeles's arts district to found Black Lives Matter.

The authors posthumously thanked Fidel Castro for harboring Assata Shakur (a former Black Panther who murdered a New Jersey state trooper), as well as other self-described black revolutionaries like Michael Finney, Ralph Goodwin, Charles Hill and Huey P. Newton, who were charged with murder.

"With Fidel's passing, there is one more lesson that stands

paramount: When we are rooted in collective vision, when we bind ourselves together around quests for infinite freedom of the body and the soul, we will be victorious," the authors concluded. "As Fidel ascends to the realm of the ancestors, we summon his guidance, strength and power as we recommit ourselves to the struggle for universal freedom. Fidel vive!"

Black Lives Matter masquerades as a human rights group concerned about African-Americans and police brutality. This editorial reveals its real goals, as does its 13 guiding principles listed on its website. The manifesto demands independent political power, direct democratic community control of all law enforcement, collectivism, socialism, and the destruction of "the Western-prescribed nuclear family structure."

The Movement for Black Lives, the name for the 50 organizations representing the ideology of the Black Lives Matter movement, released a policy statement in August 2015 that unabashedly called for collective ownership of resources, banks and businesses; a highly progressive income tax; a guaranteed minimum income; and other planks of Karl Marx's Communist Manifesto. ■



roughly 2.8 million adolescents self-report having a major depressive episode each year. In 2015, the Department of Health and Human Services estimated this number to be up to 3 million. But as *Time* reported in its November 2016 cover story,

"Teen Depression and Anxiety: Why the Kids Are Not Alright," experts "suspect that these statistics are on the low end of what's really happening," since with issues like depression and anxiety, people are "deliberately secretive." ■

benefits of being multicultural, progressive and sophisticated—exposed the dangerous flaws of German liberalism. It revealed that multiculturalism, secularism, tolerance and open-mindedness can be deadly.

Time will tell, but this could be a milestone event in the evolution of the post-unification German psyche. It could mark the moment Germany stopped moving toward being progressive, secular and multicultural and began moving much more quickly toward its more traditional, conservative, nationalist roots.

In Berlin on December 19, noble dreams met grim reality. Being open-minded and multicultural, altruistic and welcoming of migrants can be wonderful and empowering—until an Islamist terrorist hijacks a lorry and plows into innocent bystanders enjoying a Christmas market. There will be more terrorist attacks in Europe, and with each attack this reality will grow more evident.

As it does, Germans and Europeans will increasingly substitute postwar values with basic human urges. Tolerance will be replaced by prejudice, multiculturalism by patriotism, the community spirit with a greater determination for self-preservation.

Berliners, the German people and even Europeans in general will increasingly grapple with a choice between who they *want* to be and who they *need* to be. They might want to be progressive, open-minded and tolerant, but the message from Berlin and all the other attacks is that *they need to be more cynical, more unforgiving and more confrontational*. This, you can be sure, is a trend that will affect us all.

What Can We Expect?

Following the Berlin attack (as well as the others), the response from the Merkel administration and Germany's mainstream elite was alarming. While they were certainly sobered by the attack and displayed compassion for the victims, Merkel and her colleagues were extremely apathetic about the broader *causes* of the attack.

There was no dramatic and forceful response from Merkel or her

government. No meaningful change in direction. No recognition that her migrant policies are flawed and have clearly put Germany in danger. There were plenty of platitudes, but no major decisions; plenty of promises, but no noticeable actions.

Many in the West, especially intellectuals, would argue that this “rational,” unemotional response speaks to Germany's postwar transformation. This is how an advanced, sophisticated nation is supposed to react in this situation.

Millions of Germans, however, will not see Merkel's response this way. It is very human amid such a crisis to seek vengeance, and to go into self-preservation mode. The Berlin attack will add massively to the public's frustration and disillusionment with mainstream politicians, particularly Chancellor Merkel. In fact, many Germans consider Merkel *responsible* for these attacks.

These frustrated Germans don't want to persecute migrants, beat them up, imprison them or kill them. They are not Nazis seeking to commit genocide against German Muslims. Most are regular, sound-thinking, rational people, many of whom have great sympathy for the migrants. But they are justifiably concerned and alarmed at the impact millions of migrants are having on Germany—on its institutions, its infrastructure, its economy, its culture and its people. They are frightened by the prospect of more terrorist attacks. And they are concerned that Merkel's government refuses to give serious attention to their fears and worries.

Merkel's failure to react more energetically to the Berlin attack, her failure to recognize the extent of the problem and the part her policies played in creating it, and her failure to take the German public's concerns seriously are **DEEPLY ALARMING**. By failing to tackle these issues, Angela Merkel is turning the German people into a ticking time bomb!

The more disillusioned, frustrated and angry the German people become, the more vulnerable they will be to radical politics and radical leaders with radical solutions.

Bible prophecy says we can expect this scenario. The book of Daniel is written specifically for the “time of the end” (Daniel 8:17; 12:4, 9). Passage after

passage describes a powerful leader who will shake the world. He will be the “king of the north” (Daniel 11:40), ruling over a united European power. He will most likely be the leader of Germany, which controls the rest of the European Union.

What type of man is this new leader? The Bible says that “the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god” (verse 36). He will be a “king of fierce countenance” (Daniel 8:23). He is assertive, aggressive and ambitious. He is a strong leader!

This leader will come “understanding dark sentences” (same verse)—or, as *Clarke's Commentary* puts it, he will be “learned and skillful in all things relating to government and its intrigues.” He is very different from Germany's current leader.

Angela Merkel has been one of the most popular and successful post-war German chancellors. For 11 years, she has been exactly the leader Germans have wanted. But Germans now want—and need—a leader with a different personality and different policies. They need someone who speaks the truth and who is willing to confront the issues.

Daniel 11 says this strongman comes into power through “flatteries” (verse 21). The *Jamieson, Fausset and Brown Commentary* says that “the nation shall not, by a public act, confer the kingdom on him, but he shall obtain it by artifice, ‘flattering.’” Daniel's prophecy also says that the people “shall not give the honour of the kingdom” to this person.

All this indicates that this man will not come to power through normal democratic processes. Will the Berlin attack somehow hasten the end of Merkel's chancellorship? Will we see a strongman, someone willing to act with power and decisiveness, made chancellor even before national elections next autumn?

Angela Merkel has been an excellent leader in many respects, and Germany has thrived under her leadership. But events like the Berlin attack show that Germany is close to the end of the Merkel era. Germany needs someone stronger, someone more confrontational, someone more decisive, and someone capable of making hard and unpopular decisions.

Watch for that man to rise. ■

Focus on Important

Don't fritter your most valuable asset on nonsense.

BY JOEL HILLIKER

WHAT IF YOU SOMEHOW LEARNED THAT YOU WOULD DIE in a week? If you were given just seven days to think back over your life, what would be your assessment? How satisfied would you be with what you have accomplished? What would you regret having left undone?

Are you spending your life on things that *make a difference*? Are the truly important matters getting enough of your attention? What draws you away from these things?



JOEL HILLIKER

Moses was contemplating these types of questions when he wrote Psalm 90: “[W]e spend our years as a tale that is told. The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away” (verses 9-10).

Then he drew this poignant conclusion, beseeching God: “So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom” (verse 12). Recognize the brevity of your life, and you gain sharp clarity of thinking.

Honestly evaluate how you are using your days, your hours, your minutes. Are you just marking time—or are you truly *numbering your days* so you can apply your heart to wisdom? Are you devoting enough energy to the significant things? Are you prodding yourself and aiming to truly *USE* your life, fulfilling your God-given potential?

A successful life demands being *purposeful* and *driven*. Your time, which is your life, is your most valuable asset. You don't even know how much or little you have, all you know for certain is that *supply is limited*.

The devil knows your time is limited. He has built modern society specifically to consume your attention with trivialities, to draw you away from what matters. If you just do what comes naturally and what is easiest, you will be swept up in a torrent of distraction taking you far from anywhere you want to be.

Don't get trapped in trivial, quickly forgotten busyness. Establish your priorities and trudge toward them, step by step, against resistance, daily, hourly. Regularly evaluate your progress and make frequent course corrections to stay on track. Do not let your

priorities fade and disappear, then replace them with new priorities that you also let fade and disappear. Once you establish your priorities, led by God, sprint, lumber, clamber, scrap, fight and crawl toward them until you have achieved them.

Look at your daily tasks and ask yourself tough questions about each one: Is this really important? How will this further a long-term goal? Will its impact last beyond this week or this month? Does this advance my real purpose in life? Is it diffusing my energy and preventing me from accomplishing what I need to? If so, can I delegate it or cut it?

With your goals and priorities firmly in mind, you can far more readily avoid getting caught up in unessential things, and you can intentionally do specific things each day to advance your goals. Devote as much time as possible to work of lasting value. Focus on what is truly important. **FOCUS** will determine your success in achieving it more than anything else. If you can't focus on something, you won't accomplish it. If you can, you will.

For fruit trees to reach maximum yield, they must be regularly pruned. Jesus Christ said growth in *your life* also requires continual pruning. “Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He [the Father] takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit **HE PRUNES, that it may bear more fruit**” (John 15:2; New King James Version).

Unwanted, unhelpful growth is natural. Extra obligations, diversions, projects and preoccupations bud and blossom all the time. That is why pruning is so critical, and why it must be continual. “Our life is frittered away by detail,” Henry David Thoreau wrote. “Simplicity, simplicity, simplicity! I say, let your affairs be as two or three, and not a hundred or a thousand.”

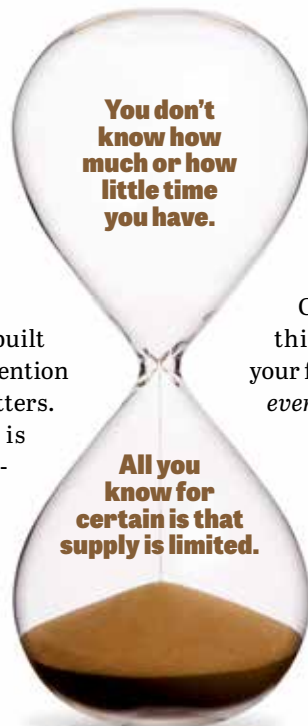
Stop and ask: *What am I doing right now? Is it really what I NEED to be doing?* Busyness is not the same as productivity. And productivity is not the same as fruitfulness. Look at the *fruit*. Is what you are doing producing results? Are they *good* results?

Are they meaningful? Are they building your family? Are they helping others? Are they advancing God's cause? Are you putting the resources He has entrusted to you to their best use? God wants to help you answer these questions.

You cannot afford to waste time. Prune whatever is stealing your minutes and not producing good fruit. To focus on the important things, the less you think about other things, the better. Set limits on what you consume and do. Eliminate the unessential. Cross off what's not really important. Postpone things that don't need to be done right away. Keep your focus locked on what is really important and *prune everything else*.

This is a continual process. Prune, then prune again, then again. Prune monthly, weekly, even daily.

This is how to maximize your time and energy. If you are doing something important, then you are moving in the right direction, even if slowly. As Earl Nightingale said, “Never give up on a dream just because of the time it will take to accomplish it. The time will pass anyway.”



Certainly, you raised some praiseworthy points (“Can He Make America Great Again?”, [theTrumpet.com/go/14333](https://www.thetrumpet.com/go/14333)). Choosing the worst or best of two rotten choices is difficult at best. As for racism, it seems to me that the true racists are now the very ones spewing the accusations! **Harris Allen**

This election has been the most frustrating to me that I can remember. Neither candidate was the best choice from the right or left. I really feel God is in control here. Something is different this year. You can feel it in the air. I do think God plans to use Mr. Trump for the good of people. We have to wait to see how it works out. I admire all the *Trumpet* staff for writing these articles. I feel God is directing the *Trumpet*, or I would not be a reader.

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You are so correct. Talk about a hypocritical nation. I'm thinking that the system that the liberals created to help certain groups actually does exactly what they define as racist. Decades ago, when I had a business, I asked an employee, "Are you babysitting your brother and sister today?" She said, "No, they are my children." I said, "You look so young." And she said, "I am not going to make the same mistake my mom made. I am going to have all my children before I am 25 so that I can enjoy the money." I really wanted to cry. How sad that the welfare system puts these young women and children at such a disadvantage. Each one of these new standards and expectations in the list could be expanded to show that the liberals, unions and the Democratic Party have set up systems that leave one or more groups of people behind. Look at what the teachers' union and liberals have done to the education system—particularly in the inner cities. The hypocrisy is so sad. Save the whales, but it is OK to kill babies.

Joe

Don't be shy

Amazing prophecy from Amos for this end time and to watch it unfold the way God would have it ("America's Coming Civil War," [theTrumpet.com/go/14332](https://www.thetrumpet.com/go/14332)). Thanks for the article, Mr. Flurry.

Zac Schneider AUSTRALIA

I always love your conclusions: "I will plant them in their land, and no longer shall they be pulled up from the land I have given them, says the Lord your God" (Amos 9:13-15; New King James Version). Thank you very much!

Syl Yoder ARIZONA

People who have the faith to realize this serious warning should not be shy to ask our God for forgiveness and protection!

Francois



Become bulletproof

I don't believe that the university students who are being given coloring books, playdoh, therapy dogs and safe spaces are really suffering any trauma from Mr. Trump's election. Their behavior is a manipulative lie to silence those who are of a different political opinion. They claim it's about tolerance, inclusiveness and diversity, but it's the very opposite. It is about control and getting their own way. It is most definitely not love!

Majella Tesoriero NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA

Let's all listen

Excellent article with great opening paragraphs—it really catches one's attention ("Land of the Free, Home of the 33,000 Violent Street Gangs," [theTrumpet.com/go/14340](https://www.thetrumpet.com/go/14340)). It's sad that when the government reads this, it doesn't take action except to praise the so-called artists who profit from it all.

Bill NORTH CAROLINA

Nation-changing leadership

This is a great message to read and learn from ("The Foundation of Leadership," [theTrumpet.com/go/14345](https://www.thetrumpet.com/go/14345)). As you brought out, character is what is important to God. And it is to all of us, or at least should be.

Bridget Johnson TENNESSEE

I'll be reading this article again. Children learn by watching the examples of their parents and other adults. The story of Teddy Roosevelt comes to mind. It was his father's example that motivated him throughout his life to always do the right thing. His leadership changed the course of the nation.

Walter

Will Brexit Solve All of Britain's Problems?

A look at the optimism of Britain's vindicated euroskeptics **BY KIEREN UNDERWOOD**

RECENTLY I ATTENDED A BRUGES GROUP EVENT CELEBRATING the string of efforts that had culminated in Brexit. Many of the original Maastricht Rebels, a group of politicians who opposed the treaty to establish the common euro in 1992, attended the event. Nearly everyone there had something in common: They believe Brexit has saved Britain from disaster.

Andrew Roberts, a brilliant historian, delivered the main speech. He said he was part of a small minority of historians who had supported the campaign for Britain to leave the European Union. Just before the vote, over 300 historians signed a letter declaring Brexit would “condemn Britain to irrelevance.” Roberts proudly revealed that he had signed a letter declaring the opposite. But only four historians did so with him.

Roberts tried to put Brexit in its historical context from multiple angles. He talked about Europe's right-wing movements gaining popularity; whether Margaret Thatcher and Winston Churchill would have been “Brexiters” (his answer was an emphatic “Yes!”); a possible new CANZUK Union (Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom); Antonio Gramsci and the left's hold on universities; comparisons between the 1930s and now (“appeasers now read remainers”).

But Roberts's main point was that Great Britain had a “separate historical architecture” from Europe. In 1848, revolutions spread across the Continent. Germans, Italians and Austrians rose up against their rulers demanding more liberal constitutions; the most notable uprising happened in France: the February Revolution. But in Britain, *there was no 1848 revolution*. Magna Carta had been drafted in 1215, and England's Glorious Revolution had happened nearly 200 years earlier, in 1688.

So in a room full of euroskeptics and campaigners for Brexit, the mood was as optimistic as could be. They had been vindicated! Finally the people were fighting back against the establishment, rejecting the rule of bureaucratic elites on a different continent, and pushing for a free Britain. Against the pollsters, media outlets, overseas banks, conservative Tories and accusations of racism, the people had voted for self-governance.

While details remained to be settled (new trade deals, new alliances and thousands of other matters involved in leaving the EU), the main battle was won. The mood in the room was that Britain would now enjoy a utopia of trade partnerships, economic freedom and the chance to solve every problem the stuffy EU Parliament had imposed on them. It was the Enlightenment all over again—Britain free to govern with reason!

The *Trumpet* acknowledges many of the reasons Britain would benefit from leaving the EU. Britain's history is

different from mainland Europe's, and the EU was never designed to put Britain's interests first. But there is something the optimistic Brexiters are overlooking.

For a group of conservatives, it was surprising that there was no mention of *human nature* at the conference. Two prominent political ideologies in the Western world are realism and idealism. The realist views the world as a stage of conflict among actors seeking power; the idealist believes that progress toward peace is something close to inevitable.

There was no acknowledgment that Britain's governance problems will remain after leaving the EU. There was no talk of the fundamental problems in British society: crime, immorality, selfishness, corruption, liberalism and all the rest. Britain, simply by virtue of cutting ties to the Continent, would suddenly solve all its problems. Years of cultural and societal decay would be wiped away. Human nature was limited to Brussels; Britain, only, had the moral qualities to lead itself.

In his book *Mystery of the Ages*, Herbert W. Armstrong wrote of the continual failures of man's forms of governments. In the process of describing the only alternative, he wrote: “It will not be so-called democracy. It will not be socialism. It will not be communism or fascism. It will not be human monarchy, oligarchy or plutocracy. It will not be man's government over man. Man has proven his utter incapability of ruling himself.”



It's not that Brexit may not be the better alternative. It's not that Britain can't rule its citizens from home better than politicians in Brussels can. It's that mankind has *always* failed to establish lasting, successful government, and it always will fail.

Families, cities, nations and empires prove this truth daily. Man, on his own, fails to produce peace in his own domestic life, but thinks he can find it on a national scale. Without God's guidance, man has continually proven that human nature prevents him from ruling other men in a peaceful, just way.

Mr. Armstrong explained the biblical view of America and Britain's future. In fact, back in 1956, Mr. Armstrong predicted that Britain would not be part of the EU: “Germany is the economic and military heart of Europe. Probably Germany will lead and dominate the coming United States of Europe. But Britain will be no part of it.”

Britain and America, Mr. Armstrong wrote, would decline because of their immorality and rejection of God. He said these previously blessed nations were having their blessings removed.

Will Brexit solve all of Britain's problems? No. But not for the reason many think. It's because the nation will still have government by humans, and no matter how hard we try, we humans consistently show that we can't govern ourselves in a way that solves all our problems. ■

of us. In Isaiah 47, for example, God calls this church the “daughter of Babylon” and the “lady of kingdoms.” Verse 6 of this chapter prophesies that God will deliver His people—speaking of the modern-day nations descended from ancient Israel, more specifically the United States and Britain—over to this “lady of kingdoms” because of their many sins.

The current antagonism between the incoming Trump administration and the Vatican is a warning sign that America is soon to be attacked by a transnational alliance dominated by Germany and the Vatican.

These same prophecies reveal just how devastating this attack will be. In fact, Scripture reveals that because this “daughter of Babylon” shows no mercy to the people under her dominion, God says He will personally take vengeance on her, laying her in the dust.

Based on these scriptures, Herbert W. Armstrong wrote in the October 1951 *Plain Truth*: “For, believe it or not, THE UNITED STATES OF EUROPE—a Winston Churchill dream, an idea sponsored, aided, abetted and financed by the United States, is the very idea the pope will seize on—all ready-made, wrapped and labeled ‘made in U.S.A.’—ready to hand over to him! And in promoting this utopian idea, gullible, trusting America and Britain are creating the Frankenstein that shall destroy them!”

God tells us how we can be protected from this unparalleled disaster. The book of Ezekiel was written specifically for this end time. (Request a free copy of our Ezekiel booklet.)

“Therefore, O thou son of man, speak unto the house of Israel; Thus ye speak, saying, If our transgressions and our sins be upon us, and we pine away in them, how should we then live? Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way AND LIVE: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; *for why will ye die, O house of Israel?*” (Ezekiel 33:10-11). There is only one way that God will protect us. Our people must *turn, turn, turn* from our evil ways.

God takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked. “Why will ye die, O house of Israel?” What a terrifying question!

Even if the nations of Israel reject God’s warning, He is still going to make them the *chief nations* of the wonderful World Tomorrow. That will happen *after* they have experienced the worst suffering ever.

It is a matter of life-and-death importance that everyone who hears this message sit up, pay attention and take note of the seriousness of the times. ■

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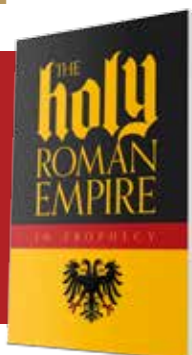
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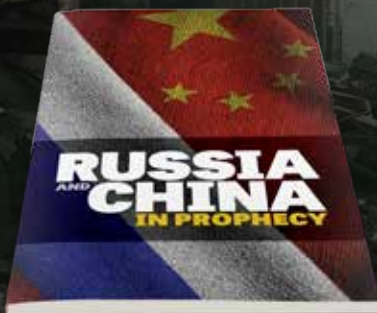
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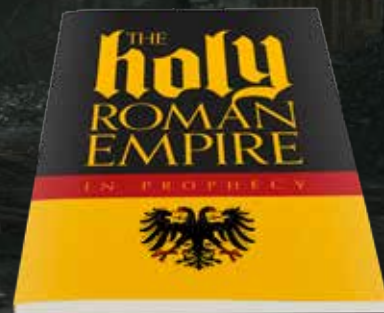
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