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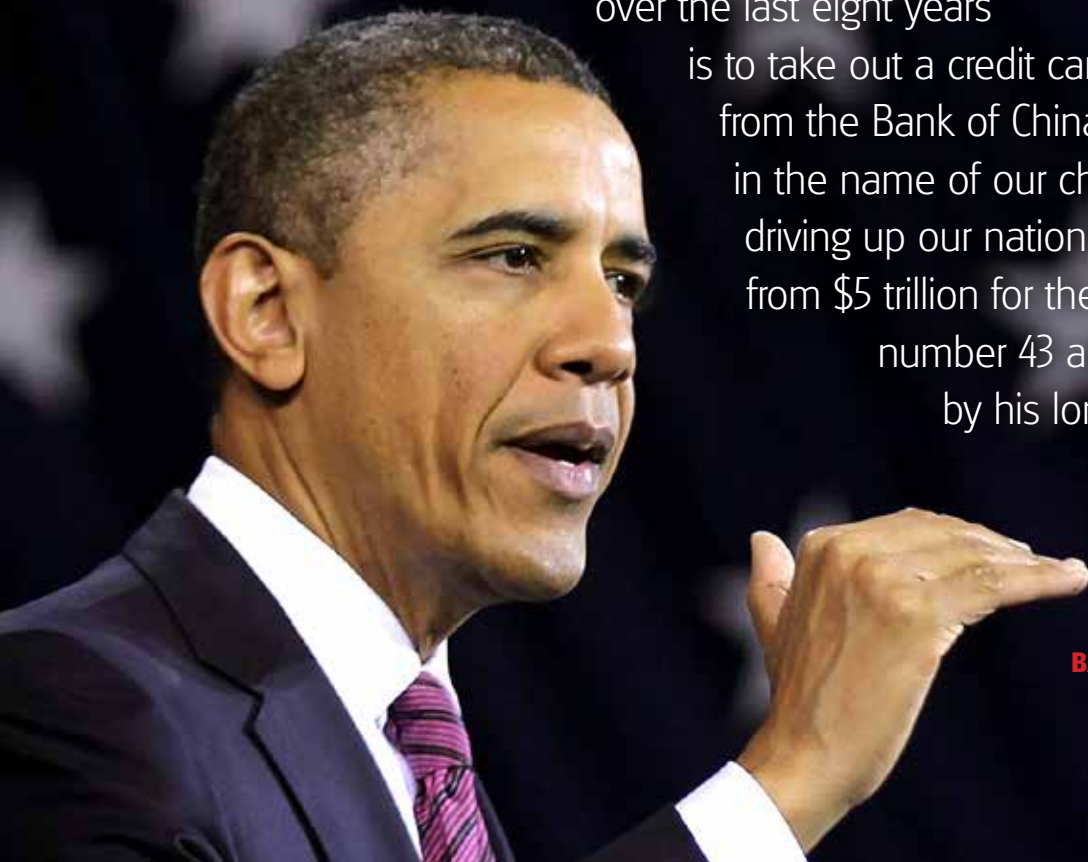
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America's policies are bringing
the dollar down—fast



“The problem is,
is that the way Bush has done it
over the last eight years

is to take out a credit card
from the Bank of China
in the name of our children,
driving up our national debt
from \$5 trillion for the first 42 presidents—
number 43 added \$4 trillion
by his lonesome

That’s irresponsible.
It’s unpatriotic.”

BARACK OBAMA

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'We Don't Have a Spending Problem'

How can President Obama make such a statement when America is going into debt more than a trillion dollars a year? The government's economic policies are guaranteeing the collapse of the dollar!

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE SINGLE GREATEST THREAT TO America is? During the American presidential election campaign, President Obama said it was international terrorism. Republican candidate Mitt Romney warned it was a nuclear Iran. Other experts scream that it's global warming. Border patrol agents say it's Mexican drug cartels. Perhaps it's a North Korean nuclear attack, Russia's military resurgence, or a Chinese cyberattack.



FROM THE EDITOR
GERALD FLURRY

Those threats are real. But there is a danger far greater than all of the above combined.

Adm. Mike Mullen, former chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, believes he sees the threat. The biggest danger to America today, he says, is *our debt*. "From a national security perspective, it is the brutal combination of the passage of time and NO SOLUTION IN SIGHT that so intensifies the crisis and the threat" (emphasis mine throughout).

Mullen says that, eventually, our debt will leave us *defenseless*.

German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schäuble told his parliament in January that America's debt situation is nearing a crisis. "Britain has a higher state debt than the eurozone average, and I don't even want to mention the United States of America," he said. Earlier, he told the Bundestag that U.S. debts were a drag on the global economy, and he questioned *America's political will to deal with it*.

America's enemies can see its glaring weakness. "How long can a government with a \$16 trillion foreign debt remain a world power?" Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad asked in October.

Can anyone disagree? How America handles its debt problem may be THE DEFINING ISSUE of the next four years.

The One Thing Washington Can Agree On

According to the U.S. Commerce Department, the economy shrank during the last quarter of 2012. It was the first contraction in gross domestic product since the official end of the recession in 2009. The news came as a shock. America was supposedly on the path to recovery.

What caused the economy to shrink? Analysts blamed a \$40 billion cut to federal spending.

If a \$40 billion cut to Washington's massive spending pushes the economy into recession, there is no way lawmakers will stomach \$1 trillion in cuts, which is what the country needs in order to balance the budget. They can't agree on what to cut, and they don't have the stomach to simultaneously raise taxes and risk an even worse contraction.

A few days after the GDP report, as if on cue, President Obama urged Congress to delay automatic spending cuts to domestic programs that were scheduled to take effect in March. Republicans signaled they would be willing, if the president postponed cuts to the military. It seems that the one thing Washington more or less agrees on is spending massive amounts of money.

America's leaders don't have the will to balance the budget.

America owes a record \$16.7 trillion. By 2014, the debt is projected to be well above \$17 trillion—and that doesn't include *tens of trillions* in Medicaid, Medicare, and Social Security benefits that politicians have promised voters. Including all liabilities, America's debt is over \$100 trillion.

NO NATION IN HISTORY HAS EVER HAD SUCH A GARGANTUAN DEBT, LET ALONE PAID IT.

What Happened to Mr. Obama?

Barack Obama used to *speak out* against this financial menace. In 2006, *Senator* Obama lambasted Republicans for raising the debt ceiling by \$3.5 trillion over five years. "The fact that we are here today to debate raising America's debt limit is a sign of leadership failure," he said. "It is a sign that the U.S. government can't pay its own bills. It is a sign that we now depend on ongoing financial assistance from foreign countries to finance our government's reckless fiscal policies."

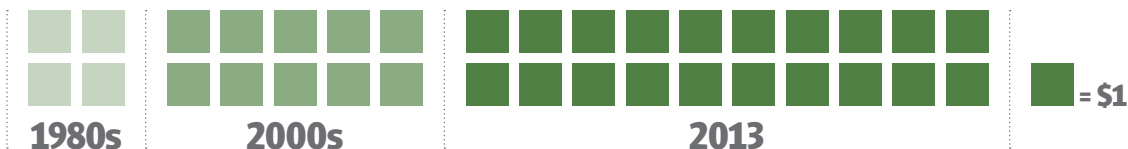
"AMERICA HAS A DEBT PROBLEM AND A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP," he said. "Americans deserve better. I therefore intend to oppose the effort to increase America's debt limit."

Senator Obama was absolutely right! America's spending is out of control!

But what happened to *President* Obama? Since getting elected, he has had a complete mind change!

Back in 2006, he said, "If Washington were serious about honest tax relief in this country, we would see an effort to reduce our national debt by returning to responsible fiscal policies."

Dollars required to create \$1 of economic growth



Today, however, *debt and deficits no longer matter* to the White House. In four years, the president spent \$6 trillion this country doesn't have. He hasn't passed a budget in almost four years. He recently lambasted Congress for not raising the debt ceiling even faster. AND HE HAS STATED ON NATIONAL TELEVISION THAT HIS 2006 COMMENTS ABOUT THE DANGER OF THE DEBT WERE A MISTAKE!

In January, President Obama made an incredible, unbelievable, almost unconscionable statement during the debt ceiling negotiations to Republican House Leader John Boehner: "We don't have a spending problem."

We don't have a spending problem? At the federal level, we are borrowing *more than one out of every three dollars we spend*—and we don't have a spending problem? We have promised future retirees around \$100 trillion in benefits—money we don't have—and we don't have a spending problem? We have the biggest debt in world history—and we don't have a spending problem?

A Supernova—and Future Black Hole

Pimco's Bill Gross recently compared America's debt-addicted

economy to a brilliantly burning supernova. America's debt, including personal, corporate and government debt, now stands at an astronomical \$56 trillion, he says. "[I]t is a monster that requires perpetually increasing amounts of fuel, a supernova star that expands and expands, yet, in the process begins to consume itself. Each additional dollar of credit seems to create less and less heat."

In the 1980s, it took \$4 of new debt to generate \$1 of real economic growth. Over the last decade, it increased to \$10. Today it takes \$20 to produce the same result.

"In effect, the initial magic of credit creation turns... destructive and begins to consume credit markets... as well as portions of the real economy it has created," says Gross. The system is "running out of energy and time."

We keep going further and further into debt, but are getting less and less bang for our buck. Eventually the whole system is going to turn into a gigantic black hole.

That's the opinion of Gross, the manager of the largest bond investment firm in the world, with over \$1 trillion in assets.

The only question, he says, is how much time we have left.

Why Does Germany Want Its Gold Back?

ON JANUARY 16, GERMANY'S central bank made a startling announcement. It asked America and France to return its gold. Seven hundred and forty-three gleaming tons will be relocated to vaults in Frankfurt.

The statement by the second-biggest gold holder in the world sent a shudder through global markets. Newspapers went into speculation overdrive. Why is Germany asking for its gold back now?

It is big news, but few know what it really means. And you need to know because this announcement will eventually affect *you*.

Why Store Gold Elsewhere?

But first, why is Germany's gold held in New York, London and Paris anyway? Why doesn't it hold its own gold? According to the Bundesbank, the reason is twofold.

First, storing gold in America makes it easier to sell, or pledge, in case of an economic emergency. It is easier to trade to others who can then quickly take ownership.

The second reason is that it was deemed safer to spread Germany's gold out during the Cold War to protect it from the Soviets. According to the Bundesbank, that is no longer a concern. That Germany feels safe enough to bring it home speaks volumes about Germany's changing relationship with Russia.

But there is a third, unmentioned—and far more important—reason Germany doesn't keep its gold at home.

It goes back to World War II. When the Allies finally stopped the German death machine in 1945—for the second time in 27 years, they purposed to ensure that Germany could never again destroy world peace. *Forcing Germany to store its gold overseas was the primary financial mechanism preventing Germany from ever starting another war.* As analyst Byron King notes, "One way for the U.S., Britain and France to keep a leash on Germany was to keep 'German' gold under control outside of that country's borders" (*Daily Resource Hunter*, January 22).

As long as the Allies controlled Germany's gold, the Allies had a conqueror's

insurance policy that ensured Berlin would not again disturb the peace. Without its gold, Germany's currency, and thus its economy, could be destroyed virtually overnight.

But now America, Britain and France appear to think that they no longer need that insurance policy.

That is a tragic mistake.

Bringing the Gold Home

Germany's Bundesbank noted that it has already repatriated most of its gold from London. Frankfurt has retaken possession of 937 out of 1,433 tons stored across the Channel. Now it is repatriating 330 tons of gold from America, which equates to about 20 percent of its holdings in the U.S.

Interestingly, the German central bank says it will take seven years to get its gold from America. Is America still hesitating at relinquishing control over Germany?

The most important part of Germany's announcement, though, may be that it is taking full custody of ALL of its gold held in Paris. All 412 tons will be transferred home—and you can be sure it won't take

Time may be shorter than many think. In December, the Federal Reserve announced another emergency program to stimulate the economy. The Fed will create \$45 billion per month to buy U.S. treasury bonds. This is in addition to the \$40 billion per month it was already creating out of thin air to buy mortgages and artificially prop up the housing market. The latest money-printing measure is dubbed QE4, which follows three other emergency money-printing measures and one “Operation Twist.”

This new announcement means the Federal Reserve plans to create over \$1 trillion this year. That’s enough to cover the entire borrowing needs of the U.S. government for the whole year! And the Fed said it will do it again next year. And the year after that, until there is a recovery or to infinity, whichever comes first!

Foreigners Getting Nervous

The Fed says it is printing the money to stimulate the economy, but that is only part of the reason. The *primary reason* it is printing money is to FINANCE AMERICA’S DEBTS. *Because foreign nations are refusing to lend money to America!*

China is America’s most important foreign lender, but during 2012, for the first time in more than a decade, it became a net seller of American debt. But it is actually worse than that. Not only did China refuse to lend America more money, it has rolled over its existing long-term loans into short-term ones. This is a huge sign that China is losing confidence in America—and in the value of the dollar.

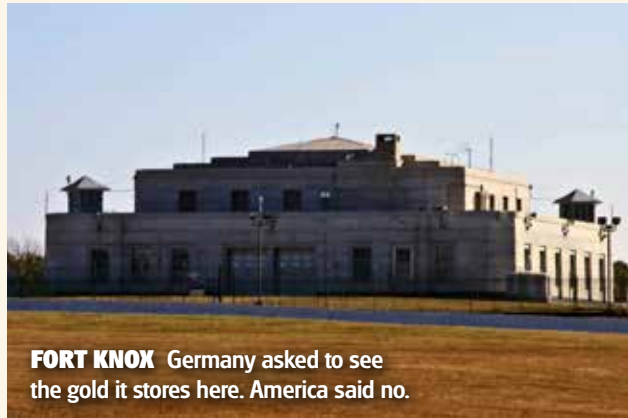
seven years. It took less than three years for Germany to remove more than twice that much from Britain.

This is a sign that Germany is about to stop playing Mr. Nice Guy with France.

A big battle is raging over control of Europe’s economic destiny. Northern Europe, led by Germany, is fighting for control of the European Central Bank against a group of mostly southern nations, led by France. The outcome will impact euro exchange rates, debt markets, employment, social stability—and ultimately, which countries will even remain part of the eurozone.

“The Germans kind of feel like they’ve been overrun in this decision-making process,” says Michael C. Burda, an economist at the Humboldt University of Berlin. Bringing the gold home, he said, “is just a signal that Germany is not going to take this much longer.”

Germany is getting ready to deal emphatically, and once and for all, with France. France is about to find out who the true financial power of Europe is. And



FORT KNOX Germany asked to see the gold it stores here. America said no.

Germany is signaling to the world that the days of its apologizing for its World War II past are over. No longer will it weakly submit to Paris’s demands.

But *after* Berlin silences Paris, what will its next move be?

Germany’s Next Move

Here is what *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote after Russia invaded Georgia in 2008: “I believe it is very likely Germany and Russia have already cut a deal. ... The presence of a deal between these two nations is not a sign of peace. Like the Molotov-Ribbentrop pact, and

Beijing thinks we have a spending problem.

And China isn’t the only country worried about uncontrolled American spending and how it could pull the whole world into a black hole of debt.

Germany Takes Action

On January 16, the German Bundesbank shocked the financial world by demanding that America return a large portion of German gold reserves held in America (sidebar, page 2).

The Bundesbank’s announcement came just three months after the Federal Reserve refused to conduct an audit on Germany’s gold stored in America. German leaders had to fight to even be allowed to see a portion of the gold that was said to belong to their country.

Why is Germany even storing gold overseas? The answer to that question has deeply troubling ramifications.

Bundesbank executive board member Carl-Ludwig Thiele said it was because of the historical importance of the dollar as the world’s reserve currency.

“Gold stored in your home safe is not immediately available as collateral in case you need foreign currency,” Thiele said. “Take, for instance, the key role that the U.S. dollar plays as a reserve currency in the global financial system. The gold held with the New York Fed can, in a crisis, be pledged with the Federal Reserve Bank as collateral [for dollars].”

so many others before it, it is a sign of exactly the opposite. Both of these nations are looking to secure their shared border—so they can pursue their imperialistic aims elsewhere! It is a precursor to war! That is the way they operate! And the U.S. has no clue.”

Germany has largely secured its border with Russia. Its willingness to store its gold in Frankfurt again is evidence it no longer fears Moscow like it did in the

Soviet Union days. With its eastern flank now fairly secure, Germany is going after Paris for unchallenged control of Europe.

Then, once it is done subduing its only major counterweight in Europe, it will turn on America and Britain.

Germany’s old World War II foes will soon regret turning Germany loose. The world is about to see a much stronger Bundesbank—and consequently, a more aggressive German nation. German confidence and power grows with the clink of each brick it adds to its towering stack of gold.

ROBERT MORLEY

Now that Berlin has begun bringing its gold home, does that mean Germany no longer sees the need for having access to extra U.S. dollars?

Or does it signal something worse?

Astounding Breakdown in Trust

According to the Bundesbank, the Federal Reserve will begin returning 330 tons of Germany's gold—but *it will take seven years!* That is an incredibly long time to return what is essentially just a bunch of bricks that don't even belong to you in the first place. Why the delay? Does America actually still have the gold it says it does? Surely Germany must be getting suspicious that it does not.

Veteran gold trader Jim Sinclair said the Bundesbank's announcement was a warning that investors should take physical delivery of their gold—that in an atmosphere of skyrocketing debt and slowing economies, counterparty risk was growing: "This sends a message about storing gold near you and taking delivery no matter who is holding it."

According to Sinclair, the announcement signaled an *astounding breakdown in trust* between Germany and America.

"When France did this years ago it sent panic amongst the U.S. financial leadership," he said.

Sinclair is referring to the notorious failure of the Bretton Woods currency system in 1971. By order of President Nixon, America defaulted on its gold obligations. From then on, America used only paper currency to pay its debts. Foreign nations, led by France, balked, but they lost the battle. America went off the gold standard and onto today's fiat, floating currency system.

Has America finally printed one too many dollars out of thin air? Has Germany finally had enough of America's monetary shenanigans?

Think about this statement from Sinclair: "HISTORY WILL LOOK BACK ON THIS SALVO AS BEING THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF THE U.S. DOLLAR AS THE RESERVE CURRENCY OF CHOICE."

The end of that status for the dollar will be a deathblow to the American economy.

A Modern-Day Gold Rush

According to Phoenix Capital Research, Germany has just fired a MAJOR WARNING SHOT at the Federal Reserve. The reason Germany has gone from just wanting to audit its gold reserves to actually *removing them from the Fed's care* and reversing a policy in place for over 30 years is that it has decided IT NO LONGER TRUSTS THE FED.

"Germany is now openly telling the Fed that it is done playing around. This will have severe consequences in the financial system" (Phoenix Capital Research, January 16).

Now factions in the Netherlands, Austria and Azerbaijan are pushing their governments to take their gold back too.

It's beginning to look like a modern-day central bank gold rush.

For the first time in many years, central banks became net buyers of gold in 2010. Since then, bank gold-buying has accelerated. This year, central banks will purchase an estimated 550 tons of gold—up from 85 tons in 2010. In 2012, Ecuador asked its banks to repatriate one third of its gold stored overseas. Forbes reported that China imported 76 tons through its new gold center in Hong Kong—up 22 percent from a year earlier. In November, the Bank of Korea announced it had increased its gold supply by 20 percent. In November, it was reported that Brazil's central bank had purchased 19 tons.

The last time China reported its gold holdings in 2009, they showed an increase of 500 tons to 1,161 tons. Some analysts believe China's gold holdings have probably doubled or tripled since then—perhaps even surpassing Germany's stash.

Why the rush out of the dollar and into gold? Do you think it has anything to do with someone's *spending problem*?

While average Americans might still think U.S. government debt and, by implication, the dollar are still solid investments, Germany's and China's strong moves show that foreign governments are no longer

buying the propaganda. Instead, THEY ARE BUYING GOLD.

They're buying gold because they don't trust America. America's spending problem is destroying the dollar and destroying the credibility of its central bank.

As President Ahmadinejad summarizes: "The Americans have injected their paper wealth into the world economy, and today the aftermaths and negative effects of their pseudo-wealth have plagued them."

The Biggest Threat to America

Ahmadinejad's opinion is strangely in line with former U.S. President Bill Clinton. During the 2012 Democratic National Convention he said America could no longer put the debt issue off. "We have to deal with it, or it will deal with us."

But America is not dealing with its spending problems—because as President Obama articulated in 2006—we LACK THE WILL AND CHARACTER to do so. We refuse to change. Instead, America is trying to cheat its way out of its deficit-spending addiction by printing money and hoping it will all work out.

It won't.

What is the single greatest threat to America? *Ourselves!* Our debt is billowing. Our economy is shrinking. The dollar is in jeopardy of massive devaluation. The world sees it and is openly preparing for the end of the dollar as the reserve currency. Trust in America is at an all-time low. Our central bank's credibility is being destroyed. America's way of life is on the line.

And all of this is because, to put it lightly, we *do* have a spending problem. ■



Want a Happy Child? Do This

BY JOEL HILLIKER

WHAT MAKES CHILDREN happy? *Stuff*. That's what most parents think, it seems. Xbox 360, Furby, Lil Swanky clothing, M&M's and lico-ric ropes, Lego sets—whatever little Madison and Brayden desire.

If Mom and Dad took a break from indulging their kids' whims and thought about it, they might admit that it's not working. You don't have to peek down too many aisles in the toy store to see children who already have everything—and are miserable brats. There must be another way.

Now, science is supplying some evidence to teach us what was once common knowledge: that it actually *is* more blessed to give than to receive.

In their recent study "Giving Leads to Happiness in Young Children," psychologists at the University of British Columbia found that *giving* puts smiles on young children more than *getting*. "[B]efore the age of 2, toddlers exhibit greater happiness when giving treats to others than receiving treats themselves," they wrote. "Further, children are happier after engaging in *costly giving*—forfeiting their own resources—than when giving the same treat at no cost."

CNN summed up the findings: "These studies confirm some age-old wisdom about happiness: If the goal really is to make our children happy, perhaps what we ought to be doing is not overindulging them, but giving them the opportunity to give" (Sept. 17, 2012).

The study's lead author, Lara Aknin, insists that children receiving pleasure from giving away their goldfish crackers shows the emotional rewards we can *all* enjoy from personal sacrifice. "You can construe that pro-social behavior broadly to include giving time volunteering, giving money to causes or giving other resources," she told CNN. "All of these correlate to happiness."



Other studies have confirmed that this life law doesn't just apply to kiddos with crackers. For example, research has shown that teens are happier when they're giving. "Adolescents who identify their primary motive as helping others are three times happier than those who lack such altruistic motivation," says Christine Carter, a sociologist at the University of California. Teens who are givers are not only happier, but are more excited about life, and more involved at school and in their families. Carter says, "Generous behavior reduces adolescent depression and suicide risk, and several studies have shown that teenagers who volunteer are less likely to fail a subject in school, get pregnant or abuse substances."

And it doesn't change when we become adults, as a multitude of research bears out. Whether a person donates money to charity, volunteers time or commits random acts of kindness—like providing directions to a lost traveler or holding the door for someone—reports show he will be happier and suffer less anxiety and depression.

In 2000, the Social Capital Community Benchmark Survey found that of 30,000 American households, those who gave money to charity were 43 percent likelier

to say they were "very happy" about their lives compared to non-givers. Those who volunteered time were 42 percent likelier to be very happy than those who didn't.

Ergo, a surefire way to lead your child to a happier life, both now and on into adulthood, is to *teach him to give*. But how?

- Start by setting the example. Give of your time, and be sure your child does too. If you have a neighbor or someone from church who needs help, get your child involved. When you visit someone in need, take your child. If you write a note of encouragement, let him add a hello.
- Help your child to look out for others' needs. If you know someone is down, ask your child what she thinks she can do for him. Help her write the note, bake the treat, place the phone call. Get her in the habit of one "act of giving" a week: a get-well card for someone sick; a thank-you present for her teacher; a friendship note to someone special; a video call to a relative she rarely sees.
- Have your child do yard work for an elderly neighbor: rake leaves, mow the lawn, shovel snow—volunteer work, not for money. (That's not to discourage entrepreneurship—there's a time for that too.) Spend time together picking up trash and cleaning up the neighborhood; then, when your child looks across a clean neighborhood, he can take pleasure in having contributed to it.
- Teach your child to tithe and give offerings. Any money he receives in allowance or for chores or his job, have him set some aside for God. This is another area where we should set the example: Tithing and giving to God is the blessed way of life (request our free booklet *The Financial Law You Can't Afford to Ignore*). Instill this habit in your child, and the lessons of working hard, saving and contributing to a cause bigger than himself will help him his whole life long!

We all know that money can't buy happiness, but so many of us still make the mistake of trying to purchase it for our children. Wise up and flip the script. Help your child experience all the benefits of the happy way of life—the way of give. ■

Sex Is More Important Than You Think

Society could hardly treat it more casually. Here is why it matters. **BY BRIAN DAVIS**

A TELEVISION COMMERCIAL SHOWS a woman vividly fantasizing about two workmen coming to her front door in a pornographic-inspired glorification of promiscuity. And what product are these ad executives using lust to sell? Liquid-Plumr, a drain cleaner.

Such ads are hardly unusual. The spirit of fornication, promiscuity and adultery surrounds us. And that is an understatement.

Can you go a single day without having the spirit of adultery promoted on the morning commute radio show, in magazines at the gas station, in music you overhear on your lunch break, all over your computer at work, and all evening long on television shows when you get home?

President Bill Clinton, Congressman Newt Gingrich, Gov. James McGreevey, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, Gov. Eliot Spitzer, Sen. John Edwards, Sen. John Ensign, Gov. Mark Sanford, Congressman Anthony Weiner, Gen. David Petraeus—these men all had something in common, aside from being powerful American leaders: adultery.

The spirit of sexual promiscuity—fornication, adultery, divorce—is so powerful in our society that

Teenagers do it. Generals do it. Presidents do it. Maybe it's not the best, but it's not the end of the world.

When pressed on the issue, most people say they still think adultery is generally wrong. They probably think divorce is a kind of tragedy. They might even think that fornication is wrong, especially when you use that word. But a *lot* of people think

Fewer people think it's morally acceptable to wear animal fur than to rip a marriage apart.

As a whole, our society views these actions, basically, as lifestyle options—and more or less *normal*.

That's *OUR* view. That's *our* reasoning. But what about *GOD'S*? There *is* a Creator God, and He has a very strong opinion on this attitude that permeates our society from drain de-clogger ads to decorated four-star generals.

To God, sex is not a casual matter. It is extremely important—*FAR* more important than most people realize.

A Law for Our Good

God created sex. He created human beings male and female, and He gave us the ability to reproduce through sexual intercourse. It is a wonderful, powerful gift. And He regulated it with a spiritual law, which He revealed in Exodus 20:14: “Thou shalt not commit adultery.”

This is a *wonderful* and *positive* law intended to protect our wellbeing. God loves us and wants to protect husbands and wives and children—and *nations*. God wants us to be happy. He wants to give us the incredible blessing of marriage, and He wants the honor and sanctity of our marriages to be protected. The Seventh Commandment does exactly that.

MISSING DIMENSION

As big a role as sex plays in our society, almost no one realizes how truly important it actually is.



these actions are completely fine. They call it sexual “freedom,” and they point out that people have been losing their virginity as teenagers, “hooking up” and “having affairs” for a long time now. A Gallup poll last May found that two thirds of Americans view divorce as “morally acceptable.”

It is not difficult to see the problems that result from breaking it. It's just like the traffic law that states you should not drive south on a northbound highway: If you break that law, you will likely get injured or killed in an accident. It is for your benefit and safety. Likewise, biological and gravitational laws say that we should not walk off cliffs.

Many people think of the Seventh Commandment as "restrictive" and "limiting"—but it is for our safety and wellbeing. Those who choose to break or ignore this spiritual law don't realize they're shoving aside something that is *so good* for them!

What does breaking that law do? Like driving the wrong way onto an Interstate, you might think, at first, *nothing*. But any aspect of breaking the Seventh Commandment is a grievous wrong that violates the marriage and family relationship. This includes the torrid romance between a married man and someone else's wife, but it also includes premarital sex, which affects a future marriage, and all other use of sex outside of marriage.

Did Christ throw out this law? No! He expounded on it in Matthew 5:32: "[W]hosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery . . ." This is talking about illicit sexual activity before marriage—fornication—that isn't disclosed.

The scripture continues, "... and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery." How much adultery is going on in the nation when people divorce and marry someone else? Christ clearly said this is adultery!

We think so much about *our* view and about what *other people* think. Think about *God's* view. "And the man that committeth adultery with another man's wife, even he that committeth adultery with his neighbour's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death" (Leviticus 20:10). This is God's view! Adultery is a capital sin demanding capital punishment. That's how terrible and dangerous it is!

Christians don't live under this same Old Testament administration, as Paul explained to the Corinthians. The "administration of death" has been superseded by the "ministration of the spirit," and there is room for repentance and forgiveness. But

this scripture shows God's attitude toward sin—then and now!

Adultery in the Heart

Jesus Christ didn't do away with this eternal law protecting marriage, He enhanced it. "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery," He said in Matthew 5. "But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already *in his heart*."

Broaden your mind to realize the full dynamics of the spirit of the Seventh Commandment. Think about it from our Creator's perspective. It has a far-reaching impact on us, our families and our nation!

For what *purpose* did God ordain marriage, family and sex? And what *purpose* are men pursuing when they use billboards, pop songs, and prime time television and blockbuster movies to promote the spirit of adultery and fornication?

What *purpose* are women's fashion designers achieving when they make clothes that attract the attention and desire of any man within viewing distance?

If you view our society like God does, you see that it is *permeated* with creating sexual desire outside of marriage!

The Bible is clear: God wants us to have happy, stable families. He wants our children to enjoy a strong, stable, spiritually nourishing atmosphere. Who would want to destroy that? Who would want to decimate individuals, marriages and families—and the nations built on them? *Satan!*

And his primary tool is the *trashing* of the Seventh Commandment. Softly, subtly, casually—lethally.

Paul Speaks on Sex

During the Apostle Paul's time, the city of Corinth was known for its sexual perversions and sins, much like our modern society. Paul wrote a letter to the people in God's Church in that city addressing this subject. "Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid"

(1 Corinthians 6:15). Paul is talking about sex, and he uses plain language. When two come together, whether in marriage or outside of it, they become one flesh and members of one body (Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:5). When a man fornicates with a prostitute, he becomes part of the prostitute. But God created sex relations to be an expression of love in a holy, righteous and upright marriage relationship—to strengthen people, not to break them down.

Paul also wrote in verse 19 that our bodies are not our own. God created us—*He* decides what is right and wrong to do with our bodies, not ourselves!

Herbert W. Armstrong wrote this in his incredible book *The Missing Dimension in Sex*: "All through this passage, even from the preceding chapter, the theme has been SEX. These two chapters forbid and condemn the MISUSE of sex." The misuse of sex is *any* use outside of a loving marriage relationship. Paul is really talking about righteousness or unrighteousness (1 Corinthians 6:9).

"Fornication—the sex act committed prior to marriage—is a SIN and breaks the Seventh Commandment. Homosexuality is condemned in the Bible as SIN—sodomites shall not inherit the Kingdom of

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God! ANY use of sex, except as an expression of LOVE in MARRIAGE, and also for the purpose of procreation in marriage, is a SIN, and breaks the Seventh Commandment!" (ibid).

Use Sex Right!

God didn't design the incredible creation of sex to never be used. He wants us to *use* our bodies the way He carefully created them to be used. That is how we "glorify God in our bodies" (verse 20). In chapter 7, Paul instructs the Corinthians that to avoid fornication, a couple

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should marry, should enter that blessed union created by God, and have sex *in* that beautiful, committed, lifelong relationship.

Did you know that God commanded husbands and wives to give these sexual energies to each other? Sex is about *giving* to your mate! It is a physical expression of

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love that God designed exclusively for husbands and wives to share with each other. Getting outside of these laws defrauds your spouse (verse 5). A wife's body *belongs* to the husband and the husband's body *belongs* to the wife for this purpose (verses 3-4). A person's body doesn't belong to himself or herself when it comes to sex. A man's body belongs *ONLY* to his wife and not to any other woman.

In Proverbs 5:20, God points out that a man's proclivities run naturally to looking and lusting after women. God designed the female body to be beautiful and attractive to a man. Satan also knows this and uses it. His society exploits this virtual worship—and commercialization—of the voluptuous female body. But if you want to use sex the way your Creator made you

to—if you want to have a strong, dynamic, exciting, joyful marriage and family and life—you have to put God's Seventh Commandment before your own thoughts, proclivities and urges.

A man must control his eyes and thoughts. He should never let his eyes linger on a barely clad woman on television (Matthew 5:28)—his body belongs to his wife! The extent you let your mind wander or dwell on the body of another woman is the extent to which your own wife becomes less dear to you. Don't give in a millimeter! Maintain a beautiful, wholesome, exclusive sexual relationship with your wife, and don't allow anyone at any time in any way to supplant her as the object of your sexual interest.

Women have responsibilities to actively keep the Seventh Commandment as well. To have that beautiful marriage relationship God designed, women should not only refuse fornication and adultery, but be wary of lusting for other men in their minds. They should also dress modestly so they do not cause men to look on them with desire. Their bodies are not their own!

When a husband preserves his body for his wife, and she preserves her body just for him, the godly relationship they share enriches both of their lives beyond measure!

A wife needs to respond to her husband romantically. She should let her husband know that she needs him and wants him sexually. She should strive to keep her body alluring, and should take the initiative

some of the time. God created the woman with powers of attraction for her to use *within marriage* to ensure the faithfulness of her husband. The wrong use of these powers by prostitutes and loose women—and the maligning of them by prudes and perverted religionists—has cast an evil and sinful light on them. But wives *should* use these powers within marriage. A wife should give her husband her mind, as well as her body, in these relations.

Solomon talks about loving your *own* spouse and going *only* to your spouse for this kind of love (Proverbs 5:15-17).

God watches everything we do (verse 21). He ponders what we do, what we look at and what we think.

Sex Is a Life-and-Death Matter

Unlike what celebrities, ad executives, movie directors and magazine publishers want you to believe, ignoring the Seventh Commandment *ruins people*. It may be pleasurable at first to speed up an off-ramp into oncoming interstate traffic. It may give you a thrill. But it *always* leads to disaster. It twists character. It shatters trust. It smashes lives. It chain-reacts and damages people you know and people you don't. It leaves lifelong scars and worse.

What happens when *so many* of the people around us fall for the lie and indulge in premarital sex, commit fornication, commit adultery, get divorced? It puts our *entire nation* in harm's way!

David Petraeus was perhaps the most honored general in America. He was relieved of his command and appointed director of the Central Intelligence Agency. He was considered one of our country's best leaders. And he committed adultery.

Director Petraeus wrote a letter to the CIA workforce, saying, "After being married for over 37 years, I showed extremely poor judgment by engaging in an extramarital affair." Sound judgment is one of the weightier matters of the law (Matthew 23:23). In the military, it is actually *against the law* to commit adultery. Why? Because the institution in charge of protecting the country knows the terrible ramifications of adultery! Not having this as a law in the nation shows poor judgment. The man making some of the most crucial judgments in the nation was brought down hard by this sin!

Petraeus was one of the most decorated and respected generals in a generation.

What Can I Do?

THE spiritual intent of the Seventh Commandment covers much more than adultery. Pornography, for example, gets an individual's mind off loving his or her spouse, or future spouse, and breaks this commandment. Pornography is innately selfish, and its sole purpose is lustful self-gratification. It is also highly addictive.

How does an individual who is struggling with this sex addiction overcome it? Christ gave the solution in Matthew 5:27-30: If you have a problem with pornography on the Internet and cannot control it, you should *cut it off*. Cancel your Internet connection.

Throw the computer away.

If you have sinned in this area, you must overcome and put it behind you. King David committed adultery, but he repented, changed and put it behind him. Psalm 101:3 shows the attitude you must take: Set no wicked thing before your eyes. Verse 4 says, "A froward heart shall depart from me ..." *Froward* means a twisted, distorted, perverse heart or mind.

Get God's viewpoint toward lust. He absolutely *hates* it! And He absolutely *loves* you. If you cry out to God for help to flee from sex sins—of all kinds—He will give you the power to be free of them forever!



Now he cannot effectively serve his nation at a time when he is needed most. His scandal dragged in another top general, John Allen, who might have also broken the spirit of the Seventh Commandment (yet he has been cleared of wrongdoing). He is disgracing the American nation and making a spectacle for the world to see.

This scandal has hurt America's national security and became a distraction from some life-and-death threats facing the country, including the scandal surrounding the Benghazi terrorist attack. Meanwhile, the FBI is investigating the CIA director, embroiling two federal agencies that are supposed to be protecting the nation in a mess created by two people's lust.

Proverbs 31:3 exhorts men (specifically leaders) not to give their strength to women. General Petraeus and General Allen were leaders, practically heroes, within the military, but now their ability to serve the nation is limited. Our nation desperately needs heroes! *Because of sin*, our nation does not have the leadership it needs.

Sin weakens and destroys an individual's ability to lead, serve and judge righteously. Sin brings down kings and heroes. A failure to control our sexual lusts destroys our families, which destroys our nation!

"Many people argue that *character* in these areas doesn't really matter. But they have not bothered to seek God's view," Gerald Flurry wrote in the September 1998 *Trumpet*. "CHARACTER IS EVERYTHING. ... We can see that sexual immorality leads to lying, which leads to breaking more of God's commandments. This is how society breaks down. ... Sexual immorality reveals a breakdown of the *family*, the foundation of any healthy and strong society. If we had enough healthy families, the immoral conduct of our leaders would shock us into taking corrective action."

Have the actions of these generals caused us to take corrective action? No, because we do not have enough strong, law-keeping families in today's society. "Nations fall without family character," Mr. Flurry concluded. "And if our people don't care about this issue, the collapse is very near!"

The New 'Normal'?

Our society is no longer ashamed of sin. Premarital sex is now "normal." Fornication is now "normal." Adultery—in our minds and in our actions—is now

Is your sex life healthy?

There is a lot of confusion about what a healthy sex life is. The effects of people making bad decisions about sex are all around us, and those decisions were based on false sex education. The best source for *right* sex education is *the Bible*. God has a lot to say about your sex life. Order your free copy of *The Missing Dimension in Sex* to learn how to make this important part of your life healthy.

"normal." What is the next sexual sin that will become "normal"?

Across the country, official homosexual celebration and "gay pride" parades receive much fanfare. People dance in the streets about homosexual "marriage." The very top of the nation endorses homosexual "marriage." The people "declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not" (Isaiah 3:9). People are proud of their sins.

Read Proverbs 7. It's a telling section of Scripture concerning this subject.

God's Word is true. People don't realize that sin destroys *every single time*. Promiscuity, fornication, adultery and pornography keep getting more and more accepted and more and more spread throughout society.

Believe it or not, this is not just a moral danger. It is a *national security* danger. In fact, this rampant sin will eventually lead to our *entire nation* falling!

2 Peter 2 reveals that the angels sinned and God punished them. The old world was a world of sin and God punished it. Sodom and Gomorrah were cities of sin—God punished them.

Meanwhile, Lot was vexed with the filthy way of life of the wicked and God spared him (verse 7). How do we see the sin that surrounds us? Are we *vexed* as Lot was? Do we see the sin as God sees it?

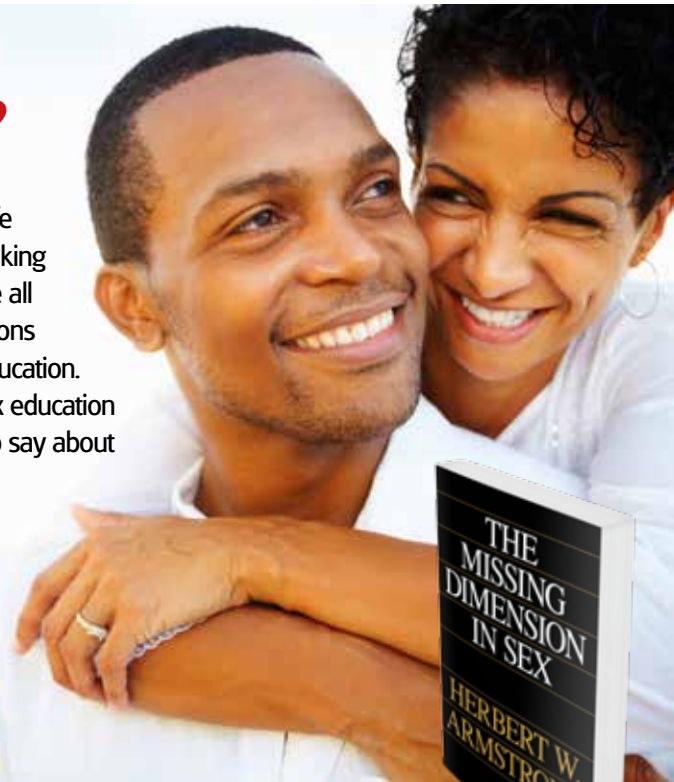
"Having eyes full of adultery, and that

cannot cease from sin..." (verse 14). The nation is so engrossed in this sin it cannot stop. Like the homosexuals in Genesis 19, people are hooked on sin like heroin. Sin destroys willpower. It saps your will to live righteously.

"The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion" (Proverbs 28:1). We can witness the truth in this verse on a national scale. Because of the wickedness of our nation, we see weakness!

To be as bold as a lion, we must live righteous lives! Think of the example of Joseph: He fled fornication and was able to lead and serve to benefit the entire world at the time (Genesis 39-41). He was able to make decisions as bold as a lion *because of righteousness*.

America is heading for destruction because of its sin. Individuals are heading for destruction in their own lives. To protect ourselves and our families, we must not be consumed by the sins of this world. The world needs an entirely new kind of leadership. The world needs righteous, godly people and strong families. It is crying out for that right leadership. It needs leaders full of righteous judgment, full of the weightier matters of the law—judgment, mercy and faith. It needs leaders who are bold as lions!





Broken Will Broken Soldiers

Why is morale in the U.S. military so low?

Why are suicides among servicemen so high?

The state of the armed forces is a telling measure of the state of the nation.

BY DENNIS LEAP

GOOD SOLDIERS WIN WARS. DURING World War II, America's soldiers proved themselves winners—the best in the world in skill, personal sacrifice and valor. Using sophisticated and superior weaponry, American soldiers played a large part in making the United States the world's only superpower.

Considering the stunning victories of World War II, it is embarrassing to recognize that America has not won a major conflict since 1945: Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War, Afghanistan, Iraq. U.S. troops deployed to fight in foreign, inhospitable places and climates returned home not as victors, but depending on the conflict, as escapees from draws, failed nation builders, pistol-whipped policemen, flawed security forces, or beaten-down counterinsurgents.

10 Yet, we cannot lay the blame on our fighting men and women. In general, their mission was not

defense. They were fighting to stop the spread of communism, to protect American economic and political interests. For example, most agree that Operation Desert Storm was less about freeing the people of Kuwait and more about keeping the Middle East oil supply out of Saddam Hussein's hands.

Good soldiers win wars. Has this tragic history of entangling United States troops in no-win armed conflicts had a cumulative negative effect on our soldiers and our military morale?

The Suicide Surge

American soldiers, at home and abroad, are simultaneously fighting *and losing* a different kind of war. The battlefield is not in some far-off place, it is inside their heads. Almost daily, the enemy warring inside them is shouting, "Victory!"

In 2012, more soldiers died from suicide than in combat.

The number of suicides among the ranks of America's finest has more than doubled since 9/11. According to unofficial Pentagon data from January, 349 soldiers took their own lives in 2012—nearly one every day. More than half of the suicides came in the Army—182 total. Forty-eight marines, 59 airman and 60 sailors also killed themselves. This number is 118 percent higher than the 160 suicides that occurred in 2001, making last year the Pentagon's highest annual self-inflicted death toll *ever*. Only 310 soldiers died in combat in Afghanistan last year.

This is the third time in four years that the number of military suicides has surpassed the number of combat deaths.

Alarming, military suicide numbers are likely to go even higher in 2013. In September 2012, Dr. Susan Blumenthal reported that military experts say they do not fully understand "the reasons for the

rising suicide rates.” Although suicide is a personal, complex issue with hidden facets, when suicide numbers spike in a common population of people, it should be much easier to locate the reasons for the suicides.

Using practical wisdom based on years of experience dealing with the problems of people from all occupations, educator Herbert W. Armstrong taught that there is a cause for every effect. Often people cannot find a cause for their problems, because they do not want to find the cause. There is a *cause* for so many military personnel destroying themselves. And there is a *solution* to stop this enemy ravaging our troops.

America’s Broken Will

In January 2007, America’s leadership announced a new strategy for Iraq. The White House initially called it “the New Way Forward.” It is better known as the “surge.” The announcement—full of promise—assured the American public that the new effort in Iraq would be different. The surge would *succeed* in securing Baghdad where previous operations did not. The success of the surge would depend on the army infantry soldiers of the 2-16, nicknamed the Rangers. The Rangers were optimistic, young (average age: 19), well-trained fighters. Their immediate commander was the proven, capable, sometimes controversial Lt. Col. Ralph Kauzlarich. The commander invited author David Finkel to chronicle the efforts of the 2-16 in Iraq. Finkel lived on the ground for eight months with the regiment in Iraq and wrote about what the 2-16 and he experienced in his book *The Good Soldiers*.

Just before deploying to Iraq, Kauzlarich told Finkel, “We are America. I mean, we have all of the resources. We have a very intelligent population. If we decide, just like we did in World War II, if we all said, ‘This is our focus, this is our priority, and we’re going to win it, we’re going to do everything that we have to do to win it,’ then we’d win it. This nation can do anything that it wants to do. The question is, *does America have the will?*” (emphasis added).

How Kauzlarich and his crack troops were commanded to fight the war in Iraq answers the question. The strategy to secure Baghdad also gives us *one* very good insight as to why so many soldiers are committing suicide.

Just before the 2-16 deployed, the Army released *FM 3-24—Counterinsurgency*. The book provided an update to the 20-year-old guidelines for waging war according to the counterinsurgency (COIN) doctrine first used in Vietnam. Its lead author was Lt. Gen. David Petraeus. This book was to be Kauzlarich’s field manual for conducting operations in Baghdad. It was also a perfect example of America’s broken will to win wars.

Kauzlarich’s assistant, Maj. Brent Cummings, told Finkel, “Remember, we are an infantry battalion. Our task and purpose is to close with and destroy the enemy. We are the only force designed for this. Armor stands off and they kill from a distance. Aviation kills from a distance. The infantry goes in and kills with his hands, if necessary.” *FM 3-24* took a radically different approach.

Counterinsurgency Doctrine

“It was 282 pages of lessons, all urging soldiers to ‘focus on the population, its needs, and its security’ as the best way to defeat the enemy, rather than by killing their way to victory. Control the population, win the war. Win the people, win the war. To the soldiers of the 2-16, this was an interesting turn of events,” writes Finkel.

“The manual got even more interesting under the section called ‘Paradoxes of Counterinsurgency,’ which sounded suspiciously Zen-like. ‘Sometimes, the more force is used, the less effective it is.’ ‘Some of the best weapons for counterinsurgents do not shoot.’ ‘Sometimes, the more you protect your force, the less secure you may be.’” Major Cummings confided to Finkel that he doubted that Kauzlarich wanted to fight a war that way.

Cummings recognized that counterinsurgency is about being political, handshaking and drinking *chai* tea. “He’s a soldier. All he is *is* a soldier. He is an instrument of war, and he’s looking for that fight,” he said of Colonel Kauzlarich. He was frustrated by the counterinsurgency doctrine because he could not be the leader up front giving the order—*Follow me, men!*—because counterinsurgency didn’t work like that. In 19 years as an Army officer, Kauzlarich had not lost one soldier under his direct command. This was not to be

the case in Baghdad. Yet, like a good soldier, Kauzlarich dedicated himself to follow General Petraeus’s COIN principles. He morphed into a statesman/soldier.

Fighting EFPs

The 2-16 inhabited one of the most deplorable sections of Baghdad. The people lived in abject poverty. The sewer system didn’t function; raw sewage ran in the streets. Mounds of rotting garbage were every-



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where. The air smelled bad and was full of dust and smoky pollution. Kauzlarich set his goal to fix it all.

However, one of the things that got in his way were hidden bombs—improvised explosive devices (IEDs). The most lethal IED is the explosively formed penetrator (EFP). This is a special, shaped charge designed to penetrate armor. It is made to deform a metal plate into a slug or rod shape and accelerate it toward a target. EFPs easily penetrate Army Humvees, severing limbs and taking lives. Death or injury by EFP is horribly gruesome. Soldiers considered locating severed limbs the worst part of cleanup after an IED attack.

COIN doctrine requires U.S. troops to take off their armor, get away from their vehicles, and “Walk. Stop by, don’t drive by. Patrol on foot whenever possible and engage the population.” This philosophy contributed to a dramatic increase in arm and leg amputations, genital injuries and the loss of multiple limbs from IED blasts.

Only eight weeks into the new strategy in Baghdad, Colonel Kauzlarich lost his first soldier to an IED attack. He would lose 13 more before his tour in Iraq was complete. The effect of the counterinsurgency operations in Iraq took its toll on soldier morale. As the surge continued, large numbers of soldiers went for private counseling with their chaplains. Thoughts of suicide began to affect several of the 2-16. Others obtained prescriptions for antidepressants and sleeping pills from medics.

Colonel Kauzlarich and Major Cummings also experienced negative effects. “Sometimes

Kauzlarich and Cummings would wonder what exactly the Iraqis hated about them,” wrote Finkel. “What were they doing, other than trying to secure some Iraqi neighborhoods? What made people want to kill them for handing out candy and soccer balls and delivering tankers of drinking water to them, and building a sewer system for them, and fixing their gas stations, and never being aggressive except for rounding up the killers among them?” Kauzlarich and Cummings lived with the reality that, even with all of their hard effort and the tragic loss of young soldiers, the “surge” was not winning the hearts of the Iraqis.

Afghanistan—Same Story

Counterinsurgency has not been effective in Afghanistan either. America’s strategy for counterinsurgency simply will not work. In fact, the nation’s enemies view its policy of counterinsurgency as the strategy of cowards and use it to take full military advantage against U.S. fighting troops.

The deaths and maiming of American soldiers make news headlines. Pleas are constantly made for help for disabled sol-

not only what happened to him as a soldier, but also what life was like for the Afghan people. The hardest thing for him was to return home and rebuild a civilian life. He had great difficulty putting his experiences in Afghanistan behind him.

Good soldiers win wars. “My life in Afghanistan can be summed up in one word: ‘misery,’” Wood wrote on March 27, 2003. “My job here is to sit in a tiny wooden box, hoping that I don’t get shot or blown up. Then I go out on patrol in the city and hope I don’t get shot or blown up. Then I go out on missions to the middle of nowhere, hoping I don’t get shot or blown up.

“It is starting to become like second nature, when a car slows down or stops near me on the street or under my OP [observation post] at night, I take a breath and pray it does not explode,” Wood wrote. The thought of having his arms and legs scattered in the streets of Baghdad struck terror in him. Observing how young children were treated made him emotionally and physically sick. On the same day, he also wrote, “We are strictly forbidden from interfering in ‘legal matters’ in Afghanistan, and I am supposed to just pretend I do not see what is happening. Some child, practically still a baby, is being driven off to be raped by a pedophile, and I just have to say, ‘Hey look, it is almost time for breakfast.’”

Wood became so disgusted with his tour of duty, he stopped writing his journal on April 12, 2003. Just prior, he wrote, “I just honestly feel as though the only certainty in Afghanistan is that tomorrow has nothing good to offer. It gets so depressing when you realize you have nothing good to look forward to. The only thing I have to look forward to is finishing this deployment and going home, but that is months and months away.” This entry is a good description of what counterinsurgency does to our soldiers.

Learning the Lesson of History

“COIN doctrine approaches war from an ivory tower, a place where such theories thrive untested and without hurting anyone,” wrote syndicated columnist Diana West. “On the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan, however, the results have been catastrophic. Tens of thousands of young Americans answered their country’s

call and were told to accept more ‘risk’ and less ‘protection.’ Many lost lives, limbs and pieces of their brains as a result of serving under a military command structure and government in thrall to a leftist ideology that argues, in defiance of human history, that cultures, beliefs and peoples are all the same, or want to be” (Nov. 15, 2012). Many of our young soldiers have returned home knowing that COIN doesn’t work. Isn’t it time that America’s military and political leaders face the facts? The history is there for all to study.

The war in Afghanistan began in October 2001 with the launching of Operation Enduring Freedom. While it made good headway at first, Taliban resistance rose sharply in 2006. The war continues today, with NATO forces battling terrorists on a number of fronts across Afghanistan. It is the United States’ second-longest war. As of February 20 this year, there have been 3,257 coalition deaths during Enduring Freedom.

President George Bush announced the war on Iraq in March 2003, less than a year and a half after the start of operations in Afghanistan. The “new strategy” for Iraq commenced in February 2007. A surge of 30,000 U.S. soldiers hit the ground in an attempt to counter the rise in insurgent activity. The wars ran concurrently until Dec. 18, 2011, when the last soldier left Iraq and crossed the border into Kuwait. Four thousand, four hundred and eighty-seven service members died in the war, and more than 30,000 suffered debilitating injuries.

There are currently 102,000 NATO troops still in Afghanistan, 68,000 of whom are U.S. troops. The majority of the international forces are scheduled to pull out of Afghanistan by the end of 2014. The exact date and number of troops has not been determined.

“[O]ur troops will continue coming home at a steady pace as Afghan security forces move into the lead,” President Obama assured the nation in June 2011. “Our mission will change from combat to support. By 2014, this process of transition will be complete, and the Afghan people will be responsible for their own security.” This implies that there will still be U.S. forces in Afghanistan after the 2014 deadline. Both political parties in Congress gave President Obama a standing ovation when he reiterated this deadline in his State of the Union address in February.



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diers. Yet what is being done to help the soldiers on the verge of committing suicide? We need deep thinking and analysis to understand the effect our poor military operations have on our troops and to solve the growing problem of military suicide.

“I know this place is not only getting to me, I can see it in other people also. Guys that were funny and goofy when we first got here are different now; some are barely talking, and others are just constantly negative about everything,” soldier and author Bryan Wood wrote in his journal on March 17, 2003, while serving in Kabul. “Guys that were friends now seem to hate each other. We all do our jobs every day, and we do them better than could ever be asked of anyone, but it is taking its toll on everyone.”

He published his compelling, often heart-rending journal in his book, *Unspoken Abandonment*. He describes in graphic detail

Broken Soldiers

It was not until 2006 that military suicides began rising. They then soared to a record 310 in 2009. Although the suicide rate leveled off for two years, it is now soaring again. Could it be that the stepped-up counterinsurgency military operations are a contributing factor to military suicide?



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We should not close our eyes to a clear correlation of facts.

Veterans are committing suicide at the alarming rate of one every 65 minutes. David Rudd, a military suicide researcher, says that Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans suffering from depression, post-traumatic stress or substance abuse are killing themselves at an accelerating rate.

The history of war shows that fighting battles takes a heavy toll on all soldiers. Most soldiers return from war with mental and emotional scars that require a period of healing. The trench warfare of World War I was horrible. Storming the beaches of France at the end of World War II was so bloody, sea waves turned red. The majority of soldiers that experienced these traumas returned home, let the scars heal, and lived productive lives. Why are so many soldiers having such difficulty now?

The self-destructive tragedy we see happening in our military is a fulfillment of a major end-time prophecy. Looking into our time, observing by vision the state of our national political leadership, our military leaders and our soldiers, the Prophet Isaiah wrote, "For, behold, the Lord, the Lord of hosts, doth take away from Jerusalem and from Judah the stay and the staff, the whole stay of bread, and the whole stay of water, *the mighty man, and the man of war*, the judge, and the prophet, and the prudent, and the ancient, The captain of fifty, and the honourable man, and the counsellor, and the cunning artificer, and the eloquent orator. And I will give children to be their princes, and babes shall rule over them" (Isaiah 3:1-4).

America and Britain are the modern descendants of the ancient Israelites. God is directly intervening in American affairs

and removing our strong leaders and our strong military—right before our eyes. Why? Because Americans are a rebellious and hypocritical nation. The further we get from God, the less power we have.

The sins that plague our nations also affect our fighting forces. As the 2-16 encountered more violent resistance, the strict discipline required of soldiers fell apart. "Rumors of rule-breaking were on the increase, too, and so a 'health and welfare' inspection was held that turned up all kinds of things that good soldiers weren't allowed to have: packages of steroids manufactured in Iran... a 'Vibrating Showgirl Slut' inflatable sex doll, and a boxful of hardcore porn..." (Finkel, op. cit.). Good soldiers who win wars don't succumb to trashy, immoral temptation (2 Timothy 2:3-4; article, page 6). It is well known that there are groups of soldiers who embrace Wicca as their religion. Embracing witchcraft is the ultimate rejection of God.

God warned our ancestors to be a fully obedient nation. If they rebelled and lived a life of sin, God said clearly that He would "break the pride of your power; and I will make your heaven as iron, and your earth as brass" (Leviticus 26:19). As a nation, we

sin with impunity. We speak loftily about God, but ignore His glorious laws—the Ten Commandments. Therefore, God has broken our will to fight the enemies that eagerly desire to harm us. As a nation, we no longer have pride in our military power, and our soldiers are suffering.

Since God has broken our national will, only God can heal it. He plans to do just that! However, the excruciating lesson that widespread national rebellion brings severe punishment must be learned first.

Bible prophecy shows that as God weakens our nation, He is strengthening Assyria, or modern Germany, to rise up and wage war against us (Isaiah 10:5-6). For a short time, America, Britain and Judah (Israel) will experience God's wrath at the hands of modern Germany, as no people before us.

Then, immediately after that, God promises, "I will turn their mourning into joy and will comfort them and make them rejoice from their sorrow" (Jeremiah 31:13). God, the mightiest warrior of the entire universe, will deliver us from those He made stronger than us (verse 11).

Even though there is some very bad news just over the horizon, our future is very bright. Although we are destined to suffer national destruction, America and Britain will be restored to a national greatness never before experienced in our history. God speed that day. ■



America's broken will

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An important prophecy is about to be fulfilled. **BY GERALD FLURRY**

NORTHERN AFRICA IS TURNING into a battleground with enormously important prophetic implications.

Terrorists seized a natural gas facility in Algeria on January 16. The next day, Algerian authorities stormed the facility, killing 29 terrorists. At least 38 foreign workers were also caught in the melee. Authorities captured three of the terrorists, and were able to gain a lot of information from them.

These terrorists are sponsored, for the most part, by Iran. Iran has designs on being the strongest power throughout the region, and is extending its reach throughout North Africa.

But Iran isn't the only one interested in Africa. Germany is making strong inroads as well. Both of these powers are racing to get as much control of North Africa as they can. They will inevitably clash with each other.

The reason this is so significant is that these two powers are *prophesied* to clash in the end time. Daniel 11:40 speaks of a war between “the king of the south,” which we can prove to be *Iran* and radical Islam, and “the king of the north,” which we know to be Germany leading a group of nations. (Request our free booklets *The King of the South* and *Germany and the Holy Roman Empire* for the proof of the modern identities of these powers.)

A GREAT PROPHECY OF YOUR BIBLE IS ABOUT TO BE FULFILLED! You need to watch what is happening in the Middle East and Africa!

Who Was Behind the Attack?

After the attack in Algeria, a senior Algerian official announced that several of the terrorists were *Egyptian*—and were the same people who participated in the terrorist attack on America's consulate in Benghazi, Libya, that killed four Americans last September.

Adam Nossiter reported in the *New York Times*, “The Egyptians involved in both attacks were killed by Algerian forces during the four-day ordeal that ended in the deaths of at least 38 hostages and 29 kidnapers, [a senior Algerian] official said. But three of the militants were captured alive, and one of them described the Egyptians' role in both assaults under interrogation by the Algerian security services, the official said” (January 22). I'm sure their interrogation was considerably stronger than waterboarding—what is called torture in some quarters of the U.S.

These are electrifying facts. *Terrorists from Egypt were involved in the Benghazi attack.* Based on biblical prophecy, I've been proclaiming for nearly 20 years that radical Islam was going to take over in Egypt. That is exactly what has happened. Egypt has

been an ally of the U.S. for three decades. Then we shamefully pushed President Hosni Mubarak from power and set the stage for Islamic radicals to take over. Now the Muslim Brotherhood rules Egypt. After the Muslim Brotherhood gained power, I also proclaimed—again, based on the Bible—that Egypt would then work to overtake and conquer Libya—which it has just about done!

This Algerian official spoke out about the chaos spreading across the region that has left large areas of territory ungoverned, giving terrorists room to flourish. “This is the result of the Arab Spring,” he told the *New York Times*. “I hope the Americans are conscious of this.”

Are YOU conscious of this? Do you see the obvious connection between the Arab Spring and these terrorist attacks? This man would probably call it the “Arab Nightmare.” He said he hopes Americans see it because the U.S. so vigorously *supported* the Arab Spring; in fact, *America*, more than any other nation, *caused* the downfall of Egypt to radical Islam. More than any other nation, *America caused* the worsening of terrorism in Libya. Now the terrorists are emboldened to try to take over great chunks of Africa.

Spreading to Libya

Algerian leaders were strongly opposed to the Arab Spring. They were firmly

opposed to the West stepping in to topple Muammar Qadhafi in Libya. They knew that Qadhafi was a dictator, but he wasn't causing problems anywhere near as serious as the ones coming out of Libya now. They knew that getting rid of him would create more problems than it solved. Yet America went ahead and took him out. What is wrong with America's foreign policy? Just about everything, it seems.

"Algerian officials say the militants who seized the gas field traveled through Niger and Libya, whose border is only some 30 miles from the plant at In Amenas," the *New York Times* continued. "Mohamed-Lamine Bouchneb, the militant leading the attack at the site, had purchased arms for the assault in the Libyan capital, Tripoli, the senior official said."

This is exactly what the Algerians feared would happen! Now, along with Egypt, you have another nation in the region that is sponsoring and exporting terror in the world—JUST AS THE BIBLE PROPHESED.

Are you willing to examine these prophecies of your Bible and put them to the test? Events are proving the Bible true right before our eyes.

Scripture shows that *Iran* is going to benefit most from this spread of extremism. It is doing all it can to encourage the radicalization of Egypt and its spread into Libya. Scripture tells us that soon, Ethiopia will also fall into that terrorist camp. Many of our readers have scoffed at that statement. But events in that country are already moving in that direction.

Dealing With Terrorists

The Egyptians who helped in that Benghazi attack were also part of attacking Algeria. But this time, they were all killed. Why? *Because the Algerians know how to handle terrorists better than America does.*

This Algerian official "defended the tough Algerian military assault during the standoff and dismissed criticism by foreign leaders that they were not informed of it in advance," the *New York Times* wrote. I'm sure that American leaders were among those complaining about not being informed of this military assault in advance. But when terrorists are taking over, who is going to wait for America to solve a crisis like that?

The Algerians know that nothing was done in Benghazi—and *still* hasn't been

done! The way America "handles" such attacks only encourages *more* attacks! When are we going to wake up and see that? When you let radical Islamic terrorists kill an ambassador and other American personnel and do *nothing* about it, WHAT DO YOU EXPECT?

Algeria is still an American ally, and here it is trying to educate us about what we are doing wrong.

The U.S. finally held some congressional hearings about the Benghazi attack, but very little came out about what really happened. The American people were told very little. To this day, those who were there on the ground have not been allowed to speak publicly about it. Yet *four days* after this attack in Algeria, those who were there spoke to the media. Why not the people from Benghazi? Does somebody have something to hide? America has made a lot of mistakes in foreign policy—both Democrats and Republicans—but somebody must be held accountable for these things. If they are not, America will continue to cause gigantic problems in the Middle East and Africa because of our wrong-headed foreign policy and our deplorable weakness.

It has been reported that the man who led that attack is *boasting* in Benghazi about what he did! Yet nobody can find him. Isn't that amazing? We promised that

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the perpetrators would pay for this attack—yet months later, still *nothing* has been done.

What's wrong with our foreign policy? Do we even *have* a foreign policy? It is a farce, and the Arabs know it. We tell our soldiers in Afghanistan to be nice to the Taliban terrorists. The terrorists there, and throughout the Middle East and northern Africa, know these are statements of *weakness*. They know that *now* is the time to take over in Africa and elsewhere.

The attacks in Algeria are a sign that radical Islam is doing everything it can to take over Africa. But it is going to run into one large obstacle very soon.

Germany's Interest

Radicalism is spilling out from Egypt and spreading over northern Africa. These radicals are now trying to take over Algeria, but they are beginning to face some opposition from Germany and the European Union. Algeria has a strong supporter in Germany. That is going to make a big difference for these terrorist groups.

Why is Germany so interested in Algeria? A big part of the reason is *oil*.

"Algeria is one of the largest exporters of light, sweet crude oil in the world and a significant natural gas exporter to Europe," reported Stratfor. "The United States is the largest consumer of Algerian crude oil, consuming about 30 percent of exports, or approximately 375,000 barrels per day" (January 17). Amazingly, it doesn't seem to bother the U.S. that somebody might cut off that energy source.

"Europe consumes another 40 percent of Algerian exports, with Spain and Italy also relying heavily on Algeria (Europe's second-largest supplier after Russia) for their natural gas needs," the article continued. Do you think Germany will sit back and do nothing while terrorists take over Algeria? I think you're going to find Algeria getting a lot of help from Europe, especially Germany. With all that fuel coming from Algeria, you know Europe and Germany must be very concerned.

Germany is the financial leader in Europe today. That gives it a lot of power in other areas as well. This is an astounding development, considering Germany's condition at the end of World War II! After it had repeatedly provoked the world into deadly wars, the Allies reduced it to rubble and pledged to never let it rise again.

Germany's return to power is the fulfillment of another crucial biblical prophecy—and it is something everybody can see today. While that nation was lying in ashes after the Second World War, Herbert W. Armstrong

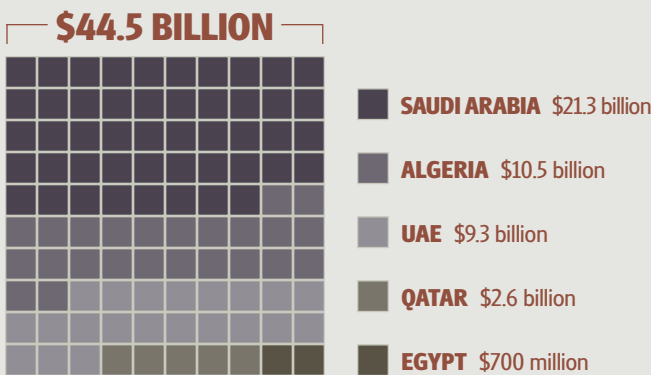
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Do you realize how active Germany is in the Mideast?

German Military Deployments and Arms Trade

For years, Germany avoided controversial arms sales to the volatile Middle East and North Africa. Its firms supported Turkey and Israel while conducting few deals with Arab dictatorships around them. Now that has changed. Here are Germany's arms deals in the region that have either been agreed upon or are under negotiation.

RECENT HIGH-PROFILE ARMS SALES



NOTABLE ARMS TRANSACTIONS

TYPE 209 ATTACK SUBMARINES

Unit: \$350 million
Sales: Egypt, 2 units



MEKO 200 FRIGATE

Unit: \$1.4 billion
Sales: Algeria, 2 units



EUROFIGHTER TYPHOON

Unit: \$122.5 million
Sales: Saudi Arabia, 72 units
United Arab Emirates, 60 units



TPZ FUCHS ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIER

Unit: \$2 million
Sales: Algeria, 1,200 units



LEOPARD 2 TANK

Unit: \$5.74 million
Sales: Saudi Arabia, 270 units (Unconfirmed)
German media reports say 600 to 800
Qatar, 36 units (interested in up to 200)



DOLPHIN-CLASS SUBMARINE (nuclear armed)

Unit: \$1.46 billion (Germany has footed one third of costs)
Sales: Israel, 6 units (supplied over the past 20 years)



ARMS SALES TO TURKEY

	WEAPON	UNITS
ARMY	Leopard I tank	397
	Leopard II tanks	298
	M-48 Patton tank	20
	BTR 60 armed patrol vehicle	300
	M-113 armed patrol vehicle	387
	FIM-43C Redeye SAM missile system	300
	Ground survey radar	197
NAVY	Type 120 frigate	2
	Meko-200T frigate	4
	Meko-200T2 frigate	2
	Type 401 support ship	2
	Type 209 submarine	9
	Type 214 submarine	6

GERMAN MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS—EUROPE, MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA

AFGHANISTAN

4,400 soldiers, maximum

ARABIAN SEA

FGS Karlsruhe, a Bremen class frigate, P-3C Orion maritime surveillance aircraft, 340 soldiers authorized to travel 2km inland

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Very small contribution to staffing alongside its major provision of over-the-horizon forces.

DJIBOUTI

Roughly 100 German military personnel assisting with logistics for the American-led "Operation Enduring Freedom"

KOSOVO

1,249 soldiers—the largest single contribution of any nation

LEBANESE COAST

Two patrol boats

LEBANON

190 soldiers, 300 authorized

MALI

Currently three Transall transport aircraft. Instructors and medical orderlies will be sent later. Sending up to 330 soldiers in the near future

SUDAN

10 soldiers, four police officers. Authorized to send up to 50 as part of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur

SOUTH SUDAN

16 soldiers, 6 police officers. Authorized to send up to 50 as part of UN mission

TURKEY

Two Patriot missile batteries and up to 400 soldiers

UGANDA

19 soldiers as part of a 65-strong EU training mission for the Somali Army

UZBEKISTAN

Operates Termez airbase. Has around 300 military staff plus transport aircraft and helicopters

Other known German military deployments:

CONGO
MEDITERRANEAN SEA
SOMALIA

GERMANY

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

KOSOVO

TURKEY

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

ISRAEL

LEBANON

UZBEKISTAN

AFGHANISTAN

ALGERIA

EGYPT

SAUDI ARABIA

QATAR

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

MALI

SUDAN

DJIBOUTI

ARABIAN SEA

SOUTH SUDAN

SOMALIA

UGANDA

CONGO

Munitions factory for 9-mm, 5.56-mm and 7.62-mm ammunition

Heckler and Koch G36 assault rifle plant

Fuchs personnel carrier assembly line

ARMS TRANSACTIONS 
MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS 



The War Against the Constitution

Are you concerned about where the current administration is leading this country? Whether the nation can survive the next four years? **BY GERALD FLURRY**

ON JANUARY 27, *CBS SUNDAY Morning* aired a commentary by a constitutional law professor suggesting that for America to solve its many problems, it needs to **ABANDON THE CONSTITUTION.**

“If we are to take back our own country, we have to start making decisions for ourselves, and *stop deferring to an ancient and outdated document,*” said Louis Michael Seidman (emphasis mine throughout). This man teaches constitutional law at Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C., and was speaking on one of the big three television networks.

In his most recent book, *On Constitutional Disobedience*, Seidman asked, “Why should we care about what the Constitution says? Should we feel obligated to obey it? How can we make decisions today based on a document created more than 200 years ago?”

This type of anti-Constitution reasoning is suddenly becoming quite popular. Do you know why? It is because of the Obama administration. It is taking actions *just about every week* that raise constitutional questions and that **THREATEN TO UNDERMINE AMERICA’S FOUNDATIONAL DOCUMENT.**

I find it intriguing that CBS broadcast this commentary right at the beginning of the second term of the most radically liberal president the United States has ever seen. This administration is very hostile to the Constitution, and the media agree. Can you imagine the media urging *President Bush* to bypass the Constitution to complete his agenda?

Last September, a panel of experts presented a list to the House Judiciary Committee of how President Obama is exceeding his constitutional constraints. Humanevents.com summarized the panel’s

findings this way: “As president, Barack Obama has *made a habit* of bypassing or ignoring constitutional limitations on his power” (Sept. 12, 2012). Here are some of the examples the panel gave: his abuse of executive power in connection with the Fast and Furious scandal; his decision to stop enforcing parts of America’s immigration law; and his authorization of military action in Libya in 2011 without first consulting Congress. Some legislators are calling for legal action against the president for that last decision.

One of the panel’s main points was how last year, the president sidestepped the Senate and made some unilateral “recess” appointments when the Senate was not even in recess. Recently a federal court ruled that this move was unconstitutional.

Sen. Mike Lee, a noted constitutional scholar in Congress, “told the committee that Obama’s abuse of power by making recess appointments while the Senate was

not actually in recess was a HISTORIC FIRST” (ibid). This has never happened before in U.S. history!

This administration is pushing past the limits of executive power all the time. The *New York Times* wrote in April 2012, “[I]ncreasingly in recent months, the administration has been seeking ways TO ACT WITHOUT CONGRESS.” Even the president’s allies in the media know this is happening. But very little is being done to stop it! How many people are even paying attention?

Do you realize how deadly dangerous this trend of lawlessness is? Very few people do. But it gives profound insight into the real nature of the threat facing America today.

Executive Orders

In his State of the Union address in February, President Obama said this: “I urge this Congress to pursue a bipartisan, market-based solution to climate change *But if Congress won’t act soon to protect future generations, I WILL.* I will direct my cabinet to come up with EXECUTIVE ACTIONS we can take, now and in the future”

The president is taking these types of actions with greater and greater frequency. Here is what the *Washington Post* wrote just a couple of days before the president’s address: “President Obama is considering a series of new executive actions aimed at working around a recalcitrant Congress, including policies that could allow struggling homeowners to refinance their mortgages, provide new protections for gays and lesbians, make buildings more energy-efficient and toughen regulations for coal-fired power plants, according to people outside the White House involved in discussions on the issues. ...

“The moves underscore Obama’s *increasingly aggressive use of executive authority*, including 23 administrative actions on gun violence last month and previous orders that delayed deportations of young illegal immigrants and will lower student loan payments.

“These and other potential actions suggest that Obama is likely to rely heavily on executive powers to set domestic policy in his second term” (February 10).

People’s minds are getting conditioned to executive orders. That is all primarily intended to circumvent Congress and the Constitution. That is the aim.

President Obama’s use of drones has come under criticism because it is also expanding his grip on power. First, he has launched five times more drone strikes than President Bush did, and in half the time. But critics are especially concerned that, according to a 16-page document the Department of Justice leaked to NBC, the administration believes it is above the law and has power to kill any American citizens it considers a threat.

Here is what Judge Andrew Napolitano wrote in the *Washington Times*: “Mr. Obama has argued that he can kill Americans whose deaths he believes will keep us all safer, without any due process whatsoever.

No law authorizes that. His attorney general has argued that the president’s careful consideration of each target and the narrow use of deadly force are an adequate and constitutional substitute for due process. No court has ever approved that.” Napolitano points out that this practice violates state and federal laws, executive orders prohibiting assassinations, language in the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution.

Perhaps many or even most of the people being targeted in these attacks *are* threats to the United States. But I am DEEPLY TROUBLED by an administration so DISDAINFUL OF THE LAW THAT IT IS SUPPOSED TO UPHOLD!

This trend toward lawlessness is DEADLY! And I guarantee, based on biblical prophecy, that it is going to get far worse.

What is *behind* this push to undermine the law? This is the spiritual dimension we need to see.

Lawlessness

The Greek Empire tried to establish the rule of law. It failed and its empire collapsed. The Roman Empire also tried to build a society based on law. It was unable to do so and the Roman Empire fell. Many other empires experienced the same failure.

The famous British historian Paul Johnson wrote an article titled “No Law Without Order, No Freedom Without Law.” It was printed in the *Sunday Telegraph*, Dec. 26, 1999. In it he wrote, “The rule of law, as distinct from the rule of a person, or class or people, and as opposed to the rule of force, is an abstract, sophisticated concept. IT IS MIGHTY DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE. But until it is achieved, and established in the public mind with such vehemence THAT MASSES OF INDIVIDUALS ARE PREPARED TO DIE TO UPHOLD IT, no other form of progress can be regarded as secure. The Greeks had tried to establish the rule of law but failed. The Romans had

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ANDREW NAPOLITANO



succeeded under their republic but Caesar and his successors had destroyed it. The essence of the rule of law is its impersonality, omnipotence and ubiquity. It is the same law for everyone, everywhere—kings, emperors, high priests, the state itself, are subject to it. If exceptions are made, the rule of law begins to collapse—that was the grand lesson of antiquity.”

Yes, “THAT WAS THE GRAND LESSON” of history. But have we learned that lesson? Failure to do so means we pay the supreme sacrifice: loss of our republic.

The continual problem of man has been his failure to learn from history.

Are “masses of individuals ... prepared to die” to uphold America’s rule of law? Mr. Johnson states that this is *our only security!*

In many cases our people are confused about what the law is. And many others want to change our laws, including our constitutional law.

Who is going to be willing to die for such confusion? Will such a deeply divided people sacrifice their lives for our republic and the rule of law?

Our generals in Britain and America know that we lack the will to win any hard-fought battle—even if it directly relates to our own freedom. For example, we had to be bombed into World War II. Even one of the most diabolical leaders in history, Adolf Hitler, could not rouse us to fight until we were bombed by Japan. And we are much more isolationist today.

We are not prepared to die to defend our security as we were in our past. This is *the supreme sign* that our will has been broken—and that our republic cannot stand.

Our forefathers were willing to die to establish the rule of law. Many Americans

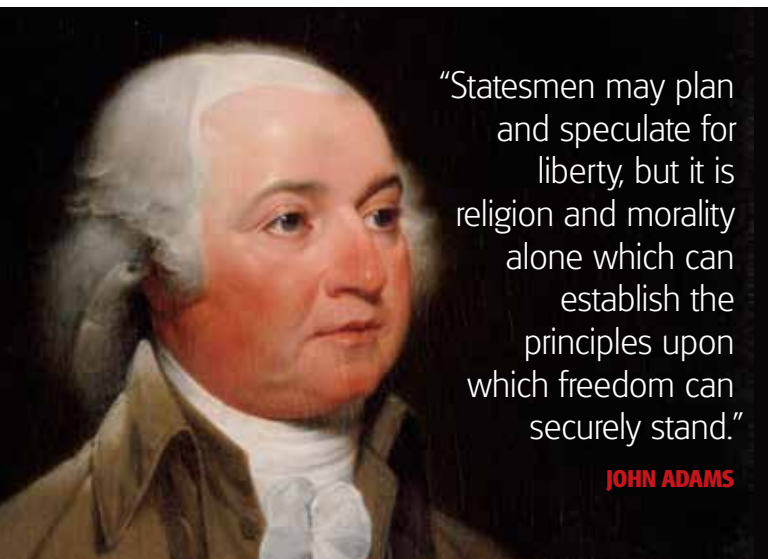
eventually became the United States—an *experiment designed to establish the rule of God on Earth...*” (ibid).

What a goal. THEY PLANNED TO ESTABLISH THE RULE OF GOD ON EARTH! That means they had the goal of each person keeping the Ten Commandments of God—the basis of all righteous law.

How many Americans are willing to face that reality? Not many. Because then we would have to see that we often fight not to establish law, but to promote *lawlessness!*

Consider some statements from the Founding Fathers. In his first inaugural, President George Washington said, “The foundations of our national policy will be laid in the pure and *immutable principles* of private morality.” And in his

famous farewell address, he said, “Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, *religion and morality* are indispensable supports.” Without religion and morality, Washington knew the American experiment was doomed to fail. John Adams backed him up: “Statesmen may plan and speculate for liberty, but it is



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JOHN ADAMS

died in the Civil War to sustain our constitutional law.

How different they were from our people today!

Our Forefathers' Goal

Early immigrants who came to this land were often persecuted in the countries they left. They usually lacked religious freedom.

“[B]oth in Virginia and in New England to the north, the colonists were determined, God-fearing men,” Mr. Johnson wrote, “often in search of a religious toleration denied them at home, who brought their families and were anxious to farm and establish permanent settlements. They

put political and religious freedom before riches.... Thus took shape the economic dynamo that

RELIGION AND MORALITY ALONE which can establish the principles upon which freedom can securely stand.” Religion and morality are firmly rooted in DIVINE LAW.

In 1954, Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren wrote, “I believe the entire Bill of Rights came into being because of the knowledge our forefathers had of the Bible and their belief in it.”

What political or religious leaders would make such statements as these men did? EVEN THE POLITICIANS WHO ESTABLISHED OUR REPUBLIC WERE MORE SPIRITUAL THAN MOST OF OUR RELIGIOUS LEADERS TODAY!

THE CONSTITUTION IS THE FOUNDATION OF OUR REPUBLIC. And the Ten Commandments were, in many ways, the foundation of the Constitution. Our forefathers believed that if we didn't keep

God's Ten Commandments, OUR REPUBLIC WOULD COLLAPSE!

We can't afford to take the words of our founders lightly, if we want to see our nation stand.

IT WAS MUCH HARDER FOR OUR FOUNDING FATHERS TO SPILL STREAMS OF BLOOD WINNING OUR FREEDOM, AND TO CREATE AND ESTABLISH OUR CONSTITUTIONAL LAW, THAN IT IS FOR US JUST TO MAINTAIN IT! So we ought to respect our Founding Fathers above ourselves. But we are too vain and arrogant to see how profoundly strong they were and how pathetically shallow and weak we are.

Noble Constitution

The Constitution was based to a great extent on God's law. That is why I believe it is the most noble document ever written by a government of this world.

What a rare document it is. Our forefathers had the awesome opportunity to establish the rule of God in the wealthiest country ever. So they established a Constitution to protect all of us from the extremes of human reason. Tyrants, unjust judges and biased leaders were controlled by this law.

Did our Founding Fathers know that the Bible interprets itself? To some extent, I believe they did. And they probably patterned the Constitution after the Bible, in that sense. The Constitution is a document that interprets itself probably better than any book or document other than the Bible.

We see indescribable confusion about the Bible today. Why? Because people won't let it interpret itself!

We received some foundational direction from Britain's Magna Carta. But Britain has no Constitution.

Our persecuted forefathers wanted their protection spelled out in detail. They had suffered intensely at the hands of tyrants. Such tribulation deepens a people's understanding about the value of freedom.

Will we have to experience indescribable tribulation before we can appreciate OUR FREEDOM, WHICH IS GIVEN TO US BY THE RULE OF LAW?

The Bork Nomination

When Robert Bork was appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court by President Ronald Reagan, it created a firestorm in Congress, and he failed to get confirmed. Shortly thereafter, he wrote *The Tempting of America*, which I



DEATH FROM ABOVE Drones can target someone—without due process.

'The Power Claimed by Kings and Tyrants'

CAN the president and other military and intelligence officers ignore the Constitution and execute Americans without formal charges or a trial? According to a Justice Department white paper leaked February 4, yes. As long as an “informed, high-level official,” thinks you are a threat and capture is infeasible, he can kill you as if you were an enemy combatant. The implications should shock every American. Former New Jersey Superior Court Judge Andrew Napolitano says the Justice Department’s premises are “bereft of any appreciation for the values of the Declaration of Independence and the supremacy of the Constitution, and its rationale could be used to justify any breaking of any law by any “informed, high-level official of the U.S. government”” (emphasis added). In addition, the paper’s language is so vague, convoluted and contradictory that high-level officials can make it mean whatever they want it to

mean. The president and “informed, high-level officials” are playing God with Predator drones and Hellfire missiles. “This is the power claimed by kings and tyrants,” writes Napolitano. “It is the power we have arguably fought countless wars to prevent Now ... it is here.” This is exactly the kind of government overreach that President Obama campaigned on ending. Why isn’t the media all over this? Why is Congress basically shrugging its shoulders? What is to limit President Obama’s execution of his kill list? His own judgment—and that’s about it. This is not the first time a leader has contravened the law to make a massive power grab, then asked the people to simply trust him. Six thousand years of human history show that once men gain this kind of power, it never ends well. As John Adams warned in 1792, “There is danger from *all* men. The only maxim of a free government ought to be to *trust no man* living with power to endanger the public.” The Constitution is designed to prevent any president from gaining this kind of power. That’s why you have to break the Constitution to do it. It is designed to protect Americans’ freedom from “high-level officials.” The framers had a deep understanding of human nature. They knew it had to be restrained by a supreme law of the land. Now the Obama administration has pushed aside America’s supreme law in the name of making us safer, and replaced it with his personal judgment. America is allowing its leadership to “free” itself from law. History proves that the result, ironically, will be anarchy or tyranny. **ROBERT MORLEY**

believe is the best book about constitutional law in a century—perhaps ever. Mr. Bork, who died last December, believed the nation was more than halfway along in the destruction of our Constitution. He was right! Our republic is in grave danger. We live today in a culture that is becoming much more anti-law and anti-God. If the Constitution is to be rewritten, it should be done only by our legislative branch, or Congress, and the president, or the executive branch. If they err, these leaders are subject to the voters. But that is not true of the judicial branch—the courts. The U.S. Supreme Court justices are selected for life by the president. Our forefathers designed the Constitution that way so the Supreme Court justices would not be so concerned about the people when unpopular judgments had to be made. **THE SUPREME COURT JUSTICES ARE SUBJECT ONLY TO CONSTITUTIONAL LAW—NOT THE VOTERS!** THEIR JOB IS TO INTERPRET THE LAW—OR BETTER, TO LET THE LAW INTERPRET ITSELF. They have no authority to rewrite the law. If they rewrite the law, it’s almost impossible to correct the error. In our history, there was a judge who wanted slavery. He kept searching the

Constitution to support his belief. He found the phrase “substantive due process,” and he twisted these words to show that slavery was constitutional. It took a civil war to overturn that decision. That gives you some idea of how hard it is to change what judges do! Today judges used that same reasoning—“substantive due process”—to say that abortion is constitutional. Mr. Bork believed that reasoning to be a *dangerous* mistake, and so do I. If the judges are not subject to constitutional law, they are subject to nothing and nobody! Law schools routinely teach about being “legal realists.” Like former Vice President Al Gore, they want an “evolving Constitution.” But this reasoning gives the judges despotic powers. It also takes us away from the foundational law established by our forefathers. Then why do our politicians allow it? The president and Congress often like the judges to do this if the decisions are favorable to their views and they know their views will *not* be approved by the voters. Still, the judges are taking power from the legislature and the executive branches as they rewrite the Constitution. Our politicians simply lack the vision to see how disastrous this process is. IT IS

BASED ON SELFISH LAWLESSNESS—NOT LAW! The Supreme Court justices are gaining dictatorial powers, and none of them were voted into their offices or approved by the people. The democratic process is being destroyed. That means we cannot maintain the rule of law. Usually the people know very little about how the law works. But they know enough to lose respect for our governmental institutions. They also lose interest in the whole political system. As a result, they end up doing what our predecessors in ancient Israel did. “In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes” (Judges 21:25). This is the history of our own people. And the book of Judges is a part of the biblical books called the *former prophets*. That means it is prophecy for this end time. Today, we have no king or president or real authority figure that we look to for leadership. And that means **WE ARE A NATION WITHOUT STRONG LEADERSHIP.** The same is true of Britain. No ship of state can find its way to a safe harbor without a captain to guide it. That is exactly the way it was in ancient Israel **JUST BEFORE IT WAS CONQUERED!** And that is exactly where America and Britain are today! **THERE IS NO LEADER WHO CAN OR**

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WILL ESTABLISH THE RULE OF LAW. This sad state of affairs was also prophesied (Isaiah 3:1-5). In this prophecy, our leaders are likened to children!

What most people don't see is that we are destroying the rule of law. And history tells us that our republic cannot stand because of that evil.

Media and news personalities are a big part of the liberal culture—about 80 percent of them. The destroying of our constitutional republic would not be possible without their support. All too often they are deceived, and in turn they have the power to deceive our citizens.

Mr. Bork related how the Constitution is the big trump card in American politics. Today it is being used by the liberal culture to force their *unlawful* ideas on people!

The great heresy being taught in our law schools is that the judges are not

the architectural features—adding only filigree or ornamental work. Instead, the lawyers and judges are changing the very structure of our representative democracy.

The Constitution is being altered dramatically. **AND IT IS THE FOUNDATION OF OUR REPUBLIC!** We are experiencing a constitutional earthquake, and most of our people don't even know it—yet. Your future is being changed for you, and often you have no input.

This process is sure to lead to anarchy! That is why you and I should be deeply concerned.

Seeking Lawlessness

Why did our Founding Fathers work so hard to establish the Constitution? Because it was to be the supreme law of the land.

“A well-known Harvard law professor,” Mr. Bork wrote, “turned to me with some exasperation and said, ‘Your notion that the Constitution is in some sense law must rest upon an obscure philosophic principle with which I am unfamiliar.’”

But notice what the Constitution itself states: “THIS CONSTITUTION, and the laws of the United States which shall be made in pursuance thereof; and all treaties made, or which shall be

made, under the authority of the United States, SHALL BE THE SUPREME LAW OF THE LAND; and the judges in every state shall be bound thereby, any thing in the Constitution or laws of any state to the contrary notwithstanding.

“THE SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES before mentioned, and the members of the several state legislatures, and all executive and judicial officers, both of the United States and of the several states, SHALL BE BOUND BY OATH OR AFFIRMATION, TO SUPPORT THIS CONSTITUTION; but no religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States.”

A Harvard law professor is actually stating that the Constitution is not even law! That view comes from our most prestigious university. The very fact that he would even make that statement shows that we are already getting into **EXTREME LAWLESSNESS!**

The majority of our leaders now agree with the Harvard law professor. He made a statement that shows we are failing to establish the rule of law. The real issue here is *lawlessness*.

That means your future will be adversely affected.

In 2000, in a debate during the Democratic primaries, Vice President Gore was asked what sort of Supreme Court justices he would select if he were elected president. He responded, “I would look for justices of the Supreme Court who understand that our Constitution is a living and breathing document, that it was intended by our founders to be interpreted in the light of the constantly **EVOLVING EXPERIENCE** of the American people.”

Syndicated columnist Cal Thomas made this observation about that statement: “Mr. Gore’s view of the Constitution, shared by most political liberals, is **ONE OF THE MOST DANGEROUS PHILOSOPHIES OF OUR TIME**. It establishes a class of philosopher-kings who determine the rights of the people and shreds the **CONSTITUTION AS A DOCUMENT THAT CONFORMS PEOPLE TO UNCHANGING PRINCIPLES** that promote their own and the general welfare.

“A ‘living’ Constitution, notes constitutional attorney John Whitehead, means the Constitution is ‘up for grabs,’ and it becomes whatever the justices decide, not the people through their elected representatives . . .

“The founders never intended the courts to be supreme. **THEIR INTENTION WAS THAT THE LAW, ROOTED IN OBJECTIVE AND UNCHANGING TRUTH, WOULD BE PREEMINENT**” (*Washington Times*, March 8, 2000).

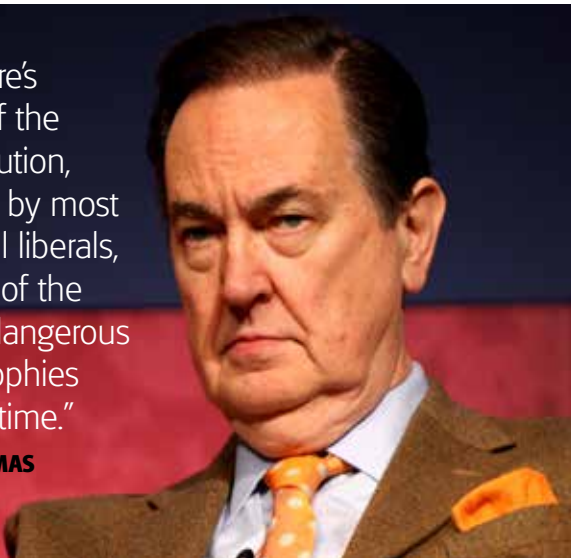
Law scholars today don't believe the Constitution was “**ROOTED IN OBJECTIVE AND UNCHANGING TRUTH**”—that is, they don't believe our founders established the rule of law. But that's just what the founders did. And now most lawyers and judges reject their foundational work.

Our views today reflect a deadly degeneration into lawlessness!

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CAL THOMAS



bound by law. Some say the Constitution isn't even law!

That means we are being led by the human reasoning of a liberal culture.

That is often the opposite of establishing the rule of law. Again, history reveals that empires are destroyed if they fail to establish the rule of law. But **THE LIBERAL CULTURE OFTEN HAS CONTEMPT OF HISTORY AND OUR FOUNDING FATHERS**. Liberals foolishly rely on their own reasoning, which is not grounded in foundational law.

The founders of the Constitution put in place the walls, roofs and beams of our Constitution, as Mr. Bork said. The judges' purpose is to preserve

America's New Best Friend

BY BRAD MACDONALD AND RICHARD PALMER

WHO IS AMERICA'S staunchest friend and ally?

Most Americans, at least those well versed in U.S. history and foreign policy, would easily and quickly reply *Britain*. Others might guess Israel, Canada or Australia.

These are all logical, reasonable answers grounded in historic fact.

They are also wrong, at least according to the Obama administration.

'Partner of First Resort'

On February 2, Vice President Joe Biden delivered the keynote address to European leaders and statesmen gathered for the annual Munich Security Conference. Although many people do not take Joseph Biden seriously, his office is not insignificant. The vice president is an extension of the president, and therefore a reliable yardstick of America's direction and future.

Mr. Biden's message to Europe was clear and candid: Europe is America's staunchest ally, and we need you to take on global leadership and responsibility, now!

"Simply put," he said, "President Obama and I continue to believe that EUROPE IS THE CORNERSTONE OF OUR ENGAGEMENT WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD, and is the catalyst for our global cooperation. It's that basic" (emphasis added throughout).

One of the vice president's next statements was especially interesting: "Believe me when I say that I realize how difficult this is with an economy having slipped back into recession last year and the ever

present temptation to back away from commitments on defense spending. But I also know that maintaining our capabilities is what enables us to advance our common global agenda. That's just one reason why a STRONG AND CAPABLE EUROPE IS PROFOUNDLY IN AMERICA'S INTEREST, and I might add, presumptuously, THE WORLD'S INTEREST."

Basically, he *invited* Europe to increase its military capacity, and assume more global leadership!

Biden also praised France, Germany and other European states for taking the lead in confronting radical Islam in Mali and North Africa. "Europe remains essential to that entire effort," he stated. He then affirmed, yet again, that "Europe is the cornerstone of [America's] engagement with the world, and Europe is the catalyst—our catalyst for global cooperation." A few minutes later he stated, "Europe remains America's indispensable PARTNER OF FIRST RESORT."

"Partner of first resort"? Really? What happened to Britain and the Commonwealth states? Less than seven decades ago, America and the British Commonwealth fought together to defeat Hitler and rescue France and the rest of Europe from the jaws of Nazism. When radical Islam struck

America on Sept. 11, 2001, Britain proved to be America's most reliable ally.

The White House is aware of America's historic partnership with Britain. It didn't *accidentally* omit Britain from Mr. Biden's address. This was simply the latest in a series of signals the Obama administration has sent—for example, President Obama purging the White House of the Churchill bust gifted to the U.S. from Downing Street—showing that it finds the U.S.-Britain relationship repugnant!

Further on, Mr. Biden stated, "Time and again, when it comes to a search for partners in this extremely complex world, EUROPE AND AMERICA STILL LOOK TO EACH OTHER BEFORE THEY LOOK ANYWHERE ELSE."

Since when? President Roosevelt didn't look to Europe for partners during the Second World War. He looked to Britain, then together they saved Europe!

Building an Economic NATO

Ten days after Mr. Biden's address in Munich, the White House again reached out to Germany and Europe. This time it was President Obama himself, during his annual State of the Union address, announcing that



he would attempt to form what has often been called “an economic NATO.”

President Obama pledged that America and the EU would negotiate the biggest trade deal in history, forging the world’s largest free trade area. Such a deal, he claimed, would be hugely beneficial to both America and the EU. In fact, experts believe it would add 0.5 percent to the annual growth of the EU’s economy by 2027—an extra €86 billion (US\$115 bil-

America is tired and run down. Unable to maintain economic and financial supremacy alone, it wants to forge an alliance with Europe.

lion) a year. For the U.S., the benefit would be 0.4 percent—or \$87 billion (€65 billion).

In practical terms, the deal would include America and Europe removing tariffs on the other’s products. Both sides would also harmonize regulations and address differences in intellectual property and labor laws. The end goal would be that a car, for example, produced in the U.S. would not have to undergo any significant modifications in order to conform to the EU’s safety standards, and vice versa. This would significantly lower the cost of selling goods to the other.

European Commission President José Manuel Barroso said at a February 13 press conference that “this negotiation will set the standard—not only for our future bilateral trade and investment, including regulatory issues, BUT ALSO FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF GLOBAL TRADE RULES.”

This could be a huge development. Once America and the EU establish a standard, it would effectively become the *world standard*—because other nations would have to comply if they wanted to trade with the U.S. and the EU. And if Europe gains the upper hand in its negotiations with the U.S., *it* will become the global pacesetter. And Europe is very good at gaining the upper hand. For example, every country in the world except America, Burma and Liberia uses *Le Système International* as its official system of measurement. No prizes for guessing where that comes from.

A successful agreement is not a gone conclusion. Harmonizing regulation means months of painstaking negotiation, while

entrenched lobby groups of farmers, lawyers and businesses try to bend the rules in their favor. But even if the two parties fail, this renewed push toward a free trade deal is another facet of America’s growing affection for Europe.

Can you see what’s happening here? America is tired and run down, and it’s reaching out to Europe for help. The U.S. no longer has the will to lead the world politically and militarily. It would prefer it if Europe absorbed those responsibilities. The U.S. can no longer maintain its economic and financial supremacy alone, so it is trying to forge an alliance with Europe.

And what if Europe emerges the victor in negotiations, and uses the giant free trade area to impose its regulatory standards on the world? The White House won’t mind because it believes Europe shares America’s values!

Doting on the Enemy

The *Trumpet* parses world news in the context of Bible prophecy. Mr. Biden’s outreach to Europe and America’s effort to develop closer trade relations with Europe, namely Germany, bring to mind an end-time prophecy recorded in Ezekiel 23.

This fascinating chapter describes end-time relations between biblical Israel (America and Britain today), and Assyria (Germany) and Chaldea. Verse 5 reads, “And Aholah [referring to biblical Israel, America and Britain] played the harlot when she was mine; AND SHE DOTED ON HER LOVERS, ON THE ASSYRIANS [GERMANY] HER NEIGHBORS.”

“Dote” is a somewhat antiquated term. The *Oxford Dictionary* defines it, “to be extremely and uncritically fond of,” or “to be silly, or feeble-minded.” The meaning of the Hebrew word for “dote” is “to have inordinate affection or lust” for. What an apt description of America’s quest to deepen its trade relations with Europe. And its invitation to Germany and Europe to increase military capabilities and take on more global leadership and responsibility!

It may sound politically incorrect and callous—at least here in the West, where “tolerance” prevails and we ignore the

realities of human nature and national character—but the history of Europe, and especially Germany, demands great caution and skepticism. Moreover, in recent decades, globalization and technology—and a resulting fleeting dalliance with prosperity—have appeared to minimize the destructive forces of nationalism and the pursuit of self-interest.

But now, as financial crises besiege all nations, the PRESERVATION OF SELF is once again gripping national governments and populaces around the world. Nations are rapidly arming themselves, securing resources and aggressively forging powerful new alliances in an effort to brace themselves for the emerging new world order.

Yet, here we are watching “silly,” “feeble-minded” America abdicating its position at the helm, coddling former enemies, and handing the world over to Germany!

What will come of this tryst with Germany and Europe? God reveals the answer in verse 9: “Wherefore I have delivered her into the hand of her lovers, into the hand of the Assyrians, upon whom she doted.”

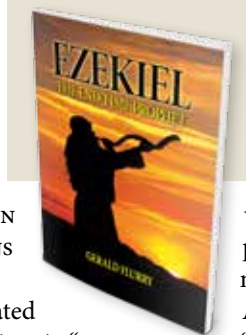
Ezekiel 23 shows a perverse relationship between these two nations that ends with Germany, after gaining America’s trust and support, *fatally betraying the U.S. in a tragic double cross.*

That will sound far-fetched to the liberal, “tolerant” mind. But you watch, it is going to come to pass, *just as so many of our other Bible-based forecasts have!*

In 2005, the *Trumpet* wrote the following about this prophecy: “Over the next few months and years, watch for America to increasingly become ‘lovers’ with Germany, foolishly looking to the greatest war-mongering nation in history for friendship, peace and safety. Fooled by rhetoric, America will lie vulnerable to German betrayal.”

It’s getting easier with each passing week to see that we are living in the end time. Bible prophecy is being fulfilled at a remarkable pace. You cannot continue to ignore this reality much longer. Respond to the urgency of the times, to the remarkable fulfillment of prophecy, by investigating God’s powerful truth more deeply. ■

You can learn more about the prophecy of Ezekiel 23 and its end-time fulfillment by reading our free booklet *Ezekiel: The End-Time Prophet*.



A Word About Love

The simplest, most practical definition of God's way of life



IF YOU COULD CHOOSE ONE WORD TO DESCRIBE LOVE, WHAT would it be? Ask your friends that question, and you're liable to get a variety of answers. But in the Bible, we can easily pinpoint *one word* that is clearly synonymous with godly love.

You can find it in John 3:16: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."



PRINCIPLES OF LIVING
STEPHEN FLURRY

Do you see it? It says God loved the world *so much* that He **GAVE** His only begotten Son.

BECAUSE GOD LOVES, *He gives*.

That's the Bible's one-word definition of love: **GIVE**. It's outgoing concern for the good and welfare of others that results in **UNSELFISH GIVING!**

God so loved **THAT HE GAVE**. That simple, Bible-based definition of godly love, if understood and applied by mankind today, would solve the world's problems. It would eliminate war, strife and division. It would save marriages and families. It would build righteous, God-fearing communities.

What a different world this would be if **MAN** *so loved God* that he *gave himself* in service to Him and in sacrifice for others!

The Bible says we can acquire this sacrificial love, but it must come *from God*—"because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit" (Romans 5:5). God gives His Holy Spirit to those who repent of sinful living, who are baptized into God's true Church and who earnestly strive to obey God's holy law (Acts 2:38; 5:32).

For *this is* the love of God, John wrote, that we **KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS** (1 John 5:3). Yes, the **WAY OF UNSELFISH GIVING** actually fulfills God's law—which is itself a law of love (Romans 13:10).

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that *ye present your bodies* a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Romans 12:1). God has proven His love for us already. And by *giving* His only begotten Son—the ultimate sacrifice—God has shown *us* how to love.

So He says to you: *Present your bodies a living sacrifice*. In other words, God cannot purify our lives—He can't give us His love—without our *willing consent*. We must **PRESENT our bodies** as a living sacrifice.

"You must make the decision," Herbert W. Armstrong wrote in *The Seven Laws of Success*. "You must set this right goal. *You* must set your will. *You* must expend your full effort. *You* must work at overcoming, growing and developing spiritually, and sticking with it. Yet God supplies the all-important ingredient—His power, His love, His faith—His guidance—His life!"

God so loved mankind that He gave His only Son. Now He expects us to adopt that same *way of give* lifestyle. We don't give

because of anything we expect to **GET** in return. We give because we love.

But **this** doesn't mean unselfish giving comes without a return. Acts 20:35 says, "It is more blessed to **GIVE** than to receive." *Giving* is actually **MUCH MORE FRUITFUL AND PRODUCTIVE** than getting or receiving. That's because when we give, we contribute to the success and happiness of others. We help to upgrade their quality of life.

With the way of get, however, no one benefits but *you*—assuming selfish gain is somehow beneficial. This narrow-minded approach does not fulfill God's law of love at all. It's negative and selfish. It leads to misery and strife.

Jesus said, "Give, and it shall be given unto you" (Luke 6:38). Paul added that God will reward us for every good thing we do (Ephesians 6:8).

"But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully" (2 Corinthians 9:6). How reassuring! God says the harder we work to serve others and spread the way of give, the more we will grow—and the more we will **RECEIVE** in return!

Godly love is giving yourself as a living sacrifice for others. By this unselfish act, you not only fulfill God's law, you set in motion a principle that results in fruitful abundance. Practicing the way of give in our lives today guarantees that we will receive a bountiful reward in this life—and the life to come! (John 10:10).

And what better example do we have of this living principle of give than the great Creator God? For God so loved the world—He *yearned so much* for man to be **BORN** into **HIS OWN DIVINE FAMILY**—that He gave His only begotten Son as a perfect sacrifice for the sins of mankind.

God was willing to give up *everything* so we can experience divine life in His Family. What a **BOUNTIFUL RETURN** there will be when the Kingdom of God is finally established on Earth!

This is why God absolutely *loves* a **CHEERFUL GIVER** (2 Corinthians 9:7). He loves it when people adopt His lifestyle because He knows that way of life will produce a bountiful harvest for everyone in the end. He knows because He lives it.

How wonderful and marvelous are the ways of God!

From now on, when you think of the word *love*, think about *giving* of yourself in service to God, His Family, your spouse, your children, your neighbors and your community. God's love, after all, is living the way of unselfish, outflowing concern for the good and welfare of others. It's simply the **way of GIVE**.



Yesh Atid leader Yair Lapid speaks after his party won 19 seats in Israel's elections.

Palestinian conflict, Israel's differences with Iran can be worked out through negotiation.

This is where things get tricky for Prime Minister Netanyahu.

Since the election, the prime minister said he hopes to form a broad-based coalition government that would address Israel's domestic issues, although such issues were hardly mentioned in the campaign. No doubt Yesh Atid is already having an effect on domestic policy.

While a change in domestic policy may have some benefits for Israel, consider the bevy of threats facing the nation, it is hardly in Israel's best interests to have a government engrossed in internal issues.

"Lapid is likely to demand the Foreign Ministry for himself, as well as the education, justice and housing ministries in addition to chairmanship of the Knesset finance committee," *Haaretz* said on February 3. Will Netanyahu give the man who calls for dialogue with Iran control over Israel's Foreign Ministry? Iran still calls for the destruction of Israel and funds terrorists across the Middle East to fulfill that purpose. It is still an extremist terrorist state funding extremist terrorists. Years of talks have not brought peace, and with every day that Iran is not dealt with, it draws closer to constructing nuclear weapons that will change its balance of power with Israel.

Yet the Israeli people have voted for a centralist moderate to be a key player in the new government. A poll published on February 21 showed that if Israel were to hold another round of elections, Yesh Atid would become the largest party in Knesset with 30 seats, and Netanyahu's Likud-Beitenu party would plummet to just 22 seats.

If the Israeli government turns to "peace talks," expect an empowered Iran to get the bomb.

Events in Israel are drawing toward one conclusion. There will be no peace in Israel because no Israeli government—hardline, centrist, or left—will tell Israeli voters what they really need to hear: that they need to *return to God*. Bible prophecy foretells exactly what will befall the Middle East and Israel. To find out, request a free copy of *Jerusalem in Prophecy*.

1 | ISRAEL No swing right after all

ISRAEL IS IN A DANGEROUS POSITION. The nation is surrounded by palpable threats: riots in Jordan; Hezbollah in Lebanon; a Syrian civil war in the north; the Muslim Brotherhood-led Egypt in the south; the looming presence of a nuclear-armed Iran to the east; Hamas in Gaza; Fatah in the West Bank; and an increasingly leftist government in the United States. The need for Israeli security and strength is urgent.

However, in recent elections, Israelis gave a vote of confidence in a tried-and-failed strategy of negotiation with the enemy.

The January 24 elections were forecast to produce a right-wing governing coalition. But the Israeli people chose differently. Netanyahu's Likud-Yisrael Beitenu alliance won, but without the overwhelming victory it had hoped for.

The prime minister's alliance won the election with 31 parliamentary seats—far less than the 42 it held in the outgoing parliament. Netanyahu no longer has enough seats to form a majority, so he must form a coalition government. He will be forced to bring in some more central parties to his coalition. So who will he look to for support in his new government? Chances are, it will be Yesh Atid, the runners-up in the election.

Yesh Atid's success may have been the election's biggest surprise. It is a relatively new party in Israel, yet its ascent has been stunning, jumping from 11 seats last election to 19 this time (one less than Likud).

Yesh Atid works off a primarily centralist platform. This means its focus is domestic: reforming the government, seeking affordable housing, improving a failing educational system, and ending the military exemption for ultra-Orthodox Jews.

Yesh Atid has also called for Israel to give up much of the West Bank but to retain control of Jerusalem.

The party is led by reporter-turned-politician Yair Lapid, the son of well-known politician Tommy Lapid. His father's party, Shinui, was seen as anti-religious, battling against the powers of the ultra-Orthodox. Yair Lapid's party today is fighting for many of the same causes. Lapid has boosted his political career by becoming the spokesman for the Israeli middle class. His detailed domestic policy, if enacted, would take focus and spending off defense and onto the middle class. With improving the day-to-day lives of the majority as his priority, Lapid has given himself a wide electoral base.

The Yesh Atid party also believes that, along with a two-state solution for the

NUMBERS

26

34 Years of political division broken when Iran's president visited Egypt

142 Miles of fence along Israel's southern border completed January 2

200 Number of dissident Eritrean soldiers that tried to overthrow the government



2 | ERITREA Coup attempt shows instability

Dissident Eritrean soldiers seized the country's Ministry of Information in January and briefly took over its state-run television service in an apparent attempt to overthrow the Eritrean government. About 200 soldiers backed by tanks demanded the release of thousands of political prisoners, a signal of the deepening rift between parts of the military and President Isaias Afewerki.

Though it failed, the plot indicates the nation's instability. Tension between political groups and religions continues to intensify in a nation split evenly between Muslims and Christians. Along with Afewerki's failing health, this means Eritrea is vulnerable to a transition of power.

This presents an opportunity for Iran to expand its power in the region, especially around the Red Sea. Eritrea occupies a strategic strip of terrain at the entrance to the Gulf of Aden, one of the world's busiest shipping lanes. Whether directly or through its influence over Egypt, expect Iran to exploit Eritrea's turmoil to obtain control over this vital shipping lane.



Eritrean President
Isaias Afewerki

3 | IRAN Ready to march on Israel

IRANIAN PRESIDENT MAHMOUD AHMADINEJAD STATED ON February 6 that Iran is ready to "wipe out" Israel should it launch an attack. His comments came during a speech in Egypt, with whom Iran is enjoying an ever warmer relationship. "The people of Iran are ready to march on Israel to wipe it out if it launches into an adventure against Tehran," Ahmadinejad said, according to Arabic transcriptions cited by Agence France-Presse. "Our defense forces are capable of dissuading any aggressor and making him regret his act."

The Iranian president was in Cairo for an Islamic summit, marking the first time a president of Iran has visited Egypt since the Iranian Revolution of 1979. During his visit, Ahmadinejad also pledged his support for Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood-dominated government, including a "big credit line" from Iran to boost the Egyptian economy. The Iranian-Egyptian axis, and its growing belligerence toward Israel, fulfill specific end-time prophetic scenarios. Request *The King of the South* to learn about them.



Iranian soldiers shout anti-U.S. and anti-Israel slogans.



The remnants of a suicide bomb attack against an Afghan police compound

4 | AFGHANISTAN Is this what victory feels like?

Explosions and shots echoed through the streets of Kabul on January 21 when a suicide bomber detonated at the gate of the traffic police compound. In the confusion that followed, more terrorists stormed the facility, armed with machine guns and explosives. At least one person was killed and several wounded. The attack came just days after another terrorist attack against a government office in the Afghan capital that caused one fatality. Afghanistan has been supported by the United States for over a decade, but despite billions of dollars and thousands of lives lost, fighting continues. The NATO combat mission in Afghanistan officially ends in 2014, when security responsibilities will pass to local authorities. Those Afghan security forces will face a resilient, determined foe in the Taliban, and they will no longer have NATO forces backing them up.



Israel's southern fence

1 | ISRAEL Ministry of 'de fence'

The Israeli Ministry of Defense announced on January 2 that it had completed a 142-mile-long fence along Israel's southern border. The fence is 15 feet high, topped with razor wire. The barrier is equipped with military cameras, radars and other surveillance equipment. On the heels of finalizing this project, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced on January 6 that yet another fence will be erected, this one in the northern region of the Golan Heights. Israel is scrambling to secure its borders as tumult in surrounding nations threatens its security. Prophecy says that the millions of dollars Israel is spending on its defense will not protect it. When Israel realizes that walls, wire and cameras are not enough, Hosea 5 says it will turn to Europe for help.

1 | GERMANY Preparing for a Middle Eastern war

THE GERMAN AIR FORCE COMPLETED TWO MAJOR TRAINING exercises in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) at the end of last year. Berlin continues to draw closer to its Middle Eastern allies and gain operational experience in the region. From November 18 to December 13, the German Air Force trained alongside Saudi Arabia, Qatar, the United Kingdom and the United States in the Advanced Tactical Leadership Course. According to German-Foreign-Policy.com, this was the first time Germany has tested the Eurofighter under desert conditions. The exercises included 92 planned missions involving 1,400 flight hours. In the second exercise, “Common Sky 2012,” nearly 40 German Air Force personnel participated in a simulated defense against a Middle Eastern aggressor. Held from December 9 to 20, the exercises involved a similar number of personnel from the UAE. The scenario constituted a thinly disguised action against Iran: a friendly Gulf nation was attacked, and Germany rushed to the rescue. The German military is simultaneously making sure it is ready to make war in the Middle East, and ensuring that it has an alliance of Islamic countries to help when it does. Our free booklet *The King of the South* explains the prophetic significance of this trend.



German troops deploy to Turkey on January 20.

1 | GERMANY 2 | TURKEY Another troop deployment

Troops and military equipment from Germany and the United States headed for Turkey on January 8. The deployment supports NATO operations along the Turkish-Syrian border. Officials say the six anti-aircraft, anti-missile batteries are intended to protect Turkey against any spillover from Syria’s ongoing civil war. Although they are ineffective against artillery and mortar fire, the batteries make a statement that these nations are willing to deploy weapons, and that Washington is relying more and more on Berlin. The Bible reveals where this relationship will lead. Ezekiel 23 refers to Germany as America’s “lover,” but it also shows that Germany will betray America in the end.

Muzzling a free press

European Union officials believe the European press is doing a poor job and should be regulated. The EU issued a report by the High Level Group on Media Freedom and Pluralism on January 22, a guideline to be used in drafting new regulations. The group says all nations should have “independent media councils” that “should have real enforcement powers, such as the imposition of fines, orders for printed or broadcast apologies, or removal of journalistic status.” These councils should also obey “a set of European-wide standards and be monitored by the Commission to ensure that they comply with European values.” UK Member of Parliament Douglas Carswell said: “This is the sort of mindset that I would expect to find in Iran, not the West. This kooky idea tells us little about the future of press regulation. It does suggest that the European project is ultimately incompatible with the notion of a free society.”



3 | ITALY Fascist dictator still popular

Fascist dictator Benito Mussolini is still popular in Italy. According to an article published by Spiegel Online on January 8, “Every year, thousands of people in Italy hang a fresh calendar of images depicting Benito Mussolini on their wall, just one of many indications that the cult of ‘Il Duce’ is alive and well in the country.” Every year, thousands of visitors travel to Predappio, Mussolini’s birthplace. Spiegel described a shocking ignorance of history, saying that the Mussolini fans’ version of history is based on “myths and half-truths.” Shocking popular support for the Nazi-allied fascist dictator shows how fragile Italy’s democracy is.



MUSSOLINI

4 | SPAIN 5 | BRITAIN Provocation at the Rock

On February 2, an armed Spanish warship entered Gibraltar’s waters, ignoring repeated warnings from the Royal Navy. The 300-foot patrol vessel dwarfed the light boats Britain has stationed at the Rock. London officially protested the intrusion, the most serious in a series of provocations by the Spanish government, which wants to take control of the sea gate. “There has not been an incursion such as this since the mid-1960s when General Franco ruled Spain,” Gibraltar lawyer Charles Gomez said. The people of Gibraltar are becoming increasingly frustrated with Britain’s weak response to Spain’s aggression. Last year, 10,000 people signed a petition calling on the British government to stand up to Spain. Unfortunately for them, Britain is prophesied to lose control of this vital possession.

ASIA

6 | RUSSIA 7 | CHINA Wooing Turkey from the West?

Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan said on January 25 that, rather than join the European Union, Turkey should become a member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO). In recent years, the SCO has attempted to posture itself as an anti-West barricade in Central Asia, and Erdoğan's statements show that these attempts are working. Erdoğan may be bluffing in an effort to push Europe into negotiations, but the news illustrates the growing sway of the Asian group.



ERDOĞAN



Navy Day
in Russia

6 | RUSSIA Exercises near Syria

The Russian Navy has conducted its biggest naval drills in its history off the Syrian coast, according to reports from Moscow. The massive exercises came in mid-January amid ongoing tensions between Russia and the West over Syria. Throughout the conflict, Moscow has given cash and arms to the ruling regime of Bashar Assad, a key Russian ally. The West—under Germany's de facto leadership—has worked to depose the regime and draw Syria into an anti-Iranian alliance of Arab nations that will ultimately help Berlin unseat Tehran as the Middle East's dominant power. Russia's recent drills are another indication of Moscow's commitment to preventing the West from toppling Assad. But Bible prophecy indicates Syria will join the anti-Iranian alliance of Arab nations that will rally behind Europe.



6 | RUSSIA King of the oil world

Russia overtook Saudi Arabia last year to become the world's largest oil producer, the *Moscow Times* reported January 22. In recent years, Moscow has twice shut off natural gas to the Ukraine in attempts to bring the pro-Western Ukrainian government under Moscow's influence. As Russia's oil production increases, Moscow will keep using it to expand the Kremlin's sphere of influence in its periphery.

7 | CHINA 'Trump card' against U.S.

Beijing said it has the right to conduct an anti-satellite test because the technology represents a "trump card" against America, China's *Global Times* said. "China urgently needs to have an outer space trump card. ... [I]t is necessary for China to have the ability to strike U.S. satellites," the state-run paper said (January 6).



A Russian T-50 stealth fighter jet

6 | RUSSIA 7 | CHINA 8 | JAPAN Provoking an American ally

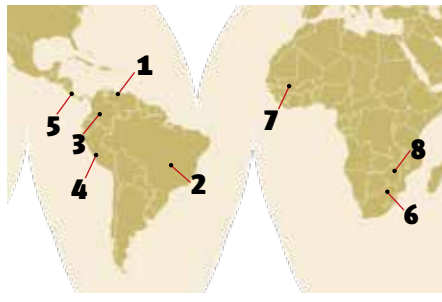
JAPAN SCRAMBLED JETS ON FEBRUARY 7 AFTER RUSSIAN FIGHTERS entered the airspace over its northernmost island. Although the Russian jets withdrew without incident, the incursion was significant in both its location and its timing. It happened near territory that has been disputed by Moscow and Tokyo since the end of World War II, when Russia took it from Japan. It occurred on Japan's "Northern Territories Day," when Japanese nationals rally for reclaiming the territory.

This Russian incursion follows a string of Chinese intrusions into territories that Tokyo and Washington recognize as being administered by Japan. Moscow and Beijing may have the same objective: to expose the United States as an unreliable ally. The idea of being drawn into a conflict with China and/or Russia is unbearable for war-weary Americans to contemplate. Moscow and Beijing view the outcome of any potential confrontation as a question more of *will* than of military might. On this front, the U.S. is at an overwhelming disadvantage.

9 | NORTH KOREA China's tool for pushing at America

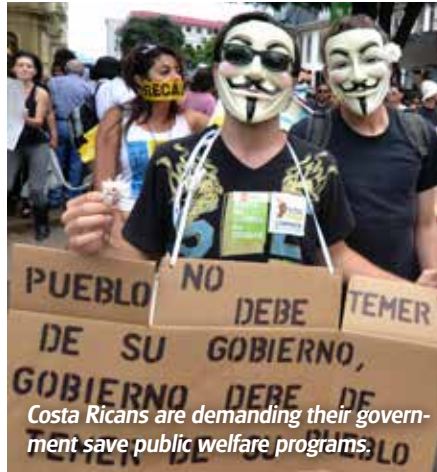
North Korea tested a nuclear weapon on February 12. The bomb had an estimated six- to seven-kiloton yield, more powerful than either of the nation's tests in 2006 or 2009. The test came just weeks after the Stalinist state announced on January 24 that it had tested rockets designed to strike the United States. The statement confirms that North Korea is not just developing rocket technology in order to launch satellites, as Pyongyang has claimed in the past.

Why North Korea's sudden switch to overt aggressiveness? This defiance against the U.S. is likely a product of China's powerful influence over Pyongyang. Beijing is aware that Washington is trying to check China's growing dominance in the Far East. One tool China uses to push back against the U.S. is North Korea. The weakness of America's response is a strong signal that China has rightly calculated the risk in the move.



1 | VENEZUELA 2 | BRAZIL
German adviser predicts 'turning point' for Latin America

In a recently published report, the German Institute for International and Security Affairs predicted a “historical turning point” for Latin America after the demise of Venezuelan President Hugo Chávez. According to the report, when the Venezuelan president dies of his cancer or resigns, the old elites of the country will be able to reassert themselves. Most of these leaders have strong business connections with Germany. The German report predicts that the demise of Chávez could elicit political change throughout Latin America that will strengthen Brazil’s influence in the region. Since Brazil is already a strong German ally, Berlin could benefit significantly from this coming political transformation.



3 | COLOMBIA 4 | PERU 5 | COSTA RICA
Hastening a currency war

The world is on the cusp of currency war. Colombian Finance Minister Mauricio Cardenas said in January that his government is seeking to curb inflation and boost domestic production by taxing foreign portfolio investments. Costa Rica is also looking to increase taxes on foreign investments in the country, while Peru is rapidly stocking up its foreign currency reserves in an attempt to keep the value of the peso high. As the world heads toward a global recession, expect regional trade blocs to become increasingly protectionist. The Bible foretells of a time when the United States will be besieged and frozen out of world trade.

6 | SOUTH AFRICA **Plague of rape**

South Africa is suffering a massive rape problem. Nearly 60,000 rapes are reported each year, and experts believe the actual number is at least 10 times worse. One quarter of all South African women can expect to be raped at least once in their lifetime, says human rights group Actionaid. Gang rape, “jackrolling” as it is now called, is now seen as a form of bonding between the often feral, fatherless youth. The only solution to this heart-rending tragedy is a return to family values as outlined in God’s law.

7 | MALI **Troops reclaim key city**

With air support from the French, Mali’s military gained control over the central Mali town of Diabaly in January. Islamic extremists have carved out a large haven in Mali’s northern region, imposing their strict interpretation of sharia law. The militaries of Germany and France are aiding the effort to reconquer this territory for the Malian government. Expect Germany and its European allies to take an increasingly hard line against radical Islam in North Africa and the Middle East.



Europe dominates S. American militaries

A NEW REPORT states that half of all weapons imported by South American countries over the past decade have come from Europe. According to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute’s Arms Transfers



Database, the list of the top 10 arms exporters to South America includes Germany, the Netherlands, Italy, Spain and France. The *Trumpet* has closely followed German arms sales to the Middle East, as Germany strives to build an anti-Iranian alliance (page 16). A similar process of alliance building through arms trading is underway in South America.

8 | ZIMBABWE **\$217 in the bank**

After paying civil servant salaries in January, the cash-strapped Zimbabwe government admitted it was down to its last \$217. Finance Minister Tendai Biti told reporters that finances were in a “paralysis state.” The economy took a nosedive in 2000 when the government of President Robert Mugabe and its supporters seized thousands of white-owned farms. After a decade of relentless money-printing, almost unfathomable hyperinflation ensued until the currency collapsed. Bible prophecy indicates a global resource war is coming among the world’s major powers. Watch for Zimbabwe to turn increasingly to China as its economy deteriorates.

30 As was predicted in the October 1957 issue of the *Plain Truth* magazine, the EU and South America have become “religious, commercial and political partners.”

► **ALGERIA** from page 15

prophesied that it would rise again, assume leadership over Europe—and again drag the nations into another world war! He continued to warn of that right up to his death in 1986. We have continued that warning ever since.

The Bible shows that another strongman is going to rise up and take control of Europe, just like Adolf Hitler did. We expect this to happen very soon. Right now,

Germany has great power in Africa—even militarily—that few people are paying attention to.

European leaders see the king of the south trying to dominate the fuel in the Middle East and Africa, and you can be sure they are going to react. That fuel is critical to those nations, so they will turn to that strongman for leadership. (Our free booklets *Daniel Unsealed at Last* and *Germany and the Holy Roman Empire* will explain that to you.) Europe will once again choose the path of war in order to secure its resources. That strongman is going to do a lot of damage in the world while seeking to secure Europe's dominance.

Germany is already preparing for this confrontation. In recent years, its arms trade with Algeria has exploded. In 2010, Germany sold less than €20 million (US\$27 million) in military equipment to Algeria. In 2011 and 2012, it sold €400 million worth (\$537 million)—over 20 times as much! It also underwrote the sale of two warships worth €2.13 billion (\$2.86 billion).

Germany's Rheinmetall plans to build 1,200 Fuchs 2 armored personnel carriers in Algeria over the coming decade. Germany has authorized the delivery of 54 of these Fuchs vehicles, worth nearly €200 million, and nearly €300 million in sales of other armored vehicles. That is a huge number of vehicles. Rheinmetall manufactured just over 1,200 Fuchs 1 vehicles in total. Rheinmetall in Algeria plans to build the same amount of Fuchs 2s purely for the country's own army's use. It will own more of these vehicles than Germany does.

In the decade leading up to 2011, Algeria bought roughly just over \$10 billion worth of arms. Over the next decade, it plans to buy that much from Germany alone.

Germany is heavily investing in Algeria. It knows this nation's strategic importance.

A Coming Clash

The orchestrator of the Algerian terrorist attack is from Mali. Terrorists from the Iranian camp of radical Islam have taken over two thirds of Mali. Now they are getting closer to some German strongholds in central Africa in the old Congo area and on the shores of eastern Africa.

Germany has great power in Africa—even military power—that few people are paying attention to. Germany is not about to give that power up, certainly not without a fight.

Why did France send 3,500 ground troops, fighter jets and armored vehicles into Mali in January and February to pound Islamist camps? The French just got out of the disastrous war in Libya helping America topple Qadhafi—surely they would have been hesitant to get involved in another conflict. But I imagine France—which is, after all, part of the European Union led by Germany—was strongly encouraged to go down there because the terrorists were getting closer to Germany's strongholds.

Back in 2008, Germany's president, Horst Köhler, and foreign minister visited Africa and pledged support to the continent. It highlighted Germany's growing enthusiasm over Africa's potential, and concern over its problems. After the trip, German Foreign Undersecretary Georg Boomgaarden told Deutsche Welle, "[I]n the future we'll be increasingly connected to [nations in Africa] by the need for natural resources and other interests" (Feb. 17, 2008). He spoke about several initiatives Germany was taking to increase development and to open "more dialogue with Africa."

Iran also wants "more dialogue with Africa"—only it's looking for dialogue in a different way.

Who is ultimately behind all these terrorist attacks? The king of the south—Iran. But it is being opposed now by Germany on many fronts. You are going to see these two powers clash very soon—like a year or two

or three. THE DANIEL 11:40 CLASH BETWEEN THE KING OF THE SOUTH AND THE KING OF THE NORTH IS ABOUT TO BE FULFILLED! All of this violence in Africa is just a prelude to the fulfillment of this prophecy.

Monitor these events closely and see if what we're telling you doesn't come to pass. So many prophecies already have. *Never in mankind's history* has so much prophecy been fulfilled so rapidly! Events are racing along. This is not the world you knew 10 or even five years ago. It's very different.

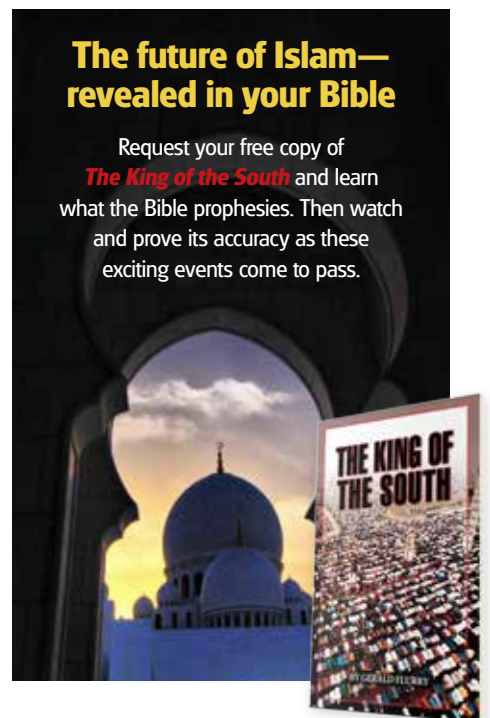
The prophecies in Daniel were written FOR THIS END TIME (Daniel 12:9). Yet nobody even talks about them, let alone understands that book. The whole world is asleep to what is going on.

We are now in the times of the Gentiles. You are about to see these two Gentile powers *clash* and lead us into World War III. That war is prophesied in detail—including all the horrors you can imagine from nuclear war! Jesus Christ said that if He didn't intervene, no flesh would be saved *alive!* (Matthew 24:21-22).

WE ARE LIVING IN THAT TIME CHRIST PROPHESIED ABOUT. Thankfully, He *will* intervene and save us from ourselves! You can be absolutely sure that He's about to return to this Earth and *solve* all of our terrifying problems. That is the most magnificent—and sure—prophecy of all: that this world will be ruled by the King of kings, who will establish peace on this Earth and in the universe forever. ■

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Struggling to get family right

I had lived with a man who had been a great lover of himself, who had mastered his ability to fulfill his needs very well (“The Incredible Shrinking Man,” March). As his wife, I am deeply grief-stricken to see what it has done to my family. My heart bleeds, aches, because I know how it has affected my children. I was the go-getter, the overachiever, always striving to do my best. It had been painstakingly hard to live with a man who could be so complacent. Today, in the role of mother, I work so desperately hard to teach my sons to be the way God intended them to be, of course with God’s help. And I pray daily that they walk on God’s path, continually striving to please their perfect Father. The only hope and answer is to truly submit to God, seeking to honor Him. By doing so, men—including my beloved sons—WILL be the breadwinners, the incredible fruit-bearing men they were intended to be. Likewise, women will stay in their God-given roles as wife and mother, continually working to bring glory to God. “The Incredible Shrinking Man” is an excruciatingly painful plague. May God speed the day when the whole world will know God’s truth, live it, and produce truly happy families the way God intended it to be!

Anonymous

In an otherwise excellent article Mr. Hilliker fails to mention the point that traditional male jobs have gone overseas or disappeared in the millions. I am particularly thinking of manufacturing and construction jobs. I am fully aware that the *Trumpet* has covered this in other articles. Our greedy capitalist system is cannibalizing itself by slowly eradicating the purchasing power of much of the workforce by the search for maximum profit. But this has hit men the hardest. INDIANA

I read “The Incredible Shrinking Man.” The title is correct; the article—blow it out your ear. Look at Bible history: God created Adam then Eve as Adam’s helpmate.

Through sin, Eve broke the commandment first, causing Adam to sin and both were expelled

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the Garden of Eden. In Judges, the woman Delilah sinned by beguiling Samson into telling her where his strength lies, which was his hair. It’s simple: When women lead without God’s blessing, man falls. When God blesses women in the leadership role, men succeed and overcome (Ruth and Esther come to mind). The men and women of today have been given over to a reprobate mind (Romans 1:26-28). I’m surprised you missed that important scripture in your condemning article.

Leroy—INDIANA

Did you stop and think why so many men are living with their parents? Maybe it is because divorce is initiated by women 73 percent of the time, and in nearly 90 percent of those cases, the man loses his children, half his worth and pays a gross amount of alimony and child support to the ex-wife monthly. A man who once made \$100,000 is forced into [his] old bedroom at the parents’ house while the ex-wife lives it up with the new boyfriend, living on half his money and now the new boyfriend’s money. More and more men [are] saying no to marriage, as they should.

Gigs

A potent mix

What a brilliant article, starting with the caption (“A Job For Europe’s Youth,” March). The jobless youth of Europe may soon have a job to do. An unusual job, but not unique nonetheless since such revolutionary fervor has occurred before, as you well chronicled especially with the German youth. Vigilant followers of Bible prophecy will note that currently in Europe there is an unusual confluence of several important things: economic crisis and high unemployment in much of Europe except Germany, a rising Germany, the imminent departure of England from the EU, a waning America and NATO, an ideological Pope Benedict and a challenged Protestant church with many ills, rising powers China and Russia, a smoldering Middle East and the Arab spring, and jihadists in north Africa. ... All of which makes for a strange and very potent mix. Likely, not what the doctor ordered. Watch and pray.

Bernard Muhwezi

The color of money

I believe that much of the environmentalist movement is based on greed (“The Someday of Solar Power,” March). I like to refer to the “green” movement as pertaining to the shade of green money is. So much hypocrisy is exposed by some of the more vocal leadership, like Al Gore. His recent sellout has invoked anger among his own supporters. And he benefited financially from his own “cause.” So I don’t apologize for not supporting this green movement. I also believe it is mostly political. Politicians say they support anything to get votes. The other extreme environmentalist may be very sincere, but they are worshiping the creation rather than the Creator. They believe that human life is no more valuable than a tree or a frog. So, it is a mess we have made of this Earth we were to take care of. But we are in over our heads

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and need help. Thank you for reminding us that that help will soon arrive! *J.G.*

Thanks for this article. I have always felt that solar power as an energy source that has been undervalued. It might not be a “cost-effective” source of energy in man’s selfish, get way of society, but I would not be surprised if there is a way that God has planned for mankind to make use of solar power and other clean forms of energy in the World Tomorrow that are more cost-effective and likely even simpler. Who knows what other forms of harnessing energy God has created that man hasn’t even happened to stumble upon yet.

Mark Pozorksi

System restore my brain

Since getting a computer a couple years ago and learning by trial and error, I have had to learn how to initiate a system restore operation (“Righteousness In, Righteousness Out,” March). I have often

thought how nice it would be if we could do that with our brain. Alas, there is no way. If we put garbage in, it takes a long time to get it out, if you ever can. A wise man once said that it was at least 10 times harder to unlearn wrong knowledge than to learn it right to begin with. Thankfully, we have help from our Creator if we chose to tackle the task.

Calvin Atkinson—CALIFORNIA

I have to be honest, your articles tend to always [have] perfect timing. I love how I’m struggling with something, can’t figure out what to do about it, and your article points it out and helps me a lot! I pray for God to show me a mirror so that I can remove the dirt off my face (sin out of my heart), and you guys are there every time like clockwork! Thank you for this amazing article that I will keep with me and try to remember!

Jory

Plain evidence and proof

Great article showing both sides of

fulfilled prophecy—the blessings and the curses (“Besieged in Thy Gates,” March). Your list of the history and status of each gate is the plain evidence and proof. Thank you for this well-written article!

V.S. Baker—ARKANSAS

Unbelievable self-destruction

What an enlightening article! (“A Bigger Pastime Than Sports,” March). I cannot believe people are spending more on pornography than on baseball! Baseball was always known as America’s pastime sport. Looks like that is no longer the case! How very sad indeed. Mankind’s ways lead to self-destruction, war, disease and misery. It is time to let God our Father lead the way to health, happiness and peace.

Christine

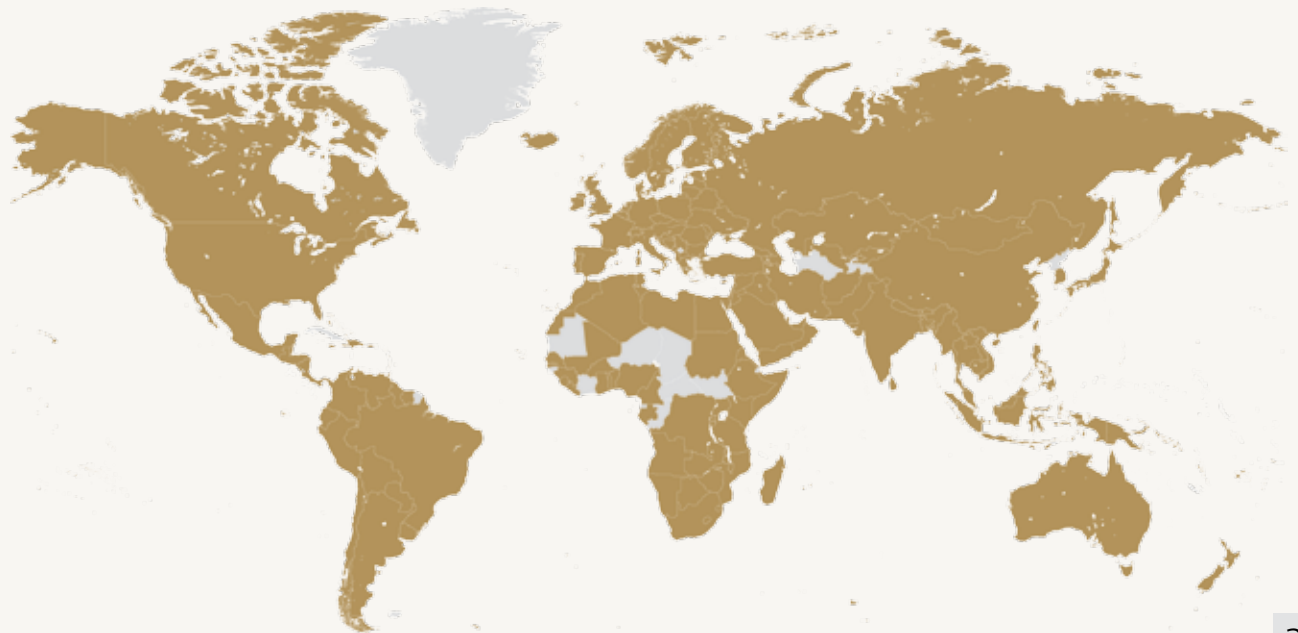
Sometimes it’s hard to truly understand how perverse this country is. It’s no longer about being tolerant, no they are banging on the door demanding our children.

Susan Garcia—TEXAS

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This marine in Afghanistan will soon have fewer comrades in arms.

Budget cuts shrink Marines

The U.S. Marine Corps will shed 4,000 jobs per year until at least 2017, according to a major scale-down order issued last year. Experts warn this reduction will leave the elite fighting force underprepared to battle multiple international threats. The scale-down order was issued to comply with new budget constraints. As more of the U.S. budget is consumed by debt interest payments, military spending will decrease. Harvard historian Niall Ferguson has highlighted the historical trend for empires to collapse once the amount of money they spend on debt financing exceeds the amount of money they spend on defense. The United States is swiftly reaching this point.

PM misleads Britain on debt

British Prime Minister David Cameron misled the nation by claiming his government is paying off Britain's debt in a three-minute party election broadcast shown on ITV on January 23. "[W]e are making progress," he said. "We're paying down Britain's debts." This simply isn't true. According to the government's own forecasts, the United Kingdom's national debt is set to rise from £770 billion (US\$1.25 trillion) in



Prime Minister David Cameron

2010, shortly before this government took office, to £1.36 trillion when Parliament stands down for elections in 2015—roughly a £600 billion increase. "What Cameron said is not an exaggeration," wrote *Spectator* editor Fraser Nelson. "It's a straight falsehood, and one that demeans his office." Cameron's broadcast said the deficit had been cut by 25 percent. While that sounds impressive, it is deliberately deceptive. The deficit is the money the government borrows each year, the rate at which the debt grows. Cutting the deficit 25 percent only means the debt isn't

growing quite as fast as it used to be. Exploding debt is one of Britain's biggest problems, yet our leaders refuse to be honest about it.

That's a whole lot of bullets

The Department of Homeland Security ordered 450 million hollow-point bullets over a five-year period from defense contractor ATK. Some analysts say this is standard procedure; others say it is an attempt to spend excess money allotted to the department. Still others say it is a calculated attempt by the government to curb the amount of ammunition available to civilians. As government gun-control measures intensify, many Americans fear for their Second Amendment rights and believe the government may be preparing to crack down hard on expected civilian dissent. The Bible predicts a time of rioting and civil strife in the near future. The current division in America over firearm rights may play a big part in the fulfillment of this prophecy.



School shootings increase

The tragic shooting in Newtown, Connecticut, ended a record year of school shootings in the U.S. In 2012, 10 school shootings left 41 people dead and 13 wounded. As terrible as 2012 was, however, 2013 is shaping up to be worse. In January alone, an unbelievable eight school shootings took place. Undoubtedly, some politicians will use this as additional evidence to push through gun control laws. The real cause of this violence, however, is the cultural revolution and family breakdown.

CIA adviser: Look out for financial WMD

A top adviser for the Pentagon and CIA has warned that the world is on the verge of financial war. James Rickards told Newsmax, "Rival nations and terrorist organizations are developing capabilities in unconventional warfare—things like cyberwarfare, biological or chemical warfare, and now, financial weapons of mass destruction." He said the U.S. is unprepared for such a financial war. If America gets caught up in a global race toward currency devaluation, national inflation rates could spike past 10 percent—prompting America's foreign creditors to drastically raise their interest rates.



Chicagoland

A total of 506 people were murdered in Chicago in 2012, official figures say. The murder rate rose 19 percent over 2011. It was the first time since 2008 that murders in Chicago topped 500. Many politicians are calling for stricter gun control laws, but closer analysis of the situation reveals that 80 percent of the city's homicides are perpetrated by gang members. Chicago has the largest gang population in the country—about 100,000. Most gang members have links with Mexican drug cartels, which supply them with guns and drugs. Gun-control laws won't fix that.

America Thrusts Wives and Moms Into Combat

It's official: Women are no longer 'barred' from the front lines. **BY JOEL HILLIKER**

ON JANUARY 24, AMERICA'S MILITARY LIFTED ITS BAN against women serving in combat. The move could open more than 230,000 jobs in front-line combat and elite commando units to women.

Thus, the feminist dream to see women wounded, tortured and killed alongside men advances.

Why? Are hoards of women soldiers demanding that combat positions be opened to them? No. For years, the military has expanded the number of positions labeled "non-combat" in order to open up more jobs to women. But the number of positions that were more obviously combat-related *far exceeded* the number of women applying for and accepting them. *Women don't want those jobs.* And Army surveys show that *85 to 90 percent* of enlisted women strongly oppose policies aimed at thrusting women into combat.

So who pushed for this? It was basically an aggressive minority of lobbyists and highly placed feminist civilian leaders, along with a few hard-core careerist military women. These politically correct ideologues are driven to prove that women can do anything men can do—no matter the costs to the military, to America's security, or to the women themselves.

These costs are exceedingly well documented—and consistently ignored, shouted down or buried. The average woman is almost 5 inches shorter, with nearly 40 fewer pounds of muscle and 6 more pounds of fat, than the average man. She has less than half of his upper-body strength, 20 percent less aerobic capacity, and lighter, brittle bones. She cannot run or jump as far; last as long; grip as well; push, pull, lift or carry as much. The military has dealt with this by implementing separate conditioning standards for women, by lowering standards generally and eliminating some altogether.

Though civilian leaders love to speak of the "new warfare" being a tidy, push-button, technology-driven business, reality has never matched that fiction. War is brutal, physical, demanding and deadly. Politicians can easily overlook that fact in the midst of relative peace. They present their views as *support* for women, but how can their eagerness to plunge women into the nightmare of warfare be viewed as anything but *disregard* for women?

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

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

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

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

Consider soberly: The military agency that trains pilots in survival, evasion, resistance and escape as prisoners of war actually *includes a component to desensitize male soldiers to the screams of their women cohorts.* Of course, *these same men* are then expected to treat women soldiers with utmost respect and dignity, in keeping with the sensitivity training that the military has forced on the modern warrior.

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

America's leaders are trying to convince us that we cannot win our wars without our wives and mothers on the front lines. They see that as a sign of the nation's progressiveness.

When we see Islamic extremists sending women out to be suicide bombers, we see it as a sign of barbarity and moral and spiritual depravity. And rightly so.

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

This is a terrible experiment. The Bible prophesies that it is going to fail cataclysmically. Leviticus 26:14-21 show that our nation will fall before its enemies. Not because we don't have enough women on the front lines, but—in part—because we have any at all.



Is this an image of sophistication or barbarity?

► **CONSTITUTION** from page 22

The liberal culture in politics wants a “living Constitution.” Mr. Bork stated that many liberals imply the Constitution is dead. THEY DON’T WANT UNCHANGING TRUTH, ESTABLISHED 200 YEARS AGO, TO DIRECT THEIR LIVES.

The liberal *religious* culture similarly wants a “living Bible.” Modern religionists’ “intelligence” demands that they adapt the Bible to modern times—even though every word was inspired by God (Matthew 4:4).

Most religions preach that God’s law was done away, in spite of what Jesus said in Matthew 5:17-18: “Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.” Christ came to fulfill, or fill, the law to the full. He essentially was saying every *t* must be crossed and every *i* dotted. Still, many thought, and still think, that He came to destroy the law. They *refuse* to believe the truth!

Christians are supposedly people who follow Christ, the Lawgiver. That is how they got their name “Christian.”

But whether secular or religious, WE ARE RACING INTO LAWLESSNESS, and our nation is plunging toward disaster. Any good history book will show us that! The Bible should be even more convicting. Study it and see the deadly danger of lawlessness.

When the new U.S. government was established, Benjamin Franklin said that we have “a republic, *if you can keep it.*” It’s all about either establishing the rule of law—or descending into lawlessness.

Source of Lawlessness

Even angelic empires fell because of lawlessness. This was Lucifer’s problem. “Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till *iniquity* [lawlessness] was found in thee” (Ezekiel 28:15). Lucifer was perfect until he rejected God’s law. “By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire” (verse 16). He *sinned*, and sin is the transgression of God’s law (1 John 3:4). Then violence was all around him. God’s law prevents violence. But this lawless world is filled with violence.

God had to cast Lucifer down. Today Lucifer (renamed *Satan*) has no more access to God’s throne. So his empire was shaken and is destined to totally fall.

Satan is still the god of this world, though shortly to be replaced by Christ. “In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them” (2 Corinthians 4:4). That means this world worships him as its god and follows his *lawless* ways!

Satan has deceived the whole world (Revelation 12:9). And this world continues in his violent ways. Human survival has become our number one problem. We would destroy every man, woman, child and all flesh if Christ didn’t intervene and stop human annihilation (Matthew 24:21-22).

36 But Christ *is* about to intervene, and the wonderful rule of God’s law is about to be established forever! ■

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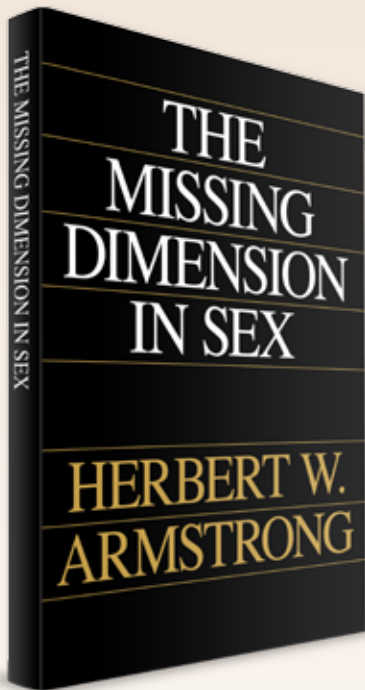
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