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Man Does Not Know His Greatest Enemy

You can't conquer your enemy if you don't even know him.

NO MATTER HOW BAD THE NEWS IS, MOST OF OUR LEADERS in this world still believe they have a solution to world problems. The terrifying truth is, not one of them knows how to solve the world's evils, especially our number-one problem of human survival.

Man does not understand the basic *cause* of our extreme immorality, violence, crime and war. He doesn't understand *why* we are on the brink of obliterating all human life from this planet.

Here is a paragraph from our booklet *Human Nature—What Is It?* (request your free copy): “The human mind: What a wonder! It can produce the most sophisticated computer technology imaginable. We have sent men to walk on the surface of the moon—a robot to crawl on the surface of Mars, photographing the terrain for us to examine. Yet the same minds which produce such marvels of science and technology CANNOT SOLVE HUMAN EVILS, like war, violence, crime, immorality, dishonesty and deceit. The awesome mind of man has not brought about lasting peace. Indeed, the mind of man, contrary to what some modern scholars might think, has produced an abundance of evil, heartache and bloodshed. The question is, *WHY?* How can a mind that produces such incredible technology utterly fail when it comes to solving world problems?”

MAN IS FACING TOTAL ANNIHILATION OF ALL HUMAN LIFE, PERHAPS IN A DECADE OR LESS. That is especially true when you consider the mad leader of Iran, who is about to get nuclear weapons and is eager to use them. Iran is by far the greatest terrorist-sponsoring nation in this nuclear world—madness that no nation or group of nations has been willing to take a stand against—yet. The country's leader, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, believes a nuclear war would hasten the return of his version of the Messiah.

His philosophy has radically changed the nuclear equation! But how many people really understand that deeply enough to do something about it?

The irony of Ahmadinejad's belief is this: It is a sick perversion of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, who is going to return to save man just before we destroy all human life, mainly with nuclear bombs. “For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved [alive]: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened” (Matthew 24:21-22).

What a shameful paradox. Millions of people in Iran will believe a sick counterfeit of Christ's Second Coming, but you can't get most Christians to believe what Christ, who is supposed to be their leader, teaches about nuclear warfare. And He prophesied the exact nuclear conditions we face today, about 2,000 years ago! *That fact alone should stagger the minds of truly educated people.*

No book in this world even remotely compares with the Bible. That is because God inspired the Old and New Testaments, and you can prove it. One third of the Bible is prophecy, and 90 per-

cent of that prophecy is being fulfilled today. Comparing other books to the Bible is like comparing man to God!

Most educators have closed their minds both to the Holy Scriptures and to understanding their chief enemy (Matthew 13:15). But *true education is about opening minds—not closing them!*

How can it be anything but ignorant and barbaric if you close your mind to the only way human beings can survive?

ALL THE RED LIGHTS ARE FLASHING AND ALL THE SIRENS ARE BLARING! But where is the urgency to deal with this life-extinguishing problem?

Nuclear bombs are real. They stand ready to erase all human life from this planet. That is not a fantasy!

Educators have not yet learned that true education begins with being childlike and humble so you can be taught. God only *reveals* to babes (Matthew 11:25)—that is, humble people who will be taught. Only then does a person become truly qualified to teach others.

Many of our deceptive educators are the same brilliant geniuses who have led us to the point where we're about to blow all human beings to smithereens! I'm sure you can understand why such scholarly leaders exalt themselves to high heaven. Look at what they have accomplished!

The basic cause of world evils is *human nature*. That includes the evil of a coming nuclear conflagration. But we don't understand our human minds well enough to even know what human nature is.

Just what is human nature? How evil is it? Only God can answer those questions. “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?” (Jeremiah 17:9). Every human heart has this capacity for evil under the right circumstances. Here is man's greatest enemy that he must face and conquer. Only then can he enter into the righteous and peaceful Family of God.

Throughout history, God has tried to educate us about our greatest enemy. But man has refused. And today, because of that massive rebellion, you see the most frightening scenario man has ever faced!

Man is going to get dangerously close to annihilating all human life, just before Christ returns to save us from ourselves.

Every human being who has ever lived is going to be resurrected to face his own human nature. Man must either conquer it or be conquered by it, before God is finished with him.

That is the inspiring truth of your Bible. But that book is banned from most classrooms today. Thankfully, new educators are about to come on the scene to help God change this world and its educational system. ■



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GREEK TURMOIL
The scene of marchers on strike clashing with police was made almost inevitable when Greece adopted the euro.

The Greek Crisis

Was Planned!

As an EU member state implodes, look who stands to benefit. BY RON FRASER AND ROBERT MORLEY

EUROPE IS AT A CROSSROADS! Greece is on the verge of collapse. This Mediterranean nation cannot pay its debts without massive restructuring. Both French and German ministers have announced that they will not bail out their Club Med neighbor. Instead, EU monetary authorities are pushing Greece to massively slash its budget. But if Greece were to implement the severe spending cuts needed to get its deficit under control, it could easily plunge into an even deeper recession. Also, loss of govern-

ment handouts has already created mass strikes and social unrest—a trend certain to get worse as the cuts become more steep. Yet if Germany and France allow Greece to continue defying its monetary agreements, there will be little to stop other deeply indebted countries like Spain, Portugal and Ireland from also renegeing on their monetary commitments. The credibility of the euro would be thrown into doubt. All eyes are on Europe. Can the euro survive if Greece leaves or is kicked out of the monetary union? If a bailout comes, who will fund it, and at what cost?

There are no good choices. All of them will be very costly. Greece's massive debt problems threaten the very viability of the European Union. The disparate nations of Europe are desperately seeking a savior. The truly remarkable thing is, THIS CRISIS WAS NO ACCIDENT. Not only was it eminently foreseeable long ago, but evidence suggests that it was *deliberately planned*. And its outcome promises to unfold just as its authors hoped. What is happening in the European superstate is a mystery to most of the world. Yet while stock markets gyrate and bond investors panic, *Trumpet* readers know the ultimate result. "The crisis in Greece is a forerunner of a whole rash of similar crises set to soon break out across Europe," editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote in the February 2009 *Trumpet*. "They will provide the catalyst for



the EU's leading nation, GERMANY, to rise to the fore with SOLUTIONS OF ITS OWN MAKING."

For more than a decade, the *Trumpet* has warned about the rotten heart of Europe. We have specifically noted the flawed currency exchange rate mechanism and how the structure of the EU was a Trojan horse for stealthy German ambitions.

"Who will get control of this great superstate?" asked Mr. Flurry in June 2000. The battle comes down to two nations—France and Germany, he said. But it will be the nation that controls the money—Germany—that will ultimately reign supreme.

Today, events unfolding in Europe are proving that forecast uncannily accurate.

Created to Fail?

From the beginning, the euro was destined—maybe even designed—to fail. At least that is the conclusion of some analysts.

Back in 1992, the power elites in Europe enticed the hapless member nations of the EU at that time into signing up to the Maastricht Treaty on European Union. The treaty contained a vital clause creating the foundation for an economic and monetary union—EMU. This has become synonymous with the subsequent European Monetary Union, also called the EMU.

The EMU was glued together by a single currency. The euro was introduced in 1999, with notes and coins entering circulation in 2002. To date 16 EU member nations have joined the EMU, sacrificing their individual national sovereign means of exchange—and in the process setting themselves on a course that would lead to the total sacrifice of their national sovereignty on the altar of the imperialist project of the European Union.

After the EU single currency system was implemented, certain voices predicted the failure of the euro. A handful

theorized that the euro may well even have been *deliberately created to fail* by certain German elites. The theory was that Germany would bide its time and allow the unworkable monetary union to prevail till it reached a point of collapse and then, having wrested control of the European Central Bank (ECB) out of any competitor's hands (read France, in particular), move in quickly and take direct control of EMU administration. Germany could then ensure that a preferred core of EU member nations would receive ECB favor, with the disfavored reduced to vassal status or worse.

Why, if the theory is correct, would Germany deliberately create an economic and monetary union that was destined, from all the tests applied by the clearest thinking observers at the time, to fail?

Unification Through Stealth

When the eurozone's founders began working toward pan-European unity, they knew it would be virtually impossible to unite the Continent. Jean Monnet, one of the forefathers of the European Union, was well aware of the difficulty of convincing voters to willingly relinquish their national sovereignty. Monnet felt that the only way to achieve unification, without war, was through stealth. *The people must not know that sovereignty has been surrendered until it is gone.*

English conservative and author Adrian Hilton described Monnet's intentions for Europe this way: "Europe's nations should be guided towards a superstate without their people understanding what is happening. This can be accomplished by *successive steps* each disguised as having an *economic purpose*, but which will *eventually and irreversibly lead to federation*" (*The Principality and Power of Europe*; emphasis ours throughout).

As Monnet said on April 30, 1952, "The fusion [of economic functions] would compel nations to fuse their sovereignty into that of a single European state."

Peter Thorneycroft, former chancellor of the Exchequer of the United Kingdom and Europhile, described the Monnet unification method in a 1957 *Foreign Affairs* article: "The idea of a united Europe is not new. It has exercised the minds of the soldiers and sometimes of the statesmen of Europe for many centuries. ... Torn by war and conquest, weakened by internecine strife, Europeans have yet found the time and the capacity to leave an incomparable legacy ..."

"Yet men do not live easily within the same institutional arrangements. National patriotisms are strong ..."

In an earlier booklet, *Design for Europe* (1947), Thorneycroft wrote: "No government dependent upon a democratic vote could possibly agree in advance to the sacrifice which any adequate plan must involve. *The people must be led slowly and unconsciously into the abandonment of their traditional economic defenses, not asked, in advance ...*"

Economic integration, once initiated, would become self-sustaining, it was hoped. Monnet theorized that economic interdependence would drive integration until eventually, Europe would end up with de facto political centralization and unification.

Today, Europe may be at a tipping point where economic integration finally meets political unification.

"The European experiment with a trans-sovereign currency is facing its first acid test," wrote Euro Pacific Capital's John Browne. "In essence, the euro was *created as a lever to encourage a complete European political union* rather than as a currency representing ... an already unified economy" (February 10).

According to Browne, who is a former British member of Parliament and close associate of then Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, the euro has largely succeeded in *creating the will for a federal Europe* among the political classes even though European citizens have voted again and again to maintain their individual country's sovereignty.


"Whoever controls the currency controls the government," said economics guru Maynard Keynes. To him, that was not just a law of economics; it was a law that underwrote power politics.

Anticipated Crisis

When the euro was created, a chain of events was set in motion. For nations like Greece, a future debt crisis was almost inevitable.

By joining the eurozone, Greece traded its inflation-prone drachma for the stability of the euro. It also gained the economic borrowing clout of a superstar, even though it had the economy of a small supporting actor.

Initially, these two advantages vastly improved the standard of living for the people of Greece. They allowed corporations, individuals and government to borrow money at the low rates typical within large developed countries like Germany. The new low interest rates were more than Greece could resist. All levels of society binged on seemingly cheap money. The



government, for its part, embraced a massive welfare state, also made possible by easily obtained low-interest loans.

But as lenders to Greece are beginning to remember, there was a good reason Greece paid far higher interest rates to borrow money when it was not a member of the Union. Greece has a history of borrowing too much. According to analyst John Mauldin, Greece has been in default in one way or another for 105 out of the past 200 years.

Even as luxury swiftly came to Greece, so now have the first whiffs of poverty.

With a projected budget deficit of 12.7 percent of the nation's gross domestic product, Greece is far out of compliance with the eurozone's mandated 3 percent maximum. With the world in recession, investors are wondering how Greece will pay its bills.

Typically when a country takes on too much debt, it contracts Argentine-disease. Known also as "quantitative easing," countries devalue their currency by turning on the money printing presses and simply creating the currency to pay the bills. This of course upsets creditors, but at least the bills get paid. The economy also gets a short-term kick-start because a devalued currency makes exported goods less expensive; thus foreigners buy more domestic products.

Greece, however, does not have this option. Since it is locked into the euro, it does not control the printing presses. Germany does.

Analysts worry that Greece may be reaching the point where a debt spiral could bankrupt the government. What will Europe do?

It's true that the Greece crisis will necessitate some difficult and costly decisions. But in some respects, as far as the European political class is concerned, it matters not whether Greece stays or goes. Greece is a peripheral country, immaterial to the desire for a federalist Europe. What is material is that the current crisis be exploited to its maximum—and that means that it be used to foster further integration of core Europe.

Will the Eurozone Be Pared Down?

The *Telegraph's* Ambrose Evans-Pritchard wrote on January 31 that the solution to the crisis could involve a *paring down of the eurozone*. He noted the possibility of a bloc of nations centered on Germany leaving the eurozone and creating a new currency: the Deutsch mark 2. The rest of

the eurozone countries would then be free to devalue the euro (turn on the printing presses) to pay down debts.

Although Evans-Pritchard noted that Germany is currently happy with its advantageous position within the euro, he also said there would be certain benefits to a newly created German-led bloc.

Events in Greece bear close watching, especially in light of the advent of the sev-

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enth revival of the Holy Roman Empire in Europe, which officially began on January 1 with the onset of the Lisbon Treaty.

The first major reason to watch this issue is that the Bible indicates that this final Roman imperial resurrection will be composed of 10 nations or groups of nations (as indicated in Daniel 2). Whether or not the current 27 EU nations get regrouped into new political regions remains to be seen, but the economic crisis in Greece may well provoke a vast restructuring or paring down of the European Union.

Far from heralding the *end* of the European unification project, the current crisis in Greece may actually signal a new beginning.

Forcing the Pace of Political Union

Back when the euro was first created, the European Commission's top economists warned politicians that the new currency might not survive a serious crisis. They knew that because the eurozone had "no EU treasury or debt union to back it up" and a "one-size-fits-all regime of interest rates [that] caters badly to the different needs of Club Med and *the German bloc*," the day would come that economic crisis would threaten the EU (*Telegraph*, Oct. 1, 2008).

The fathers of the euro did not dispute this. They knew European economic union was risky, but they saw it as an acceptable risk—even desirable—as a last-ditch option TO FORCE THE PACE OF POLITICAL UNION. As the *Telegraph* said,

"They welcomed the idea of a '*beneficial crisis*.'" And as "ex-Commission chief Romano Prodi remarked, it would allow Brussels to break taboos and accelerate the move to a full-fledged EU economic government" (*ibid.*).

Mr. Flurry's words from that February 2009 article ring out: "*Berlin has been planning for this crisis before it even adopted the euro*. European elites knew it would eventually come. And THEY WILL SOON PRESENT A SOLUTION."

Sure enough, in the midst of the Greek crisis, an increasing ensemble is crying for a federalized European economic government—one with not just a common currency, but one with a common debt union and power structure—kind of like a United States of America in Europe.

It is "Time for the Eurozone to Grow Up," headlined the *Wall Street Journal* on February 8. There is a way out of this dilemma, it wrote. "It would require a *European federal government* with substantial taxing and spending power, with the ability to redistribute resources and impose fiscal discipline across the continent. In short, it would require a *far greater degree of political union* Yet the choice is now clear and inescapable."

That is exactly the kind of talk that political elites are looking for. It is also a sentiment echoed in Europe.

"The crisis has revealed our weaknesses," said European Union President Herman Van Rompuy in February. "Recent developments in the euro area highlight the urgent need to strengthen our economic governance." Europe needs a powerful "economic government," he said.

The EU's foreign affairs chief, Catherine Ashton, agrees. More political union is needed, she said on February 6 at the Munich Security Conference. "We must mobilize all our levers of influence—political, economic, plus civil and military crisis management tools—in support of a single political strategy."

"The days when a common EU foreign policy was regarded as mere talk are numbered," Ashton said.

Yes, the days when the free nations of Europe charted their own destiny are indeed numbered.

Victory for Berlin

Consider the success of the euro project in the grand scheme of things. By gearing a whole continental economy to a single currency—imposing rules for membership of monetary union that it was clear no member nation could reliably and con-

sistently fulfill—the German elites crafted a scheme designed to create a continental crisis. If they come to control the ECB (and judging by the top candidates for the presidency, which is due to change hands next year, this looks to be a done deal), they will be positioned to respond to that crisis by enacting, at their will, a totally reconstituted European monetary union.

Such a union will vest financial and economic power in the hands of a select group of nations. These core nations will act in consortium under Berlin and Rome's direction to propel the Holy Roman imperial vision to reality. They will no longer be frustrated by having to seek a majority vote from 28 fractious, disparate EU member nations. The weaker nations will simply become slaves to the beck and call of the ECB, beholden to it and its governing authority for their economic survival—a literal fulfillment of the prophecies of Revelation 13.

Whether or not the euro fails under its present stress doesn't change this reality: Given the likely imminent placing of a German in charge of the ECB, Germany is about to directly control the bullion hoard stashed in the vaults of the ECB and beyond. The ECB is headquartered in Frankfurt; the importance of the German elites ensuring the bank lies in Germany's heartland will prove a vital key in securing the bank's wealth in times of crisis. When financial crisis arises, Germany will control the EU's singular currency and hence imperial power over the whole of the EU. It will be a case of game, set and match to Germany.

Some have even mused that, as the day of monetary crisis approaches, the German elites, having positioned themselves to seize control of the ECB, would use an appropriate global institution under EU dominance as a regulator to both control and regulate global trade in the EU's favor.

As regular *Trumpet* readers know, the Bible indicates that a king will soon arise in Europe who will deceitfully gain power and force his authority on Europe. The machinations for this pan-European federalist hijacking are falling into place.

Dictating Europe's Destiny

The second reason the Greek crisis bears close watch is that the Bible indicates that this European superpower will be dominated by Germany. If this crisis in Europe has shown anything, it is that, at least economically, Germany holds ultimate power in Europe.

Bailout or no bailout: Either way, Germany wins. If Germany and Europe bail out Greece, what will be the cost? If Germany has to ask its citizens to reduce their standard of living to subsidize Greeks, what will it ask Greece for in return? The price is sure to be steep. Conversely, if Germany were to work to remove Greece from the EU, the result would be a slimmer, economically healthier, core Europe with one less voice to dilute German political clout.

Sixty-five years after World War II, Germany is again dictating the destiny of Europe. This should startle the world.

As Britain's Iron Lady, Margaret Thatcher, warned in 1993, "You have not anchored Germany to Europe. You have anchored Europe to a newly dominant, unified Germany. In the end, my friends, you'll find it will not work." It is Germany's national character to dominate, she said.

Germany has hijacked Europe. Greece knows it. Portugal and Ireland will find out next. And probably Britain soon thereafter.

But remember: You read it here first.

Prophecy Fulfilled!

The true portent of all that is happening in Europe will only be obvious to those who understand the reality of the prophetic words of that once "ambassador for world peace without portfolio," Herbert W. Armstrong.

Relying on the Bible for his vision of the future—and on a deep understanding of world events, coupled with his high-profile discourse with the upper echelons of international leadership—Herbert Arm-

strong powerfully proclaimed these events that have occurred in Europe, especially since the unification of Germany, itself one of his most oft-repeated prophecies. Fully five years before World War II, Herbert Armstrong prophesied these events. He continued to air those same prophecies while Germany lay in abject defeat, then on throughout the *wirtschaftswunder*—the German economic miracle of post-war revival—clear on up to his death four years before the fall of the Berlin Wall and the resultant reunification of Germany.

Ten years before the wall fell—13 years prior to the signing of the Maastricht Treaty which created the European Monetary Union—Herbert Armstrong declared, "I have been proclaiming and writing, ever since 1935, that the final one of the seven eras of the Holy Roman Empire is coming in our generation—a 'United States of Europe,' combining 10 nations or groups of nations in Europe—with a UNION OF CHURCH AND STATE!"

"The nations of Europe have been striving to become reunited. They desire a common currency, a single combined military force, a single united GOVERNMENT. They have made a start in the Common Market. They are now working toward a common currency. Yet, on a purely political basis, they have been totally UNABLE to unite. ...

"This new united Europe will be, militarily and economically, as strong, or even more powerful, than either the United States or the USSR. It will be a third gigantic world power! But it will be exceedingly short-lived (Revelation 17:10, 12)—as iron and miry clay are not adhesive, and will not stick together (Daniel 2:42-43)" (*Plain Truth*, January 1979).

In our February edition, our editor in chief proclaimed that, as of Jan. 1, 2010, "The Holy Roman Empire Is Back!" That ought to be a call to action to those who once heard and believed Mr. Armstrong's words. If those words ring in your ears today, then you ought to realize the time for delay in your returning to the *only* way of life that guarantees true freedom, safety and protection from this seventh and final resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire is up! The words we publish are a powerful warning to you in particular!

The ball is in your court. The door is before you. Christ said all you have to do is knock, and He will open unto you! ■

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The Rising Might of Germany

Last year's federal election was a historic and prophetic turning point

You need to watch this nation now more than ever! BY RON FRASER

THE TRUMPET'S EDITOR IN CHIEF made an electrifying statement in our May-June 2009 edition. "THIS IS THE BIGGEST NEWS EVENT IN THE WORLD RIGHT NOW," he explained. "But it is almost totally overlooked by the world's news media." A year later, most of the world's media are *still* overlooking this blockbuster story.

What is that story?

"European nations fear economic collapse," that article said. "Now they are looking to Germany as their financial savior. But they are going to get a lot more than a financial savior!" (emphasis mine throughout).

Then came the statement that we would do well to remember: "YOU NEED TO WATCH THE SEPTEMBER 27 ELECTION THIS YEAR IN GERMANY," Gerald Flurry wrote. "IT COULD VERY WELL PRODUCE THE POLITICAL LEADER OF THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE." Mr. Flurry reiterated this remarkable

prediction in our October issue: "As I write this article, Germany is just weeks from electing a new chancellor. THAT ELECTION AND EVENTS TO UNFOLD FROM IT ARE GOING TO BRING DEVASTATING CONSEQUENCES TO THIS WORLD."

What a whirlwind of activity we have witnessed since those words were penned!

After that election and the subsequent ratification of the Lisbon Treaty by all 27 EU member states, Mr. Flurry referred back to the statement he'd published six months before, writing in our February edition, "I believe we may have witnessed a fulfillment of that prediction."

A close look at just what has happened in Germany and the European Union since that election powerfully validates that impression!

Political Crisis

If one word could describe the state of

German politics since last September's elections, it is *crisis*.

Almost immediately, reports emerged indicating a widening split in the ruling coalition between Chancellor Merkel's CDU/CSU bloc and Vice Chancellor Guido Westerwelle's Federal Democrats. "Only two months after being sworn in, partners in Chancellor Angela Merkel's coalition government are finding it increasingly difficult to paint over differences on issues ranging from tax cuts to anti-terror measures," Deutsche Welle reported on January 3. The discord continues to be fueled by the very different political profiles of Germany's *chancellor, vice chancellor and defense minister*.

Though she is still able to command headlines when she appears on a public platform, Angela Merkel has given the impression of being often absent from the scene when trouble boils over between the

various conflicting personalities in her coalition. Some have viewed the chancellor as becoming weary of the fray. Whereas it seemed by pure chance she had the golden political touch during much of her first stint as Germany's leader, things have seemed to be quite the reverse since this latest election. Though she still rates high with the public, polls consistently indicate that her defense minister, Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg, rates higher by far as Germany's most popular politician. Meanwhile, Vice Chancellor Westerwelle's popularity rating plunged to single digits in February.

Deep divisions in both economic and defense policy separate Westerwelle and Guttenberg, divisions Merkel has been unable to resolve. Mrs. Merkel's efforts at political progress are weak at a time when Germany needs strong leadership; recession is biting and the people are getting restless. In fact, Germany's coalition government could founder on either of two issues: economic and taxation reform, or defense-related matters.

Germany is ripening for political change.

All this as the whole of Europe is looking to Germany—creator of the idea of European union, its main driving force and Europe's most powerful economy by far—for solutions to the accelerating fiscal crisis, the collapsing economies in Eastern and southern Europe, and the rising tide of social unrest this is causing. Yet Germany dithers. The state that leads the Union appears reluctant to take that lead.

The impression of general dither amid crisis is being emphasized by the fact that two nobodies were given the two top posts in the European Union hierarchy created under the Lisbon Treaty—President Herman Van Rompuy and Foreign Minister Catherine Ashton. The result has been mass confusion within the EU hierarchy.

To put it simply, both Germany and the European Union are suffering from a great leadership vacuum.

History indicates it is in times of crisis that Germany requires the *closest scrutiny*—for that is when it is most dangerous!

Model of Democracy?

Many German nationals will tell you they are a model democratic nation. They abhor war and just want to live peacefully, enjoying the good life that the strongest and richest economy in Europe has given them. Germans today generally appear to think they are the very model of peaceful democracy. Yet is that impression really correct?

The best analyses of the German character come from Germans themselves.

Gerhard Marx, who worked for many years as a supporter of Herbert Armstrong, said of his own people, "Even though Germany is presently based on a democratic government, it is wrong to look upon it as a real democracy.... [W]hat Germany has today is more of a bureaucratic democracy. And, of course, as long as the average German finds sufficient food on the table, has a reasonably secure job, is able to save some money for his annual vacation; as long as things are going well, he is in no hurry to throw off this form of democracy.

"BUT COME A TIME OF CRISIS—AND IN GERMAN HISTORY THERE HAVE BEEN MANY—WILL DEMOCRACY WITHSTAND THE ACID TEST?" (*A Two-Thousand-Year Analysis of the German Character*).

Many authors have analyzed the Ger-

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man national character. Some have described it like Proteus, the creature of mythology that could change shape at a moment's notice. Twenty-five years ago, when it was clear that West Germany had long become the engine of a uniting Europe, journalist Luigi Barzini wrote, "It is therefore once again essential for everybody... to keep an eye across the Rhine and the Alps and the Elbe in order to figure out, as our fathers, grandfathers, the ancient Romans, and remote ancestors had to do, who the Germans are, who they think they are, what they are doing, and where they will go next, wittingly or unwittingly" (*The Europeans*).

Within seven years of Barzini writing those words, the political face of Germany had changed. It was no longer divided at the Berlin Wall. East Germany had come in from the cold. Within a short time, the debris of Communist rule was being cleared away in Potsdamer Platz in a newly united city of Berlin, which emerged as the busiest construction site in Europe. Structures reflecting a renewed German pride—the pride of a united German nation—began to rise out of the ground. Then, a decade after the wall came down, statues of Germany's warrior heroes, having gathered dust in storage since Germany's defeat in World War II, began to be preened, polished and

placed on pedestals in public places. German national pride was undergoing a revival.

Last November, Germany partied as it celebrated 20 years of national unity.

Is it not high time that we ask, once again, as Germany reflects renewed pride in its nationality standing head and shoulders above its compatriots in Europe, just who the Germans are today, who they think they are, what they are doing, and where they will go next?

Just What Is Germany Up To?

As Mr. Flurry mentioned in that May 2009 article, Germany has returned to a status where all Europe is now looking to it as its financial savior. Surely then, given that nation's history when it wields such influence—and combined with the volatile nature of that nation in time of crisis such as the present—we ought to be asking just what the Germans are doing today.

The answer is, *quite a lot*.

The Germans are busy shoring up their capability as the greatest export nation in the world, despite China's recent claim to have taken over that role.

They are busy bidding for the world's top banking job, that of European Central Bank president.

They have worked within the shadows of the EU to establish a regulatory body to control the global economy, the Financial Stability Board.

They are calling the tune on just how the EU will deal with indebted EU member nations such as Greece, nations that are losing pace against the winds of accelerating economic crisis.

The Germans are also, quietly, without a lot of fuss, expanding and strengthening the deployment of their military forces around the world. And the Germans are becoming busy retooling their heavy industry to produce greater amounts of armaments, military machines, ships, submarines and aircraft to prepare for building up a combined European military force. They are steadily exhibiting a greater will to use that force than their appeasing Anglo-Saxon counterparts.

Most Anglo-Saxons are oblivious to all this. In fact, most are totally blind to the reality that what Germany is up to today poses the greatest of risks to international security.

Meanwhile, much publicity is given to the misguided pronouncements on Europe by "experts" across the Atlantic. The Obama administration actually says Europe's leaders *endanger peace* with their



pacifism. “In a withering attack on what Washington sees as European complacency in the face of new security threats,” the *Guardian* reported, “Robert Gates, the U.S. defense secretary, demanded root-and-branch reform of the transatlantic alliance, voiced exasperation with NATO bureaucracy and said it was becoming increasingly difficult for the U.S. and Europe ‘to operate and fight together’” (February 24).

Just how real is this vision of a “pacifist Europe”? Dig below the surface of the journalese of the day and we find another story emerging.

Germany's Power Within the EU

The Germans have a history of embracing authoritarian rule. As the German philosopher Hegel said, “The state says ... you must obey The state has rights against the individual; its members have obligations, among them that of *obeying without protest*” (Ralf Dahrendorf, *Society and Democracy in Germany*).

Look at how this tendency has manifested itself within today's Europe. The Lisbon Treaty—which in reality is the *constitution* for a revived European empire—defines those powers that the EU state holds over its members. Greece is but an early example of a country being brought to book by the EU centralized state. It will not be the last. (Even so, Greece has exposed deep divisions within the EU camp as its members have considered how to deal with it. Germany itself has been split over how to treat the issue. This again reflects the inherent weakness of current EU and German leadership.)

The member nations of the German-created EU imperial state have handed over their individual national sovereignty to the EU institutions. Constitutionally, the EU now wields tremendous power over its member states—with one singular exception: Germany. On the eve of the full ratification by all member states of the EU constitution, the German Constitutional Court rushed through a judgment that recognizes German law as trumping EU law. Thus Germany stands alone as not only the most dominant member of the European Union, but also as the only one that retains the power of its own sovereignty. While ensuring the loss of the very definition of the nationality of all other EU members, reducing them to vassal states of the European empire, the German elites have been careful to protect their own nationhood.

Now Germany possesses a legal,

political and economic power within Europe of an extent it never gained through past military aggression.

Meanwhile, those icons of past German heritage—the statues and memorials of pre-world war imperial glory brought back to the public gaze some years ago—remind the average German of an imperial national heritage. The nation possesses a latent national spirit that history proves only lacks at this moment the spark to light the fires of a revived nationalism.

Four Things That Stir German Nationalism

Kurt P. Tauber, in his analysis of the German national character called *Beyond Eagle and Swastika*, analyzed and recorded the potency of the energy suddenly released from within Germany by the appeal of National Socialism in the 1920s and '30s. He also noted the latent nationalism bubbling under the surface in postwar Germany. In his conclusion, he mused, “We have analyzed the myriad difficulties and disappointments of postwar nationalism, but we strongly doubt that we have written its epitaph.”

What have been the main stimulants to the rise of German nationalism in the past? Four things: an *ideology* that appeals to the innate desires of German imperialism, the power of a *charismatic personality*, utilizing a compliant *cabal of industrialists*, and a powerful *cadre of military officers* to propel the nation to dominance in Europe.

In the 1930s, these stimulants were manifest through the ideology of National Socialism (Nazism), the personality of an Austrian by the name of Adolf Schicklegruber, the dynasties of German industrialists that produced his military machinery, and the powerful Prussian aristocratic military High Command that supported their *führer's* imperial vision.

Today, Nazism and Hitler are the whipping boys of German politicians and commentators who squarely blame the horrors of German extremism in World War II on both of them. This is a convenient way of absolving the German nation per se of any collective guilt.



BAVARIAN TRIUMVIRATE

German Defense Minister Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg; mentor Edmund Stoiber, a student of Franz Josef Strauss; and Joseph Ratzinger, Pope Benedict XVI.

Only two of those aforementioned stimulants to German nationalism are obviously extant today: those same dynasties of German industrialists (article, page 13), and a cadre of military officers modeled on the old German military High Command revived under the name Joint Operations Command.

That leaves us to wonder whether there exists a *personality* and a latent *ideology* that would have mass appeal to the German population such that it could unleash the dormant fires of German nationalism in a time of crisis as has been the habit of the German nation in the past.

We believe the answer to that is a clear and resounding **YES!**

Let us consider personality first.

Two Bavarians to Watch

The *Trumpet* has noted two Bavarians who have the potential to powerfully in-



fluence Germany in times of crisis such as it has now entered.

Edmund Stoiber, mentored by the powerful post-war Bavarian politician Franz Josef Strauss, was the political leader who appeared likeliest to replace Gerhard Schröder as chancellor in Germany's 2002 federal election. But on the eve of the election, Schröder managed to swing the vote in his favor. Stoiber was narrowly defeated.

Then in 2005, it seemed Stoiber would gain the coveted foreign minister's job and hence the vice chancellorship in Chancellor Merkel's cabinet. But Merkel offered Stoiber the poisoned chalice of the economics portfolio. He declined and withdrew from the coalition—then became an eminent EU technocrat charged with slicing through the wasteful billions of euros of red tape in the EU bureaucracy.

Edmund Stoiber remains a powerful, if presently latent figure in German politics. He first garnered political strength from the years he spent as personal aide to Franz Josef Strauss. Then, as prime minister of Bavaria, he became renowned for running the most economically successful state in Germany. He is now in an interesting situation. Having presented his conclusions to the EU on methods to cut billions of euros of wastage out of the cumbersome and deeply corrupted EU

bureaucracy, he is in a prime position to be invited to consider a senior advisory post in the German government.

Stoiber has proven himself in the field of economics at the state level in Germany. But the plum job he sought in Germany's coalition government was the foreign policy portfolio. That is a ministerial post under great pressure for change as Vice Chancellor Westerwelle flounders. Stoiber, with his statesmanlike bearing, vast political experience and papal favor, would seem to be an ideal candidate for the foreign policy portfolio, if not a position as a chief adviser in this area.

Yet there is another Bavarian—mentored by Stoiber, even as Stoiber was previously by Strauss—who previously, though briefly, successfully filled the economics post in the Merkel government. He now heads up the defense portfolio in the Merkel coalition: Baron Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg.

This man's meteoric rise within German politics came about as a direct result of last September's elections. And the subsequent instability in the nation's ruling coalition has only bolstered his political profile all the more! Thus we track his progress with growing interest in light of Mr. Flurry's prediction regarding that election.

There is something almost dynastic about the Strauss-Stoiber-Guttenberg connection. Strauss penned the vision that all three hold of the future of Germany leading a united Europe in his visionary book *The Grand Design*.

In the conclusion to that book, Strauss admitted that Germany used the cloak of a postwar uniting Europe to hide behind

while undergoing its revival as a national power. He wrote, "[I]t was going to be much easier for Germany to make a comeback as a member of an international family, as a member of a European Federation, than as a German Reich, a single national state. Therefore we should not insist too much on what good Europeans we are; we must understand that our European attitude was the only escape hatch we had, the only approach that made a comeback possible."

Well, now Germany can play it both ways. It is a member—in fact the leading member—of a "European federation," the EU, having cleverly also retained its status as "a single nation state," the only nation to have done so within the entire 27-member union!

If we accept that Germany has two powerfully charismatic personalities that it can call upon in time of crisis to rally the nation, there is only one of the four previously mentioned elements that is lacking in the formula that has historically sparked the German people's innate nationalistic fervor: an *overarching ideology* preached by a revered icon.

Enter yet a third Bavarian.


The Vatican Connection

Franz Josef Strauss, Edmund Stoiber and Baron zu Guttenberg all exhibit one thing in common: dedication to Roman Catholicism. Bavaria is the heartland of Rome's religion in Germany. Coincidentally or otherwise, Bavaria's capital, Munich, was also the birthplace of the National Socialist movement in German politics back in the 1920s and '30s. It was in Munich that Hitler and Ludendorff initiated the famous Beer Hall Putsch in 1923.

Of all German states, Bavaria was the least denazified. It is said that from the mid-1940s through to the 1970s, Bavaria's government agencies and professions retained many of the same personalities in office as during the Nazi era. As they reached retirement age by the 1970s, they handed over to a generation they had taught and trained. Thus the National Socialist spirit remained alive, though cleverly masked under the veil of "democracy."

Amid that process there arose a third Bavarian who had lived through both those generations, a man now greatly revered in Germany: Joseph Ratzinger, Pope Benedict XVI.

Bavarian by birth, Benedict XVI's first visit back to his beloved Fatherland after he was elected pope was to the University of Regensburg in Bavaria where he had taught as a young priest. On that occasion,



in a now infamous speech, he laid down the gauntlet to both the anti-church secularists and the entire Muslim community.

Over the five years of his papacy, Pope Benedict has proven himself the most articulate of modern popes, publishing a vast array of homilies, treatises and books. He is the archetypal conservative, right-wing and German to the core. He is backed by a strong rightist curia, the legacy of both his and his predecessor John Paul II's efforts to swing the church hierarchy away from its 20th-century liberal bent toward a more traditional "Holy Roman" orientation.

Benedict has a dogged determination to see his religion returned to its previous status as the force that binds the whole culture of Europe together. His vision is to see Europe, newly federalized under the Lisbon Treaty, return en masse to the religion that has bound imperial Europe together as the Holy Roman Empire in six previous resurrections since Justinian's restoration. Benedict knows that his home nation is the only power on Earth that can bring that about. He is, after all, an avid student of history.

James Bryce, in his work titled *The Holy Roman Empire*, notes that it is recorded in the *Speculum Saxonicum*, the great North German law book written in A.D. 1240, that

"The Empire is held [by] God alone Emperor and pope are supreme each in what has been entrusted to him: the pope in what concerns the soul; the emperor in all that belongs to the body and the knight-hood." This was at the time of Frederick II, imperial ruler of the Holy Roman Empire.

The German Eike von Repgow, contemporary of Frederick II, stated in his

Guttenberg is determined to change the Bundeswehr's image into that of a legitimate combat force with broad public acceptance.

treatise *The Saxon Mirror* that "God has successfully created four empires and the present one is the continuation of the old Roman Empire. Caesar had conquered Germany, and the [German] Franks had then inherited the empire from the Romans" (Frederick Hertz, *The Development of the German Public Mind*). The

statement "God has successfully created four empires" is a reference to the four empires prophesied in Daniel 2:36-40, with the fourth kingdom being the iron kingdom that was to crush all others.

Of the later Habsburg dynasty, historian A.J.P. Taylor noted that the Holy Roman Empire of the time was "In the eyes of its rulers ... a supranational organization, ordained by God, and ruled over by God's nominee" (*The Habsburg Monarchy*).

Otto von Habsburg, of that same dynasty, referred to the symbol that Europe possesses which "belongs to all nations equally. This is the crown of the Holy Roman Empire, which embodies the tradition of Charlemagne [T]he crown represents not merely the sovereignty of the monarch, but also *the ties between authority and the people*" (*The Social Order of Tomorrow*). That crown represents the only power that has succeeded in binding Europe together in unity throughout history as a union of church and state: the Church of Rome and the German sovereign state! The crown of the Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation!

The EU *has* its ideology, even more potent than the now discredited National Socialism. It is a *religion* that has, over many centuries in the past, enlivened the whole nation with a religious zeal to crusade for the dominance of the Holy Reich

How Germany Solves Problems

HISTORY demonstrates that it has been crises, often of the nation's own making, that have spurred the German people into action to impose very Germanic solutions to those crises.

Our friends at German-Foreign-Policy.com highlighted a recent classic case of this approach to crisis. It involved a couple of high-profile industrial agreements between France and Germany, the two nations that many have touted as underpinning true European unity.

For some time, France had limited Germany's effort in producing warships by stifling plans for a joint Franco-German effort to create a common European shipbuilding enterprise. The typical (and no doubt strategically motivated) French defiance over this deal led

to a crisis. This spurred one of the German companies involved, ThyssenKrupp, to "renounce civilian ship production to concentrate its dockyards solely on arms production. It is entering a 'strategic partnership' with the Abu Dhabi Mar Co. from the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Their deal seals the *military alliance* between Germany and the Emirates, possibly creating the opportunity for circumventing German arms exports regulations and ending efforts aimed at forging a German/French ship production ..." (Oct. 26, 2009; emphasis mine throughout). As German-Foreign-Policy.com observed, this just goes to show that "*If a German-dominated 'European solution' cannot be accomplished, Berlin will do without 'Europe' and go it alone.*"

There you are! That's solving the crisis not the "European" way, but the German way! "According to the daily *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, this means that the project of a common European maritime shipbuilding industry is 'as dead as a doornail.' As a matter of fact, the arms cooperation with the Gulf state was already cleared with the representatives of the Berlin government: 'We have sounded out all of the ministries and received a very positive prevailing sentiment,' ThyssenKrupp declared. Cooperation with the Emirates is 'far more sustainable than a European maritime company,' according to the German press, which usually never tires of praising 'Europe' and 'European solutions'—of course, only when German predominance in the

'European' project can be assured" (*ibid.*).

Yet another similar instance of Berlin's "my way or the highway" approach was its support of another German corporation caught in yet another Franco-German crisis. "Siemens recently terminated its nuclear cooperation with France, because Paris refused to give in to German demands for more influence in the nuclear sector, and began cooperation with Russia" (*ibid.*). Shades of the 1920s?

Both these reactions to similar crises depict Berlin's reversion to a well-tried strategy. The trend we are seeing in Berlin's reaction to any crisis facing the EU project is simply to impose the "German solution."

This reaction has historic overtones. It's a strategy enacted in

over the whole world. It's a religion that inspired German soldiers with a crusading zeal in battle with the words "*Gott mit uns*"—*God with us*—embedded in their belt buckles as they fought in the trenches and in the desert in World War I.

Gearing for Battle

The Balkans provided the test case for public acceptance of the German military deploying in combat outside of the nation's borders when the Luftwaffe was drafted over Kosovo in 1999. Ten years later, the Bundeswehr operates in over a dozen countries around the world.

Even the Greens in Germany endorsed the Luftwaffe mission in the Balkans. Now, *Afghanistan* is providing the pressure point for German elites to begin conditioning the public's mind to accept an even wider and a stronger role for Germany in theaters of active or potential combat.

Since taking office last October after that pivotal election, Defense Minister Guttenberg has overseen certain changes in the government's stand on Germany's military force. He is spearheading changes to the Bundeswehr's rules of engagement in Afghanistan. Even months before that, Guttenberg had made it known that the public must be enticed to change its collective negative view of German troop deployment in

Afghanistan so as to demonstrate public support of the nation's troops involved in active combat roles.

Guttenberg is determined to change the Bundeswehr's image into that of a legitimate combat force with broad public acceptance. At the February Munich Security Conference, he laid his cards on the table. He "spoke about the need to take action. What was important, the minister pointed out, was that progress be made regarding the long-overdue reforms of the United Nations and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). 'We talk too much and act too little,'" he said (Munich Security Conference, February 6).

This was an effort to apply pressure to NATO to revamp its charter by the end of the year, implicitly integrating German imperial goals with NATO objectives. Guttenberg is particularly interested in eliminating overlap between the developing imperial European military force and NATO. Ultimately, German military elites will be eyeing either a merger with, or takeover of, the nuclear-armed NATO. This vision is helped by the fact that the majority of NATO members are overwhelmingly EU member nations. The EU is empowered under the Lisbon Treaty to develop a continental military force. That this force will have nuclear

potential is quietly taken as a given by certain German military and political elites.

Germany has come a long way since the Luftwaffe was the first Bundeswehr force to return to active combat outside of the nation's borders in the skies over Kosovo in 1999. Each step—from bombing runs over Kosovo to combat on the ground in Afghanistan; from arresting pirates in the Gulf to deployment in Sudan, Libya and Gabon, or securing the Mediterranean Sea and engaging in naval exercises off the coast of South Africa; from tank training in Canada and Luftwaffe training in the U.S.—is helping to fine-tune the Bundeswehr and make the public comfortable with its expeditionary roles.

It is important now to watch for the new NATO charter, which should be tabled by the end of this year. An appeasing Washington is being juggled out of the European sphere of influence. Europe's future security won't depend on an alliance with the U.S. Rather, it will be a forthcoming alliance between a German-led European Union and—believe it or not—America's nemesis, Russia.

Where Is It All Leading?

The outcome of Germany's return to global power status is bound to amaze many in the near future. Mr. Flurry's prediction of "devastating con-

cooperation with Berlin's traditional supporters, the German industrialists. A closer look at the ThyssenKrupp example bears this out.

BACK IN THE WAR BUSINESS

ThyssenKrupp found itself suffering seriously because of the global economic crisis. Its response (having resulted in a €2 billion loss) was to consolidate its shipbuilding enterprises into one centralized operation, converting its whole operation to a war footing.

Berlin has been directly involved in supporting the ThyssenKrupp/Emirates deal. "The political ties between Berlin and the Arab feudal states are also being consolidated by the Gulf states' investments in the German economy" (ibid.). *Financial Times Deutschland* reported that, "Most recently, with a large financial transfusion, the Emirate of Qatar bought into Volkswagen, while the Aabar Investment Society of Abu



GALVANIZED Germany can turn rolls of steel like these into a number of quality products.

Dhabi bought into the Daimler car producer. Just last June, ThyssenKrupp's partner, the Abu Dhabi Mar Consortium, bought majority shares in the Nobiskrug Shipyard, which specializes in luxury ships, in Rendsburg, Germany" (ibid.).

This is Germany's more traditional approach to crisis: *imposing the German solution*. In each case, the solution has brought Germany closer, much closer, to

militarizing its economy—something Germany's Defense Minister Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg has called for.

Berlin's cooperation with the UAE began not long after the Berlin Wall fell and Germany reunited. Five years ago, that cooperation was formalized by the signing of an Agreement of Cooperation in the Military Field. Since then, the Gulf states have increasingly

invested in the German economy and strengthened political ties with Berlin. To students of Bible prophecy, such an agreement has powerful overtones of a prophesied alliance (Psalm 83) between Germany and the oil-rich southern Arab states.

"Abu Dhabi's joining the German maritime shipbuilding industry signals *Berlin's fundamental change of strategy in its long-term efforts to help bring the German arms industry to a position of pre-dominance in Europe*" (ibid.).

Germany is reverting to its historical militarized role in global politics. As Baron Guttenberg has declared, the time has come for Germany once again to merge *economic* policy with *military* policy. The result of this increasing pace in the militarization of the German economy will pale into stark insignificance the previous two occasions when Berlin adopted such a strategy.

RON FRASER



sequences” to emerge from the last election and events unfolding from it was based on sure biblical prophecies describing Germany’s role in events just ahead of us. We have since witnessed an unmistakable ripening of the conditions—in several specific areas—that will lead directly to the fulfillment of those prophecies.

Amid the present crisis and confusion, *watch Germany closely*. The German mind delights in creating order out of confusion. The trouble is that in the past it has often been guilty of creating the chaos

greatest era of peace on this Earth that can ever be imagined (Luke 21:20).

Eike von Repgow understood that the biblically prophesied fourth kingdom of Nebuchadnezzar’s great vision was the Teutonic iron empire, which later became known the Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation. But did he foresee the fifth kingdom? In Daniel 2:44 we read: “And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms and it shall stand forever.”

Herbert Armstrong was ordained by God to begin publicizing that same message. During the latter half of the 20th century, he fulfilled Christ’s prophecy of Matthew 24:14, reaching all nations on Earth. Mr. Armstrong even took that message personally to many world leaders at the time.

Then, just as prophesied in your Bible, powerful forces destroyed that organized work.

But God had prophesied that the group He set up to publicize the message of His coming Kingdom would never die out.

And it never did. It exists today, still small, yet powerful in its potential to prophesy that same message of the coming of the Kingdom of God one final time around this globe. You hold that message in your hands: a message prophesying the great clash of civilizations that is the forerunner to the return of the Savior of mankind to enforce global peace under His government over the whole Earth! That is a message no man can shut down.

It is *that* reign—that kingdom—which needs our attention today, even as we see Germany rising one more time to global prominence to lead that final resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire for its brief yet powerful moment in history immediately before the establishment of the fifth kingdom of Daniel’s prophecy!

To find out more about the final resurrection of that fourth kingdom, request our free booklets *Germany and the Holy Roman Empire* and *The Rising Beast*.

To really understand the prophesied all-powerful fifth kingdom and what to do about preparing for its coming, request our booklet *The Wonderful World Tomorrow—What It Will Be Like*. It explains in detail the same message of hope that the ruler of that coming kingdom personally broadcast when He trod this Earth 2,000 years ago. It’s a message that prophesies of two nations that have been the traditional enemies of Israel from ancient times actually reconciling and living in harmony as an example to all peoples. That kind of peace on Earth is only possible under the direct rule of the Creator of humankind Himself!

“In that day shall there be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians shall serve with the Assyrians. In that day shall Israel be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, even a blessing in the midst of the land: Whom the Lord of hosts shall bless, saying, blessed be Egypt, my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance” (Isaiah 20:23-25). ■



ACTIVE DUTY
German soldiers patrol Balkh, Afghanistan.

out of which it then finds opportunity to impose its own solution. The Balkan wars of the 1990s were triggered by Germany unilaterally—speedily supported by the Vatican—recognizing Croatia and Slovenia as separate nation-states to the Yugoslav federation. The intent was to solve the resulting crisis by imposing German-led rule over the Balkan Peninsula. This plan is now well advanced.

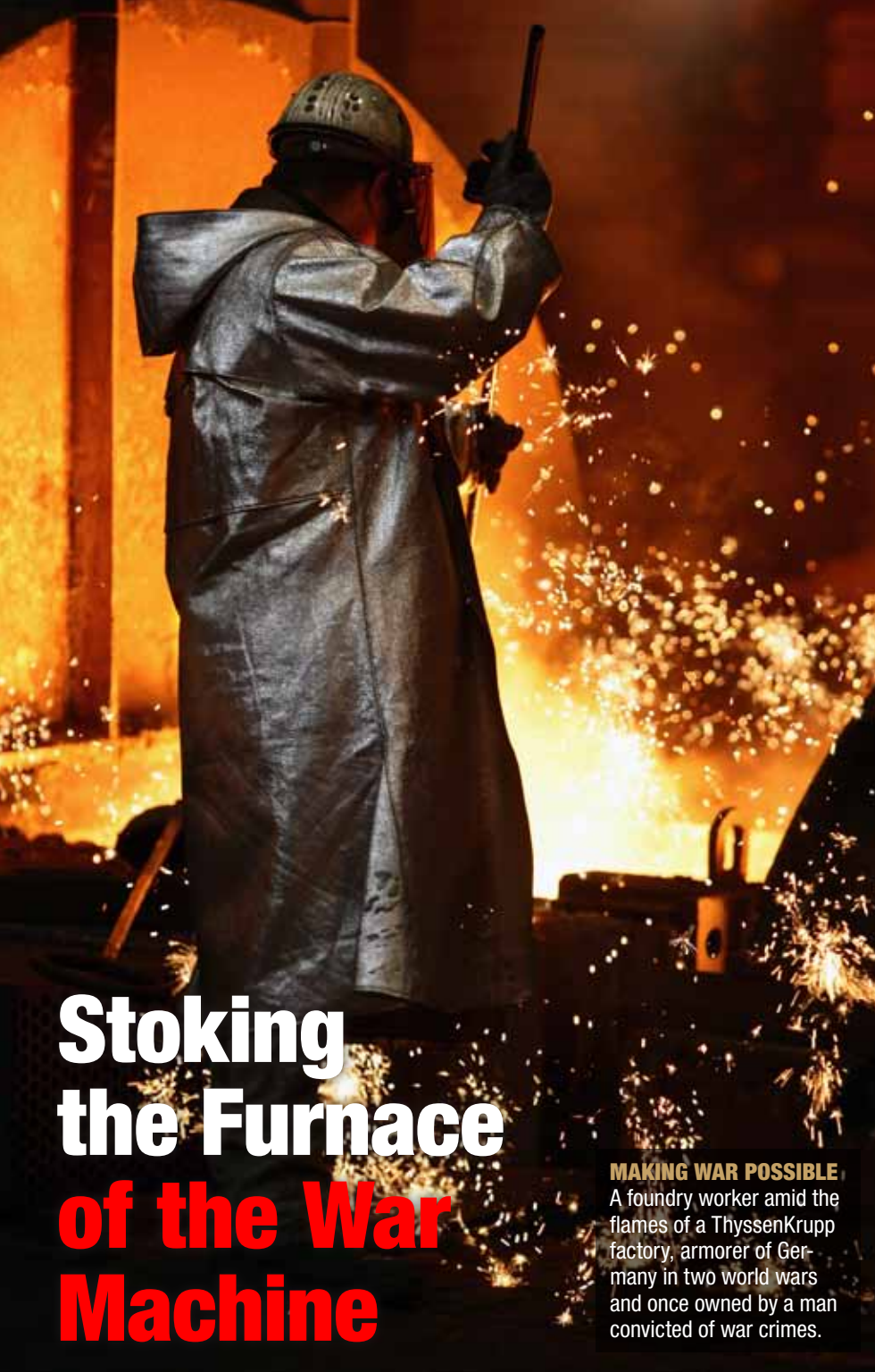
The classic crisis of all that German and Vatican elites would dearly love to grab on to and then impose their own solution on is the Middle East peace process. That is what Bible prophecy forecasts will actually happen. The result will be the surrounding of Jerusalem by an international “peace-keeping” force, which will prepare the way for the pope to move his headquarters to the city that Rome has lusted to possess ever since the failure of its last crusade.

But the good news is, it doesn’t end there. The surrounding of Jerusalem by armies is the most potent sign of the imminence of intervention by a military power of incredible force to impose the

Leaders of the German people have sought throughout history, in association with the Vatican, to set up a thousand-year Reich. It has always failed, despite six determined efforts to resurrect it. The seventh and final effort to resurrect that old Holy Roman Empire—the Fourth Reich—became an operating entity, despite its apparent sputtering start, on Jan. 1, 2010. Though it is destined to rain terrible destruction on old Persia and the Anglo-Saxon nations in particular, it will be the shortest-lived resurrection of that old empire in history.

Believe it or not, an *actual thousand-year rule* of a great imperial government is about to consume all the nations on Earth and take them under its wing. This government will teach all nations how to finally live in peace and harmony with each other. That is the very same kingdom that a small and loyal group was set up by its King to publicize way back in A.D. 31. This they did for 40 years until forced to disperse and flee persecution and martyrdom under the old iron rule of Rome.

Just over 80 years ago, a man named



Stoking the Furnace of the War Machine

MAKING WAR POSSIBLE
A foundry worker amid the flames of a ThyssenKrupp factory, armorer of Germany in two world wars and once owned by a man convicted of war crimes.

The German military-industrial complex went underground after the war, but it is back. BY ROBERT MORLEY

SINCE WORLD WAR II, BUILDING UP large-scale defense companies has been taboo in Germany. But that taboo is now largely history.

Two of Germany's top military manufacturers—Rheinmetall and Man Group—have announced their intention to merge their military vehicle production. The resulting combine will produce a new

national champion and leading supplier for wheeled military vehicles in Europe.

This amalgamation, which has been in the works for a year, has been pushed by the political class. The German government is a big supporter of bulking up German military industry. MarketWatch columnist David Marsh said it “has been providing behind-the-scenes assistance

to make sure industry goes in the right direction.” The new combine “meets the long-held German desire to build industrial companies with world scale in the defense field” (January 18).

Anyone who knows the history of Rheinmetall and Man should be alarmed.

Rheinmetall has been at the forefront of German military manufacturing for over a century, so it isn't too surprising that it again became a weapons builder after the World War II loss. In fact, despite the Allies' initial ban on arms production, Rheinmetall was back mass-producing machine guns by 1956. By 1972, Rheinmetall had developed and begun selling the Leopard 2 battle tank.

Not much later, and after a series of corporate acquisitions, Rheinmetall became Europe's leading military supplier of systems and equipment for ground forces, providing everything from artillery and munitions to communications, surveillance technology and guided missile systems. Rheinmetall subsidiaries, which also include significant automotive component manufacturers, are located throughout Europe, the Americas and China.

Man Group's 252-year history is even more impressive. Man is one of Europe's leading manufacturers of commercial vehicles, engines and mechanical engineering equipment. Man builds trucks, buses, diesel engines and turbo-machinery; it also provides industrial services. During World War II, and in conjunction with Rheinmetall, Man produced the hugely successful Panther tank. Following the war, Man took over notorious World War II light vehicle manufacturer Büssing. According to Man's website, the corporation holds “leading market positions in all its business areas,” employing 50,000 people worldwide.

But the real reason the Rheinmetall-Man Group alliance should be thoroughly scrutinized stems from a historic meeting the *Trumpet* has often drawn attention to.

Germany's Plan to Return

According to a top-secret document the U.S. government declassified in 1996, several of Germany's largest industrial giants and top German officials met on Aug. 10, 1944, just nine months before World War II's end. Among them were corporate leaders representing Krupp, Volkswagenwerk, Messerschmitt, *Rheinmetall*, *Rochling*, *Büssing* and other companies. Top German military and political personnel from the SS, Navy, and the Ministries of Armaments told them to prepare for a “postwar commercial campaign” after the



eventual German loss. They must, the document said, "through their exports increase the strength of Germany." They were instructed to place existing financial reserves at the disposal of the Nazi Party "so that a strong German empire can be created after the defeat."

This document highlighted the exact worry that the Allies tried to address by seeking to destroy Germany's future war-making capability. Franklin Roosevelt and Winston Churchill said, "It is our inflexible purpose to ... ENSURE that Germany will

NEVER AGAIN be able to disturb the peace of the world. We are determined to ... break up FOR ALL TIME the German General Staff that has repeatedly contrived the resurgence of German militarism; ... eliminate or control all German industry that could be used for military production"

It is now blatantly evident that they failed! Both Rheinmetall and Man Group (Büssing), which were named in the declassified report, have become dominant players on the world stage again. And Germany has become the world's largest exporting nation and fourth-largest economy.

But a look at the astounding post-World

War II success of the other above-mentioned four companies identified in the document not only suggests a postwar German commercial campaign, but a highly effective one.

Astonishing Industrial Rebound

Take steel and weapons manufacturer Krupp (now ThyssenKrupp). When Germany lost World War II, the company was forbidden by the Allies to manufacture arms (as it was after World War I); Alfried Krupp, the company's owner, was convicted of war crimes, including the use of mass slave labor. He was sentenced to 12 years

Crank Up the Defense Industry

GLOBAL summits are generally worthless. January's World Economic Forum at Davos, Switzerland, was no exception—except for a startling announcement from a German official.

Dow Jones reported the news: "Germany's government launched an initiative to strengthen its military industry during the World Economic Forum this weekend in the latest sign that the country has become emboldened to fight for its international interests" (January 31).

Germany's defense minister, Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg, used Davos as the occasion to announce that *Germany is commencing an aggressive development of its defense industry!* "A group of top executives from German blue chips met with federal ministers, talking military business in Davos," this report said. At a breakfast meeting with leaders of several companies, Guttenberg brought up the "necessary interplay of defense policy and Germany's economic interests," according to his spokesman.

For anyone who had memories of the last time that a united Germany revived an ailing economy by cranking up the wheels of industry to produce instruments of war, this should have set the alarm bells ringing! But no—to

the contrary. The announcement was greeted with words of approval.

Jackson Janes, executive director of the Washington-based think tank the American Institute for Contemporary German Studies, warmly declared, "Germany has come a long way since unification toward expeditionary activities including, but not only in, Afghanistan. Think of the Balkans" (ibid.).

Yes! *THINK* of the Balkans! There Germany lit the fuse that started the Balkan wars of the 1990s, cleverly then handing the resultant explosion to the U.S./NATO axis to fight an illegal war on its behalf. In the process, Germany willingly joined the battle by sending a belligerent force via the Luftwaffe to join NATO bombing raids over the Balkan Peninsula in 1999.

Ten years later, with the Bundeswehr now deployed in 13 countries, the German defense minister announces at Davos, to plaudits from the West, that the *Deutschlanders* are once again aggressively cranking up their industry to produce weapons and machinery of war! And this time it's with the *encouragement* of the Anglo-Saxons, who, less than a century ago, fought a war, initiated by Germany, to determine, in the words of the Allied leaders,



CONSUMER The German economy will soon crank out fewer products for citizens and more for soldiers.

that the German military would never, ever again pose a threat to global freedom!

The move is being backed by Washington, which has long been pushing Germany to take more responsibility for global security and defense.

But the German elites are faced with one small problem: a German public whose mind has been conditioned to *non-aggression*. Witness the extreme unpopularity of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the latter being a theater where Germany provides the third-largest contingent of troops in the NATO/ISAF force.

But the German political elites are taking this all in their stride. Startlingly, Germany's Economics Minister Rainer Bruderie added to the announcement of stepped-up German militarization by giving more than a hint that propaganda would prevail to ensure that the mind of the German public would

be conditioned to support this latest aggressive policy change by Berlin. Dow Jones reported Bruderie as asserting, in words just too reminiscent of the 1930s: "Germans are still a little bit shy in this domain, but *we'll work to change this too!*"

For the past 20 years since the Berlin Wall came down, the *Trumpet* has been watching for, and predicting, these very events. Now they are rapidly becoming a reality. Today, under a continuance of appeasing 20th-century governments in Washington and London, misled by a facade of democracy that masks the true intentions of German elites, America endorses the revving up of the German military machine. The consequences are destined to haunt us.

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in prison and ordered to forfeit all his property. Later, however, the U.S. high commissioner for Germany granted him amnesty and restored much of his holdings. Alfred Krupp was released in the early part of 1951, and even though many of the Krupp factories, shipyards and steel and coal mines had been damaged, destroyed or dismantled, Krupp was still able to reestablish itself as a leading German company by the 1960s to continue its 100-year tradition of supplying Germany with the arms needed for war.

The speed at which ThyssenKrupp reestablished itself as a corporate giant was astonishing.

Today, ThyssenKrupp is one of the largest steel and technology groups in the world, employing about 184,000 workers in more than 70 countries. It is also a leading naval military supplier, building some of the most technologically advanced submarines, frigates and corvettes available. Its fiscal 2004/2005 sales of approximately \$53.3 billion were generated in bulk from its roughly 600 foreign subsidiary companies, located in the UK, France, Italy and 13 other European countries. ThyssenKrupp also has operations in the United States and Asia. Not bad for a company that was all but destroyed in two world wars.

Volkswagen, another German corporation documented for its collusion with the World War II Nazis, has become a globally dominant automotive power. Though its core market is the European Union, Volkswagen sales make it the world's third-largest automotive company by revenue. Volkswagen owns the Bentley brand; international vehicle manufacturer Audi; Seat and Skoda, which manufacture and sell cars in Spain and in southern and Eastern Europe; and Lamborghini, which makes sports cars in Italy.

Messerschmitt, Germany's famous World War II manufacturer that built much of the Luftwaffe's fighting aircraft, is also prospering today, though under a different name. Like Krupp, much of Messerschmitt's infrastructure was destroyed in the war. Further, Messerschmitt was even forbidden to produce aircraft. Yet it



SKILLED WORKERS

Rheinmetall employees create a product that Germany has made and used with precision throughout its history: weapons.

too has risen to become part of a world-leading corporation. Messerschmitt was eventually allowed to build aircraft again, and in 1989, after several postwar mergers, Messerschmitt became part of Daimler-Benz Aerospace (another German industrial giant). Daimler-Benz Aerospace then later helped found the European Aeronautic Defense and Space Company (EADS), becoming a 30 percent owner.

EADS today is a global aerospace and defense technology leader. The group includes the aircraft manufacturer Airbus, and the world's largest helicopter supplier, Eurocopter. It is also a major shareholder in MBDA, the international leader in missile systems. EADS produces the Eurofighter and other military aircraft. Galileo, the European satellite navigation system being constructed to rival the U.S.'s GPS, is also being built in large part by EADS. The company employs 113,000 people at more than 70 production sites, primarily in France, Germany, Great Britain and Spain.

Rochling, founded 184 years ago as a coal-trading house, has now become a leader in high-performance plastics technologies. In 2004, the Rochling Group's worldwide operations generated revenue of approximately \$1.78 billion and employed 8,000 workers.

Yes, Germany's war machine is back in fighting order.

Just as Predicted

While Germany was but a pile of rubble after World War II, one man—Herbert W.

Armstrong—warned that Germany would eventually rise again to dominate Europe and threaten the world.

As early as 1945, broadcasting during a United Nations conference, Mr. Armstrong warned that German industry was working toward the revival of a German empire. “We don't understand German thoroughness,” he said. “From the very start of World War II, they have considered the possibility of losing this second round, as they did the first—and they have carefully, methodically planned, in such eventuality, the third round: World War III!”

“What most do not know,” said Mr. Armstrong, “is that the Germans have their plans for winning the BATTLE of the peace. Yes, I said BATTLE of the peace.”

Peaceably, through corporate mergers and acquisitions, German corporations are reaching out beyond the borders of Germany to gain control of strategic industry. Even Germany's most notorious World War II companies, which were severely disassembled and banned from future arms production by the Allies, have emerged as European and global powerhouses.

Be forewarned. Trouble out of Europe is coming, and Germany will be the driving force behind it. Germany's recent corporate revival is just the precursor to a much larger and non-peaceable event. ■

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Swans Make Final Landing

The sound of diesel motors, hydraulic pistons, power tools and voices brought the Armstrong Auditorium work site to life the morning of March 9, just before the day's most important piece of equipment arrived: a 100-ton crane. The crane would make possible the auditorium's interior and exterior centerpieces: three crystal chandeliers and *Swans in Flight*, a sculpture by Sir David Wynne.

As the crane began hoisting equipment to the roof of the auditorium, the work site quickly became the center of attention of workers on the site and in the adjacent offices where the *Trumpet* is produced. By 10 a.m., the crew had set the hoist apparatus that will be used to secure three important parts of the Armstrong Auditorium lobby: two 10-foot side chandeliers and one 12-foot center chandelier. Then the crew repositioned the crane and began to secure lifting slings and straps to the birds.

Swans in Flight was commissioned by Herbert Armstrong—in whom Armstrong Auditorium is named—in the late 1960s. Renowned British sculptor David Wynne created the piece for the Ambassador College campus in Big Sandy, Texas. The iconic form depicts the five stages of a swan in flight. Wynne was knighted in 1994 by Queen Elizabeth II for his body of work, which includes *Boy With Dolphin* near the Tower Bridge in London and the royal seal on the gates of Hyde Park honoring the Queen Mother's 90th birthday in 1992. Wynne's work appears all over the world and includes numerous commissions by the royal family.

After Mr. Armstrong died, Ambassador College eventually failed, and the campus was sold. The campus's new owner, the Institute in Basic Life Principles, subsequently announced that the Wynne sculpture was for sale.

Gerald Flurry, editor in chief of the *Trumpet* and pastor general of the Philadelphia Church of God, authorized the purchase of the sculpture in April 2009. The sculpture was disassembled at Big Sandy on August 11 and transported to a foundry in Norman, Oklahoma. After repairing the sculpture and applying a refinished patina, the foundry delivered the birds to the PCG campus in January 2010, where they awaited installation.

After the crane operator relocated four of the birds, the heaviest of which weighs approximately 1,600 pounds, the crane swung back to bring the final stage—the swan with its wings in an upstroke—into place at the top of the sculpture, about 12 feet off the ground.

As he waited for the foundry workers and his crew to unslung the bird, crane operator Rick Church commented about the sculpture. Church, who has worked cranes for 15 years throughout Oklahoma and Texas, said he looked forward to seeing the finished product, which will feature a 120-foot reflecting pool and water jets spraying toward the birds, simulating motion. "I've seen a lot of fountains," he said over the growl of the crane's idling diesel engine. "But you've got something real special here. This is rare."

The swan sculpture will be unveiled by David Wynne at Armstrong Auditorium's official grand opening ceremony this summer.

WORLDWATCH

EUROPE

EUROPE IS WAITING FOR A decisive answer from **Germany** on what to do with **Greece**. On February 3, European Economic and Monetary Affairs Commissioner Joaquin Almunia announced that he would take the unprecedented step of monitoring the Greek government's spending. However, apart from issuing vague promises that Greece will not go bust, Europe has not revealed its plan of action. The European Union, however, has jumped on the chance to give itself more powers. It took the unprecedented step of denying Greece its right to vote at an EU meeting in March as a show of disapproval. It has also threatened to invoke Article 126.9 of the Lisbon Treaty, which would force Greece to follow the EU's program of taxation and spending in order to cut its deficit.

The Dutch government collapsed on February 20 over a disagreement within the ruling coalition over the country's participation in the **Afghanistan** war. The Labor Party wanted to keep its campaign promise and bring all Dutch troops home; its coalition partners, the Christian Democrats in the CDA and CD, wanted to leave 500 to 600 soldiers in the country as per NATO's request. Queen Beatrix of the **Netherlands** ordered a new election for June 9. One

of the biggest beneficiaries will probably be **Geert Wilders** and his right-wing anti-Islamic Freedom Party. Opin-



ion polls indicate the Party for Freedom would increase its number of seats in the 150-strong parliament from 9 to 24—making it the second-largest party after the Christian Democrats. During local elections at the beginning of March, Wilders's party came first in one of the two cities where it fielded candidates, and second in the other. Wilders could well be a member of the next government. Watch for more such successes as Europe's citizens turn further against Islam and immigration.

The Catholic and Orthodox churches must unite in order to defend Europe's Christian roots, **Pope Benedict XVI** told a group of Romanian bishops on February 12. As the bishops concluded their regular consultation with the pope, Benedict emphasized the need for them to work with their Orthodox counterparts. This

came less than a fortnight after the pope admonished English and Welsh bishops to be generous toward any Anglicans wishing to return to Rome. The Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox churches are all coming together.

The Catholic Church has been hit by another massive sex scandal, this time in Germany. Around 100 priests and members of the laity are suspected of abuse. "[T]he wall of silence is coming down here in Germany," wrote Spiegel Online. "It started when Berlin's Canisius College, an elite Jesuit high school, recently disclosed the sordid past of a number of members of the order who had abused students at the school in the 1970s and 1980s. After that, new victims began coming forward on a daily basis. ... A tremor is currently passing through the Catholic Church in Germany" (February 8).

U.S.

Brazil

Argentina

MIDEAST

Iran CELEBRATED THE 31ST anniversary of Ayatollah Khomeini's Islamic Revolution on February 11, with **large-scale rallies in Tehran and across the country**. At the same time, security forces cracked down on anti-government protesters holding opposition rallies.

Meanwhile, on February 7, President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad ordered his atomic chief to enrich uranium to a higher, weapons-grade level of purity. Tehran says it is now enriching uranium to 20 percent.

Additionally, Japanese intelligence sources have revealed that a North Korean shipment of 45 tons of yellowcake—enough for several nuclear bombs—that was orig-





inally bound for **Syria** before **Israel** struck a plutonium plant under construction there in 2007, was reshipped to Iran two years later. *DEBKAF*file said this revelation suggests Tehran may be secretly hoarding even more enriched uranium from black-market sources.

President Ahmadinejad and other Iranian officials met with Syrian and Hezbollah leaders in Damascus on February 25. Ahmadinejad also had a meeting with leaders of Palestinian terrorist organizations Hamas and Islamic Jihad.

Iran and the Persian Gulf state of **Qatar** signed a memorandum of understanding for defense cooperation on February 24. The fact that Qatar, an ally of the U.S. in its war on terror, is actually strengthening defense ties with the biggest state sponsor of terror demonstrates the unreliable nature of America's "moderate" Arab allies.

Iran continues to interfere in **Iraq**. On February 16, America's commanding

general in Iraq, Gen. Ray Odierno, revealed that the two politicians who organized the banning of about 500 Sunni candidates from running in Iraq's March 7 elections were linked to Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps. Earlier in the month an appeals panel lifted the ban, a decision that was subsequently overruled by Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, despite U.S. Vice President Joe Biden urging Iraqi officials to reconsider. The Maliki government blasted the U.S. for interfering, illustrating just how weak America's influence in Iraq has become—and how strong Iran's. As a result, a major Sunni political bloc, the National Dialogue Front, said it would boycott the election.

On the economic front, Iran is seeking to double its trade with Iraq to \$8 billion this year, an Iranian official said February 21. Iran is Iraq's



largest trade partner, and has been the biggest investor in its Shiite neighbor since 2003.

Lebanese Prime Minister Saad Hariri has stated that the Lebanese government will officially support Hezbollah in any future conflict with Israel. "I think they're betting that there might be some division in **Lebanon**, if there is a war against us," Hariri said in an interview with the BBC, published on February 10. "Well, there won't be a division in Lebanon. We will stand against Israel. We will stand with our own people." Hariri has been considered a moderate in the past—before

capitulating to Hezbollah and its Syrian and Iranian sponsors.

Just two days after Hariri's statement, the U.S. announced a boost in military aid to Lebanon. U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates said the U.S. would provide Lebanon \$267 million in military aid. Of course, as U.S. think tank Stratfor points out, "If the United States were to train and equip the Lebanese military, it would run the very real risk of having those trained individuals and all that equipment fall into the hands of one of the many militant groups operating out of Lebanon" (February

17). To avoid this scenario, the U.S. offer reportedly included the development and training of an elite army unit separate from the main Lebanese military, specifically to combat Hezbollah. However, there is no guarantee that Hezbollah would not be able to infiltrate such a force, just as it has the Lebanese Army. The U.S.'s desperation in trying to undercut Hezbollah is evident in that to do so, it is increasing military aid to a government that is openly promising to support the terrorist group in any conflict with Israel.

ASIA

THOUSANDS OF ANGRY citizens from across Japan marched through the streets of Tokyo on January 30 to protest the continued U.S. military presence on Okinawa. At present, around 47,000 U.S. soldiers are stationed throughout Japan, more than half of them at the Futenma Air Station on Okinawa. Claiming the U.S. military base is a major source of noise, pollution and crime, a growing number of Japanese are demanding it be removed. In 2006, Tokyo and Washington agreed to relocate the facility to a less-populated area on Okinawa, but polls show a majority of Japanese want a total end to the U.S. military presence in Japan. The pressure on Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama is not just coming from the public. Mizuho Fukushima, who leads Hatoyama's coalition partner, the Social Democratic Party (SDP), said her party may quit the coalition if Japan allows the U.S. to stay in Okinawa. Without the SDP, Hatoyama would be unable to pass legislation. This protest was just another of many indications of a change in the relationship between the U.S. and Japan. The U.S. can no longer count

on Japan's support.

The new leader of **Ukraine**, Viktor Yanukovich, has begun the process of rebuilding Kiev's relationship with Moscow. Even before he was sworn in on February 25, Yanukovich announced several pro-Russian defense policies and said NATO integration would no longer be a goal for Ukraine. He declared his support for the Kremlin's plan to create a post-NATO European security treaty and renewed a call for a Russian-led consortium to take ownership of Ukraine's strategic gas transit pipeline network. In response, **Russia** announced a resumption of diplomatic ties with Ukraine. The message is clear: Yanukovich owes his power and position to the Kremlin, and Moscow expects Ukraine to begin cooperating more wholeheartedly. Rather than launching a "hot" war, Russia has clearly waged a campaign of intimidation, subversion and propaganda. The more pro-European western part of Ukraine may still give the Kremlin some trouble, but the east (and the national government) is now firmly in Russia's grasp.

China expanded its lead as the world's foremost agricultural producer in 2008 with its food production jumping 30 percent, according to a February 23 note by the World Trade Organization (WTO) secretariat. It is another sign of an unmistakable trend:

China continues to grow as an economic powerhouse.

China and Russia spoke out in early March against levying harsher United Nations sanctions on Iran, maintaining that negotiations are the best way to resolve concerns over Tehran's nuclear program. **France**, Germany, the U.S. and the UK have presented China and Russia with a proposed set of sanctions targeting Iran's banking, shipping and Revolutionary Guards Corps. In the coming months, China and Russia are sure to continue to complicate the West's plans with their reluctance to support any substantial action against Iran.

Beijing and Moscow arrived at an initial agreement on March 4 for a pricing formula for the supply of Russian natural gas to China whereby the price of the gas will be connected to oil prices. Some of the details of the agreement are still undetermined, but talks are progressing quickly. The Xinhua News Agency reported on shortages of fuel used for heating in several Chinese cities during last year's especially cold winter; the shortages ended after China imported natural gas from Central Asia. Beijing wants to ensure it has sufficient supplies throughout the country this year. Watch for Russia and China to continue to cozy up together economically as a precursor to military alliance.

LATIN AMERICA/AFRICA

Argentina IS ONCE AGAIN pushing its claim to the Falkland Islands. British firms have begun exploring for oil around the Falklands, prompting an angry response from Argentina. The drilling is "illegitimate" and a "violation of our sovereignty," said Argentine Foreign Minister Jorge Taiana, promising that "we will do everything possible to defend and preserve our rights." On February 11, Argentine authorities boarded a ship they claimed was transporting pipes to the Falklands for the oil excavations. On February 16, the government announced it would prevent ships from traveling through Argentine waters to the Falklands, prompting the Royal Navy to stand by to protect ships traveling there.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton handed Argentina a major diplomatic victory on March 2 by backing its demands for negotiation with Britain over the Falklands at the UN. This was a major insult to Britain, and further proof of what the *Trumpet* has been writing for some months now: that the British and American "special relationship" is over. "This was a spectacular slap in the face for America's closest ally," wrote the *Telegraph*, "at a time when thousands of British troops are fighting alongside the United States on the battlefields of Afghanistan" (March 3). "British possession of these islands has meant British control of one of the great sea gates of the world," wrote Herbert W. Armstrong in 1982. "God prophesied that, because of disobedience, we should lose these islands in this end time. All have been lost except these Falkland Islands, Gibraltar,



Hong Kong and some other incidental islands” (member and co-worker letter, April 21, 1982). Now Hong Kong is gone. The EU threatens Gibraltar. Watch for Britain to lose the Falklands soon—either to Argentina, or the EU.

The EU plans to restart talks with Mercosur, the Latin American trade bloc, this year to cement a free-trade agreement. Mercosur, led by Argentina and **Brazil**, was engaged in talks with the EU for such a deal in early 2008, but the discussions stalled. The *Plain Truth* magazine forecast in May 1962, “[T]he United States is going to be left out in the cold as two gigantic trade blocs, Europe and Latin America, mesh together and begin calling the shots in world commerce.”

Few nations would celebrate the birthday of despot-extraordinaire **Robert Mugabe**. Yet on February 21, China threw the Zimbabwean president a party at its embassy in Harare to celebrate his 86th birthday. China is hungry for resources and has no qualms about dealing with genocidal dictators to get them. Chinese troops have been seen walking the streets of one of **Zimbabwe**’s biggest cities. Asia and Europe are destined to become locked in a fierce competition over Africa’s resources.

All companies operating in Zimbabwe that have over \$500,000 worth of assets must be at least 51 percent owned by “indigenous” Zimbabweans—or blacks—by 2015, according to a law that went into force March 1. The companies affected have 45 days to send the government a plan



of how they will accomplish this. Violently removing farm owners from their land has led to catastrophic famines in Zimbabwe. Doing the same thing to business will make things even worse.

The South African ANC-led government continues to show solidarity with Iran even as the West grapples with trying to stop the Islamic Republic from becoming a nuclear threat. **South Africa**’s Speaker of Parliament Max Sisulu met with his Iranian counterpart, Ali Larijani, in Tehran on January 23. Additionally, South Africa has been cultivating a close relationship with Russia.

These two countries together possess most of the world’s strategic minerals—some 90 percent of them. Back in 1997, we wrote in our book-let *South Africa in Prophecy*, “[I]f an African National Congress (ANC)-South African Communist Party

(SACP)-dominated government in South Africa forges links with the Islamic-Arab crescent in consortium with Russia, only those who bow to radical Islam and a Communist-led ANC may get their raw materials!” The relationship between South Africa and Iran is one to watch.



ANGLO-AMERICA

ON FEBRUARY 1, THE U.S. Defense Department officially scrapped its two-war doctrine. In the past, the **United States** military has been prepared to simultaneously fight two major conventional wars single-handedly. However, the new Quadrennial Defense Review focuses on non-state threats and reliance on allies, stating, “The United States cannot sustain a stable international system alone.”

Also in early February, Congress approved the federal government to go into debt by \$1.9 trillion more. The vote increased the notional cap on federal debt to \$14.3 trillion.

On February 18, a **Texas man intentionally crashed his single-engine airplane into a government building in Austin, Texas**, killing an employee of the Internal Revenue Service, which he was targeting. Less than a month later, a California man dressed in a suit and carrying two semiautomatic weapons calmly walked up to two police officers at the Pentagon and shot them both before being killed in return fire.

News sources reported in February that American forces in Iraq will cease all combat operations on September 1

and transfer all operations to Iraqi forces. Although last year was the third-deadliest for U.S. troops in Iraq, the war has slipped from headlines and from the president’s priority list. President Barack Obama, who campaigned on a promise

to pull U.S. troops from Iraq, has only mentioned the war, in passing, three times in his formal speeches, focusing instead on domestic issues such as health care. As the *Trumpet* has long forecast, America’s involvement in Iraq—and its withdrawal—will only lead to a takeover by Iran.

The Canadian press reported that a new study revealed the average Canadian family’s debt climbed to CAN\$96,100 in 2009. The survey found the average debt-to-income ratio at 145 percent, the highest ratio recorded by the 11-year-old study.

A February Ofgem report estimated that although energy bills for British consumers have doubled over the past six years, they could rise another 25 percent by 2020. The survey also revealed the nation’s energy security situation is deteriorating as fast as its North Sea reserves. By 2015, **Britain** will be importing three quarters of its gas, which it relies on to generate 40 percent of its electricity and to heat almost every British home.

A February poll found that most British voters believe they are living in a “broken Britain.” Nearly three out of five said they hardly recognize their country, and are deeply pessimistic. The survey showed that 42 percent admitted they want to emigrate.

Why Have Natural Disasters Increased?

There is a grave warning message in the worldwide escalation of natural disasters over the past 20 years. BY RON FRASER



THE INCIDENCE OF NATURAL DISASTER has risen dramatically over the past 20 years. To close observers of current events in relation to both history and Bible prophecy, this is no mere coincidence. What muddies the water as soon as biblical prophecy is mentioned in relation to natural disaster is the fact that there is a literal abundance of kooks, screwballs and fanatics out there who instantly seize on the latest catastrophe to declare “the end is nigh.”

Doomsayers have been doing this for years. Far too many get involved in such activity for personal profit. They peddle their scaremongering by taking advantage of vulnerable people and, for a price, promise to show a way that the gullible can escape the wrath of their god, the next disaster, creatures from outer space,

the end of the world, the implosion of the universe or some other such wacky idea. They make it doubly hard for the genuine seeker after truth.

The facts are that statistics prove natural disasters have risen startlingly since 1990. In a law-abiding universe, there has to be a reason for this.

Deadly Increase

During the 40 years preceding the decade of the 1990s, there were 142 classified natural disasters in the United States. During the 10 years of the 1990s, there were 72. The decade that followed from 2000 to 2009 saw some of the worst and most destructive natural disasters in recorded history across the globe. And the most destructive in terms of loss of life and property? Earthquakes by far!

“Earthquakes are the deadliest natural hazard of the past 10 years and remain a serious threat for millions of people worldwide as eight out of the ten most populous cities in the world are on earthquake fault lines,” said Margareta Wahlström, UN special representative of the secretary general for disaster risk reduction. ...

“According to the figures released today by CRED [the Center for Research on Epidemiology of Disasters] in Geneva, 3,852 disasters killed more than 780,000 people over the past 10 years, affected more than 2 billion others and cost a minimum of us\$960 billion. ...

“After earthquakes, storms (22 percent) and extreme temperatures (11 percent) were the most deadly disasters between 2000 and 2009. ... ‘The number of catastrophic events has more than doubled since the



PANORAMIC DESTRUCTION A flood of ruins, junk and destroyed buildings in Chile illustrates an undeniable uptick in environmental disasters.

temperatures—which take the figures right off the record charts since statistics have been recorded?

Well, there is a reason. But it is only apparent to those who, in unbiased, clear-minded fashion, link the facts on the ground with the history of the past and the reality of inerrant Bible prophecies for the future.

No More Delay

There is a prophecy in your Bible that speaks of the world reaching a time when catastrophic events prophesied by humanity's Creator—which were once delayed in their fulfillment for a great purpose—would no longer be held back by the hand of God. These climactic events were predestined to be delayed in their inevitable fulfillment to allow a great purpose to come to fruition. They were delayed to allow for the good news of His coming Kingdom on Earth to "be preached in all the world for a witness to all nations" before earthshaking events would herald His return (Matthew 24:14). After that, those events would be no longer delayed. A point in time would be reached when they would break out *suddenly* and *dramatically* to SHOCK the world with their *destructive force*. That's the only way God has ever been able to grab the attention of humanity!

Those prophesied catastrophes were to be a dramatic warning sign to humankind of the sudden, direct, imminent intervention in human affairs by the Creator God Himself! This was to be a warning sign especially to those who ought to know better than to live the prevailing life of immoral, godless profligacy that has so taken over their society today.

Most especially that warning applies to the descendants of the people to whom Jesus Christ came 2,000 years ago as a *personal* witness to them of the way humankind was destined by its Creator to live—the people of His very own national human heritage. They remain, though in rapid decline, the most blessed nations on Earth. They are the very descendants of the patriarch Abraham, descendants who rejected Christ's message and slaughtered Him in a most hideous form of death, rather than accept who He was—the literal Son of God (request a free copy of

our book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* for the truth on this matter).

It was Jesus Christ Himself who declared that before His return to Earth, "there shall be famines and pestilences and earthquakes in divers places" (Matthew 24:7). He went on to declare that an additional sign of the closeness of His return would be that His own true and loyal followers would be persecuted at a time of great religious, moral and social confusion.

Why can we point to the year 1989 as the break point, the watershed, from which there have been 20 years of rapidly accelerating incidences of disaster across this world?

Jesus Christ showed the Apostle John, in vision, a keynote prophecy for our day forecasting that we would reach a time when events He had prophesied for our generation would be no longer delayed. Referring to that prophecy, which is contained in Revelation 10, our editor in chief has declared, "We are in a time of no more delay (verse 6), and I believe that is the major reason why our commission has changed from preaching the gospel around the world to PROPHESYING AGAIN (with the emphasis on warning)" (*Prophecy Again: God's Commission to His End-Time Church*).

We can prove to any mind open to receive it that the prophesied time of no more delay began on Dec. 7, 1989, just 28 days following the breaching of the Berlin Wall. Ever since that time the world has increasingly destabilized—through accelerating natural disasters, political upheavals, wars and rumors of wars, economic and financial disaster and great moral and social disintegration.

This will continue until humankind gets the message—the message that there is a great omnipresent, omniscient Creator and Sustainer of this universe who has created humankind with an incredible human potential to which man remains blinded by a power set on destroying that same potential!

If you have read this far, then you need to find out just what that potential *is* and really *do* something about *laying hold on it*—FAST—before catastrophe overtakes you and you regret not having acted earlier!

Request our free book *The Incredible Human Potential*. Read it. Study it. It will give you a foundation on which to prepare now for the cataclysmic times ahead, of which today's natural disasters are but the beginning. More importantly, it will prepare you to begin qualifying to enter the fantastic World Tomorrow that these events will usher in. ■

1980-1989 decade,' [said] Professor Guha-Sapir, director of CRED" (United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction Secretariat press release, January 28).

The current decade has commenced with early indications of that trend continuing. Devastating earthquakes in Haiti, Chile and Turkey, along with record-breaking winter storms in Europe and North America, have left many dead and homeless, and greatly damaged town and city infrastructures.

On reflection, clearly 1989 was a watershed year, a threshold from which natural disasters escalated most dramatically compared to past eras in history.

Why such drastic escalation in natural disasters since 1989—earthquakes, tsunamis, destructive storms, floods, fires, mudslides, extremes of

Where Did Christ's Apostles Go?

After Acts 11, little is mentioned about their whereabouts. But the truth about their travels unlocks a marvelous mystery! BY STEPHEN FLURRY

MOST PEOPLE MISUNDERSTAND prophecy because they can't IDENTIFY the modern-day descendants of ancient *Israel*—the 10 tribes that revolted against King Rehoboam's burdensome regime.

When the 10 northern tribes seceded, they selected Jeroboam as their king, moved their capital from Jerusalem to Samaria and retained "Israel" as their namesake. The two southern tribes, headquartered in Jerusalem, became known as *Judah*.

During Shalmaneser's three-year siege of Samaria in the eighth century B.C., the Assyrians uprooted the Israelites from their homeland and deported them as slaves into the land of Assyria, then located between the Euphrates River and the southern shores of the Caspian Sea (see 2 Kings 17:23-24).

After this event, many historians and scholars lose track of the Israelites. Some assume that the 10 tribes vanished from off the Earth!

But they didn't disappear. They just lost their *identity*, as Jesus plainly confirmed a full EIGHT CENTURIES later.

"The Lost Sheep of Israel"

As a direct descendant of King David, of the tribe of Judah, Jesus had been born in a Jewish colony that was subordinate to the Roman Empire. "He came unto his own," it says in John 1:11, "and his own received him not."

The Jews rejected Jesus and so He turned to the Gentiles instead, some assume. But he didn't! Notice what Jesus said to a Gentile woman in Matthew 15:24: "I was not sent *except* to the LOST sheep of the house of Israel" (New King James Version).

What an illuminating scripture! In one simple verse, Jesus said His mission was to reach the house of Israel (not the house of Judah) and that Israel's identity (obviously

not Judah's) had become LOST.

How then—since Christ's life was cut short soon after He made that statement—was that divine mission fulfilled? Read it yourself in Matthew 10:5-6. In that account, Jesus *commanded* His disciples NOT to preach the gospel in Gentile regions (Paul would take care of that—see Acts 18:6), but to go instead to the "lost sheep" of the house of Israel.

In Jesus's stead, *all the original apostles* were SENT to the lost sheep of Israel.

This is why, after Acts 11, you read very little about the original 12. Once they went to the lost sheep of Israel, history lost sight of them.

And that's the way God wanted it! It wasn't *time* for Israel's identity to be revealed to the world.

"The Twelve Tribes, Scattered Abroad"

Notice the way the Apostle James introduced his epistle: "James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, *to the twelve tribes* which are scattered abroad, greeting." James didn't even address the Gentiles. Nor is his letter exclusively directed at the house of Judah. His target audience was primarily the tribes of Israel that had been "scattered abroad" during their Assyrian captivity eight centuries earlier!

God could have easily inspired James to include more details about the whereabouts of the lost sheep. But He didn't want their identity revealed yet. So the book of James ends without any closing salutations about the people he was writing to. It's one of just three New Testament books (the others are Acts and 3 John) that abruptly finishes without so much as an "Amen"!

In the content of James, however, there is one important clue that sheds light on the location of the lost sheep during the first century. It's in James 4:1: "From whence come wars and fightings *among*

you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?" While this passage has a spiritual application that applies to God's people today, in James's day, he was speaking about literal wars that were raging in the areas where Israelites had been scattered.

James wrote his book around A.D. 60, about 10 years *before* the Roman Empire sacked Jerusalem. It was a relatively peaceful time in the world, with Rome towering above regional powers. At the time, Rome was engaged in just two major skirmishes—one *in Britain* and the other in Parthia, located around the southern shores of the Caspian Sea!

These were the wars going on "among" the Israelites James addressed. What a fascinating bit of evidence as to Israel's whereabouts!

"An Immense Multitude"

Parthia has an intriguing history. The Parthians suddenly appeared around the Caspian shores soon after the people of Israel had been exiled there as slaves in the eighth century B.C. According to historian George Rawlinson, the name Parthia means "exile."

In fact, these exiles who rose to power and prominence in the land of Parthia around 250 B.C. were none other than the "lost" tribes of Israel! They remained in the land of their captivity until the early part of the third century A.D., when the Persians drove them northwest into what is Europe today.

Josephus, the prominent first-century Jewish historian, was well aware of Israel's settlement into the land of Parthia. In his history about the days of Ezra and the construction of the second temple, Josephus declared, "But then the entire body of the people of Israel [the lost sheep] remained in that country [they never returned to Samaria]; wherefore there are but two tribes

REBELLION IN BRITANNIA

60-61 B.C. Tribes in southeast Britannia staged a successful rebellion against Rome, capturing several cities. But by the next year, Roman reinforcements put down the rebellion.



Peter's Territory

4. During the fifth century A.D., the Israelites in Europe migrated to the British Isles, where they joined other Israelites who had traveled there prior to the Assyrian captivity, in the days of Joshua.

3. The Israelites settled around the Black Sea after Parthia was overthrown. In the third century, they began migrating north and east toward modern-day France and Germany. Some Assyrians migrated with them.

BATTLE FOR ARMENIA
55-63 B.C. Parthia gained control of the Roman vassal Armenia. After several years of alternating war and peace, Rome secured Armenia and a peace treaty.

1. Many Israelites were taken captive in Assyria. Others fled westward to North Africa.

2. From Assyria, some Israelites headed north-west around the Black Sea when Parthia was overthrown in A.D. 226.

PARTHIA
Assyria

The Migration of the Israelites

in Asia and Europe subject to the Romans, while the 10 tribes are *beyond Euphrates* till now, and are an IMMENSE MULTITUDE, and not to be estimated by numbers” (emphasis mine).

So much for disappearing! Evidently, the multitude of scattered Israelites was so immense that Jesus commanded Peter, James, John AND THE REST of His disciples to go to these “lost sheep.” If you have a collection of maps at the back of your Bible, look at the one that illustrates Paul’s territory. He was the apostle in charge of the Gentile region. His area basically covers northern Palestine and every region that touches the northern border of the Mediterranean Sea, including what is today southern Turkey, Greece and Italy. He also pastored congregations on the islands of Malta, Crete and Cyprus. And in Romans 15:24, Paul said he intended to visit Spain as well.

That is a HUGE territory! But not as large as the regions the “lost sheep” of Israel had been scattered into. Those territories, remember, had been reserved for the original 12. And there was very little territorial

overlap, as Paul confirmed in Romans 15:20. Paul worked in his assigned territory—and the other apostles worked in theirs.

“Strangers Scattered”

Now consider Peter’s jurisdiction. One of his regions, judging by the opening remarks in his first epistle, was *northern* Turkey. “Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the *strangers* scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia.” Peter didn’t use the word “strangers” in the sense that they were Gentiles. It comes from a Greek word that means *resident foreigner* or *alien*.

Peter was fulfilling his Christ-given commission. He was addressing Israelite “strangers” who were dwelling in Gentile lands. And where? Throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia (see map). Whereas Paul was expressly forbidden to enter the northern half Turkey (Acts 16:6-7), Peter was commanded to reach the multitude of “lost sheep” that had been scattered in that area.

Just as there was an immense multitude

of “lost sheep” to be reached beyond the Euphrates in the land of Parthia, so there was another multitude—one that Josephus was unaware of—that had migrated northwest of Samaria into the region of northern Turkey.

And these are the territories we can pinpoint after examining just two epistles, written by two of the original 12 disciples.

Think how far the *others* must have gone. And what about the other war that was raging as James wrote his epistle—the one in Britain? Could it be that some of the apostles made it as far as the British Isles?

It all makes for a fascinating study that can’t possibly be concluded in one short article. That’s why *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* is an absolute must-read.

Now is the *time* that God has chosen to reveal Israel’s true identity!

Much more of this fascinating history can be found in Herbert W. Armstrong’s book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. Request a free copy today.





MORE THAN RELIGION The church God leads and inspires teaches not just a system of beliefs, but a way of life.

One True Religion— One True Church!

Religion is relevant to life in the 21st century. BY RON FRASER

DESPITE CENTURIES OF SECULARIST efforts to tear religion down, it has returned with a vengeance to become the most divisive force in society today. Whether it be marriage, family, human relations, or discourses on morals and ethics in a confused and confusing society, religion is woven through the entire debate on the future of civilization.

Religions of all forms have created a foundation whole societies for generations.

But it is the two great evangelizing religions—Christianity and Islam—that have wrought so much destruction over the centuries in their clashes against each other, and in recent times caused so much suffering for the Jew in particular. These three religions—Judaism, Islam and Christianity—have had the most powerful influence on society over the past 2,000 years.

Sooner or later, any thinking person who believes in what Sir Winston Churchill termed “divine Providence”

has to ask and seek to answer the question, “What is the true religion?”

So let’s consider that question. A good place to start would be to define the term *religion*.

The *Britannica Dictionary* defines it, “Any system of faith and worship.” Though such a definition includes all three religions that accept one or both testaments of the book known as the Holy Bible, it also includes those that don’t. It is thus too broad for our purpose. We shall

narrow that definition to embrace “A system of faith and worship that claims to believe in the one true Creator and Sustainer of the universe.”

As our audience is formed primarily of those who do believe in one omnipotent God, it is to these three predominant religions that we look to prove the answer to our question, “What is true religion?”

The Truth About God

Judaism, Islam and Christianity in its three major forms—Roman Catholicism, Orthodox and Protestant—all purport to believe in one true God. To the Jew, that is YHVH, as revealed in the Torah. To the Islamic believer, it is Allah, as revealed in the Koran and the writings of Mohammed. To the Roman Catholic, the Godhead is triune—consisting of the God of the Old Testament, Jesus Christ of the New Testament, and a personified Holy Spirit—plus Mary, queen of heaven. To the Protestant, the Godhead is the trinity, without the attachment to Mary.

Why is it that these three religions, all claiming to believe in the God of the Abraham of the Torah (the Old Testament), two of them claiming Abraham as their ancestor, so thoroughly disagree on a singular definition of the God that Abraham worshipped?

The Old Testament definitions of God are clear, precise and impossible for the open mind to misunderstand. He is the beginning of all things (Genesis 1:1). There are no other gods apart from the one true God (Deuteronomy 4:35, 39; 1 Kings 8:60; Isaiah 45:5; Joel 2:27). He is the first and the last (Isaiah 44:7-8). He prophesies the end from the beginning (Isaiah 46:9-10; 48:3-5). He never changes (Malachi 3:6). He prophesied the coming of the Messiah, the city of His birth, the exact duration of His earthly ministry and His return to set up God’s government over all (Daniel 9:25-27; Micah 5:2; Isaiah 9:6-7).

Concerning the true historical figure of the Messiah, Jesus Christ, those familiar at the time with the prophecies of His coming to the Earth to fulfill His short 3½-year ministry would have known the prophesied timing and location of His birth in Bethlehem. That is clearly why scholars of those ancient prophecies came to Bethlehem to search Him out in the early autumn of 4 B.C. They had computed the time of the event from the prophetic accounts in the Old Testament (Matthew 2:1-6).

The only provable historic accounts of the Messiah’s prophesied birth are

recorded in the New Testament of the Bible. The subsequent eyewitness accounts of His ministry, the history of the early Church, plus that of the first apostles ordained by Jesus Christ, are recorded there.

The True Church Must Exist!

Thus to the mind opened to the revelation of truth, there can only be one true religion. That is the one that embraces all of the teachings referred to above—and which is also fulfilling Christ’s commission to His disciples to go into all the world and preach His original, unembellished message to everyone (Mark 16:15).

Christ established only one church under and by His divine authority, based on one divinely inspired body of doctrine. He prophesied that it would never die out! Where is that church today?

That being the case, we have to recognize that Christ established a church founded upon His direct leadership under the administration of one of His disciples, the Apostle Peter, to fulfill the commission He gave it, prophesying that it would never die out! (Matthew 16:18).

Where is *that* church today?

Christ established only ONE church under and by His divine authority, based on ONE divinely inspired body of doctrine (Ephesians 4:5). He is the personification of the Word of God (John 1:1). That means, by definition, that the one true Church He established will not only exist today, but *it will also possess the same, unchangeable doctrine He gave it at the beginning*. It will be founded not upon only one testament of the Bible, but two, for as one of the foundational apostles of the Church, the Apostle Paul, declared, the true Church is founded upon the apostles *and* the prophets! (Ephesians 2:20).

That church will exhibit faith not in a triune god but in a Godhead comprised of Father and Son (John 14:6-14). It will not worship at the throne of the queen of heaven. It will have no history of slaughter through crusading to extend its empire (Matthew 10:14). It will be a small flock, comprised of the weak and the base of society (1 Corinthians 1:26-29). It will be an embattled church (John 15:20), persecuted but vibrantly energetic in fulfilling its mission by the power of the Holy Spirit, the very power of Almighty God! (Acts 1:8). It will be a church given to fulfilling a mission of prophecy! (Revelation 10:11).

Where is *that* one true Church today? It *must* exist, for Jesus Christ its Head declared of it that the gates of the grave would *never* shut it down—it would *never die!*

A Coming Clash of Religions

Like it or not, religion, the church and Jesus Christ are vital topics of discussion once again. Even a mass-circulation news-magazine has asked the question, “Jesus—Will He Ever Return?” Yet again, religion dominates international relations, particularly in the hottest spot of international tension, the Middle East. It is at the core of the pope’s cry for a great evangelizing

of Europe. Religion is at the heart of the war in Afghanistan. Religion is the spur for Islamist terror. It is at the very foundation of the Jewish state.

Your Bible prophesies the coming clash between two powers, a great northern power and a southern power, each driven by religious zealotry to seek universal domination. Religion is about to affect your life *profoundly*, whether or not you are a believer. Believe it or not, your Bible prophesies of a global power that will soon dictate whether or not, and how often, you will eat! (Revelation 13:11-18).

There is only *one* true Church that can explain to you the relevance of today’s tumultuous world events to *your* life, where this is all leading, what *you* can do to cope with the impact, and the guaranteed outcome. Believe it or not, the church Jesus Christ founded so long ago does exist in its original purity of doctrine amid and despite all the religious and anti-religious confusion that floods society today.

You need to read two basic booklets, which are entirely politically incorrect, mincing no words and pulling no punches in revealing the plain truth about the *one true God*, and the reality of *God’s Word*. Request our free booklets *Does God Exist?* and *The Proof of the Bible* and begin to experience the *power* of the Word of God working in *your* life! ■



THE HEADLINE WAS EYE-POPPING: “White Cliffs of Dover to be sold to the French to help reduce government’s debt” (February 8). Shame on the *Daily Mail*, it was also misleading.

Turns out the famous cliffs aren’t for sale. But the *Port of Dover* is under discussion.

After a public outcry, however, Prime Minister Gordon Brown swiftly distanced himself from the idea. “There will be no forced privatization of Dover under [the] Labor [Party],” he said publicly two days after the *Mail*’s report.

But is that the end of the story? Not even close.

The Gateway to England

The moat separating fortress England from the European continent has always been its most crucial natural defense. The English Channel has been the site of several spectacular victories for Britain—battles in which different outcomes would have radically altered history.

Dover, “the gateway of England,” is the island nation’s closest point to Europe. It is separated from Calais, France, by a mere 21 miles of churning seawater only 150 feet deep. It has thus been the first point of attack for—and first line of defense against—repeated invasions. Julius Caesar tried to land at Dover in Rome’s assault in 55 B.C. Several French forces targeted the port city in the 13th century, as did Napoleon and Hitler.

The town proudly bears the scars of its warring past, relics that silently testify of its indomitability through ages and epochs. The imposing millennium-old Dover Castle is aptly called “the lock and key to the kingdom.” Fortifications remain from Roman times, from the Normans, from King Henry VIII, from Queen Elizabeth I, from the Napoleonic wars, from two world wars—constructed by giants of history who recognized Dover’s uncommon value over the centuries. Its cliffs hide a massive maze of underground tunnels and soldiers’ barracks.

In the 18th and 19th centuries, the town was an enormous garrison bristling with armaments to thwart French attacks. During the Great War, it became “Fortress Dover,” one of Britain’s most crucial military centers, withstanding several enemy aerial assaults; it hosted warships that protected the channel and welcomed soldiers coming home from battle on the Continent. In World War II it received over 200,000 of the evacuees from Dunkirk, a miraculous operation directed from one

Surrendering the Lock and Key of the Kingdom

Signs that Britain will give up Dover BY JOEL HILLIKER

FORTRESS DOVER Britain’s closest point to Europe has long symbolized indomitability and strength.

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Who Owns Britain’s Ports?

Prime Minister Brown promised “no forced privatization under Labor.” The catch is, Dover port officials aren’t being *forced* to privatize—they are requesting it. The Dover Harbor Board wants a \$645 million expansion of the facility to maintain its status as the biggest freight and passenger ferry port in all of Europe. Because of public borrowing constraints, the only way it can get the money is from private investors. On January 27, the board officially asked the British government for *permission* to privatize.

Is it far-fetched to think the government will end up approving the request? If it does, this would merely be the latest in a series of British ports being sold to overseas ownership. The United Kingdom has privatized most of its ports industry since 1991, particularly in more recent years. And nearly all the buyers have been foreigners.

This is the result of Britain’s desperate need for cash, its undying belief in the virtues of open markets, and its naive faith in the goodwill of the foreigners gaining control over the gates in and out of the country.

Immediately after the Ports Act of 1991, the UK’s largest container port, Felixstowe, was gobbled up by Hong Kong corporation Hutchison Whampoa, the company that

of its underground tunnels. Time after time, Dover has earned its reputation as a symbol of British wartime bravery.

But Britain has changed. To more and more of its people, the nation’s remarkable history is not a source of pride, but of shame. They couldn’t care less about symbolic value. And the idea that Britain might one day need to defend itself again seems alarmist, even preposterous.

How committed is Britain’s government to holding on to Dover, really?



government. In other words, it's something of an anomaly. The trend suggests it is bound to end up the same way all these other major ports have: in foreign hands. For Prime Minister Brown to act as though such a move would be unthinkable is posturing.

Hocking Britain's Assets

The truth is, Brown says he wants to cut Britain's budget deficit in half within four years. One step toward that goal is a privatization plan he unveiled last autumn—amounting to the sale of \$25 billion in



FOR SALE? Struggling with an ocean of red ink, Britain may raise funds by selling off the Port of Dover.

now owns the Panama Canal. Hutchison bought 75 percent of the port immediately and completed the process, to 100 percent ownership, in 1994. This marked the beginning of a significant sell-off of Britain's major ports, a dramatic change for what was once the world's dominant trade power.

PD Ports, which operates several UK ports and logistics centers, was sold to an Australian investment fund in 2005. Associated British Ports, which operates 21 UK ports and manages a quarter of the UK's sea-borne trade, was snatched by a foreign consortium led by Goldman Sachs in 2006. The same year, one of the world's largest shipping companies, P&O—the giant Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, which was founded in the early 19th century—became a subsidiary of Dubai Ports World, owned by the Dubai government in the United Arab Emirates. The Humber Sea Terminal was also taken over by a Belgian company that year. The UK's third-largest port, Teesport, became owned by a Canadian firm last November.

Ninety-five percent of the UK's international trade flows through its commercial seaports. The bulk of this traffic now passes through ports privately owned by foreigners.

Dover is one of the few British ports—and is the largest—still owned by the

government assets and property over the next two years. Among the potential prizes exciting interest among investors are the Channel Tunnel Rail Link, the Dartford River Crossing toll bridge, the Royal Mint, air-traffic services operator NATS, the government's oil pipeline system, and the government's 33 percent stake in uranium processor Urenco. Quite a list.

Oh yes—and the Port of Dover. This may not be “forced privatization,” but Reuters reported that the government did ask Dover and its other 50 non-profit “trust ports” to submit privatization plans by April. So, clearly, the interests of London and the Dover Harbor Board are aligning. The port is certain to leave government hands at some point, after which feasibly any offshore firm—even a French one—could buy it.

Such a vast sell-off of valuables is quite unprecedented for a government. But the UK has made itself uniquely vulnerable to it. Yes, its nasty economic woes have placed it in deep need of overseas cash, which it has used to finance its record trade deficits. But even more disturbing is the complete lack of concern over protecting the integrity of Britain's strategic national interests—let alone preserving Britain's cultural identity.

In strategically important industry after

industry, Britain has been selling its corporate crown jewels to the highest bidder. As a result, its airports, like its seaports, have gone to offshore ownership. Many of its power utility companies, and its largest water utility, are foreign-owned. The power station construction arm of the government-owned nuclear power manufacturer is now held by a Japanese corporation. The nation's automotive sector has been taken over—as have many of its industrial manufacturers, telecommunications companies and banks—by foreign interests. “It is easier to take over a company here than anywhere else in the world,”

Financial Services Secretary Paul Myners told the *Guardian* last September.

Whereas European governments take pride in domestic ownership of certain sectors and routinely block foreign takeovers, the British government patently celebrates the openness of even its most crucial industries to foreign conquest. This impulse is another ugly manifestation of the cultural shame and historical self-loathing that makes

modern Britain so dangerously susceptible to conquest by aggressive foreign cultures and religions.

Danger in Foreign Ownership—Prophesied!

Many Brits say the foreign investment only makes Britain stronger. Such thinking fails to imagine the prospect of enemy cunning or ruthlessness; in fact it fails to acknowledge even the possibility of an enemy existing.

Of course foreign ownership brings simple realities, such as owners likely having less compunction about shedding jobs during economic difficulty. But there are also grave potentialities in having British ports, communications and energy firms run by overseas directors and shareholders, whose loyalties lie outside the UK.

The words of Hosea belie the trust Britain has placed in offshore ownership. Speaking of Ephraim, whose end-time descendants are situated in the British Isles (a truth proven in our free book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*), the prophet wrote, “Ephraim, he hath mixed himself among the people ... *Strangers [or foreigners] have devoured his strength, and he knoweth it not ...*” (Hosea 7:8-9). Time will show that the UK's faith is misplaced. Britain has yet to realize it, but by auctioning off its strategic assets it has rendered

itself peculiarly defenseless and susceptible to foreign aggression.

Another, even earlier prophecy spells out how it will happen. For disobedience to His ways, God warned the ancient nation of Israel—and its modern-day national descendants, of which Britain is one—of oppression by aliens. “The stranger that is within thee shall get up above thee very high; and thou shalt come down very low,” He said, “and he shall besiege thee in ALL THY GATES THROUGHOUT ALL THY LAND, which the Lord thy God hath given thee” (Deuteronomy 28:43, 52).

In *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, Herbert W. Armstrong wrote of how these “gates” included the various sea gates controlled by Britain (and America) at the height of its power—gates that would be subsequently lost and used as weapons to choke off trade routes. Another probable realization of this curse has become vividly clear. Notice: This Israelitish people is prophesied to be *besieged in all its gates THROUGHOUT ALL ITS LAND*. Even now, “strangers” control virtually all the gates in and out of the island nation of Britain!

For now, Dover—the gateway of

England,” “the lock and key of the kingdom,” the enduring symbol of Britain’s independence and strength—remains in government hands.

Don’t expect it to stay so for long. It, like all the other gates the British have so casually surrendered, is bound to feature in a crushing lockdown—a foreign besiegement—that will drive Britain to its knees. ■

***The United States and Britain in Prophecy* gives far more detail on this prophecy and what else is ahead for the once Great Britain.**

Will Crisis Oust Britain From the EU?

FORTY years ago, amid great industrial upheaval and economic stagnation, Britain was branded as “the sick man of Europe.” Margaret Thatcher rose to the occasion, stared down Britain’s militant labor unions, privatized languishing state-run services and rescued the nation from crisis.

There simply is no 21st-century Thatcher to come to Britain’s aid amid a far greater crisis facing the nation today.

Britain risks overtaking Greece as the sickest economy in the EU. Yet it is faced with a greater problem than Greece. Greece, as a member of the eurozone, does have a lender of last resort with which to plead its case for a bailout: the European Central Bank. Britain, which refused membership of the euroclub in order to maintain its own pound sterling currency, can hardly seek favor with the Eurobank in times of crisis. It would probably have to turn to the International Monetary Fund, like the Third World nations that usually receive IMF largesse. This would result in a tremendous loss of national prestige—that is, assuming embattled Britain has any remaining prestige to lose.

Writing for the *Telegraph*, Ambrose-Evans Pritchard mused, “The Greek crisis is a dress rehearsal for attacks on any sovereign state with public accounts in disarray. While Britain went in to this crisis with a much lower public debt than Greece or Italy (though higher total debt than either), it now has the highest budget deficit in the OECD [Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development] rich club—and perhaps the world—at 13 percent of GDP.

“I have a very nasty feeling that markets are about to pounce on Britain. ... A disorderly fall in sterling at this stage (i.e. collapse) could prove as traumatic as default” (February 15).

A few days later, the *Telegraph* reported, “Britain’s public finances may end this year in a worse state than those of Greece, economists warned yesterday, raising serious fears over the economic stability of the country” (February 19).

Emphasizing the problem, the annual January surge in tax receipts that normally boost the British Treasury did not occur. Instead, for the first time in 17 years, public finances plunged into the red in the first month of the year. Official figures showed that the government actually borrowed £4.3 billion in January to keep the nation afloat. “The Office for National Statistics said the government had never before had to borrow cash in January, adding that the shortfall meant it had now borrowed £122 billion so far this financial year, equivalent to around £2,000 for every man, woman and child in the country” (ibid.).



FALLING DOWN The Bank of England in London, Europe’s former financial capital

The cost of such borrowing is proving more expensive to Britain than the cost of loans to the ailing Spanish and Italians. Added to this is the huge exposure of British banks to those EU nations presently in the greatest economic difficulty, the so-called Club Med, or PIGS nations—Portugal, Italy, Greece and Spain. A consequence of all this, which just adds to Britain’s financial and economic woes, is that the market is not buying British bonds. Then there’s the bad news from the real-estate market, indicating that mortgage lending fell by 32 percent in January.

This all adds up to one sorry mess for Britain. It is not only that Britain risks the loss of its triple-A credit rating. Leading academics, economists and businessmen have warned that “without action on the public finances, Britain could face a crippling fiscal crisis” (ibid.).

Over the past 20 years, Britain has increasingly sold off not only crucial businesses but also numerous strategic assets. It has even yielded up the administration of some of its counties to foreign entities. Yet, despite retaining its beloved but battered pound sterling, Britain long ago began signing over its national sovereignty to the European Union. That action was consummated with the government signing the European constitution, thus virtually making Britain an EU vassal state subject to the whim of Brussels/Berlin.

Herbert Armstrong prophesied long ago that Britain would either opt out or be kicked out of the European Union. The day of that occurring may be closer than we think. If Berlin is prepared to play hardball with a fellow European nation like Greece when it is in a tough spot, what do you really think, based on the lessons of history alone, it might do to the offshore islands of Britain if faced with a similar situation there? Britain has placed its economy in a tenuous situation by allowing not only many of its top brand names to be taken over by EU member nations, in particular Germany, but too many of its strategic assets—and too much of its national debt, also.

RON FRASER

THE PRESIDENT OF Europe's Central Bank was asked in January whether Greece posed a threat to the monetary union. He replied that the crisis in Greece was greatly overstated and told reporters that if they wanted to worry about something, they should worry about *California*.

Right now, Greece is synonymous with an economic red alert. Without a bailout, the entire country could face debt default. Standards of living are plummeting; unions are already staging mass strikes, and money is fleeing the country.

Is it possible California—the seventh-largest economy in the world—could actually be in a more dangerous situation? Could California set off a Greek-style economic crisis in America? Some say yes.

Too Much in Common

In some ways, Greece and California are very similar. Both have high unemployment and falling tax receipts. Both also have bloated public sectors with lavish retirement and pension plans that are underfunded and unsustainable. Both have gridlocked governments comprised of politicians incapable of working together to make hard choices.

Greece and California are also members of a larger union that shares a common currency. Each state also has specific trade relationships as well as financial interrelations with others inside the union. And both states have the worst credit ratings within their unions. As with Greece, it costs more to insure California debt against default than it does to insure Kazakhstan.

Both Greece and California are dominated by special interest groups and handicapped by unions. Chronic overspending has become endemic and uncontrollable in both locales. And both states are bankrupt.

Critics of the economic doomsaying point out that there are big differences between Greece and California. There are differences, but not all of them are good. In some ways, *California could actually be a greater threat to its union.*

California's debt is supposedly far less



Greece's Mirror Image in America

Will California become the next Greece? What about Kentucky, or Florida, or Illinois, or Ohio, or Michigan, or North Carolina? BY ROBERT MORLEY

than that of Greece. California's debt reportedly equals about 7 percent of its economy. In Greece, the ratio is around 100 percent. On the surface, Greece looks much worse off.

In reality, comparing total California debt to total Greece debt is like comparing rotten apples to rotten oranges. To make it a fair comparison, you also need to factor in California's share of the national debt (which is projected to be \$14 trillion by year end). When this amount is factored in, the \$68 billion that the state owes (as of the end of 2009) balloons to \$1.65 trillion—which means that California's actual debt-to-GDP ratio is almost 90 percent.

Yet, as horrendous as a debt-to-economy ratio of 90 percent is, California's ratio is even greater. When including unfunded Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid liabilities into the equation, California's state debt-to-GDP ratio soars to a stratospheric 400 percent.

That means California debt equals more than \$200,000 per man, woman and child. Where will the money come from?

A California debt default would be far more damaging to the U.S. than anything a Greek failure could produce. Besides being far smaller, Greece's economy makes up only 3 percent of the total eurozone. California, however, composes about 12 percent of the U.S. economy.

Plus, a California default could disproportionately hurt many U.S. states. According to the ECB president, Jean Claude Trichet, cumulative U.S. state budget deficits amount to 12 percent of America's gross domestic product. In Europe, the figure is only 7 percent.

Looking in the Mirror

Portugal may be a problem. But so is Ohio. Think things are tough in Ireland? Look at Kentucky. Is Spain having unemployment issues? So are Florida, Illinois and Michigan. While analysts focus on Greece, they are missing the rhinoceros in the flower garden.

David Walker is the former U.S. comptroller general,

which means he was America's top auditor. He says America only has a *couple of years to deal with its deficit problems before it ends up like Greece*. America could face a "crisis of confidence with regard to our own finances" if we don't start being honest with our budgets, he says. Walker, who is now working to bring attention to America's financial irresponsibility, warns that a big part of America's problem is its use of "creative accounting practices"—the same ones that burned Greece.

Events in Europe surrounding Greece are pivotal, and could have dramatic economic and geopolitical ramifications (article, page 2). But when comparing Greece and California, don't forget that California's economy is five times larger. The EU could survive without Greece, but America will not survive without California.

Unfortunately for California and the rest of America, watching the Greece crisis is rather like looking in a mirror. ■



RUN OF THE MILL Dollars hot off the presses are no longer a rare sight.

Why China Is Fleeing the Dollar

BY ROBERT MORLEY

MOST AMERICANS HAVE LITTLE idea what is happening to the economy. Many people think America is emerging from a vicious little recession and will soon be back on the road to prosperity. *America always has, so it always will*, is the common reasoning.

Yet this time, things may turn out very different. On January 8, CNBC reported that the U.S. Federal Reserve purchased an unprecedented 80 percent of all U.S. treasury securities issued in 2009.

This is earthshaking, game-changing news with possibly lethal repercussions. Here is why.

How America Went Into Debt

During 2009, the federal government ran a \$1.4 trillion deficit—the largest in world history, *more than triple* the size of the previous year's record-breaking deficit.

Since Americans save so little money, foreigners have come to provide almost all the federal government's borrowing needs in recent years. They do this by purchasing U.S. treasury bonds. This was a win-win for them: Not only would they earn interest on their money, but also, since American consumers tend to spend the borrowed money purchasing foreign-made goods, a good proportion of the money cycled right back to them.

From 2006 through November 2009, Beijing lent \$527 billion to America through treasury purchases alone. Hong Kong lent an additional \$100 billion. Other countries like Japan lent hundreds of billions more. Then there were the hundreds of billions of dollars they lent to government-sponsored entities like mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

But now it is as if the foreign nations see the writing on the wall. They realize that America is addicted to debt and that their loans might never get repaid. As a result, America's most important source of lending is drying up.

Want to Buy Some Treasuries?

On February 17, the Department of the Treasury reported that last December, foreign demand for U.S. treasury securities fell by more than in any month ever recorded.

China led the pack. It reduced its dollar holdings by over \$34 billion—about 4 percent of its holdings. For six months in a row, China not only stopped lending money to the federal government, it actu-

ally **SOLD** treasuries.

China has been America's most important creditor. Is China just rebalancing its portfolio for the short term, or is this the beginning of a structural move away from the dollar? If China is trying to quietly get out as much of its money as possible while it can, the greenback could be in a lot of trouble. At the very least, it could mean higher interest rates for America—which would really hurt consumers, who are loaded with debt. Not only that, but it would set a dangerous precedent. China holds most of the world's supply of investable funds. That means that where China invests, and how long it supports the dollar, and what it does with its own internal credit policies, sets the tone for investors all over the world.

Perhaps that is why oil-exporting nations like Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Iraq and Venezuela have been net sellers of treasuries since June too. Thus, two of America's four most important foreign creditors are AWOL.

All things being equal, this exodus of foreign money would have caused massive credit contraction capable of smothering America: interest rates skyrocketing into the double digits, zombified Wall Street banks with broken business models, small businesses unable to roll over their debts, a housing market in a renewed free fall, soaring consumer bankruptcies, and unemployment worse than the Great Depression.

So far, this has not happened. Why? Faced with the above list of catastrophes, the Federal Reserve *decided to risk the biggest catastrophe of all* in a forlorn attempt to avoid the inevitable financial reckoning.

To prop up the economy, the Federal Reserve began doing the one practice anathema to all fiat-currency-based economic systems: creating money out of thin air.

**AMERICA'S RECORD
\$1.4 TRILLION
DEFICIT IN 2009**



Where the money came from

Funny Money

Remember that \$1.4 trillion deficit America ran last year? Eighty percent of that—\$1.12 trillion worth—was funny money. The U.S. govern-

ment needed money, and since foreigners were unwilling or unable to provide it, the Federal Reserve simply turned on its digital printing presses and electronically sent over some ones and zeros.

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Another Anti-U.S. Alliance Is Born

Latin American and Caribbean nations vote to keep the U.S. out of their affairs. BY RON FRASER

THE WRITING HAS BEEN ON THE wall ever since certain populist leaders gained the upper hand in Latino politics.

Long distracted by events in Europe, the Middle East and the Far East, America has ignored the nations that press against its own back door. Now they are clubbing together to form their own regional alliance to replace the Organization of American States (OAS). The OAS has, to this point, operated as the principle alliance of the Americas, incorporating Canada and the United States. The new alliance is slated to deny Canada and the U.S. a forum at regional summits south of the border.

Washington's reacted to the news with a ho-hum attitude of seeming disinterest. Such a response to current developments in this strategic southern Atlantic/Pacific region will prove disastrous.

Integrating

As if to carry more force behind this Latin slap across America's face, it was the leader of America's closest neighbor, Mexico—source of its largest intake of migrant labor and thus of the flight of billions of dollars to destinations south of the border—to deliver the blow.

On February 23, at the conclusion of a two-day summit in Cancun, Mexican President Felipe Calderon announced to participants from 32 Latin American and the Caribbean nations that this new bloc "must as a priority push for regional integration ... and promote the regional agenda in global meetings." Mexico and Brazil are the driving forces behind the new bloc. The name and structure of the new organization will be determined at a summit in Caracas, Venezuela, next year.

In an early sign of strengthening anti-Anglo-Saxon orientation in the region, this Latin bloc threw its weight behind Argentina's renewed calls for Britain to hand over the Falkland Islands to that southern Latino nation.

In an early opinion on the new organization, China, already entrenched in the region, said the development could help Beijing increase its cooperation with Caribbean and Latin American countries. *China Daily* reported that "Trade between China and Latin America reached \$111.461 billion in the first three quarters of 2008, with China's direct non-financial investment in the region involving trade, manufacturing, gas and oil exploration amounting to \$960 million at the end of June in 2008" (February 22).

Yet observers are cautious as to the new bloc's prospects for success given the disunity that presently divides more conservative leaders in countries such as Colombia, Chile and Peru from the leftists leading Bolivia, Venezuela, Nicaragua and Cuba. Brazil's President Lula da Silva is quite often the balancing factor in any political feuds between these factions.

Despite the show of bravado in seeking to distance the region from Anglo-Saxon influence, Latin America has no real history of intra-regional cohesion. It is not unlike the unwieldy and fractious European Union in this respect. Yet both these regions have one overarching potentially binding force in common that could, amid crisis, rapidly unify their respective masses: Roman Catholicism.

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What Will Bind Latin America Together?

International relations guru Hans J. Morgenthau famously declared that true power is the control over the mind.

Few pundits in these post-Cold War days appreciate the power of ideology, once unleashed, to control the masses. Too many commentators raised in post-Cold War secularism consider ideology in international relations as passé.

Nothing could be further from the truth. It is ideological extremism that drives hatred of the Jew and Anglo-Saxon

in the minds of Islamist terrorists and that fuels Islamic expansionism. It is the ideology of Rome that—though it has seemingly lain dormant for decades—is destined to spark a roaring flame of zealously militant passion in the time of great crisis that this world, caught in the vortex of financial collapse, is hurtling daily toward.

Bible prophecy declares it will be Rome's religion that finally binds the unwieldy European Union together to give it the political unity it needs in order to lead globally in the near future. The EU will wield that power over a very Catholic Latin America.

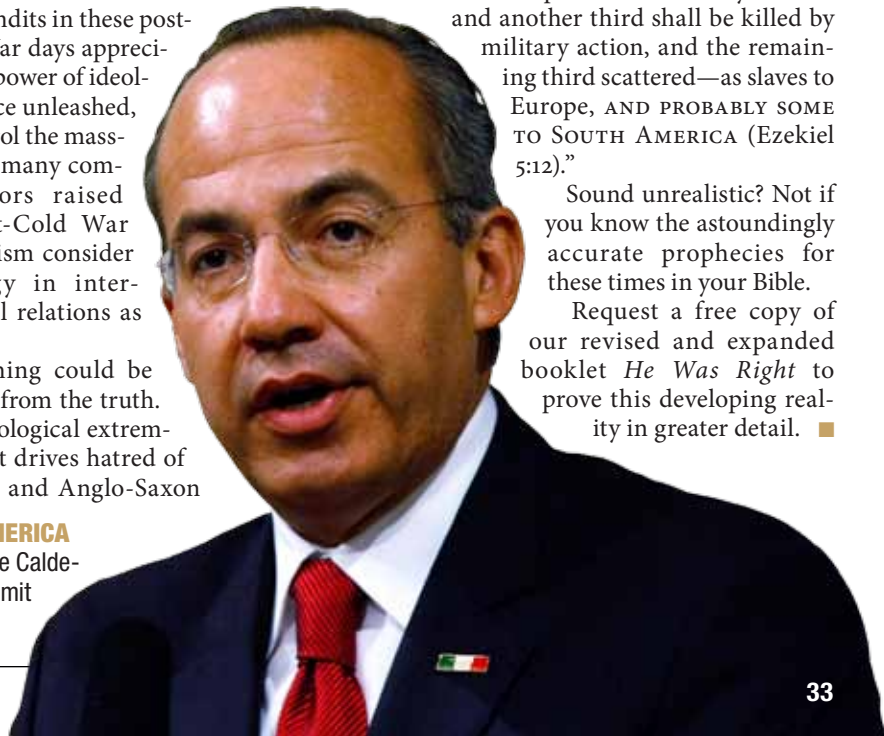
It will be Rome's religious ideology that exerts the power over the minds of the public as it evangelizes anew all traditionally Catholic nations, drawing them into a global economic, financial and military empire. This control is destined to prevail, believe it or not, over and above any influence that other world powers like China may seek to exert in Latin America and the Caribbean. The effort to establish a regional Latin American and Caribbean alliance, excluding the U.S. and Canada, is moving the nations of that region in that direction.

Herbert Armstrong prophesied that this—not yet fully evident to the public, yet rapidly developing—final resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire would ultimately transport people from North America to South America to a condition of servitude in its workforce. Referring to prophecies of this German-led empire destroying the United States, Mr. Armstrong wrote in an Aug. 14, 1978, letter, "A third of our populations shall die from disease epidemics caused by famine, and another third shall be killed by military action, and the remaining third scattered—as slaves to Europe, AND PROBABLY SOME TO SOUTH AMERICA (Ezekiel 5:12)."

Sound unrealistic? Not if you know the astoundingly accurate prophecies for these times in your Bible.

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ANOTHER AMERICA
Mexico's Felipe Calderon wants to limit U.S. influence.



One More Nation to Build

THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION EXTREMELY lacks prudence (“One More Nation to Build,” March). It is terribly unfortunate. Their political agenda seems to be centered on “making friends.” It’s just that they have no discernment which “crowd” to be a part of and which “causes” they can afford to manage. This relief effort is a heavy undertaking. Their efforts will be spent in vain, and, as was stated, this country will only earn another binding millstone around its terribly weakened neck.

C.M.—OKLAHOMA



WELL, YOU TOLD US TO WATCH JANUARY 16 and 17. I was expecting an earth shaking or a war or something with a lot of bells and whistles! But alas, the shaking is the U.S. and continued financial drain! This will be huge. I guess things are not always attention-getting at the time. Sometimes the biggest things are not the tempest but a gentle quiet.

Jim—KENTUCKY

A Lesson in Giving

IF ONLY EVERY WORLD LEADER, MILITARY warlord, dictator and adult in this world were to have the giving heart of your sweet, innocent daughter, 75 percent of all human unhappiness and misery would be wiped out (“Give, and Your Heart Will Follow,” March). No wonder our all-knowing Lord Jesus commanded us to have the hearts of children when we approach God. The Lord certainly knows what kids can teach adults!

Peter Thomas—SARAWAK, MALAYSIA

MR. HILLIKER, YOU HAVE A WAY TO CAPTIVATE one’s attention through just a simple story or a tiny fact. A reminder like this is what helps us step out of our own little bubble and be unselfish just for that moment; it hits a nerve that sparks ambition to change. That ambition usually dies quicker than we’d like it to, but if only we could always have that constant reminder. Thank you for an excellent reminder of how to truly live God’s way. —MINNESOTA

The System

THANKS FOR BRINGING US THIS GREAT story of hope (“The System,” March). It must feel good to be able to share such inspirational news with many. It brought me back to the *Trumpet* article

“Armstrong Auditorium Construction Update” in the October 2009 issue, which I thought was one of the most inspiring *Trumpet* articles of hope. May the great

God continue blessing you all at the PCG, the *Trumpet* and *Key of David* as you continue to bring hope to a dying world. Gary Koper—N.S.W., AUSTRALIA

Detroitification

EXCELLENT ARTICLE (“THE Detroitification of America,” March). Henry Ford and others of that era would be so ashamed to see what has happened to their city. Thank you for writing this story and telling the truth. Mike—MICHIGAN

THANKS MR. MORLEY FOR A VERY LOUD warning to anyone that believes there is still hope that this nation can continue in its ways. To underscore the point in your article concerning the real-estate market in Detroit: On November 18, the Pontiac Silver Dome, home to NFL Detroit Lions and host of previous Super Bowl, was sold for \$583,000. This famous landmark was valued at \$55.7 million!

Ed Atkinson—ALABAMA

The Holy Roman Empire

CONGRATULATIONS MR. FLURRY ON ANOTHER excellent article! (“The Holy Roman Empire Is Back!”, February). You are bringing God’s truth to us all and keeping us focused on the best news ever! The stress and anxiety of what is coming has been taken away when I read the articles from the *Trumpet*. I am reminded of the Light at the end of the tunnel. Thank you all for inspiring me and keeping us all focused on what we should do (obey our Father). Jillian Coppola—NEW YORK

I WAS LEFT STUNNED AND SPEECHLESS BY the powerful warning given in just this one article. I echo your sentiment that it is, indeed, a wonderful time to be alive. Please continue to shout God’s warning as loud as you can for as long as you can, and may God bless your efforts mightily.

S.L.W.—UNITED STATES

World’s Next Superpower

I WAS INTRIGUED BY YOUR ARTICLE titled “The World’s Next Superpower” (February). I started to look at Germany and to research the country on the Internet. The first thing I researched was the fact that Hitler was a Catholic. My hus-

band grew up Catholic, and while I was reading the article to him, he said that you were mistaken; there was no way that he was Catholic. It didn’t take long to verify beyond any doubt that indeed he was Catholic. You talked in the article under the subheading “Shifting Policies” about the Germans and Israel. I found a video on YouTube of an interview on January 18 of Dr. Gil Yaron on Israeli Channel One News talking about the new relationship that Germany is forging with Israel. You are right on! Now I am watching and praying more than ever. I am a new subscriber to the *Trumpet*. I read the entire magazine from cover to cover. It is very well done. Regina Cane—CLOVIS, CALIF.

Ready for the End?

I BELIEVE YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY CORRECT that only through God’s intervention will anyone survive the end times, but I also believe that part of wisdom is doing one’s best to prepare for possible problems one might encounter before the end times (“Are You Ready for the End of the World?”, January). William—CALIFORNIA

Youth and the Digital Drug

JUST WATCH ANY TEEN MOVIE FROM THE ’30s through the ’50s—even the ’60s: Teens were more literate (“Youth and the Digital Drug,” November-December 2009). Teens from the ’30s seem to have spent at least some of their time immersed in Shakespeare and poetry—memorizing it, analyzing it, using it to frame their dreams. A newsreel from that era will show lots of giggling and blushing—but also children who were prepared, poised and articulate, and who knew how the three branches of our government work.

Jan Marra—United States

Different From Others

I HAD A GLANCE OF THE *TRUMPET* MAGAZINE and I was really impressed by what I saw in it. Your stories are different from other Christian magazines. They reveal history, predict the future and explain the present situations in a crystal-clear form. I first saw the magazine from one of my friends, who usually borrows from one of his friends. Could you please send me the *Philadelphia Trumpet* and other literature?

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The Book Churchill Needed Most

You can have it now—gratis. BY BRAD MACDONALD

“THERE ARE NIGHTMARES OF THE FUTURE FROM which a fortunate collision with some wandering star, reducing the Earth to incandescent gas, might be a merciful deliverance.”

Winston Churchill made that observation in December 1931. At the time, many probably discarded it as the fatalistic musing of a cantankerous politician. In 2010, one reads that statement and gets chills. Today Churchill’s “nightmares of the future” are becoming grim reality. Whether we admit it or not, mankind is nearing the point where a catastrophic collision between Earth and some “wandering star” would indeed be a “merciful deliverance” from the inconceivable horrors now hovering over us.

Churchill began “Fifty Years Hence” recalling that prior to the 17th century, human civilizations crawled forward, and sometimes backward, slowly. He then took stock of mankind’s more recent rapid and spectacular accomplishments. “The changes have been so sudden and so gigantic that no period in history can be compared with the last century,” he surmised. And what is responsible for producing this “prodigious speed of man?”

“SCIENCE IS THE CAUSE.”

The unleashing of the latent and terrific forces of “science” transformed human civilization, Churchill explained. Civilizations that for millennia had been empowered by “muscular energy” began to be driven by “molecular energy.” New discoveries produced new technologies and inventions, which in turn revolutionized human existence, from the structure of society to industry to politics to economics to war.

“Immense new sources of power ... made possible novel methods of mining and metallurgy, new modes of transport and undreamed-of machinery. These in their turn enable the molecular sources of power to be extended and used more efficiently. ... Each invention acted and reacted on other inventions, and with ever growing rapidity that vast structure of technical achievements was raised which separates the civilizations of today from all that the past has known.”

Mankind has “enjoyed” more than 75 years of scientific advancement since Churchill penned those words. Scientists today grow human organs on the backs of rats; biologists genetically modify crops for greater food production. Ours is an age of computer chips and automated systems, of GPS’s, Blackberrys, laptops and iPods. We live in the space age, an age of satellite-guided, unmanned aircraft and wireless communication.

In 1931, Churchill forecast a time when “explosive forces, energy, materials, machinery, will be available upon a scale which can annihilate whole nations. Despotism and tyrannies will be able to prescribe the lives and even the wishes of their subjects in a manner never known since time began.” Take an honest survey of this planet: *We are living Churchill’s nightmares!*

As much as he decried the spectacular advancement of science, Churchill didn’t fear man’s material progress the most. Above all, he was concerned that despite the rapid advancement

of human civilization, the *character of humans*, and mankind’s “virtues” and “wisdom,” had not “*shown any notable improvements as the centuries have rolled*” (emphasis mine throughout).

Science had bestowed unprecedented power, but the *terrifying nature of man* “remained hitherto practically unchanged.”

Churchill worried that mankind’s acquisition of the powers of science and technology was rapidly outpacing mankind’s acquisition of the moral character and discipline needed to prevent those powers from obliterating human civilization. In spite of all the contributions science had made to human civilization, Churchill worried that its foremost contribution would be equipping mankind with the means of obliterating the human race!

This nightmare scenario concerned Churchill so much he believed it would be safer for man to “call a halt in material progress and discovery.” There are secrets, he wrote, “too mysterious for man in his present state to know, secrets which, once penetrated, *may be fatal to human happiness and glory.*”

No one can dismiss Winston Churchill as a man ignorant of the extreme value of science and knowledge. As a historian, he made a living acquiring, distilling and communicating knowledge. As a military and political leader, he encouraged scientific development and guided a multitude of new inventions.

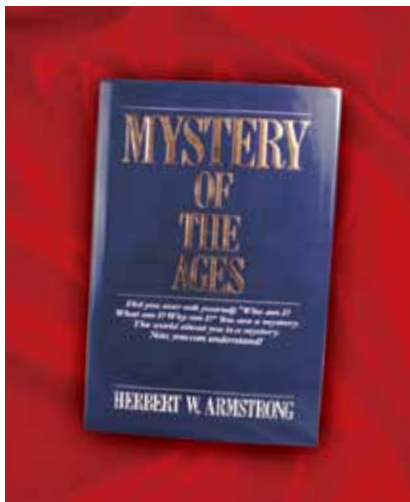
Unlike most intellectuals, however, Churchill recognized many of his intellectual limitations—and, more significantly, the **LIMITATIONS OF SCIENCE**. Despite its splendid virtues, science, he concluded, “**DOES NOT MEET ANY OF THE REAL NEEDS OF THE HUMAN RACE!**” What good is scientific development, he asked, if it cannot answer the “simple questions which man has asked since the earliest dawn of reason—‘*Why are we here? What is the purpose of life? Where are we going?*’”

“Fifty Years Hence” thus concludes by resurrecting questions and discussions that have perplexed mankind for thousands of years, questions that even Winston Churchill—an intellectual giant rarely afraid to venture an opinion on virtually any topic—simply could not answer.

Aren’t you interested in learning the answers to these questions? To learning why man was put on this planet, to learning about the purpose of life, to discovering where human civilization is headed? Wouldn’t you like to understand why science—despite its many fantastic contributions to human civilization—has only brought mankind to the brink of extinction?

Churchill spent his lifetime grappling with these questions. Now you can have them explained to you clearly, logically and with plenty of biblical proof. How? It’s simple: Request, then study, *Mystery of the Ages*. Written by the late Herbert W. Armstrong, this book could be your “merciful deliverance” from our nightmarish world.

Take the opportunity now to obtain a free copy of this, the book Winston Churchill needed most. ■



But the Fed didn't just print money to give to the government to spend. It also created close to \$1 trillion to prop up asset prices in America. It printed money to give to the big banks and to purchase toxic mortgages from Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

It was theft and highway robbery on a grand scale because the Fed did nothing to earn this money: It simply said it had the money, and it was so. Consequently, all other money in circulation—yours, your grandma's and Uncle Fred's money—became worth less. The Fed now has over \$2 trillion worth of assets on its balance sheet—mostly money it willed into existence over the past year.

No wonder foreigners are beginning to flee the dollar. The Fed is doing what every failed fiat currency system in the history of paper money has done. To governing officials under financial pressure, the temptations of the printing press are too great.

The results are always disastrous. Once you start down the money-printing road, it is almost impossible to turn back.

The history of money printing says the dollar is doomed. Maybe that is why the Chinese have dumped their Fannie and Freddie investments. During 2009, they took the Fed's newly created money and ran while the dollars still had some value remaining. After all, the *dollar has lost almost a third of its value* over the past decade.

Prettying Ourselves Up

Did you know that this exact scenario in which America finds itself was prophesied thousands of years ago?

Speaking of the modern nations descended from ancient Israel, of which America is currently the most geopolitically prominent, the Prophet Jeremiah warned that a time would come when America's trade partners would abandon it despite America's best attempts to pretty itself up. "And when you are plundered, what will you do? Though you clothe yourself with crimson, though you adorn yourself with ornaments of gold, though you enlarge your eyes with paint, in vain you will make yourself fair; your lovers will despise you; they will seek your life" (Jeremiah 4:30; New King James Version).

America has two choices: Raise interest rates to try to attract its economic lovers back to lend more money (which means America's debt payments would mushroom, potentially derailing the economy), or continue to destroy the dollar to pay the bills. Neither option is attractive. Expect America's foreign lovers to keep voting with their feet—as they head out the door. ■



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Hawaii, Hawaii Na Leo Chan. 54 6:30 am, Sun; 8:30 am, Wed

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Hawaii, Maui/Lanai/Molokai/Niihau/Akaku Chan. 52 6:30 pm, Sun; 3:30 am, Mon

Idaho, Idaho Falls KPIF/KBEO 10:30 am, Sun

Idaho, Pocatello KPIF 10:30 am, Sun

Idaho, Twin Falls KMVT-DT/KTWT-LP 10:30 am, Sun

Illinois, Bloomington WHOI-DT 8:30 am, Sun

Illinois, Chicago WCIU 9:30 am, Sun; WCPX 5:00 am, Fri

Illinois, Peoria WHOI-DT 8:30 am, Sun

Illinois, Rockford WREX-DT 8:30 am, Sun

Indiana, Fort Wayne WPTA-DT 21.2 9:30 am, Sun

Indiana, Indianapolis WIPX 6:00 am, Fri

Indiana, Terre Haute WBI 8:30 am, Sun

Iowa, Austin KTTC-DT 8:30 am, Sun

Iowa, Cedar Rapids KPXR 5:00 am, Fri

Iowa, Des Moines KFPP 5:00 am, Fri

Iowa, Keokuk WEWB 8:30 am, Sun

Iowa, Kirksville KWOT 8:30 am, Sun

Iowa, Mason City KTTC-DT 8:30 am, Sun

Iowa, Ottumwa KWOT 8:30 am, Sun

Iowa, Rochester KTTC-DT 8:30 am, Sun

Iowa, Sioux City KTIV-DT 8:30 am, Sun

Kansas, Topeka KSNT 8:30 am, Sun

Kentucky, Bowling Green WBKO 8:30 am, Sun

Kentucky, Lexington WUPX 6:00 am, Fri

Louisiana, Alexandria KBCA 8:30 am, Sun

Louisiana, El Dorado-Monroe KNOE-DT 8:30 am, Sun

Louisiana, Lafayette KLWB 8:30 am, Sun

Louisiana, Lake Charles WBLC 8:30 am, Sun

Louisiana, New Orleans WPXL 5:00 am, Fri

Maine, Bangor WABI-DT 9:30 am, Sun

Maine, Presque Isle WBPQ 9:30 am, Sun

Maryland, Hagerstown WJAL 12:00 pm, Sun

Maryland, Salisbury WBD 9:30 am, Sun

Massachusetts, Boston WBPX 6:00 am, Fri; WZMY 8:00 am, Sun

Massachusetts, Holyoke WBQT 9:30 am, Sun

Massachusetts, Springfield WBQT 9:30 am, Sun

Michigan, Alpena WBAE 9:30 am, Sun



Michigan, Cadillac WGTU/WGTQ 9:30 am, Sun
Michigan, Detroit WPXD 6:00 am, Fri; WADL 10:00 am, Sun
Michigan, Grand Rapids WZPX 5:00 am, Fri
Michigan, Lansing WLAJ-DT 9:30 am, Sun
Michigan, Marquette WBKP 9:30 am, Sun
Michigan, Traverse City-Cadillac WGTU-DT/WGTQ-DT 9:30 am, Sun
Minnesota, Duluth-Superior WDLH 8:30 am, Sun
Minnesota, Mankato KWYE 8:30 am, Sun
Minnesota, Minneapolis KPXM 5:00 am, Fri
Mississippi, Biloxi WBGP 8:30 am, Sun
Mississippi, Columbus WCBI-DT 8:30 am, Sun
Mississippi, Greenville WBWD 8:30 am, Sun
Mississippi, Greenwood WBWD 8:30 am, Sun
Mississippi, Gulfport WBGP 8:30 am, Sun
Mississippi, Hattiesburg WBH 8:30 am, Sun
Mississippi, Laurel WBH 8:30 am, Sun
Mississippi, Meridian WTOK-DT 8:30 am, Sun
Mississippi, Tupelo WCBI-DT 8:30 am, Sun
Mississippi, West Point WCBI-DT 8:30 am, Sun
Missouri, Columbia KOMU-DT 8:30 am, Sun
Missouri, Hannibal WGEM-DT 8:30 am, Sun
Missouri, Jefferson City KOMU-DT 8:30 am, Sun
Missouri, Joplin-Pittsburg KSXF 8:30 am, Sun
Missouri, Kansas City KPXE 5:00 am, Fri
Missouri, Quincy-Keokuk WGEM-DT 8:30 am, Sun
Missouri, St. Joseph WBJO 8:30 am, Sun
Montana, Billings KTUV-DT 8:30 am, Sun
Montana, Bozeman-Butte KBZK-DT/KXLF-DT 10:30 am, Sun
Montana, Glendive KWZB 10:30 am, Sun
Montana, Great Falls KRTV-DT 10:30 am, Sun
Montana, Helena KMTF-DT 10:30 am, Sun
Montana, Missoula KPAX-DT 10:30 am, Sun
Nebraska, Lincoln-Hastings KCWL-TV 8:30 am, Sun
Nebraska, Kearney KCWL-TV 8:30 am, Sun
Nebraska, North Platte KWPL 8:30 am, Sun
Nebraska, Scottsbluff KCHW 10:30 am, Sun
Nevada, Reno KREN/KREN-DT 9:30 am, Sun
New York, Albany WYPX 6:00 am, Fri
New York, Binghamton WBXI 9:30 am, Sun
New York, Buffalo WPXJ 6:00 am, Fri; WUTV 10:00 am, Sun
New York, Elmira WBE 9:30 am, Sun
New York, New York City WPXN 6:00 am, Fri; WLNY 10:00 am Sun
New York, Syracuse WSPX 6:00 am, Fri
New York, Utica WBU 9:30 am, Sun
New York, Watertown WWTI-DT 9:30 am, Sun
North Carolina, Charlotte WLMY 8:30 am, Sun
North Carolina, Durham WRPX 6:00 am, Fri; 9:00 am, Sun

North Carolina, Fayetteville WFPX 6:00 am, Fri
North Carolina, Greensboro WGFX 6:00 am, Fri
North Carolina, Greenville WEPX 6:00 am, Fri; WNCT-DT 9:30 am, Sun
North Carolina, Lumber Bridge WFPX 6:00 am, Fri
North Carolina, New Bern WNCT-DT 9:30 am, Sun
North Carolina, Raleigh WRPX 6:00 am, Fri; 9:00 am, Sun
North Carolina, Washington WNCT-DT 9:30 am, Sun
North Carolina, Wilmington WBW 9:30 am, Sun
North Dakota, Bismarck KWMK 10:30 am, Sun
North Dakota, Dickinson KWMK 10:30 am, Sun
North Dakota, Fargo WDAY-DT 8:30 am, Sun
North Dakota, Minot KWMK 10:30 am, Sun
North Dakota, Valley City WDAY-DT 8:30 am, Sun
Ohio, Cleveland WVPX 6:00 am, Fri
Ohio, CincinnatiWSTR 8:30 am, Sun
Ohio, Lima WLIO-DT 9:30 am, Sun
Ohio, Steubenville WBWO 9:30 am, Sun
Ohio, Zanesville WBZV 9:30 am, Sun
Oklahoma, Ada KSHD 8:30 am, Sun
Oklahoma, Lawton KAUZ 8:30 am, Sun
Oklahoma, Oklahoma City KOPX 5:00 am, Fri
Oklahoma, Tulsa KTPX 5:00 am, Fri
Oregon, Bend KTVZ-DT 9:30 am, Sun
Oregon, Eugene KMTR-DT 9:30 am, Sun; KEVU 10:00 am, Sun
Oregon, Klamath Falls KMFD 9:30 am, Sun
Oregon, Medford KMFD 9:30 am, Sun
Oregon, Portland KPXG 6:00 am, Fri
Pennsylvania, Erie WBEP 9:30 am, Sun
Pennsylvania, Philadelphia WPPX 6:00 am, Fri
Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh WPCW 9:00 am, Sun
Pennsylvania, Wilkes Barre WQPX 6:00 am, Fri
Rhode Island, Providence WPXQ 6:00 am, Fri
South Carolina, Charleston WCBD-DT 9:30 am, Sun
South Carolina, Florence WWMB/WWMB-DT 9:30 am, Sun
South Carolina, Myrtle Beach WWMB/WWMB-DT 9:30 am, Sun
South Dakota, Mitchell KWSD 8:30 am, Sun
South Dakota, Rapid City KWBH-LP 10:30 am, Sun
South Dakota, Sioux Falls KWSD 8:30 am, Sun
Tennessee, Jackson WBJK 8:30 am, Sun
Tennessee, Knoxville WPXK 6:00 am, Fri
Tennessee, Memphis WPXX 5:00 am, Fri
Tennessee, Nashville WNPX 5:00 am, Fri
Texas, Abilene KTWS-DT 8:30 am, Sun
Texas, Amarillo KVII-DT/KVIH/KVIH-DT 8:30 am, Sun
Texas, Beaumont KFDM-DT 8:30 am, Sun
Texas, Brownsville KSFE-LP/KTIZ-LP 8:30 am, Sun
Texas, Corpus Christi KRIS-DT 8:30 am, Sun
Texas, Harlingen KSFE-LP/KTIZ-LP 8:30 am, Sun
Texas, Houston KPXB 5:00 am, Fri
Texas, Laredo KTXW 8:30 am, Sun
Texas, Longview KCEB 8:30 am, Sun
Texas, Lubbock KLCW 8:30 am, Sun
Texas, Midland KWWT 8:30 am, Sun; KMID 9:00 am, Sun
Texas, Odessa KWWT 8:30 am, Sun; KMID 9:00 am, Sun
Texas, Port Arthur KFDM 8:30 am, Sun
Texas, San Angelo KWSA 8:30 am, Sun
Texas, San Antonio KPXL 5:00 am, Fri
Texas, Sherman-Ada KTEN-DT 8:30 am, Sun
Texas, Sweetwater KTWS-DT 8:30 am, Sun
Texas, Tyler KCEB 8:30 am, Sun
Texas, Victoria KWVB 8:30 am, Sun
Texas, Weslaco KSFE-LP/KTIZ-LP 8:30 am, Sun
Texas, Wichita Falls KAUZ-DT 8:30 am, Sun

Utah, Salt Lake City KUPX 5:00 am, Fri
Vermont, Burlington WVNY 10:00 am, Sun
Virginia, Charlottesville WVIR-DT 9:30 am, Sun
Virginia, Harrisonburg WVIR-DT 9:30 am, Sun
Virginia, Norfolk WPXV 6:00 am, Fri
Virginia, Roanoke WPXR 6:00 am, Fri
Washington D.C. WDCW 8:00 am, Sun; WPXW 6:00 am, Fri
Washington, Kennewick KCWK 9:30 am, Sun
Washington, Richland KCWK 9:30 am, Sun
Washington, Seattle-Tacoma KWPX 6:00 am, Fri
Washington, Seattle-KVOS 8:30am, Sun
Washington, Spokane KGPX 6:00 am, Fri
Washington, Yakima-Pasco-Richland-Kennewick KCWK/KCWK-LP 9:30 am, Sun
West Virginia, Beckley KVVA-DT 9:30 am, Sun
West Virginia, Bluefield KVVA-DT 9:30 am, Sun
West Virginia, Charleston WLPX 6:00 am, Fri
West Virginia, Clarksburg WVFX-DT 9:30 am, Sun
West Virginia, Oak Hill KVVA-DT 9:30 am, Sun
West Virginia, Parkersburg WBPB 9:30 am, Sun
West Virginia, Weston WVFX-DT 9:30 am, Sun
West Virginia, Wheeling WBWO 9:30 am, Sun
Wisconsin, Eau Claire WQOW-DT/WXOW-DT 8:30 am, Sun
Wisconsin, La Crosse WQOW/WXOW 8:30 am, Sun
Wisconsin, Milwaukee WPXE 5:00 am, Fri
Wisconsin, Rhinelander WAOW/WYOW 8:30 am, Sun
Wisconsin, Wausau WAOW-DT/WYOW-DT 8:30 am, Sun
Wyoming, Casper 10:30 am, Sun
Wyoming, Cheyenne KCHW 10:30 am, Sun
Wyoming, Riverton 10:30 am, Sun

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Maritime Provinces CIHF 7:30 am, Sun
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Cuba WGN 8:00 am, Sun
Dominican Republic WGN 8:00 am, Sun
Haiti WGN 7:00 am, Sun
Jamaica WGN 9:00 am, Sun
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