

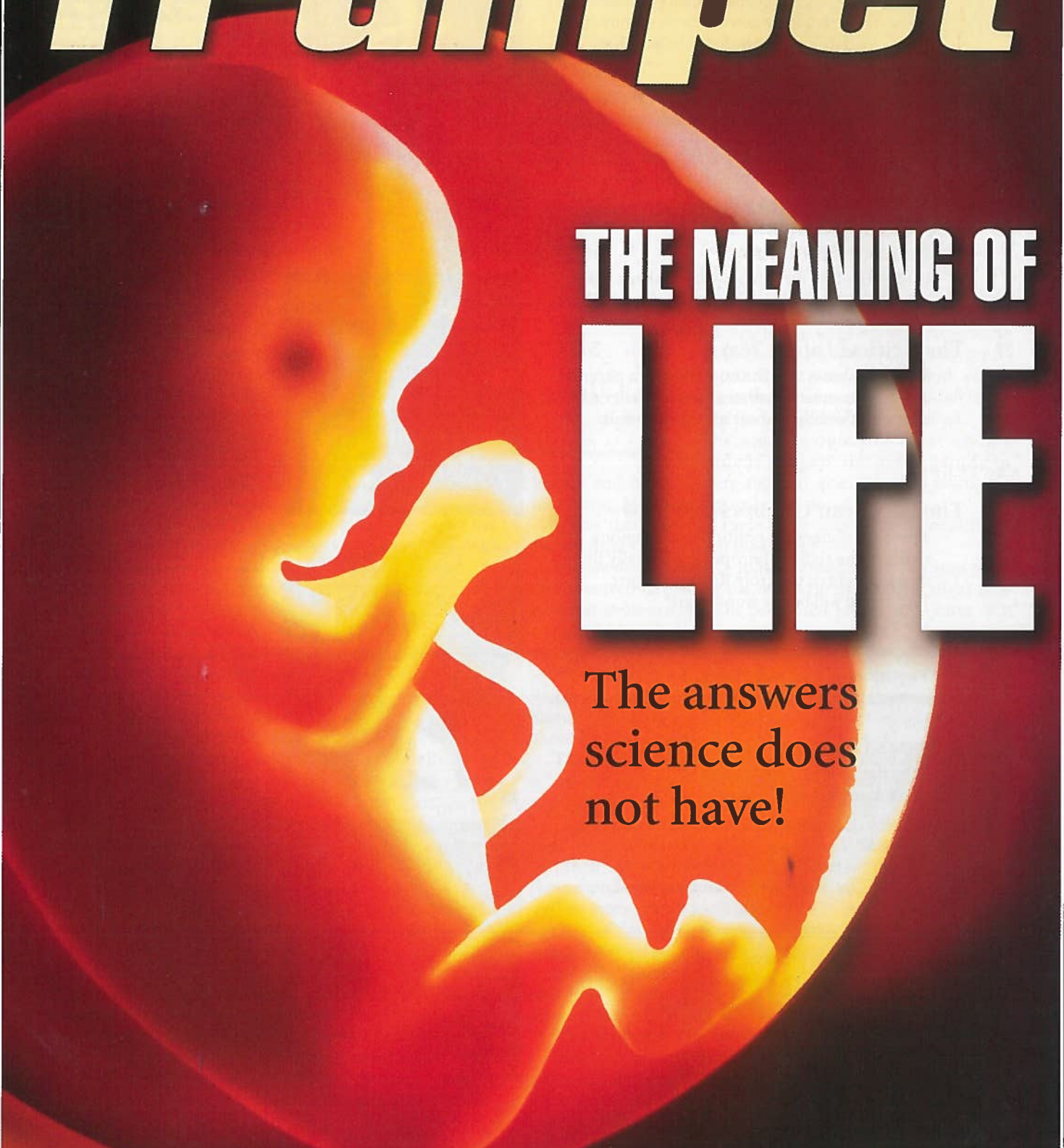
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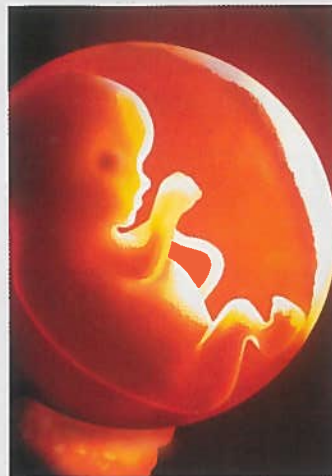
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The Shameful Lockerbie Trial

The Lockerbie trial began the last week of April. Here is what Alasdair Palmer wrote about it in the British *Sunday Telegraph*, April 30 (emphasis mine): “The pain, the relatives say, doesn’t diminish, because you don’t ever get used to the loss. **WHAT YOU BURN FOR IS JUSTICE: the knowledge that those who took the life of your child, your mother, your father or your spouse will be made to account for what they did, and to pay for it.**”

“Nearly 12 years after a bomb placed on PanAm flight 103 exploded over Lockerbie in Scotland, killing the 259 people on board [193 Americans] and 11 more in the village, the relatives seem poised to get the justice they ache for. That, at least, is what is stated by the British and American governments who arranged the trial of the two men they claim planted the bomb. That trial starts on Monday. Robin Cook, the foreign secretary, insists it will finally prove who was responsible for what is the **WORST TERRORIST OUTRAGE PERPETRATED AGAINST BRITISH AND AMERICAN CITIZENS—and punish them for it.**”

“Mr. Cook’s claim is bold and inspiring. Unfortunately, it is transparently false. It does not survive a moment’s scrutiny, as most of the relatives, even those who are most hopeful about the outcome of the trial, will tell you. This is not because the evidence against the two Libyans is weak. It is because the trial will not touch the man who was responsible for what they did: Libyan leader Colonel Muammar Gaddafi.

“Gaddafi was persuaded to hand over Abdel Basset al-Megrahi and Al-Amin Khalifa Fahima, the men alleged to have planted the bomb, only **ON THE CONDITION THAT THE TRIAL WAS STRICTLY LIMITED TO EXAMINING THEIR CULPABILITY, AND NO ONE ELSE’S.** The prosecution was not to examine or even to raise the issue of who ordered them to place the bomb. This deal included the lifting of the trade embargo with Libya. The embargo, Britain, America and the UN stressed, would not be reimposed, whatever the outcome. The whole issue of Libyan involvement in the bomb would be closed.

“Even by the standards of ‘ethical’ foreign policy, that was a ludicrous concession to have made. *It guarantees that the trial will be a charade.* If international law has any principles, the most basic is that the guilty man is not just he who pulls the trigger, but he who orders the trigger to be pulled.”

Britain and America insist on the trial as a show of strength. But all we are doing is parading our pathetic weakness before the world.

Almost every adult on this planet knows that the mass murderer is Colonel Muammar Gaddafi. So Britain and America advertise to the world that a terrorist leader can attack our peoples and go unpunished.

That is the real story of this trial! Mr. Gaddafi is not being held personally responsible for what he initiated and orchestrated.

So expect terrorism and violence to intensify against our peoples! This is the inevitable fruit of our shameful weakness.

Colonel Gaddafi committed a terrorist attack against an airplane with Americans on board while Ronald Reagan was president. Mr. Reagan struck back with an air attack in the area where Mr. Gaddafi lived. One of Gaddafi’s children was killed.

There was an outcry by many against President Reagan. But most people in Britain and America were stunned when hardly a word was heard from Mr. Gaddafi for about a decade!

Using that powerful force back then worked beautifully. But we didn’t really learn the lesson.

The evidence strongly indicates that Syria and Iran were also involved in placing the bomb on the PanAm flight 103. But that evidence can’t be presented at the trial either. We are afraid to offend these terrorist nations. They too are probably guilty of mass murder against our peoples.

We act like nothing happened and continue our childish game-playing. But what we are involved in is no game. It is about the survival of our nation. Any good history book should teach us that.

There can be no *justice* in this charade called a trial! We are a “superpower” too weak to administer justice for the victims and their families. We have the power but lack the will to use it.

Again, we need to learn from history. Great nations of the past collapsed because they lacked the *will* to fight and protect their rights in the world. They lacked the will to punish their enemies who abused them.

The worst news for a superpower is a broken will. We must have the *will* to face serious problems and fight for justice. Otherwise we are not a superpower.

God prophesied that He would break the pride of our power in this end time (Dan. 9:13-14; Lev. 26:19). Our national pride, or will, has been broken because of sin.

That is what the Lockerbie “trial” is really about.

Our big problem is not terrorist leaders who kill our citizens with impunity. The problem is sin against the Creator God. Our overwhelming problems will cease when we learn that lesson.

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called a trial!**

The European Union's



Fatal Flaw

There is a *dangerous* swing to the right in Europe—both politically and religiously. But what most people don't realize is that this is the natural growth and development of the Holy Roman Empire. This swing to the extreme right will be the worst ever. But it will lead directly to the best news this world has ever heard!

BY GERALD FLURRY

OVER THE PAST 1500 YEARS THERE have been six resurrections of the "Holy" Roman Empire. Most of the time this empire revolved around Germany and the Vatican, along with Italy.

During the Inquisition, 50 million people were killed by this church-state combine! Hitler and Mussolini (both

Catholics) resurrected the "Holy" Roman Empire. World War II also led to the deaths of about 50 million people.

That kind of aggression has been routine throughout the empire's history. Is it possible it could happen again, in these modern times?

It is time for people to wake up to what is happening in Europe!

America has nearly 60 million Roman Catholics, although they have never been a part of the Holy Roman Empire. Generally, the same can be said of Britain. And America and Britain will not be a part of the next resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire.

That empire is already on the world scene, though most people don't know it—not even most Europeans. Here is a statement European Parliamentarian Otto Von Hapsburg made: "The [European] Community is living largely by the heritage of the Holy Roman Empire, though the great majority of the people who live by it don't know by what heritage they live."

Vatican Moves Right

What is happening today inside the Vatican is disturbing to many, including a large number of Catholics.

As we informed our readers last month, the *Sunday Times* of Britain published a startling Vatican exposé in its March 12 issue. It quoted senior Vatican officials as saying that Pope John Paul II has lost control of the Vatican. They cited severe health problems, including loss of critical faculties. On condition of anonymity, these sources claimed that the Vatican power vacuum is being filled by hard-line right-wingers who "are manipulating the pope to the extent of putting statements into his mouth."

These senior officials are inside the Vatican! They spoke to the press about a subject which, to them, was extremely serious! Is this their way of crying out for help?

John Cornwell, a British Catholic who authored *Hitler's Pope*, says the Catholic Church "has now entered a period of acute and unprecedented danger."

These are statements made by Catholics—even top theologians inside the church.

Why do we hear so little about this in the media? Why aren't more people heeding what is being said and written about this fierce battle within the Vatican? Are we afraid to face disturbing facts? Or do we fail to comprehend how serious this problem really is?

Political Swing to the Right

The same deadly move to the right is happening politically.

Who in this world has not heard of Jörg Haider? He has made many statements that would have made Hitler

proud. (For example, he praised Hitler's employment policies and called the concentration camps "detention units.") And he got almost 30 percent of the popular vote in Austria!

It was so upsetting to the leaders of the European Union (EU) that they have removed Austria's political power within the 15-nation union.

These leaders have not forgotten that Adolf Hitler was an Austrian. He moved to Germany and rose to power within a few years.

But is Jörg Haider popular only in Austria? The *Spectator* of Britain, October 16, 1999, explained (emphasis mine throughout): "I venture a prediction: the forces that have brought Haider within reach of power in Vienna are also astir in Austria's giant neighbor, Germany. The German political establishment is scarcely more popular

with its voters than in Austria. But THE GERMAN FAR-RIGHT LACKS A CHARISMATIC LEADER. Already, Haider has begun to make trips to Bavaria to address meetings of like-minded Germans, who have given him an ecstatic reception. Haider would not be the calculating politician he is if the thought 'Today Vienna, tomorrow Berlin' had not entered that handsome head. An Anschluss in reverse? Stranger things have happened."

Helmut Kohl, the former chancellor, and his Christian Democratic Party have been plagued by scandal. This has caused many of their members to move more to the right. There are fears in Germany that many of these people will move to right-wing fringe parties.

The people's trust has been shaken. This causes them to move to a stronger leader, as they did during the 1930s.

Fritz Stern, a Columbia University historian, said, "I believe this is the worst crisis the Federal Republic [Germany] has known."

The roots of Germany's democracy are frighteningly shallow. An extreme right-wing party won 12 percent of the regional vote in eastern Germany during the 1998 elections. Other elections have had similar results, disturbing even to many Germans.

This problem will get a lot worse. Here is why. The Allies did virtually

nothing to denazify the Nazi beast after World War II. Alan Dershowitz, a Jewish lawyer, wrote in the *Rocky Mountain News*, September 14, 1992: "Why does the civilized world seem so shocked at the resurgence of Nazism in Germany? It would be surprising if bad economic times did *not* result in right-wing thugs scapegoating non-Aryans for their woes. After all, the people of Germany—ESPECIALLY THE YOUNG—HAVE NEVER BEEN TAUGHT ABOUT THE TRUE EVILS OF



NEWSMAKERS

NAZISM and the widespread complicity of the German people in Hitler's genocidal programs.

"At the end of the Second World War, there were some show trials at Nuremberg, at which a few handfuls of the surviving leaders were convicted.

"THE MESSAGE OF THOSE TRIALS WAS THAT THE BLAME FOR THE EXCESSES OF NAZISM WAS SPECIFICALLY

DIRECTED ONLY AT THE LEADERS. The followers—the tens of millions of Germans who avidly supported Hitler and the tens of thousands who actively implemented his genocidal programs—were let off the hook. Even some of the most complicitous—for example, the Krupps—were pardoned and eventually restored to positions of honor and wealth.

"GERMAN 'DENAZIFICATION' WAS LARGELY COSMETIC."

Even many of the Nazi leaders were left almost totally unpunished. They were not made to pay for their sins. As

The Catholic Church "has now entered a period of acute and unprecedented danger." *John Cornwell*

Mr. Dershowitz said, "a calculating potential Nazi would again choose to participate in the genocide on the basis of a simple cost-benefit analysis."

Considering how these Nazis were treated after the war, we should be shocked if Nazism *didn't* rise again!

Politics and Religion

Right-wing extremism is not just an Austrian or German phenomenon. Consider another London *Times* story, printed on April 18: "Italy's left-wing government was on a knife edge yesterday after Massimo D'Alema, the prime

minister, offered his resignation after a resounding defeat at the hands of the center right in regional elections....

"Signor D'Alema emerged from a 45-minute meeting with the president at the Quirinale Palace to say that although he was not obliged to step down, he had offered to do so WHEN THE SCALE OF THE RIGHT-WING SURGE IN THE REGIONAL VOTE BECAME CLEAR....

"The left said that the right-wing alliance (which also includes the post-Fascist Alleanza Nazionale led by Gianfranco Fini) was xenophobic, and ITS VIEWS WERE CLOSE TO THOSE OF JÖRG HAIDER'S FREEDOM PARTY IN AUSTRIA. The Berlusconi-Bossi joint program proposes tough sentences for immigrant smugglers, strict immigrant quotas and the use of gunboats to open fire on boats carrying illegal immigrants in Italian waters. It also rejects a multisocial society IN FAVOR OF A 'CHRISTIAN SOCIETY' based on 'the primacy of the nation' and 'traditional values' such as language and dress."

Notice, there is a SURGE to the right and to a "Christian society." That means Catholicism. That is a strong move toward resurrecting the Holy Roman Empire!

Does it seem odd that these neo-Nazi movements are also strong Catholic movements? Actually it is *not* strange if you understand the Holy Roman Empire. It has been that way in all of the previous six resurrections. As recently as World War II, the pope and Hitler worked closely together. The title of John Cornwell's book is revealing in itself, referring to Pope Pius XII as *Hitler's* pope. God says "you shall

know them by their fruits." The Vatican was the sole heavyweight in helping Nazi leaders escape after World War II in the infamous *ratlines*. Almost all of the worst Nazi criminals escaped with the Vatican's help. This is clearly documented in books like *The Unholy Trinity* by Mark Aarons and John Loftus (who is also a Catholic).

We have proven these facts repeatedly. And Herbert W. Armstrong warned for about 50 years of the terrible danger of the next Holy Roman Empire.

Britain and America are without excuse.

In March, Spanish Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar won a historic general election victory that gave Spain's right-wingers more power than they've had since the death of dictator General Francisco Franco in 1975.

Franco was Hitler's ally in the 1930s and during World War II! He started his rule in 1939 and it continued for 36 years.

Spain is facing a revival of violent right-wing gangs very similar to those in Germany.

After some anti-immigrant mob violence in Spain in February, the press began to spotlight the resurgence of xenophobia in that country. The *World Press Review* wrote in their May issue, "SPAIN IS IN SHOCK. POLITICAL LEADERS ARE ALARMED and immigrants dismayed, while the media either distort or mobilize against the intolerable. All are stunned by the eruption of hate against immigrants IN A COUNTRY WHERE THERE ARE SO FEW...."

"Even more serious was the way the FANATIC AGGRESSORS WERE LARGELY UNRESTRAINED BY POLICE FORCES—a matter the government must look into in a self-critical way...."

"What just happened in El Ejido and the suburbs of Almería RECALLS THE NAZI MILITIAS' FIRST ACTIONS AGAINST THE JEWS IN HITLER'S GERMANY. Men are hunted down in the streets; homes are torched or entered forcibly; stores are sacked...."

"SPAIN HAS TAKEN A LEAP A FEW CENTURIES BACKWARD. It had regressed to the time of Isabella the Catholic and her demented daughter, Juana the Mad, PERSECUTORS OF ANYONE WHO WAS NOT CATHOLIC—specifically, Jews and Moors. THOSE WERE THE DARK TIMES OF THE MIDDLE AGES AND THE INQUISITION."

The *Inquisition* was responsible for 50 million deaths! The Holy Roman Empire is back. After 36 years of General Franco, could Italy's democracy have deep roots?

Spain is solidly Catholic. It has been said by authorities on the subject that there are no Protestants in Spain because they were all killed! This is not a subject to take lightly!

The spirit of Hitler is rapidly reviving in Europe! But the media still doesn't see what is happening. Perhaps they refuse to see.

All it would take is a serious crisis to make that surge to the right intensify frighteningly. Look what a charismatic leader like Jörg Haider did in Austria.

Imagine such a leader over the powerful European Union, especially in a time of crisis.

Worse Than Austria

Hungary is another Catholic country with disturbing political results. After seeing the results in Austria, Hungarian voters pushed a right-winger as their leading presidential candidate. Joseph Torgyan is a fiery defender of Hungary's rights, though not as xenophobic as Mr. Haider. Still, his nomination set off alarm bells.

Mr. Torgyan subsequently rejected the nomination on April 29 with this telling statement: "My dropping out from active participation in politics...would endanger the right wing's staying in power after legislative elections in 2002."

He has a greater vision for the future.

Croatia, another predominantly Catholic country, is about to become an EU member. Their former president, Franjo Tudjman, died a few months ago. In his long political career, he wouldn't even admit that his country was wrong in being Hitler's strong ally in World War II!

Very few media outlets even recognize this upsurge in right-wing activity in Europe. Stratfor Intelligence is one of the few: "British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook, speaking about Austria in advance of a European Union (EU) accession meeting February 14, warned against the spread of nationalist sentiment in Europe...."

"Cook's statement, however, ignores the fact that CENTRAL EASTERN EURO-

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the Hungarian negotiating team to the EU, Peter Gottfried. However, despite the fact that the government officially condemned the Freedom Party's rise to power in Austria, public OPINION POLLS HAVE SHOWN MOST HUNGARIANS ARE BECOMING MORE SUPPORTIVE OF AUSTRIA'S NATIONALISTIC REBELLION and more critical of the EU. Despite Hungary's close historical, political and economic ties with Austria, the focus on Hungarian nationalism only came to the foreground after Austrian nationalism became news.

"A further irony of the European position on Austria is that AUSTRIA IS ONLY THE MOST VOCAL OF THE NATIONALISTS. NATIONALIST SENTIMENT, already simmering in many of the existing European

states, IS EXPECTED TO INTENSIFY. In this way, EUROPE IS TEETERING ON THE EDGE. One of the only ways for the union to counter this nationalist sentiment is to impose more federal types of constitutional reform. However, the paradox in that situation is clear, that is, moves toward federalization will only cause existing and potential members to react by becoming more nationalistic."

So we see that the problem is far deeper than Mr. Haider and Austria. "EUROPE IS TEETERING ON THE EDGE."

The European Union is fast becoming the Holy Roman Empire. It has almost arrived. But your Bible says it will be comprised of ten nations or kingdoms with ten strong leaders, under one supreme ruler.

As we will see, the Bible says Europe is about to fall into the hands of a "vile person" who will cause more destruction than any man ever has on Earth!



Francisco Franco

"Central Eastern European countries are already far more deeply nationalistic than Austria could ever be." *Stratfor*

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"In Hungary, in particular, 65 to 70 percent of Hungarians still support EU membership, according to the head of

Still, most people will refuse to face the truth until it is too late physically!

Many Europeans see it happening but don't really care! THAT IS THE SCARIEST PROBLEM OF ALL. That is a sure sign that it will grow much worse.

Agence France Presse penned this report on December 8, 1999: "RACIST ATTITUDES ARE GROWING IN EUROPE BUT FEWER AND FEWER EUROPEANS THINK IT

IS AN ISSUE WORTH WORRYING ABOUT, the European Union's racism watchdog group said Wednesday....

"Citing a 1997 survey that it deemed still relevant today, the Vienna-based center said one in three Europeans considered themselves as 'very racist' or 'quite racist'—an increase from an earlier large-scale poll in 1989."

The EU system has already been called a Trojan horse. Mr. Connolly says it is a "cloak for German ambitions."

As the Bible says, "a little leaven leavens the whole lump" (Gal. 5:9). Because the people are lukewarm, or unconcerned, they are infected by a deadly social disease rising in their midst.

They are the silent majority of right-wingers.

And even the most imaginative people could not envision the extent of the coming catastrophe! It is sure to end in disaster.

"A Vile Person"

Let's turn to the Bible to see where all this is leading. Antiochus Epiphanes came to the Jerusalem temple in 167 B.C. From the spring of 167 B.C. to the autumn of 164 B.C. it was a terror-filled time for Palestine—3½ years of tribulation.

It was only a *type*, however, of the end-time Great Tribulation, also to last 3½ years, to be inflicted on America, Britain and Palestine.

"Then shall stand up in his estate a raiser of taxes in the glory of the kingdom: but within few days he shall be destroyed, neither in anger, nor in battle. And in his estate shall stand up a *vile person*, to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries" (Dan. 11:20-21). The Companion Bible states that the historical portion ends with verse 20. Verse 21 "passes on to the time which is still (1912) future to us." And it is still future as we write in 2000.

So there will be a future Antiochus—a *vile person*. He will be a *type* of the original Antiochus. We need to see how this will happen.

The Spirit of Charlemagne

"In the year 782, Charlemagne, the king of the Franks, became THE MILITARY CHAMPION OF THE PAPACY, stepping into the vacuum created by the separa-

tion of Constantinople and Rome, and defending the papacy from the Lombards who kept threatening it. Pope Leo III crowned Charlemagne emperor in Notre Dame Cathedral in 800. The future of Europe was bound up in that event, and THE ALLIANCE BETWEEN THE PAPACY AND GERMANY HAS BEEN OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE EVER SINCE" (David

N. Samuel, *European Union and the Roman Catholic Influence in Britain*).

What is happening in the European superstate is a mystery to most of the world. But that mystery is beginning to be removed. Bernard Connolly wrote a bombshell book in 1995 titled *The Rotten Heart of Europe*. For years he served at the heart of the Exchange-Rate Mechanism for the EU. He headed the commission unit responsible for monitoring and servicing the system. He labels the European superstate as ROTTEN. Why?

He writes, "It is the battle for control of the European superstate, in which French technocrats confront German federalists, both sides claiming to fight under the BANNER OF CHARLEMAGNE. The 'collateral damage' from this battle lies mainly in the future, but IT COULD BE GHASTLY" (op. cit.).

Who will get control of this great superstate? The battle can be narrowed down to two nations—France and Germany. Do knowledgeable people really doubt who will win this battle? The nation which controls the money will reign supreme.

"Across the Rhine, successive German governments have, in their pursuit of a 'EUROPEAN' CLOAK FOR GERMAN AMBITIONS, been prepared to accept an apparent cession of national monetary authority—as long as the new European monetary looks, sounds, smells and acts exactly as the German monetary authority now does" (ibid.).

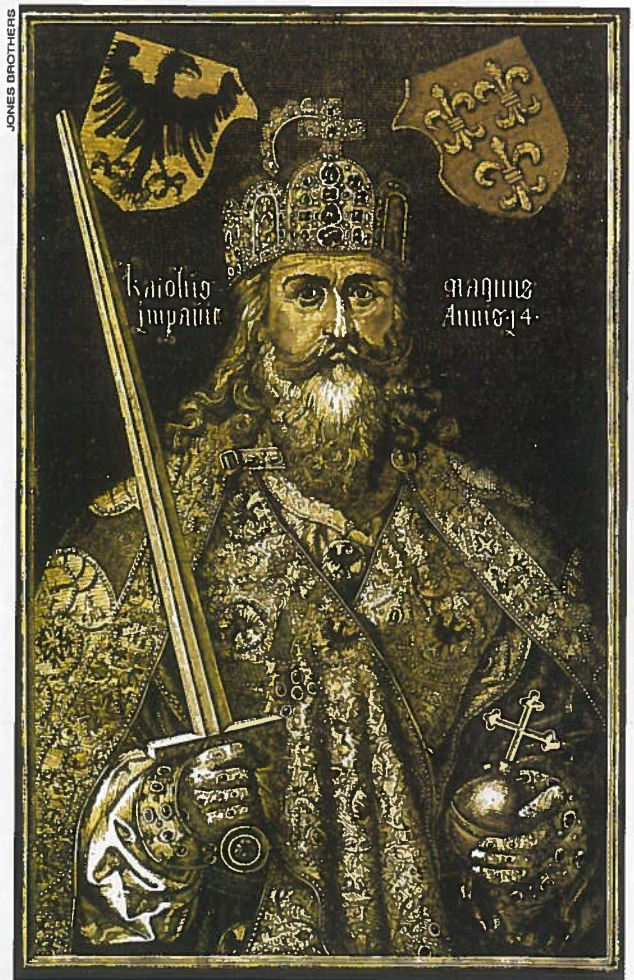
CHARLEMAGNE, crowned emperor in A.D. 800, forged a historic alliance between the papacy and Germany.

The European Union system has already been called a Trojan horse by a few informed analysts. Mr. Connolly says it is a "CLOAK FOR GERMAN AMBITIONS."

We are all well aware of Hitler's Third Reich. But did you realize that CHARLEMAGNE'S EMPIRE WAS THE FIRST REICH?

Most of the EU leaders are working to "recreate the empire of Charlemagne"—especially Germany. "It was no coincidence that the Belgian government housed the offices and meeting rooms of the EU Council of Ministers in the *Charlemagne building* in Brussels.

"It was no coincidence, either, that Giscard and Schmidt agreed to accept the Belgian compromise proposal at a bilateral summit in September 1978 at Aachen, *principal seat and burial place of Charlemagne*. The symbolism was heavily underlined in both France and Germany; the two leaders paid a special visit to the throne of Charlemagne and a special service was held in the cathedral; at the end of the summit, Giscard remarked that: 'Perhaps when we discussed monetary problems, the



spirit of Charlemagne brooded over us” (ibid., p. 17).

The spirit of Charlemagne has returned. This king who ruled the First Reich had to wade through a SEA OF BLOOD to achieve his goal of ruling Europe and establishing Catholicism as the state religion!

Get ready for another sea of blood!

The big question remains unanswered. “In the new empire of Charlemagne, WHO WOULD PLAY CHARLEMAGNE? Exactly the same question was implicit, and left unanswered, at Maastricht” (ibid.).

Soon the world will know who the modern Charlemagne (or Antiochus) is to be. You can be sure he will have Ger-

The Hebrew word for “vile” also means despicable and contemptible. *Gesenius Hebrew and Chaldee Lexicon* defines the word as meaning “to trample with the feet.” That is his attitude toward anybody who opposes him.

Another Hitler?

Satan, the god of this world (II Cor. 4:4), was the power behind Hitler.

This vile, despicable and contemptible person will come into power much like Hitler did. Hitler was an army corporal during World War II. He had no royal or dignified background. But he won more and more influence with the people and brutally pushed himself into office.

The last resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire will burst on the world scene suddenly—“without warning.”

many’s stamp of approval. His actions will shock the world far more than the original Charlemagne’s. He will lead the world into the greatest “sea of blood” that humanity has ever seen or even dreamed about! Whether we realize it or not, the Fourth Reich has arrived.

Daniel 8 doesn’t tell us the name of the next Charlemagne. But it does tell us the kind of man he is going to be. And it is the worst news this world has ever received!

However, it leads directly to the greatest event ever to occur in the universe—the return of Jesus Christ!

The German leaders today have a hidden agenda, but even they will be shocked at the leader who will get control of the European Union.

Mr. Connolly asked, “Who is going to be Charlemagne?”

He said the outcome could be “ghastly.” Actually, it will go beyond “ghastly”—not only for Europe, but for the whole world!

The Bible labels this Charlemagne as “a vile person.”

Otto Von Hapsburg also said, “We possess a European symbol which belongs to all nations of Europe equally; this is the crown of the Holy Roman Empire, which embodies the tradition of Charlemagne.”

Daniel says Europe’s leaders will “not give the honour of the kingdom” to the vile person. He is so despicable, the royalty of the Holy Roman Empire today will fight against his coming to power. Still, he will gain control of the EU.

This vile person “obtain[s] the kingdom by flatteries.” He flatters his way into office when he can. He also takes advantage of the European people as they move to the extreme right, politically.

Hitler was undoubtedly possessed by the devil. Those who knew him said he had three personalities. He was charming, at times in a trance and often in a rage! (You may find a detailed explanation in our free booklet *The History and Prophecy of Germany*.)

Like Hitler, this end-time vile person *could* come from Austria. But the power behind him will be the devil, and Germany will be his main tool.

This evil man will come in “peaceably”—or *unexpectedly*.

The Revised Standard Version says in verses 21 and 24 that he will come in “without warning.”

If the EU were to be left in the hands of the present politicians, Europe would probably remain stable. But they are going to lose control to the political “beast.”

According to Revelation 13, there will also be a *religious* beast who is a vile person. He will probably come on the scene in a similar manner.

Both beasts—political and religious—are empowered by the devil, and have “one mind.”

The religious beast will look like a “lamb” (Rev. 13:11)—it will appear harmless.

The last resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire will burst on the world

scene suddenly, “without warning.” We are the only people who warn the world with God’s message! We must warn Europe that a VILE PERSON IS GOING TO HI-JACK THE POWERFUL EUROPEAN UNION!

He is a person unworthy of dignity or royalty. Get ready, it’s coming fast.

THIS IS THE TERRIBLE AND FATAL FLAW OF THE EUROPEAN UNION. This awesome world power will fall into the hands of a wicked, contemptible person—a master deceiver.

Unless the world heeds our words, they will be shocked as never before!

“He shall enter peaceably even upon the fattest places of the province; and he shall do that which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers’ fathers; he shall scatter among them the prey, and spoil, and riches: yea, and he shall FORECAST his devices against the strong holds, even for a time. And he shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south with a great army; and the king of the south shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army; but he shall not stand: for they shall FORECAST devices against him” (Dan. 11:24-25). Notice the word “forecast.” The *New Englishman’s Hebrew Concordance* states that it means the *future*. So this man will have *forecasting* ability—a limited prophetic power. Through this man, Satan, who knows Bible prophecy, will forecast his plots.

“And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done. Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all” (vv. 36-37). He will magnify himself above every god of this world and of the true God. That means Satan the devil will possess this man! That is why he is so vile.

Ever since Lucifer rebelled and became Satan, he has spent all his time speaking AGAINST the true God.

“Not By His Own Power”

Daniel also wrote about this man in chapter 8. “And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up” (Dan. 8:23).

This all happens in “the latter time”—that means today—now! This

The Image of Daniel 2



Chaldean Empire
Nebuchadnezzar
625-538 B.C.

Medo-Persian Empire
539-330 B.C.

Greco-Macedonian Empire
Alexander the Great
334-323 B.C.

Roman Empire
30 B.C. - A.D. 476

Ten horns of Daniel 7:8
(or ten toes, representing
ten governments) con-
tinue from A.D. 476 until
Christ returns to establish
His government.

Final resurrection of the
Holy Roman Empire

Western Capital: Rome

Eastern Capital:
Constantinople

5 nations in the West

5 nations in the East

vile man becomes “a king” of fierce countenance, understanding “dark sentences.” What does this mean?

“And his power shall be mighty, but NOT BY HIS OWN POWER: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people” (v. 24). This is all done “not by his own power.” He is empowered by the devil! He is consumed with Satan’s thoughts —“dark sentences.” He destroys wonderfully, or mightily, with nuclear weapons. No suffering has ever been so bad (Dan. 12:1).

“And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many; he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand” (Dan 8:25). The New English Bible reads, “he shall conjure up great plans and, when they least expect it, work havoc on many.” Millions—perhaps billions—will be inflicted with his wrath.

He is a master of disguise—coming in what appears to be peace. Those who believe him—friends and enemies—often become victims.

Lange’s Commentary adds that he destroys “with suddenness by a malignant purpose.”

But look at the gloriously good news. This very king and his evil system will be destroyed by Christ! Then the
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world will have an all-powerful leader who is LOVE. And He will rule forever.

World Marvels at Beast

“And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast” (Rev. 13:3). All the world marvels at the beast. “And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying,

Jesus Christ is going to return “in the days of these kings” who rule over the European Union!

Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?” (v. 4). Again we see that THE DEVIL IS THE POWER BEHIND THIS EMPIRE. The only way to survive—spiritually or physically—is through God’s power!

This time period, which the Bible calls the Great Tribulation, will last for 3½ years (v. 5). “And it was given unto him to make war with *the saints*, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations” (v. 7). Even God’s own luke-warm church will be a victim.

Is this serious? Do you see the need to be a *doer* of God’s word? You must act now, while there is time!

“And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon” (v. 11). Here is the religious beast that looks like a lamb. But he speaks like a *dragon*—because the devil empowers him also! That is why the religious leader will also be vile and despicable.

God is about to punish America, Britain and Palestine for their sins unless they repent. He is raising up this beast to correct His rebellious people. He will get our attention!

“The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is” (Rev. 17:8). This beast power is mostly *underground* at present. In the Greek language that is what “the bottomless pit” means.

That is why “they that dwell on the earth shall *wonder*.” *Marvel* would be a

better translation for the word *wonder*. It means this beast power was underground until it suddenly burst on the scene, then the whole world was astonished, amazed and shocked. *Suddenly* a real world power was acting like a new superpower!

“And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have ONE MIND, and shall

give their power and strength unto the beast” (vv. 12-13). The ten horns are the same as the ten toes in Daniel 2 and 7. They receive their kingdoms for a very short time—3½ years.

THESE TEN NATIONS HAVE “ONE MIND”—THE OPPOSITE OF A DEMOCRACY! That is where the EU is headed!

These ten kings may be literal kings. If not, they are going to act like kings, with real authority. That is what the massive shift from democracy is about in the European Union. That is why there has been such a rise in right-wing activity. It is fulfilling the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation.

There is a fierce political battle in Britain now over this very issue. Many people in Britain see that the EU is dominated by Germany in a very UN-DEMOCRATIC way.

And remember, this political “beast” is labeled that way by God. The man ruling it will be like an emperor over the ten kings—and will act like a wild beast! This could not happen in a democracy.

This role of emperor is the *fatal flaw* in the European Union. The vile person will become the emperor and lead Europe in its most destructive path ever.

He will even lead Europe in an attack against Russia and China, a move which will begin his downfall.

Still, there will be several armies from both sides which remain and will fight Christ at His return. Christ will then destroy these armies and rule the Earth.

So in the end, the bad news becomes the best news ever—the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

The Best News Ever

The famous prophecy in Daniel 2 gives us the time frame of this glorious event. The image of the statue in Neb-

uchadnezzar’s dream represented a succession of world-ruling empires down through history (Dan. 2:31-45).

“And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all these: and as iron that breaketh all things, shall it break in pieces and bruise. And whereas thou sawest the feet and TOES, part of potters’ clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided...” (vv. 40-41). This is referring to the final resurrection of the “Holy” Roman Empire; the ten toes represent the ten kings of that empire.

But notice what happens next. “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, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever” (v. 44).

We are in the time of the *toes* of Daniel’s image! These “toes” are now on the world scene and becoming more and more aggressive. And what comes after the toes? “IN THE DAYS OF THESE KINGS” gives us a *time* element. Jesus Christ will return “in the days of these kings” who rule over the European Union! Christ is going to smash the toes—the European Union, or “Holy” Roman Empire. That will be the end of the Daniel 2 image forever!

Christ must return at this time or there would be no flesh saved alive! (Matt. 24:21-22). I repeat, He *must* return!

Then the saints will be coronated to rule with Christ as His bride (Dan. 7:13-18). What a mind-staggering, wondrous reward God gives to those who do His work today. There will be only one bride of Christ for all eternity! What a magnificent future we have. And it’s almost here! ♦

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Fascism Revives!

Since World War II, we have seen the emergence of neo-fascist, right-wing extremist and radical nationalist movements. Twenty years ago such groups were marginal. Today some of them can be no longer dismissed as having no influence on national and international politics.

BY RON FRASER • *the first of two parts*

SINCE WORLD WAR II, THERE HAS been a fascist fringe which has caused bouts of alarm by committing occasional atrocities or collecting some unexpected factional political support. In Europe, the attempt to create a radical Third Way, an alternative to classic capitalism and socialism, has caused numerous commentators to question whether or not these "Third Way" protagonists are but a reinvention of the old Fascisti in smart Armani suits.

Fascist History

The first truly fascist movement was that of renegade Italian socialist journalist Benito Mussolini. Even Adolf Hitler acknowledged his debt to Mussolini, paying respect to him as a mentor of National Socialist thought.

In its original form, as created by Mussolini, fascism was a movement which sought to impose a system of extreme right-wing, authoritarian principles on a country. It essen-

tially had its roots in dissatisfaction with the present order of things and a desire to return to a type of "Middle Ages" past. It was styled by an hysterically nationalistic and xenophobic philosophy, passionately anti-democratic, "dreaming of blood and soil and a return to the values which modernity was disrupting" (Eric Hobsbawm, *Age of Extremes*).

In truth there was no fascist revolution. Fascism rose to prominence between World Wars I and II by the connivance of the old regimes in Europe, yet paradoxically as a reaction to "*l'ancien regime*." In essence it was a reaction to the "Age of Enlightenment" of the 18th century, when individualism and reason began to triumph over tradition. Hence, although fascism's political tactics were born in dark rooms and back

alleys of the cities of its spawning, the elite traditionalists, businessmen and the church of the ruling European classes supported the cause of the fascists in an arrangement of convenience to maintain their

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political power.

It was Edward Grey, then foreign secretary of Great Britain, who declared as he watched the lights at Whitehall on that fateful night when Britain and Germany went to war in 1914, "The lamps are going out all over Europe." He saw the Great War as the end of an age. Yet though it proved not to be the end of the world, World War I was a major turning point in man's history. Most of the old royal houses of Europe, during and following that war, either collapsed one by one or went into exile. The political liberalism, which had arisen in the 19th century, went into full retreat between the two world wars. Whereas there existed around 35 constitutionally elected governments on the globe in 1920, by 1938 this number had fallen to 17. At the close of World War II it had further shrunk to around 12 out of a total of 64 states extant at that time.

For baby-boomers, a generation not strong on history, it may come as a surprise to learn that the threat to liberal institutions between the wars had not come from communism. It had, in fact, emanated from the extreme right. To the end of the Second World War, "totalitarianism," originally coined as a self-description of Mussolini's brand of Italian fascism, was the term applied to such right-wing regimes.

Extent of the Movement

Although it may be hard for current generation journalists, commentators and analysts to appreciate, in the 1930s fascism looked very much like the "wave of the future." Most of the royal dictators of Eastern Europe, the rising dictators of Italy, Germany and Spain at that time, together with their military officers and bureaucrats, copied Benito Mussolini's fascist philosophy. Not the least in this fascist wave were the most catholicized countries of Europe.

The *Fascisti* of Italy and *Nazis* of Germany had their copyists in the form of the Hungarian *Arrow Cross*, the Romanian *Iron Guard*, Croatian *Ustashi*, the Belgian *Rex*, the Finnish *Lapua*, in the regimes of Portugal's Oliveira Salazar, of Generalissimo Franco in Spain and of Slovakia's Monsignor Tiso.

The adoption of fascism by certain Latin American countries actually led to U.S. fears of Nazi encirclement from the south during World War II. Colombia's Jorge Eliezer Gaitan, Argentina's Juan Peron and Brazil's Getulio Vargas all adopted fascism.

The primary outcome, apart from the modeling of their military on the German system, sometimes trained by German or even Nazi personnel, was the deification of populist leaders having a reputation for action.

Weak on reason and clear thinking, these fascist movements relied primarily on instinct, political will and strong-arm tactics. Although they varied in their methods of gaining their desired goal of achieving and maintaining power, the major difference between the fascist extreme right and the non-fascist right wing factions in politics at the time was that fascism acquired its driving force by mobilizing the masses from below.

"Fascism gloried in the mobilization of masses, and maintained it symbolically in the form of public theater—the Nuremberg rallies, the masses on the Piazza Venezia looking up to Mussolini's gestures on his balcony.... Fascists were the revolutionaries of counter-revolution: in their rhetoric, in their appeal to those who considered themselves victims of society, in their call for a total transformation of society" (ibid., p. 117).

The fascists had no real tradition, so they invented their own. For instance, Hitler's glorying in a "master race" did not have its roots in the purity of German or "Aryan" blood. The Germans are a hybrid nation, as any decent anthropologist knows. The Führer's desire to breed a super-race came from a wacky hodgepodge of ideas, incorporating bits of Darwin's theory of natural selection and gems gained from associating with the emerging science of applied genetics (*eugenics*). Though the weakness of intellectual argument and lack of deeply considered, legitimate research in the ranks of the fascists did not support true social and economic progress, fascism had no problem with combining crazy, lunatic fringe beliefs with technological progress in practical matters. In fact, fascism gave us modern-day "proof that men can, without difficulty, combine crack-brained beliefs about the world with a confident mastery of contemporary high technology" (ibid., p. 118).

The Church

After the first Vatican council of 1870, it could be said that the Catholic Church was naturally opposed in doctrine to fascism. Yet there was strong congruence between the style of "cor-

porate state" and Catholic social dogma as adopted in Catholic countries and the elaboration of the same in the name of fascism in Italy, in particular, where fascism had its genesis. The common link that Catholicism found with fascism was a joint hatred of the Enlightenment of the 18th century. The Enlightenment had exposed some of the more pagan and "Earth is flat" type of errant teachings of Catholicism for the untruths that they were.

"What linked the Church not only with old-fashioned reactionaries but with fascists, was a common hatred for the 18th century Enlightenment, the French Revolution and all that in the Church's opinion derived from it....

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The fascist era marked a turning point in Catholic history largely because the church's identification with a right whose major international standard-bearers now were Hitler and Mussolini created substantial moral problems for socially minded Catholics" (op. cit., pp. 114-115).

We can now look back and observe the undeniable facts surrounding the ambiguity of the Vatican's attitude toward Hitler's racism. We now have reams of documentation showing that the Catholic Church was in receipt of Nazi plundered gold. We have the documented proof from Western intelligence archives, and personal testimony of many involved, that fugitive Nazis—many guilty of horrific war crimes—were given safe passage via Vatican links to Latin America, Australia, Canada and other countries, including the Arabic Middle East and Africa. We have documented this connection in past issues of the *Trumpet*, in particular referring to Mark Aarons' and John Loftus' detailed exposé in *The Unholy Trinity*.

"Once in power, the fascist states were eager not to jeopardize their relations with the church. On the other hand, the clergy played a crucial role in fascist or pro-fascist regimes and movements" (Walter Laqueur, *Fascism, Past, Present, Future*, p. 148).

The Vatican was not alone in its clerical acquiescence to fascist regimes, in particular the Nazis in Germany. Author Daniel Goldhagen is scathing in his indictment of both Protestants

and Catholics: "The moral bankruptcy of the German churches, Protestant and Catholic alike, regarding Jews was so extensive and abject.... During Weimar, 70 to 80 percent of Protestant pastors had allied themselves with the anti-Semitic German National People's Party, and their anti-Semitism had permeated the Protestant press even before the Nazis were voted into power" (*Hitler's Willing Executioners*, p. 107).

But it was the Vatican that was to figure very powerfully in spiriting away large numbers of Nazis guilty of war crimes and bankrolling them to safe havens around the world. The ambiguous approach of the Vatican to the Nazi Holocaust, which slaughtered

Jews under the nose of Rome, must be seen in the glaring light of their concerted, consistent and unyielding efforts to successfully lobby President Truman to cease the execution of the Nazi perpetrators of mass murder. The fact that so few, of the many who directed and oversaw the murderous actions perpetrated in the name of fascism (particularly in its extremist form, Nazism), were brought to account is an underlying reason why the Fascisti were able to perpetuate their work underground.

Now, 55 years later, they and their sons are again extant, in clothes of a different hue and cut, strutting the stage of Europe.

Face Facts

We have no axe to grind. We simply believe that, through the pages of this magazine, we have an obligation, a God-given duty, to expose the truth. What is rising in Europe today is simply the revival of that which went underground at the close of World War II.

The reality is that volumes have been written exposing the dangers of what is happening in Europe since T.H. Tetens authored his bestseller *The New Germany and the Old Nazis* 40 years ago. A plethora of books now exists, exposing the collusion between Allied authorities and the post-war German administration in reinstating the former Nazi administration during the early years after the war under the guise of a new "democratic" Germany.

The compromising efforts of the Allies to placate their "democratized" German foe in the decade following the war are about to haunt those who were the victors in history's two greatest wars. *Why is there so little concerned response from the old U.S. and British allies at this specter of fascism rising before their eyes?*

Ralph Giordano, television journalist and author, writing in 1993 on the spate of neo-Nazi hate crimes against foreigners which swept Germany in the last decade, mused on what he calls Germany's "second guilt" as the reason for the revival of old fascist sympathies in today's Germany.

"A specter is haunting united Germany...the specter of a brown resurrection! This time, unlike its appearance in the mid-'60s, it is no temporary phenomenon, but is today deeply rooted in the society, and tomorrow will have established itself in the parliamentary structure at both the federal and provincial level.... There is a much more direct historical and political connection between the present activity of these mobile squads of German right-wing vandals and our failures of the past.... Only now are the seeds of her second guilt bearing bloodied fruit, that of the repression and denial of Hitler after 1945" (*The Future of German Democracy*, p. 75; emphasis mine).

Giordano goes on to expose one of the historical connections between the sleaziest aspects of the Allies' approach to post-war Germany reconstruction and the rise of fascist tendencies in that country today. "With only a few exceptions these perpetrators not only were let off in the end unpunished, but they were also allowed to continue their careers with impunity.... Well into the 1970s the elite of finance, industry and government was almost identical to that under Hitler" (ibid.).

German Politics

For over 30 years, post-war Germany was stabilized by the dominance of a single political party, the Christian Democratic Union (CDU). But scandal has rocked the CDU since its defeat by Chancellor Schröder's Social Democrats in coalition with the Greens. The previous chancellor, Helmut Kohl, once the seeming behemoth of German politics, is disgraced and now sacrificed by his own party to the wolves.

These scandals have destabilized the whole nation politically. However, poli-

tics in Germany has always been underpinned by the industrial and financial oligarchies of the Rhine and the Ruhr and by the powerful Catholic Church. It is the party behind which this influential combine swings its support that will dominate politics in Germany.

It is this conglomerate of corporate and clerical Germany which cemented an arrangement of convenience with the fascists in 1930s Germany. It has simply come through the dust and ashes of defeat in World War II, retaining all its privileges, to regenerate Germany as the powerhouse driving the European Union.

United since the fall of the Berlin Wall, its national capital once again Berlin, sitting astride the crossroads of east and west Europe, it is the politics of Germany which powerfully influence politics in all Europe. Just as the embracing of fascism by Hitler's government spread to become the dominant form of governance in Europe prior to World War II, what emerges from the present-day political melee in Germany will spread to influence its EU partners in their political persuasion.

The point is that this will be ultimately due to the aiding and abetting of the Allies, particularly the U.S., in simply reinstating the old Nazis after the war back into their previous government, judicial, military, bureaucratic and professional posts.

"Almost the entire National Socialist bureaucratic structure was incorporated into the democratic administrations; unforgotten is the number of Hitler's diplomats, his one-time economic minister for defense and his director of

the military, who were allowed to proceed with their careers from promotion to promotion; unforgotten above all is that not one of the [Nazi] killing judges or attorneys ever has been convicted by a federal court, an indelible blemish on the Second German Democracy" (ibid., p. 76).

Add to this the recruitment of many of Hitler's scientists by the Allies, ostensibly so they would not be hired by the old Soviet Union, plus the fact of a substantial number of Nazi and SS intelligence officers co-opted into service by the Central Intelligence Agency, and Ralph Giordano's thesis is easily proven—that the resurgence of *neo-Nazism* and *fascism*, the move to the right in Germany, is but an emerging outcome of the failure of the Allies and the Second German Democracy to deal with and bury its horrific past! The problem is now exacerbated by a baby-boomer chancellor who wants the world to forget Germany's past altogether!

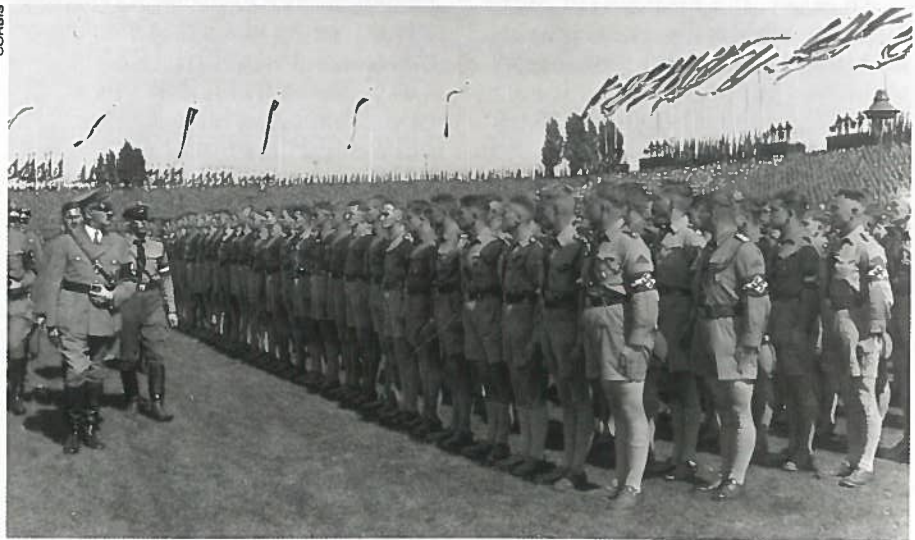
Hero and Scapegoat

One of the tendencies of revisionist historians who seek to minimize the viciousness and full extent of Nazi crimes is to imply that the general population of wartime Germany was oblivious to and innocent of that nation's great war crimes. Yet, again, this idea flies in the face of historic reality.

"The rank and file of the SS were filled with middle-class businessmen, students, teachers, ex-officers, police and civil service officials. A large number of enthusiastic Hitler Youths volunteered for the SS, eager to serve the Führer

EAGER TO SERVE

Hitler Youths stand before the Führer



and the glorious future of the Fatherland. There were misguided idealists, sadists, convicted criminals and normal small-town burghers. The bulk was made up of the riffraff recruited from every corner of Germany and Europe" (T.H. Tetens, *The New Germany and the Old Nazis*, pp. 98-99).

Thirty-five years after Tetens wrote this, Daniel Goldhagen authored his masterful exposé of the average German behind Hitler's massive executions of Jews and minorities in the Holocaust. In *Hitler's Willing Executioners*, Goldhagen proves through devastating, scholarly and meticulous research, much of it obtained from the killers themselves, that those who perpetrated these heinous acts were perfectly ordinary Germans from all walks of life. Published in 1996, Goldhagen's volume draws on hard evidence proving that the spiritual connection that largely allowed these unconscionable acts by average German citizenry was underpinned by a dominant and powerful Catholic Church which ground out its own anti-Jew propaganda at the time.

"Before and during the Nazi period, Catholic publications, whether written for the laity, clerics or theologians, disseminated the contemporary anti-Semitic litany in ways that were often indistinguishable from the Nazis', and justified the desire to eliminate the Jewish 'alien bodies' (*Fremdkörper*) from Germany. Taking action against the Jews, according to the body of these publications, was 'justifiable self-defense to prevent the harmful characteristics and influences of the Jewish race'" (*Hitler's Willing Executioners*, p. 109).

To many, the massive sin of the Holocaust is laid at the feet of Hitler and his henchmen, thus absolving the guilt of the average German citizen. It seems that Hitler is either hero to the 20 percent of the German population which subscribes to neo-Nazism and fascist tendencies, or scapegoat to the average German of today who either had no direct contact with the events surrounding World War II or wants to absolve himself of guilt if he did in fact carry out his Führer's murderous orders. ♦

Next month we will explore in greater detail how current popular and political trends in Europe show a resurrection of the same spirit that fueled the fascism of the 20th century.



SHAKY AGREEMENT The Deutsche Börse chief executive (left) and London Stock Exchange chairman agreed, in May, to join forces.

Europe's One-Stop Stock Shop

Why the London and Frankfurt stock markets want to merge

BY GARETH FRASER

IS LONDON ON THE BRINK OF SURRENDER? Unthinkable a decade ago, the London Stock Exchange (LSE) and its Frankfurt counterpart (Deutsche Börse) have announced plans to merge in the creation of a central European trading center.

Europe's one-stop stock shop will be based in London and adopt the Frankfurt Stock Exchange's Xetra electronic trading platform. The new exchange will be known as iX (International Exchanges). Dresdner Bank places the value of the merger, which will be officially completed by 2001, at 2.3 billion euros (US\$2.1 billion).

The Anglo-German union includes a joint venture agreement with Nasdaq Europe Ltd., the European subsidiary of the technology-heavy U.S. Nasdaq market, to create a European market for high-growth stocks.

Under the new plan, executives in London would oversee trading of blue-chip companies, while a team in Frankfurt would control the fastest growing sector of the market: high-tech stocks.

Waving the White Flag

The London-Frankfurt agreement is contingent upon approval by British and German stockholders, which both sides see as a formality.

By a factor of two the LSE is Europe's largest exchange in terms of the value of shares listed. Deutsche Börse, however, turns over more than twice as much profit as the LSE.

The merger of these two exchanges will serve to strengthen Frankfurt's dominant role in European finance.

Despite the deal's clear appearance of London waving the white flag of surrender, the official line from the British government and its financial district is that the merger poses no threat to London's long tenure as Europe's financial king of the hill.

The London-Frankfurt merger comes hot on the heels of the French "Euronext" plan to merge with the Dutch and Belgians. Just days after the iX announcement, both the Milan and Madrid exchanges signed a letter of intent to join the London-Frankfurt giant,

placing intense pressure on France, Netherlands and Belgium to abandon Euronext and join iX.

Such additional mergers would amount to the European Monetary Union's leading group of nations merging their stock exchanges with that of the one EU member nation most resistant to monetary union—Britain. This does not bode well for the survival of London's historic dominance of global share trading.

Over the years, the nature of Europe's exchanges has changed. They are no longer physical meeting places; traders have elected to make their deals on the phone or at their computer terminals. Now the exchanges' main role is to operate computing systems that supply current prices and other vital data to their worldwide traders.

Otto Naegeli, top executive at Eurex, a Swiss-German exchange, says that "it simply doesn't matter where the computers are located" (*Wall Street Journal*, May 3).

This explains why Germany (the real winner in this deal) was happy to allow London to be the iX base of operations—FOR NOW. Germany's Frankfurt exchange simply holds the whip-hand in the deal by controlling the German-developed electronic trading platform adopted by London as a condition of the merger.

The Coming Crisis

Britain is currently staying out of Europe's new common currency. What does the exchange merger mean for the future of Britain's beloved pound?

The outgoing chief executive of the LSE, Gavin Casey, told BBC News that it would make sense for all companies listed on the iX bourse to list in euros in the future. Smaller investors in the UK will inevitably face a currency cost if they choose to keep their holdings in pound sterling. As UK shareholders gain a clearer picture of the direction of the iX, this will no doubt lead to increased tensions within Britain over the future of the pound versus the euro.

Under the noses of average Britons, their present administration has taken great liberties in its relationship with Europe. As a sleepy Britain wakes up and realizes it is being gobbled up by its German-dominated European neighbor, watch for the future of the pound and British sovereignty to become main topics of conversation. There may follow a confrontation with

the EU bureaucracy, leading to an ouster or withdrawal by Britain from the EU. If this happens, Britain may be forced to look across the Atlantic to its old North American allies for economic survival.

With Britain accounting for two thirds of total European investment in the U.S., the call for hitching the British economy to NAFTA, rather than the EU, would appear to offer significant economic and political benefits to both the U.S. and Britain. Noting that the bookkeeping suggests the UK would be better off leaving the EU, additional support has come from U.S. Senator Phil Gramm. With a background in economics, this Texas Republican and one-time presidential hopeful has taken steps to have the United States International Trade Commission study the impact British membership would have on America. "He supports the widening of NAFTA to include Britain, and his spokesman said: 'Since he became chairman of the banking committee six months ago he's gained more power and influence in the Senate, and it gives him the opportunity to turn this hobby horse into a real pony'" (*Daily Telegraph*, July 5, 1999).

Senator Gramm and many other U.S. and Canadian business leaders believe that all spheres of commerce would benefit from British integration into NAFTA. However, Britain could not join without ending its current relationship with the EU.

Now the United States is feeling the heat from Europe's mega-mergers and acquisitions. Senator Gramm recently warned U.S. financial institutions of the dominance of Germany. "This is a market that we invented, that we dominated, and because of over-regulation by government, because of slowness to adopt new technology, we now have the German market larger and growing faster than our markets," he said (APTN, April 13).

Speaking of the growing popularity of the Frankfurt exchange, U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan pointed to the uncertain future of the New York Stock Exchange's global hegemony. "If it fails to respond to technological change, one centralized trading venue, even the New York Stock Exchange, can be displaced by another, as other trading systems take advantage of newer technology to offer greater efficiency or to provide

new functions investors value more highly" (ibid).

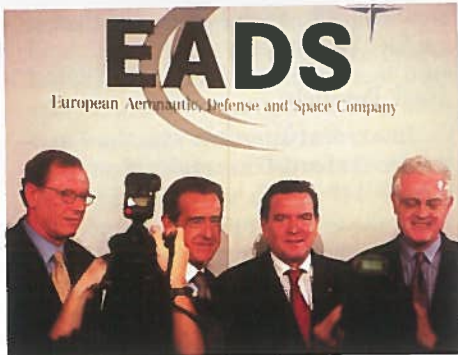
Dark Parallels

In a recent interview with the *Trumpet* at Oxford University, longtime British MP Sir Richard Body also outlined the future of Europe's single currency in light of the striking parallels between Germany's economic policies of the 1940s and those of the 1990s.

"They are engaged in *economic aggression*," he said. "And there's nothing new in this—Hitler was talking about this too—he spoke of the *new economic order*. In fact, *there's precious little difference between Hitler's new economic order and what we're getting now*. Some people say it's the same without the jackboot. That's not an unfair comment actually. The economics of what we're getting now is very similar to what was proposed in the 1940s, and the single currency goes back to those days.

"Now, when Hitler had occupied nearly the whole of Europe, he told his cabinet, 'Now we can have a single currency, we can have the Reichmark as the currency for all Europe.' But Doctor Funk, who was his economic advisor, said to him, 'Führer, not yet, not yet. Our objective is to make the rest of Europe agrarian, and the industrial power base to be here in Germany. First of all, therefore, *we must have the exchange rates fixed*. Let them continue to have their currencies, but we in Berlin will fix the exchange rates, and once we've de-industrialized the periphery of Europe, we can then have a *single currency*, and the mark can then be the currency for all Europe!' And that is exactly what's happening now. They don't call it the mark, of course, although the Germans are sometimes calling it the euro-mark. And it may be that in due course they'll drop the word euro and instead of calling it the euro-mark, the *mark*. But *that is the objective*. IT IS EXACTLY THE SAME AS WHAT DOCTOR FUNK ADVOCATED IN 1941."

Soon the world must wake up to what is happening in Europe, emanating chiefly from a Brussels-based EU subservient to the bullying tactics of Berlin bureaucrats. The London-Frankfurt stock exchange merger may be a survival tactic to London. But for a German-dominated European Union, it is but one more step toward global financial and economic domination. ♦



FRANCE AND GERMANY'S aerospace merger created the world's third-largest aerospace company.

venture company in the field of military and civil aircraft manufacture.

The new European aerospace consortium is on track to take full advantage of the new developing security and defense policy of the European Union. Speaking of this current EU initiative, Javier Solana,

the EU foreign policy chief, stated in a recent interview, "In EU terms, it is moving at the speed of light." He pointed out that EU leaders had only launched their security and defense policy less than six months ago, yet the requisite interim bodies for its administration are already set up.

Solana mentioned that the EU is now forging ahead with discussions on its future defense and security relationship with NATO and with Third World countries (*European Voice*, May 4-10).

◆ EUROPE

Giant defense merger

The sheer political nature of the merger of Germany's DaimlerChrysler's Aerospace division, DASA, Spain's Construcciones Aeronauticas (CASA) and France's Aerospatiale Matra, has the European Commission (EC) against a wall in approving its ratification. Although conflicting interests exist between the three massive participating corporations, the EC fears that any refusal for the merger to proceed would have considerable political repercussions which could threaten the commission's credibility.

Put simply, Germany, Spain and France have made it clear that they won't take no for an answer.

The deal appears set for imminent approval, opening the way for a public share issue by end of July. The new group, to be known as the European Aeronautic Defense and Space Co. (EADS), will be the third-largest aerospace entity in the world.

EADS is wasting no time extending its gamut militarily and in the civilian market. In April, even prior to the commission approving the EADS merger, the group signed an agreement with the Italian enterprise Finmeccanica. This deal will create a joint

◆ EUROPE

A federal Europe?

The idea of a federal Europe has been around for a long time, but German Foreign Minister Joscha Fischer's recent public revival of the idea was quite interesting.

Speaking at Humboldt University in May, Fischer revitalized debate on the prospect of welding the individual nations of the European Union into a single European superstate. He spoke of placing "the last brick" into place in the Euro-edifice that initially arose out of the European Coal and Steel Community, concluded by



Fischer

treaty between France, Germany, Italy and the Benelux countries in 1951. Fischer sees this "last brick" as being the welding together of all EU nations into a single federal entity under a strengthened single European government—exercising sole executive and legislative power over all member nations under a single powerful president.

Though Fischer's speech is no more original than the thoughts of those founding fathers of European Union, Robert Schuman and Jean Monnet, it nevertheless is a landmark laying down of the gauntlet to EU member and aspiring member nations—coming, as it does, only seven months before the planned conclusion of yet another treaty on European Union in December of this year.

The crux of Fischer's speech centers on his vision of a core group of countries advancing in the fast lane toward full political union, with laggards following on when they qualify to fall in line.

Fischer attended to the question of loss of national sovereignty, which is endemic to full integration of the EU nation states, by proposing a division of sovereignty. He proposes that member nations retain sovereignty over local, domestic matters but yield all other sovereignty to an all-ruling European parliament under direction of a supreme governing president.

When Fischer's speech is viewed in the light of recent comments made by EU enlargement commissioner, Gunter Verheugen, that EU expansion should take place by groups of countries on a "when ready" basis, and European Commission President

Romano Prodi's proposal to reduce the number of representative commissioners for

each nation-state from a potential of 30 to a more manageable number, the real nature of the German-inspired intentions for EU leadership comes into focus.

The scene is being set, ultimately, for a large number of nation-states to be assembled into regional groupings, each group of nations represented in the proposed pan-European government by a single ruling administrator. This ruler would oversee the domestic sovereignty of his international grouping, yet yield the sovereign rights of those countries to the supreme Euro-parliament and its president on all affairs of a non-democratic nature.

One begins to see in this scenario the beginnings of the prophecies of Revelation 13:1-2 coming into vision.

◆ IRELAND

Peace deal fiasco

The latest fiasco surrounding Northern Ireland shows the complete ineptitude of all parties involved in pursuing a peaceful settlement of the Irish problem.

As the deadline approached for any prospect of resuming the power-sharing government between royalists and nationalists in Dublin, Protestants failed to accept the latest half-promises of Sinn Fein-IRA over the burning question of decommissioning.

Two months ago, the newly formed Irish parliament was suspended when Sinn Fein-IRA reneged on a promise to disarm. As the extended deadline for decommissioning drew near, Sinn Fein-IRA came up with the idea that it would allow independent international observers to view their weapons dumps, in lieu of a full and complete, demonstrable commitment to decommissioning of all weapons.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair grabbed at this vain straw of hope in an effort to apply pressure to the Ulster Protestant leadership; he asked them to give up their demand for full decommissioning before they rejoined the power-sharing government in Ireland.

The Protestants were thus placed in a sensitive position. They knew the IRA-Sinn Fein deal was, in reality, just another ploy to avoid the destruction of their arms dumps. At the same time, it was a chance for the IRA to expose the considerable extent of their weaponry via media publicity. This media attention, coupled with the well-publicized release of hundreds of IRA paramilitaries from prison into the general community, could generate a fear-driven response from the community in London and Dublin that would work in Sinn Fein-IRA's political favor to push the Protestants into re-opening the Irish parliament.

Whichever way the situation goes, Sinn Fein-IRA is in the box seat.

◆ RUSSIA

Caucasus diplomacy

In a move supportive of the European Union's increasingly heightened interventionist mode on the world scene, a Brussels-based think tank has submitted to the EU a draft stability pact for the volatile region of the Caucasus.

Oil and gas reserves in the Caucasus have led to it becoming a center of big-power rivalry. This just adds to the region's volatility, exacerbated as it



THE BIG GUNS Russians fire at rebel positions in Chechnya, Russia.

is by extremist Islamic organizations seeing their disputes with Russia as part of the northward push of Islam's holy war. Border wars centering around Dagestan, Azerbaijan, Chechnya, Georgia and Ossetia have distracted Russia over the past decade.

The Caucasus is a crossroads of Islam and Christian Orthodoxy. The peoples of the area are an ethnic/linguistic mix of Caucasian, Armenian, Slavic, Greek, Iranian, Turk and Mongol.

The wars that have erupted in the Caucasus since the decline of the Soviet Empire have reflected ancient hatreds among these communities—particularly in relation to territorial claims. The resultant disruption to peace and stability in the region has frustrated ongoing projects by East and West to develop and exploit the extensive oil and gas reserves in the region.

Behind Russian Premier Vladimir Putin's war with the Chechens of the Caucasus region is a three-fold effort:

1. Stem the northward rush of Islam at the Caucasian range.
2. Stabilize the Caucasus to enable Western capital to assist in developing the region's oil and gas reserves.

3. Reassert Russia as a world power by a show of strength to the world, drawing the nations of the Caucasus region under a Russian security and defense umbrella. This is all in keeping with Russia's aim to re-emerge as a dominant power from the

Bering Strait to the Turkish border, from the Ukraine to China, from the Siberian plain to Afghanistan.

Whatever the degree of Russian blood shed, Putin views success in his Chechnya campaign as vital to consolidating Russia's imperial aims. It is just as the West, especially the European Union, views securing the Balkan Peninsula to consolidate the EU's eastern border with the revitalizing old Soviet Union.

In other words, the eventual outcome of both the Balkan wars and the border wars in the Caucasus will, in large part, decide where Russia, the EU and Islam eventually draw the boundaries of their respective emerging empires.

◆ TAIWAN

A change of heart

Less than one week since being inaugurated into office, Taiwan's new President-elect Chen Shui-bian already finds himself stuck in a hard place with no sign of relief ahead.

Little has changed in Taiwan's long-time dispute with the Chinese mainland since Chen's narrow victory in the March elections—the first time a Chinese opposition leader has been handed the reigns in peace. Little, that is, except

perhaps the attitude displayed by Taiwan's president-elect.

China is testing his mettle by threatening war at mere suggestions of Taiwan's declaring independence. Chen has already learned to tread lightly around his massive Chinese neighbor. Once a fervent supporter of Taiwan's independence from China, Chen is now looking to ap-

pease, rather than jeopardize the future of Taiwan's citizens, who presently enjoy freedoms unparalleled in China, not to mention per-capita incomes 50 times higher than those in China.

In his inaugural speech, Chen "bent over backwards to diffuse tensions when he vowed Taiwan would only seek statehood if China attacked" (*Christian Science Monitor*, May 22). He also tried to calm China with a promise to re-examine what he called an "outdated, rigid and inflexible" ban on direct postal, trade and transportation links. (Currently, most trade and investment pass through Hong Kong on their way to China.) "Chen himself has changed greatly," said a top adviser to the president-elect (*ibid.*).

Why the drastic change in outlook? Chen knows that, unlike in the past, he will now likely have to *compromise* if he is to spare Taiwan from the heat of China's wrath. Taiwan's shield against invasion has long been a well-equipped military force and a pledge by the U.S. to defend the democratic island. But in light of recent U.S. waffling on whether and how it would come to Taiwan's defense in

the event of an attack by China, little Taiwan has been left rather isolated in the Asian waters.

China has not been placated in the least by Taiwan's gestures of good will, to the point of even

threatening to blockade Taiwan's key port of Kaohsiung this September, according to secret U.S. intelligence forecasts shared with Australia (*Sydney Morning Herald*, May 17). These are not the actions of a country ready to negotiate on fair terms.

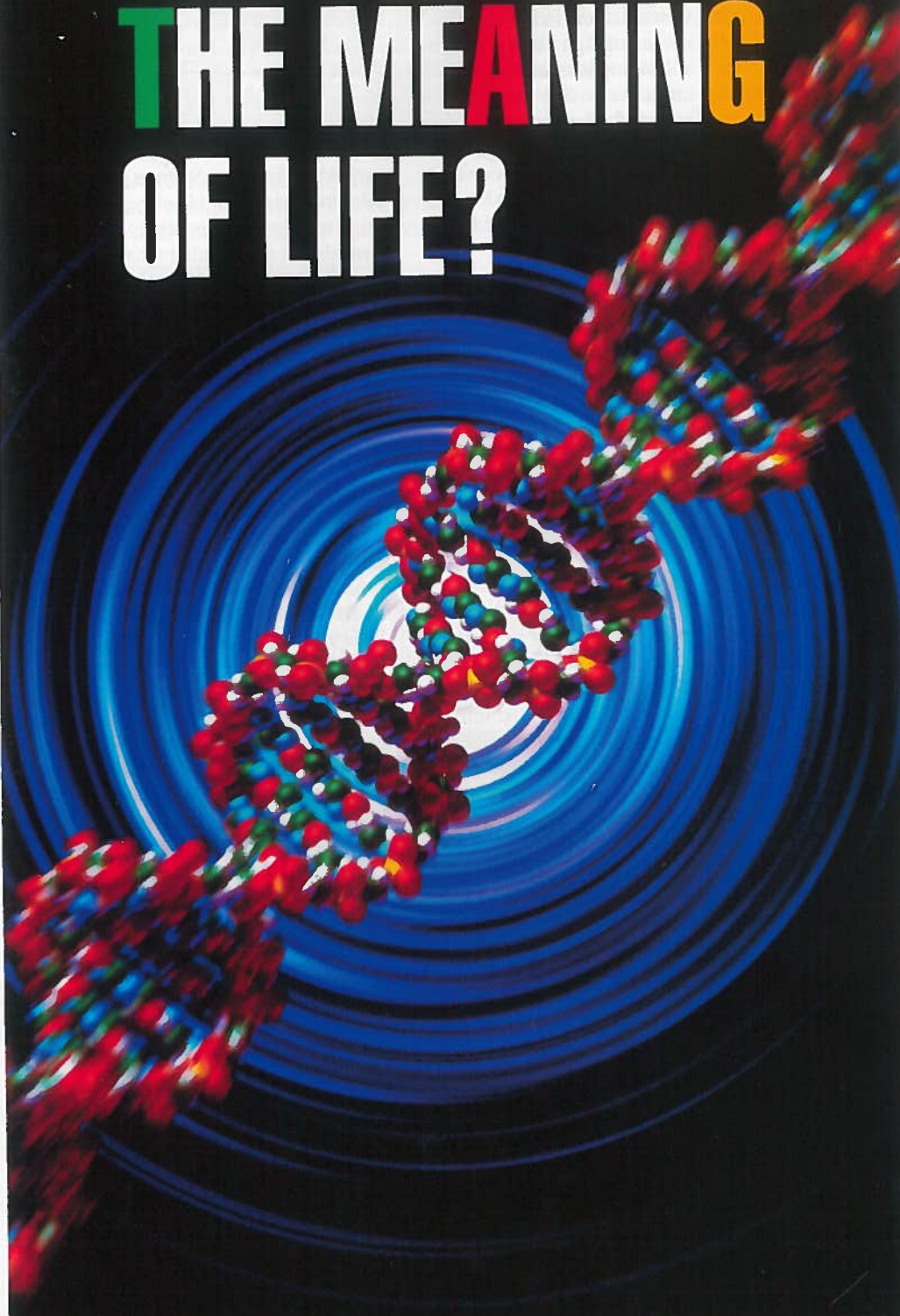
Even with Chen at the helm, the future of Taiwan does look bleak.



Chen Shui-bian

NEWSMAKERS

UNSCRAMBLING THE MEANING OF LIFE?



Science is in a rush to decode the mysteries locked within human genes. Great promises are being made about the new research in human genetics. Will this new knowledge help or hurt us? **BY DENNIS LEAP**

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ALTHOUGH THE MAJORITY VIEW Mary Shelley's book *Frankenstein* as just another horror story, the novel was written to express mistrust in the rising influence of scientific knowledge. Published in 1818, *Frankenstein* tells the story of a doctor who assembles a sub-human monster from human corpses. Though hideous-looking on the outside, the creature appears more human than its creator does. Yet in the end, it brings about its creator's destruction. This classic has permanently left an imprint of meaning in our culture. A "Frankenstein monster" is any creation that destroys its creator.

Though most do not consider doing so, we should also feel a sense of mistrust in a rising and influential branch of science known as *genomics*. Some thinking people are warning us that genomics may have a darker side—a 21st century-Frankenstein side. The question is, who is listening?

What Is Genomics?

Simply put, genomics is the study of the relationship between gene structure and biological function in organisms. For example, cloning is a genomic science.

Genomics has a lengthy history. It began when Gregor Mendel first discovered the functions of genes in 1866 while working with garden peas. In essence, Mendel discovered the principle of heredity. With over a century of study, geneticists now know that locked within genes are the instructions to direct the assembly of every cell in living bodies. This means that genomics is a science that can be applied to plants, animals and man.

Coupled with fast-paced advancements in computer technology, genetic research is leaping forward at dizzying speed. Many fantastic promises are being made to the public about genomics, especially in the fields of food production and health care. In fact genetic science is already revolutionizing agricultural and medical practices. It is all happening at the molecular level. And it is all happening rapidly. But herein lies the real danger to the new genetic research. Focused on the *minute*, few are looking at the potentially *big* negative picture.

CRACKING THE CODE Scientists are uncovering more and more of the information contained within DNA.

On the positive side, the new gene research shows the almost limitless capabilities of the mind of man. There is no doubt that the study of genetics is exciting for scientists and doctors. Gene therapy is a perfect example. Since genes direct the assembly of all living cells, experts believe that it should be possible to treat chronic health problems by introducing corrective genes into patients.

In April, *the International Herald Tribune* reported on the success French doctors had with just such a therapy. Two infants born with life-threatening immune-system disorders that required them to live inside protective sterile "bubbles" are now living healthy and normal lives after a year of gene therapy. Three other infants were also treated by the team. Here is what took place: "The French team removed bone marrow from their young patients, who ranged in age from one month to 11 months old. Bone marrow contains blood 'stem cells,' which produce a constant supply of immune-system cells that migrate into the bloodstream and circulate for months or years before dying and being replaced.

"The researchers removed millions of stem cells from each infant's marrow, used gene-altered viruses to deliver to those cells healthy copies of the gene the children lacked, and then re-infused the altered stem cells into the children." The doctors' hope was that the repaired cells would settle into the bone marrow and begin producing the gene-corrected immune-system cells for the entire life span of the children.

Doctors saw results within 15 days. Over several months, the number of gene-corrected cells increased, and tests indicated that, for the first time, large numbers of them were functioning properly. To date, four out of the five children are living outside of their protective bubbles.

However, some researchers warn that the therapy may not last. Only time will tell whether there has been a full success.

Altered Foods

The United States is one of the leading nations where farmers grow genetically modified foods. The altered foods are stocked on grocery store shelves. The genetic alter-

ation of food is better known as bioengineering. More than half of the soybean crop and one third of the corn grown in the United States last year was bioengineered to resist herbicides and insects. The Monsanto Company, based in the United States, is the largest producer of biotech seeds.

Earlier this year, scientists announced that they had successfully created a strain of rice genetically altered to prevent vitamin A deficiency, the leading cause of blindness. Biotech engineers transplanted genes into the rice that produce beta-carotene, which the body converts to vitamin A.

Also this year, Monsanto announced a major scientific breakthrough in decoding the genetic make-up of rice. The decoding process is known as a *genome*. A genome identifies the full complement of genetic information that a living organism inherits from its parents. Experts say that this information will enable the world's scientific community to greatly accelerate the development of more nutritious and higher-yielding rice. It is also expected to lead to similar developments in other major crops such as corn and wheat.

The rice genome sequence has been decoded to the level of a "working draft." This is the first crop genome to be described in such technical detail and will provide a new level of understanding of almost all the genes in rice, but it leaves certain details yet to be determined. Some experts are not as positive about bioengineered foods and recommend a precautionary approach.

Human Genome Project

Charting genomes is not reserved only for the plant kingdom. Recently, scientists, biologists, computer experts, mathematicians, and even experts on Wall Street have become enthralled with the great leaps made in a *human* genome project. In fact there is a competitive race in both the private and public sector to be the first to crack the human genome. An international team of scientists is collaborating in the effort.

It appears that Celera Genomics Corporation of Rockville, Maryland, is leading the pack. Using a room the size of a football field, Celera's is operating 300 advanced computers day and night to decipher the secrets of human genetics. In January, Celera announced that it has uncovered a "rough draft" of the genetic code that covers 97 percent of all human genes. The news sent Cel-



BIOENGINEERING A geneticist extracts DNA from frozen leaf tissue. Scientists are genetically altering food so it will fight pests.

era's stock prices soaring. Investors recognize that this genetic research will have great impact on the pharmaceutical, medical and computer industries. Patenting the use of human genes represents big profits. It is expected that the charting of the human genome may be 99 percent complete this month.

Referring to the announcement on the progress of the human genome project, on April 10 *Newsweek* stated, "That knowledge promises to revolutionize medicine and vault the biotech industry into the Wall Street stratosphere. But just as no one foresaw eBay or Amazon when Apple unveiled the first home computer in 1977, so there is no crystal ball clear enough to reveal how knowing the entire human genome will change the way we live and even the way we think about who we are. It is a pretty good bet, though, that doctors will drip droplets of our genes onto a biochip to figure out if we have the kind of prostate cancer that

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will kill or not, or to figure out if ours is the kind of leukemia that responds to this drug rather than that one. They will analyze our children's genes to rank their chances of succumbing to heart disease or Alzheimer's. Scientists will learn which gene turns on when a wound heals, when a baby's fingers grow, when a scalp becomes bald or a brow wrinkled, when a song is learned or a memory formed, when hormones surge or stress overwhelms us—and they will learn how to manipulate those genes. Babies will be designed before conception. Employers will take your genetic profile before they offer you a job, or withdraw an offer if they don't like the cut of your DNA." Experts enthralled with the possibilities assure us that decades of research will be necessary to fully understand the human genome.

The Darker Side

Although we generally hear mostly positive news about cloning, gene splicing and genomes, there are some very dark clouds in the blue sky painted before us. All the hoopla over a handful of sheep and cattle clones has hidden the fact that few of these clones make it to healthy adulthood. Most die before or shortly after birth. Gene

done on the effects of using genetically altered seeds. Researchers at Cornell University reported in 1999 that pollen from genetically engineered corn is fatal to the monarch butterfly—the main insect pollinator for corn. Some food growers believe that biotech crops will introduce unwanted traits into neighboring field crops or create new strains of super weeds. Also of concern is the fact that genetically altered plants can actually destroy seed bearing plants, which could give certain seed producers a monopoly on seed sales and distribution.

The most frightening aspect to our 21st century's genetic research will be its impact and influence on biological weapons. Where is the mad scientist willing to use genetic engineering to create a biological weapon resistant to a vaccine? Some fear that such research is already being done with the deadly anthrax virus. Genetic-research watchers have speculated that genetic engineering can be combined with the human genome project to create micro-organisms that will cause harm specifically to people of certain ethnic backgrounds.

Moral Dilemmas

There are real concerns about the potential uses for human genomics. There are social issues. On the positive side, human genetic research

has provided some interesting results in this area. For example, genetic researchers have proven that even human history is recorded in our genes. A recent CBS television special showed that genetic data support the oral tradition that the Lemba of southern Africa are descendants of Jews. However, sociologists fear how a person's genetic makeup could be used against them. One example is in the field of medical insurance. Genetic mapping does reveal if an individual is predisposed to costly diseases such as cancer. Experts fear that insurance companies will use a person's genetic makeup to deny insurance.

Yet, there are even more serious moral dilemmas. One such dilemma involves genetic research itself, specifically the use of human embryo cells. Scientists believe that it may be possible to use embryonic stem cells to grow

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new organs to replace ailing hearts and treat brain disorders. Some claim these cells could also be used to cure diabetes and Parkinson's disease. Realize that it is during gestation that human cell growth is most active. Tiny organs and tissues are formed very early in the gestation process. Since genes direct cell development, researchers believe they can learn much during embryonic development.

However, stem-cell research originates from the death of a human embryo. Many experts feel that such research represents savage and hideous experimentation on human beings. Will human embryos be deliberately killed for use in such research? Because of that possibility, new federal guidelines on embryo cell research have come under attack by antiabortion groups for funding such projects.

The moral questions are obvious with embryo research. Yet there are other questions that are not so obvious. It is these questions we need to think about most. *Newsweek* wrote, "But decoding the book of life poses daunting moral dilemmas. With knowledge of our genetic code will come the power to re-engineer the human species. Biologists will be able to use the genome as a parts list—

much as customers scour a list of china to replace broken plates—and may well let prospective parents choose their unborn child's traits. Scientists have solid leads on genes for different temperaments, body builds, statures and cognitive abilities. And if anyone still believes that parents will recoil at playing God, and leave their baby's fate in the hands of nature, recall that couples have already created a

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therapy has also had its nightmare. Jesse Gelsinger, a volunteer in a University of Pennsylvania gene-therapy experiment, died last year from the side effects. Some experts have demanded a stop to such experiments.

Many activists are opposed to gene-spliced foods. The potential health effects on humans are not known. Activists in Britain call genetically altered foods "Frankenfoods." The European Union (EU) is as much opposed to genetically engineered food as it is to meat from livestock fed growth hormones and antibiotics. The EU requires the labeling of any food that contains 1 percent or more of genetically modified ingredients. Gerber and Heinz announced last year that they would not use bioengineered ingredients in their baby foods.

Environmentalists are concerned that not enough research has been



CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITIES

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frenzied market in eggs from Ivy League women.”

It is the *playing God* aspect to genetic research we should be most concerned about. Can't we all agree that given enough time and opportunity mankind will not recoil from doing so? In *Frankenstein*, Mary Shelley demonstrated her belief that all scientific knowledge is not good. She especially mistrusted uncovering biological knowledge about man. She felt mankind would tamper with forces he had not the ability to control. Should we not come to the same conclusion about genomics? Are geneticists about to create a Frankenstein monster?

Science Playing God

While doing research for this article, I found the most disturbing aspect of the new genetic research the desire by some to give it all some kind of *spiritual* meaning. A popular science magazine recently defined the human

their host have I commanded” (Isa. 45:12). In the pages of the Bible, God reveals Himself as the all-powerful Creator. He has all the answers about the secrets locked within the universe. He promises to decode these mysteries when any man is willing to obey and follow Him. Science must stop *playing God* and simply **SUBMIT TO GOD**. Real spiritual understanding is revealed by God alone and will only come when the contest between science and God is put to an end.

Herbert Armstrong defined well the crux of the problem between science and God. He wrote in his most important book, *Mystery of the Ages*, “The world about you is a mystery. You yourself are a mystery. You have never seen your brain, the seat of your intellect and all that you are.

“Your life is engulfed in mysteries. On reflection, your very existence is a mystery. Did you simply happen by unintelligent resident earthly forces without meaning or purpose, or were you intelligently designed and created by an all-powerful God of supreme mind for a purpose that has also been hidden in mystery?

In fact, the persistent tradition throughout human history about the Creator God has been such a mystery that higher education in the Western World has sought to erase the mystery by giving its virtually unanimous acceptance to the theory of evolution.

“Diffusion of education did not begin among the human race until after the invention of printing in the 15th century. As education became more widespread—as intellectualism developed—as knowledge of astronomy expanded knowledge of the universe about us—thinking minds began to ask questions. What of the whole vast universe? How did it all originate? Rational, scientifically oriented minds found themselves unable to explain the developing knowledge of an expanded universe with the teaching of religion as they knew it through the Roman Catholic Church and Protestantism, which had dominated the thinking of the Western world. The teaching of a long-haired, semi-effeminate picture of Jesus and the concept of a God composed of invisible spirit was not intellectually satisfying to them. It was all a colossal mystery. In the vanity of their self-professed scholarly minds they

tried to evade the mystery entirely on the basis of materialism. They appeased their curiosity by attempting to work out a solution to the mystery of origins, existence and life by reasoning out a self-satisfying, materialistic explanation” (pp. 1-2).

Of course, the self-satisfying, materialistic explanation Mr. Armstrong wrote about is the theory of evolution. All science—especially genomics—must come to the realization that that theory will never help deliver what science wants most—the code for the **MEANING OF LIFE**.

Over 60 years ago, Herbert Armstrong came to understand that the hidden meaning of life had already been unscrambled for us. He discovered the code. “I had to **PROVE** to myself rationally that God exists and is in fact more **REAL** than matter. I had to **PROVE** that the Holy Bible is in fact the authoritative word of God, by which he communicates to man, reveals truth otherwise inaccessible to man. And I found revealed **PURPOSE, DESIGN, MEANING** that is hidden from the self-professed scholarly. I found revealed the reason for mounting evils in a progressive world” (pp. 106-107).

The hidden meaning of life is revealed within the pages of your Bible. Unfortunately mankind has rejected the information found in that book since our creation. Will you? ♦

To discover the meaning of life, man must look outside of himself. In other words, we must look to our Creator.

genome project as unscrambling “the meaning of life.” Even *Newsweek* referred to the human genetic code as the “book of life,” which is a biblical phrase (Rev. 3:5; 13:8; 20:12; 22:19).

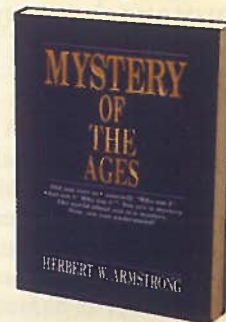
Some of the finest minds in this world are involved in genetic research. Spiritually speaking, all the effort is a waste. Why? Science can never replace religion. How long will it take for the best human minds to understand that dissecting us molecule by molecule will never *reveal* the meaning of life? To discover the meaning of life, *man must look outside of himself*. In other words, we must look to our Creator. “At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes” (Matt. 11:25).

God, a being with a mind infinitely higher than our own, created the genetic code man is working so hard to decipher. Yet, in general, science scoffs at God.

Writing for God, the prophet Isaiah recorded, “I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all

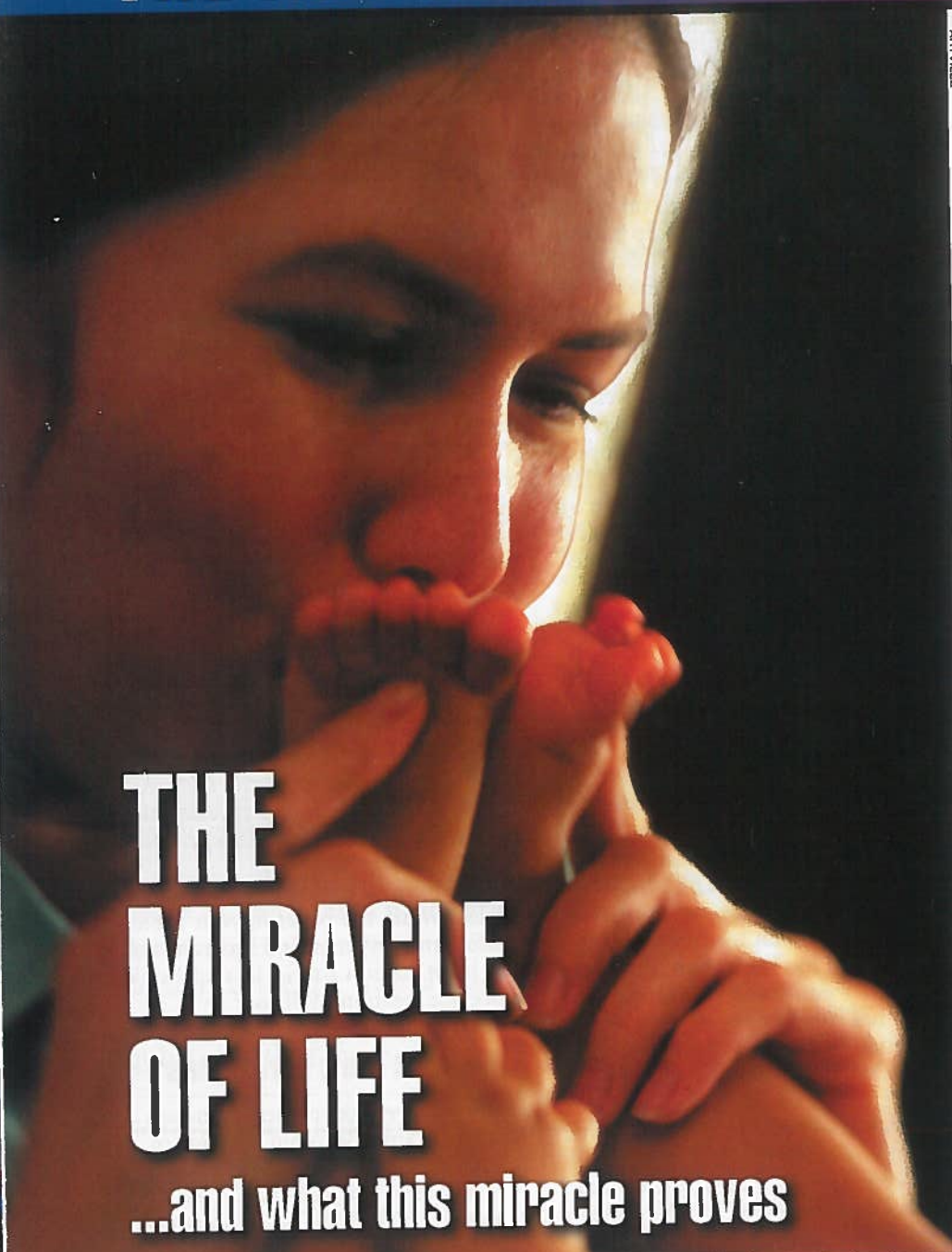
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THE MIRACLE OF LIFE

...and what this miracle proves

It is so profound, you may fail to understand!

BY STEPHEN FLURRY

DURING MY FRESHMAN YEAR OF COLLEGE, I watched a video called *The Miracle of Life*. To this day, it is the most fascinating video I have ever seen. Using a flexible mini-cam, the video's producer gave viewers an inside look, *literally*, at human reproduction. I remember how many obstacles the male spermatozoa had to overcome before *just one sperm*, out of several million, reached its final destination—the female ovum.

Considering the odds, and the multi-

tude of things that could go wrong *after* conception, truly makes the *birth* of a child MIRACULOUS. Children, as it says in Psalm 127:3, are a GIFT from God.

But why should God give us such a precious gift? And what does that gift of reproduction reveal about our God? For those with eyes to see, IT REVEALS A LOT!

God's Image and Likeness

Notice what the Apostle Paul wrote to the Romans of his day: "For what

can be known *about God* is PLAIN to them, because *God has shown it to them*. Ever since the creation of the world his invisible nature, namely, his eternal power and deity [the spiritual], has been *clearly perceived* in the things that have been made [the physical]. SO THEY ARE WITHOUT EXCUSE" (Romans 1:19-20, Revised Standard Version).

Do you grasp the true significance of that passage? God's divine nature and awesome purpose is *clearly* revealed in His PHYSICAL CREATION! God's physical creation, David wrote in Psalm 19:1, DECLARES His glory. God has *shown us*—so much so that we are without excuse if we remain in ignorance of His purpose.

Look around you! Even the shallowest observer can note this obvious truth: *All living creatures reproduce*—and they reproduce *after their own kind*. Life comes from life. In science, this is called *biogenesis*.

This truth is expounded upon in *the very first chapter of the Bible*, written by Moses thousands of years ago. God said in Genesis 1:24, "Let the earth bring forth the LIVING creature *after his kind*, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth *after his kind*: and it was so."

Now consider how this easily discernible truth of physical creation makes known the *spiritual* things of God. "And God said, Let us make *man in our image*, after *our likeness*..." (v. 26).

God is a *spirit* being (John 4:24). You cannot see or touch Him. But through His inspired word and the obvious physical evidence there is in creation, GOD REVEALS THAT HE IS REPRODUCING HIS OWN SPIRIT-LIFE. He is reproducing *Himself*. He has made this known to man through the physical creation!

Yet, do you realize that BILLIONS—yes, *billions*—of people in this world remain ignorant of this simple, easily proved fact? Yes, even religion has not known about God's glorious purpose—that He is reproducing Himself. It's astonishing, but true.

Father-Son Relationship

The original Hebrew word for God in Genesis 1 is *Elohim*, which is the plural form of the word *El* or *Eloah*. That's why, in verse 26, God said, "Let us make man in OUR image, after OUR likeness..." From the beginning, there WAS MORE THAN ONE.

John 1:1 reveals how many: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." There were two—the Word was *with God* and was *also God*. Two beings, one God. In other words, both spirit beings made up *one* God Kingdom.

One of those spiritual beings, the Word, became flesh in the physical form of Jesus Christ (John 1:14). He was born of the virgin Mary, but begotten of God, by God's invisible Spirit (Matt. 1:20-21). Talk about THE MIRA-

Jesus Christ taught that physical birth is an exact type of spiritual birth.

CLE OF LIFE! Jesus was God (spiritual) made flesh (physical).

Now if the physical creation reveals the invisible things of God, imagine what GOD *in the flesh* could reveal to mankind! He had been with God *in spirit* for all eternity. Then He came to this Earth as physical flesh and blood for ALL to see and hear.

Atheists might reject God's existence, but no one can deny the existence of Jesus Christ. Many *thousands* personally witnessed much of His life's work. Hundreds and hundreds have recorded in writing actual events of His life.

What did Jesus Christ come to this Earth to reveal? Above all, GOD! He came to reveal His *heavenly* FATHER (Matt. 18:19, 35). When He was born, Jesus became God's Son (Matt. 3:17; Luke 1:35). The Son, who became flesh and blood, then set out to reveal His spiritual Father. That is how those two beings are spoken of throughout the New Testament—as "Father" and "Son."

What started as God and the Word *became* the FATHER and SON. In other words, they became a FAMILY. But that family was not limited to these two beings alone.

Firstborn Among Many

Christ began His ministry by entering Galilee to preach the gospel of the kingdom, *or family*, of God (Mark 1:14). He showed how man had the incredible opportunity to be born into God's family. In Romans 8:28, Paul says, "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the *called according to his purpose*."

And what is that purpose? Bear in mind, we have already noted that the physical creation makes known the things of God. Now read the next verse: "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the *firstborn* AMONG MANY BRETHREN [or children]" (v. 29). Jesus Christ became God's *firstborn* Son. But the Bible says there are MANY more children to follow. God's family will get much bigger!

Romans 8:29 refers to our *spiritual* birth. Obviously, Christ was not the first to be born a *human being*. But He was the *first BORN spirit-it being*—the FIRST to be born a God being! That spiritual birth occurred,

as it says in Romans 1:4, when God resurrected Him from the dead to immortal spirit-life.

In the exact same way, by a resurrection to spirit, we too may be born into God's family. Jesus described this spiritual reproduction process to the Pharisee Nicodemus in John 3: "Except a man be born *again*, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Nicodemus did not grasp this. "How can a man be born when he is old?" he asked. "Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be *born of water and of the Spirit*, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" (vv. 4-5). Jesus taught that spiritual life begins "of water" because we receive God's Spirit after baptism (Acts 2:38). That is our spiritual begetting. The actual birth, however, occurs when we are resurrected to spirit-life like Jesus was. Verse 6 of John 3 explains: "That which is born of the flesh *is* flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit *is* spirit."

Jesus Christ taught that the physical birth process, from conception to parturition, is an EXACT TYPE of our spiritual birth.

The Human Spirit

All living creatures reproduce. That alone teaches us a lot about God. But *human* reproduction teaches much more.

Two created characteristics within man make human beings far superior to animals. We have already noted

one of these—man was created in God's form and shape (Gen. 1:26). Jesus acknowledged this in the New Testament, after Philip asked to see His Father. "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father," Jesus responded in John 14:9. Jesus, who looked like the average Jew of His day, told His disciples that He also looked like God. That's because man was created in God's own form and shape!

The other characteristic that sets man on a much higher plane than animals is the *human spirit*. God made man and animals out of physical matter. But God placed a *spirit* in man, it says in Job 32:8, which gave him the power of intellect, enabling him to think, reason and create. Animals, on the other hand, are motivated by instinct.

Paul explains in 1 Corinthians 2:11: "For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the *spirit of man* which is in him?..." This spirit is what enables man to know the things of man—the material creation. Animals know nothing of the things of man because they do not have the human spirit.

Continue with the rest of 1 Corinthians 2:11: "...even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God." So there are two different spirits—the human spirit (man's mind power) and the Holy Spirit (God's mind power).

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Man's Incomplete Creation

Once again, God reveals this incredible truth through His *physical* creation. God is a *family*. He created man in His own *family* image and likeness. Yet Adam, by himself, was incomplete—even *physically*. He was only half there, you might say. He could not reproduce alone. So God took a rib *from the man* and created the other physical half—Adam's helper, the woman. And through marriage, which God also created from the beginning for the very purpose of family, these two became "one flesh" (Gen. 2:24). They were two physical beings, but ONE FAMILY.

Now Adam was also incomplete *spiritually*. God had equipped him with the human spirit so he could work with physical matter. But Adam needed another spirit, the Holy Spirit, to be able to work harmoniously with other human beings and to have a relationship with his spiritual Father. Adam needed this Spirit to become a complete spiritual creation.

Let's understand! The human spirit is what empowers man's mind, making him far superior to animals. The Holy Spirit is what empowers God's mind, making Him far superior to man! Because God created us in His form and shape, He created in us mind power so we could think and create like He does. But to actually become God—to be born into His family—we need *another spirit*—God's Holy Spirit.

Romans 8 makes this unmistakably clear: "For as many as are LED by the Spirit of God, THEY ARE THE SONS OF GOD" (v. 14). God's Spirit is what makes us His children. Continue in verse 16: "The Spirit itself [Holy Spirit] beareth witness *with our spirit* [human spirit], that we are the children of God." The human spirit is what makes it possible for man, unlike animals, to have a relationship with God—for man to acquire the Holy Spirit!

God made His Spirit available to Adam through the tree of life (Gen. 2:9). Partaking of that symbolic tree would have completed Adam's spiritual creation. It would have enabled him to develop a close relationship with his Creator. Furthermore, it would have enabled him to get along with fellowman—to have a happy marriage, to raise obedient children.

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Adam rejected God's Holy Spirit. He refused to be *led* by the Spirit, as it says in Romans 8:14. He wanted to decide for himself what was right and wrong. He wanted to devise his own set of values and laws. And man has been following in Adam's steps ever since.

That is the ONLY possible explanation for the paradox of man. He has been able to produce modern wonders while working with matter. But man has not found a way to get along with

fellowman or to develop a close relationship with his Creator. That's because, ever since Adam made his ill-fated decision, God cut mankind off from the tree of life—the Holy Spirit (Gen. 3:22-24). For 6,000 years man has been spiritually incomplete.

Our Spiritual Mother

God has allowed this world to continue on its present course to teach man a powerful lesson by his own miserable experience. Without God's Spirit, we might make stunning material advances, but the Bible says we will eventually destroy ourselves (Matt. 24:21-22).

While mankind learns this lesson, God has chosen to prepare a handful of servants *now*, to assist Jesus Christ at His return to this Earth. He has called these individuals to come out of this evil world (John 6:44; Rev. 18:4). Upon repentance from sin and taking on an obedient attitude, God has promised to supply these select few with the power of His Holy Spirit (Acts 5:32).

Here again, the physical creation teaches this spiritual lesson. Upon receipt of God's Holy Spirit, we are only *begotten* as children of God—*not yet born* (that happens at the resurrection). After spiritual begetting, we must grow and develop inside the womb of our spiritual mother (II Pet. 3:18).

Jesus taught that our spiritual mother is the church. Throughout the Bible, God refers to His one true church as *she, woman, wife, body*—even *mother* (see Gal. 4:26). That's how we are spiritually fed and nourished before the birth—inside our spiritual mother, the church.

God carries the physical analogy further still. In Revelation 19:7, He says this "woman" will

soon *marry* Jesus Christ: "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the *marriage* of the LAMB is come, and his *WIFE* hath made herself ready." Jesus is the Lamb spoken of here (see John 1:29, 36). The wife refers to the church, as Paul makes plain in Ephesians 5:23: "For the *husband* is the head of the *wife, even as Christ is the head of the CHURCH*: and he is the saviour of the body."

Isn't it plain? God is a *Father*. Jesus

is His *Son*. The church is the Son's *wife*—and that union will produce "many" more children, as Romans 8:29 reveals. In other words, God is reproducing Himself through family!

Yet most people, even in religion, do not understand this truth. "How ridiculous—how nonsensical," Herbert W. Armstrong wrote, "for professing Christians to claim they are 'children of God,' to call one another 'brethren in the Lord' and to call God 'Father,' and then to deny that God is a family, and that we may actually be born into His very divine family—becoming spirit as He is—becoming di-

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vine as He is divine! How stupid to call God 'Father'—to claim to be His children, to say we are already 'born again,' and then believe that we shall always be some utterly different kind of species, some far lower kind of beings—far below either the Father or Christ!" (*Why Marriage?*, p. 25).

Are you like one of those he describes? One who accepts God as your Father while denying the plain truth—proved in both Scripture and in physical creation—THAT GOD IS A FAMILY?

The Family of God

Paul even referred to the family of God in his letter to the Ephesians. In doing God's work, Paul had faced his share of trials and tests. "For this cause," he wrote in Ephesians 3:14-15, "I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the **WHOLE FAMILY** in heaven *and earth* is named."

We have already noted how Christ referred to God as His *heavenly* Father. But here in Ephesians, it says the "whole family in heaven *and earth*." Doesn't that shed profound light on what we have already read in Genesis 1:26? The God family is not limited to two beings. God is looking to expand it through man!

There really is a vast difference between mankind and every other creature. The animals all reproduce after their *own kind*. But God created man after *His kind*—in His own image and likeness.

Man alone, of all the creatures on Earth, partakes of this family relation-

ship. That's because God is reproducing Himself through family! And there is simply no better way to grasp this profound truth than to experience it yourself on the physical level! From the very beginning, God intended human beings to *see* and *experience* reproduction within families on the physical level because of how beautifully it represents *spiritual* reproduction.

That's why God created man *male* and *female* (Gen. 1:27). That's why He intended male and female to join together as one flesh through the marriage union (Gen. 2:24). And that's why He has blessed that union with the incredible gift of reproduction (Gen. 1:28). *All because of spiritual reproduction*—all because GOD IS A FAMILY! ♦

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Marriage: On the Way Out?

How cohabitation is trampling on a divine institution

BY RYAN MALONE

SOME PSYCHOLOGISTS, TAKING A NEW LOOK AT THE institution of marriage, are voicing shocking predictions for the near future. Indeed, in their professional eyes, the trend toward obsolescence of the marriage custom has already started, and is gaining momentum!... Predictions are appearing in print that marriage soon may not be the socially required way for sexual union" (Herbert W. Armstrong, *Why Marriage! Soon Obsolete?*).

Current as this sounds, it was written in 1974. And a new University of Michigan survey would give even more fuel to Mr. Armstrong's query: Is marriage "soon obsolete"? The March 13 *U.S. News & World Report* printed this shocking new study about Americans' growing acceptance and *preference* for cohabitation, either in place of marriage or as a step toward it.

In 1965, according to the study, only about 10 percent of newlyweds had "shacked up" before getting married. This was before the politically correct term "cohabitation," when this lifestyle was *illegal* in every state in the union. Today, more than HALF of America's married couples live together first.

The study also showed how the cohabitation arrangement shows no real benefits over the marriage union: Although cohabiters have sexual intercourse once more per month than married partners, cheating, domestic violence and depression are also increased in cohabitation relationships.

U.S. News wrote, "One of the biggest revelations of the new research is how many cohabiting arrangements involve children." And more and more unwed pregnant women are choosing cohabitation over marriage. The report stated, "About one half of previously married cohabiters and 35 percent of never-married cohabiters have children in the household."

What does this mean for the children? First of all, the children are living with one adult who has "no explicit legal, financial, supervisory or custodial rights or responsibilities regarding the child of his partner," according to University of Chica-

go sociologist Linda Waite. Other research shows a greater risk of physical or sexual abuse of the children in these situations.

So why the rising popularity of cohabitation?

Because cohabitation, in America at least, has become a STAGE of courtship. Couples, ever wary of firm, lifelong commitments while living in the age of divorce, resort to cohabitation as a trial run for marriage. The *U.S. News* article states, however, that most research shows that marriages which evolved from cohabitation are "rockier" and have a greater risk of divorce.

They write, "Why this is so is hard to say." The article suggests a few possible reasons, but then quotes the conductor of the survey as saying: "We need to do more qualitative research." Does the subject need more research? Or have the answers already been revealed by the Founder of the marriage union, God Almighty?

How did marriage come about in the first place? If there is a God, and He created it, WHY did He create it? The reason science needs to do more research is that they do not know the answers to these questions.

What is the purpose of marriage? What is the purpose of sex? If its only purpose is procreation, then why marriage? Animals procreate, but they do not marry.

In short, man was created in God's likeness (Gen. 1:26-27). Whereas animals were created after the animal kind (the cow after the cow kind, the bird after the bird kind), man was created after the God kind.

What does that have to do with marriage? Mr. Armstrong wrote,

"Were it not for the very fact that we were created in God's very likeness, with the very purpose of being born of God—born into God's own family—the marriage institution—giving us the experience of family life—would never have been ordained. If we were mere animals, developed by evolution, marriage would never have existed... Marriage was ordained by God—not by man. It is governed by the laws of God—and man has no jurisdiction over it, in God's eyes" (*Why Marriage?*).

Also, the Bible calls the New Testament Church the bride of Christ (Eph. 5:23-27) and shows that the husband-wife relationship is merely a *physical type* of something much more sacred and holy—the relationship of Jesus Christ and the Church!

To settle for or experiment with cohabitation is not only a direct violation of God's law, it is also trampling on God's supreme purpose for our VERY EXISTENCE! ♦



TRUMPET

THE MISSING DIMENSION IN THE ABORTION ISSUE

Understanding the purpose of life sheds light on a controversial question: Is abortion murder, or isn't it?

BY JOEL HILLIKER

WHAT IF OVER A MILLION CHILDREN were murdered by their parents each year?

What if the parents' primary reasons for killing their child were that they "couldn't afford taking care of it," they "weren't ready for the responsibility," or they "didn't want it"? There would be an *outrage*. These parents would be prosecuted, jailed, possibly given the death penalty.

It is a fact that EVERY YEAR IN THE U.S., WELL OVER A MILLION BABIES ARE KILLED—IN THE WOMB.

That is *over a quarter* of all unborn children. And a large majority of these deaths occur for the reasons listed above.

Many people do not get upset at that figure because the issue of *abortion* is hazy in their minds. They would object to considering it "killing a baby"—it is merely a medical procedure, perhaps no more serious than having a tooth pulled.

In fact, abortion is a *legally protected right* for women in the United States. That means, the U.S. justice system believes they must step in—not to protect unborn children, but to protect a woman's RIGHT to HAVE an abortion. The law clearly demonstrates that many believe there is nothing wrong with abortion.

BUT WHAT IF ABORTION IS MURDER?

Are those people ABSOLUTELY SURE it isn't?

What do YOU think? There is a big difference between a mere "medical procedure" and murder!

The Danger of Uncertainty

Any woman with the choice of whether to get an abortion is faced with an agonizing dilemma. It doesn't do any good to discuss how "safe" the methods are, or to tell her that it's an "individual matter." SHE NEEDS TO KNOW IF IT IS RIGHT OR WRONG.

This is NOT a matter of opinion. THERE IS A DEFINITE CORRECT ANSWER to

her dilemma. A fetus is either a separate human being from its mother or it isn't. There is no middle ground. If it is separate, abortion is an act of ending a person's life, and therefore murder. We can all agree murder is wrong. That means the person who says abortion is permissible has some serious proving to do. Unless there is *absolute PROOF* that at the moment of abortion the fetus is just a part of its mother's body—like an organ or a growth—then abortion is potentially a murder.

Think about that. If she is uncertain, no woman should just "take a chance" on it!

And yet, such uncertainty resides within most of the medical community and among family-planning counselors! It rests in the minds of the lawmakers who made abortion legal! Yet these are among the very people who will convince women to undergo this procedure.

It was 1973 that the U.S. Supreme Court ruled on *Roe v. Wade*. Of the nine judges, seven of them agreed abortion should be legal.

Were those judges ABSOLUTELY SURE abortion is not murder? No, they were not! Read their own words.

In the majority decision, the Supreme Court said, "We need NOT resolve the *difficult question* of *when an unborn child actually becomes a human person, with a legal right to live.*"

They sidestepped this life-and-death issue—passing off responsibility for the monumental consequences of their decision, with this statement: "When those trained in the respective disciplines of medicine, philosophy and theology are *unable to arrive at any consensus*, the judiciary, at this point in the development of man's knowledge, IS NOT

IN A POSITION TO SPECULATE AS TO THE ANSWER."

Since the court made that decision, 36 MILLION BABIES have been legally killed in the United States. That amounts to well over 10 percent of the current U.S. population.

THAT IS THE DANGER OF UNCERTAINTY. That is the problem with being uneducated about this issue! By not "speculating as to the answer" of whether abortion is right or wrong, the court *did*, in fact, make a definite decision affecting millions of mothers, exterminating the lives of millions of unborn people.

When Does Life Begin?

When does human life start? Few people agree on the answer to that question. Is it at the moment of conception? Or some weeks later, when the *embryo* becomes a *fetus*? Is it when the fetus is "viable"—meaning it could survive apart from the mother? Or is it only at birth?

Though judges may plead ignorance, THERE IS A *SPECIFIC MOMENT* WHEN HUMAN LIFE STARTS!

The problem is, people in general have *cut themselves off* from the source of knowledge that reveals what that moment is. That source has become the *missing dimension* in the abortion issue. Ignoring that dimension, people look only to themselves for the answer.

For a moment, let us do the same. What answer does science give us to this important question? We'll find that, even by this standard, people are standing on very questionable ground in permitting the practice of abortion.

As the Supreme Court acknowledged, science cannot conclusively prove when life starts. But through embryo research, we are learning more all the time. It has been proven that the embryo has a detectable heartbeat, distinct from the mother's, as early as 18 days after conception. The legal criterion for life is brain waves; those are in evidence at about 7 weeks.

At various points in their development, fetuses respond to pain, they make efforts at breathing, they move spontaneously. They can hear, sleep, become bored or excited, even learn.

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tissue becomes distinctly identifiable from the parents cannot be scientifically drawn at any point during the gestation—*except conception*. It is at the moment of conception that the embryo becomes genetically distinct from its mother, with its own individual chromosome construction.

While there is NO proof that a fetus is part of its mother at any point during its gestation, there is plenty of evidence to suggest the contrary, even at the earliest moments of development.

As insistent as abortion-rights proponents may be that the embryo is not *self-evidently* a separate human being, the simple truth is that they cannot support that belief!

Remember, it is not enough to say, "Well, we don't know for sure, so abortion must be okay"! The issue is too serious to leave to chance.

In the Name of Freedom

In spite of the above facts, the "pro-choice" abortion argument is the prevailing public opinion in the United States. The courts uphold it. The media support it. Even the president defends it, and it is popular with a majority of voters.

Why are they willing to take such a serious chance? Why will they defend, with all their effort, something of lethal risk?

IT IS ALL DONE IN THE NAME OF "FREEDOM."

Essentially all discussion defending abortion rights rests on two basic points. One, it is taken for granted that people need "sexual freedom," because it is supposed that teaching abstinence until marriage is "hopeless." And two, because pregnancy is a natural result of sex, yet not everyone with sexual freedom is ready for or wants the responsibility of parenthood, people need "reproductive freedom"—the freedom to choose whether a child they have conceived will actually make it to term.

These "freedoms" are considered SO IMPORTANT that preserving them is worth the risk of murder.

What these "freedoms" boil down to, however, is plain selfishness!

Defending Abortion

Of course, to *free* their consciences from any guilt, many people will absolutely not accept the possibility that abortion is murder. They convince themselves that ending a fetal life carries no real moral implications. Doing

so, however, puts them in the awkward position of trying to portray abortion as being "not all that bad."

To depersonalize the fetus, they call it a "potential life," a "collection of genes"; they use terms like "pre-embryo" and "products of conception." They say it is propaganda to call it a *baby*, an *unborn child* or a *person*.

They won't call a woman who has conceived a child a *mother*. Likewise, abortion is not a *life-and-death* matter, it is not *killing*, it is merely "terminating a pregnancy."

Arguing over terms may change a woman's *attitude* toward what is happening inside her, but it doesn't change reality.

"Pro-choice" advocates stress the need to have compassion for pregnant women unprepared for having children. Ironically, they accuse people who favor making abortion illegal as being UNCOMPASSIONATE. They say that if abortion is not legal, people will still get them—using more dangerous methods. They emphasize cases of pregnancy caused by rape or incest; cases where a mother's life is endangered by her fetus. They cite examples of the distress suffered by unwanted children.

NONE of these arguments address the issue of whether abortion is fundamentally wrong! They only distract attention away from the real question: *Is it murder or isn't it?*

Methods

Perhaps even more deceptive is some of the information provided to women looking into the possibility of abortion. In describing abortion methods, counselors stress comfort and safety. Notice this terminology: "After the opening is stretched, a tube, attached to a suction machine, is inserted through it into the uterus. The suction machine is turned on and *the uterus is gently emptied*" ("How Abortion Is Provided," www.plannedparenthood.org). In other words, the fetus is "gently" pulled apart so it can "gently" fit through a little tube to be discarded!

Those who call themselves "pro-choice" won't stand for being labeled "pro-abortion." That is because NO ONE IS "FOR" ABORTION. No amount of sugar-coating can cover up this fact: Abortion is a gruesome, bloody act.

How are abortions performed? The method used depends on how long a woman has been pregnant. The more

developed the fetus, the more difficult, dangerous and ugly the procedure becomes. These operations are horrible to think about. But just what does a woman face when she is presented the choice of "ending her pregnancy"? What is being protected by current abortion laws?

Very early, the fetus can be removed with a syringe, or drugs can be used to make the uterus inhospitable; later, the dead embryo simply passes from the woman. By 6-14 weeks, surgical methods are required. These usually involve dilating (widening) the cervix and using various instruments (suction tubes, pliers- or spoon-like tools) to dismember and evacuate the fetus. After about 12 weeks the bones and skull have become calcified, and the procedure involves snapping the spine and crushing the skull so it will fit through the cervix. The "partial birth" abortion method, which is currently being reviewed by the Supreme Court to determine its legality, involves pulling the baby's body out by one leg with large forceps, forcing a "breech" birth but keeping its head in the birth canal, then piercing the head at the base of the skull and suctioning its brain tissue, which collapses the skull; the dead baby is then removed.

What is the effect on the women who undergo such operations—and particularly on the doctors and nurses who perform them routinely?

The Fruits of Abortion

It is *natural* for a pregnant mother to have tremendous feelings for the child growing in her womb—to want to take care of it, nourish it, make certain that no harm comes to it.

But our culture has bombarded us with messages that what is at stake is not a *LIFE*, it is just a *choice*. "Choosing to end a pregnancy is a *right*. No one can tell a woman what to do with her body," we hear.

As a result, those natural feelings are often overwhelmed by thoughts of, *Is this baby convenient? Can I afford it? Am I ready for this?* The problem is, those are considerations which should have been seriously examined BEFORE conception! That is when the real "choice" should be taking place.

The Planned Parenthood website, in answering the question, "How does abortion affect women emotionally?," gives this response: "The emotion

most women experience after an abortion is *relief*. Because of the *abrupt hormonal changes* caused by abortion, some women experience short-term anger, regret, guilt or sadness. After abortion most women who feel a brief sadness or other negative feeling recover very quickly." The author of that answer doesn't even consider the possibility of remorse over the death of a future child—no, any anger, regret, guilt or sadness would be a result of "hormonal changes"!

If that is true, those women have simply LOST their *natural* emotions toward the child in their womb—feelings every woman *should* have.

In many men and women today,

At what point does spiritual life begin?
If we know the answer to that question,
we know the answer to the other.

natural affection is gone! "This know also, that *in the last days* perilous times shall come. For *men shall be lovers of their OWN SELVES*, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, WITHOUT NATURAL AFFECTION...lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God" (II Tim. 3:1-4; see also Rom. 1:31).

How else can you explain doctors being so willing to perform such grisly operations, and women being willing to undergo them—usually for selfish reasons? It is in the midst of this culture of abortion that you find women willing to abandon newborn babies in dumpsters and other such shockingly unfeeling acts.

In addition to deadening our sense of life's preciousness, ABORTION ENCOURAGES IRRESPONSIBILITY. Many young men and women, for example, if they *knew* they would have to accept and live up to the responsibilities of parenthood—and truly understood those responsibilities—would be much more particular about avoiding pregnancy.

Abortion-rights advocates will mock the idea, but it is a FACT: Simply following God's law against sex outside of marriage would END the need for a majority of abortions. Abortion is a terribly high price to pay for a failure to exercise self-control in this important aspect of life.

To this point, we haven't answered our fundamental question. Is abortion

murder? The world willingly admits they don't know the answer. But there is a RIGHT answer, and we need not be ignorant!

The Missing Dimension

Realize, a crime is a violation of a man-made law. A SIN is a violation of the *higher* law of Almighty GOD (I John 3:4).

We saw that the people who made the abortion law revealed their *ignorance* as to whether or not abortion violated God's law. Such ignorance shows that something can be "legal" and still be a SIN.

Lawmakers have taken unto themselves the prerogative of deciding whether, how and when killing the unborn is "legal." BUT GOD ALREADY DECIDED THIS ISSUE! Did they for one moment think to consult Him?

Who, after all, has given life? God did that.

Who gave the command, "THOU SHALT NOT MURDER"? (that is the accurate translation of Exodus 20:13). GOD DID! Only GOD can determine when ending a life is murder.

So what does God say on this matter?

In the article "The Miracle of Life" (p. 20), we showed how the process of human conception, development and birth compares exactly to the potential begettal, development and final birth of man as a *spirit being* in God's family.

That remarkable understanding is the missing dimension—it supplies the answer we need! Because the physical process of embryonic development is an exact type of the spiritual process, we may ask, at what point does *spiritual* life begin? If we know the answer to that question, we know the answer to the other.

Spiritual life begins when the human spirit of a person is united with the Holy Spirit of God. The moment God imparts a small measure of His Holy Spirit (typed by the male sperm cell) into a person (after baptism), that person is "begotten" of God the Father. Then begins the process of gestation and growth over the person's lifetime which, unless it is somehow terminated, will finally result in their being BORN as a spirit being.

When did that spiritual life begin? At the moment of spiritual conception. LIFE BEGINS AT CONCEPTION.

The "educated" of this world would

reject the comparison, because they hold spiritual understanding in prejudiced contempt. BUT WE HAVE GOD'S ANSWER TO OUR QUESTION!

Here is the way Herbert Armstrong put it in his book *Mystery of the Ages* (which we will send you, free, upon request): "The human spirit enters the human embryo at conception. It is this spirit that may, upon adult conversion, be united with the Holy Spirit from the great Creator God, impregnating that human with God-life as a child of the Living God, in a state of gestation, though as yet unborn. To destroy an embryo or a fetus in a mother's uterus is to MURDER a potential future God Being.

"Therefore, abortion is murder" (p. 110).

An Incredible Potential

The facts, when you understand them, are actually wonderfully inspiring. God endowed men and women with creative power to generate new human life. At the moment of conception, a beautiful process is set in motion which, most likely, will one day have an awesome conclusion: a spiritual birth into God's family! No animal has such an opportunity—only humankind!

Any means by which people cut off that human life demonstrates a pitiable IGNORANCE—a lack of *true education*—about the purpose for human life and the incredible potential bound up within it.

Don't make the same mistake. Get educated! Study to deeply understand why you were born and what God purposes for you! Begin YOUR process of spiritual development! You will begin to know true LIFE as you've never known it before! ♦

More on the missing dimension...

The Missing Dimension in Sex

What is the purpose of sex? Of marriage? Of family? *Is there a purpose?*

This information—this missing dimension in sex knowledge—has gone unpublished until this book.

This book is yours free. Look for ordering information on the inside of the front cover.

THE CRITICAL INFANT YEARS

They say criminals are made, not born. But how long after they are born are they made? Research has shown that the bond between parents and infants must be created early in order to rear emotionally and socially stable adults.

BY RYAN MALONE

ASTONISHING RESEARCH HAS SHOWN for some time the importance of the first few years, even days, in a child's development as the most important factor shaping his or her personality.

This research has shown mainly how the brain wires itself in the first five years of life for vocabulary, language, math and logic. Evidence shows how critical are the brain connections formed *before* birth. At birth, the brain starts with only a handful of neurological connections and reaches *trillions* by age 3, scientists say. According to brain research done at the Children's Hospital in Michigan, until age 10, children's brains show almost **TWICE THE ACTIVITY** of an adult brain. Since these findings, parents have been urged to take advantage of this age—this window of opportunity—to ensure their children are getting their prime education in the prime time of their development.

Perhaps even more interesting, in addition to developing connections for math, logic, language, etc., the child's ability to form a *lasting attachment to another human being*—that is, the capacity to *LOVE*—is learned before age 3. Infant psychologist Selma Fraiberg wrote, "We have learned that the human qualities...to love are forged during the first two years of life" (*Every Child's Birthright: In Defense of Mothering*). This research even shows the importance of a child's **SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT** during these formative years.

If ever science gave us good reason to spend more time with our own children, this is it. But it seems some are missing the point. This research has merely stirred parents to find the best **DAYCARE** for their children.

Realize this: Human babies are helpless. They must rely on the parents for **EVERYTHING!** Whereas a baby calf, when it is born, can—by **INSTINCT**—begin walking within minutes and find its first meal, a human baby must be *taught*

EVERYTHING. Left to himself, he would starve to death, even if only inches away from his mother. He knows nothing. He is born needing attention and care in every way. He is also born emotionally unstable. He must be taught, throughout the beginning years of his life, **HOW** to be emotionally stable. This comes only from proper discipline im-



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plemented through the utmost **LOVE**—from the parents.

Between the ages of 6 months and 2 years, special brain scans called PETscans show increased activity in the frontal cortex (the area which dominates *emotions* and complex thoughts). Yet, most children who enter the current daycare system do so by around 6 months of age, according to a study done last year by the Institute of Child Health and Human Development. The parents of daycare children are missing out on cultivating their own children's emotional stability.

Developmental psychologist J.C. Schwarz and his team found that "3- and 4-year-olds who had been in daycare since

the early months of life were more physically and verbally abusive with adults and peers than their home-reared counterparts" (www.cwfa.org).

One study found that "by depriving infants and children of physical love, parents will produce adults who are gravely limited in their ability to relate to others—or who are even predisposed to **VIOLENT OR CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR**" (*Plain Truth*, Nov./Dec. 1984; emphasis mine).

Yes, that was printed over 15 years ago. But the warning it gave rings true. For the very children who have committed recent atrocious acts of violence in the schools of middle-class suburbia were *infants* when that article was published!

Dr. Stanley I. Greenspan writes in *The Irreducible Needs of Infants and Children*: "Warm relationships lasting years, not weeks or months, are essential for our capacities to love, form friendships, participate in group and communities, and eventually govern ourselves" (p. 2).

Emotional development begins even before 6 months of age, according to a study published in the fall/winter 1999 issue of *Lamaze Parents*. Attachments are made even within the first few minutes of life. Current stud-

ies indicate that newborns should be placed on the mother's body immediately after birth, to make the transition from the womb easier.

In an article in the *News&Observer* of February 16, 1997, a daycare center responded to some of this research on children's emotional development by changing their curriculum—keeping

the teachers with the children over a longer period of time. "Why rip them apart at the height of their social and emotional attachment?" center director Debby Cryer asked. "What are our priorities?"

A better question would be, *what are the parents' priorities?* These studies should be causing **THE PARENTS** to change their child rearing habits, not just daycare facilities.



AN EMOTIONAL TIME

Between the ages of 6 months and 2 years, PETscans show increased activity in the frontal cortex—the area which dominates emotions and complex thoughts.

"At the end of a long morning," the article continues, "[a] 5-month-old...coos in the arms of her teacher.... At this time next year, the two of them will be working together in the toddler class. The emotional bond—as well as any underlying neurological connections—will remain intact."

Although this child is seemingly having her emotional education and needs met, she is missing it from mom and dad. On the whole, there is a natural bond that occurs between child and parent. The fact that two people have created, from THEMSELVES, another human being and watched and FELT it develop in the womb creates a bond that *only the parents can have*.

It is the parents who must teach emotional stability to their children. It is the parents who must bring them up in an environment of love and discipline.

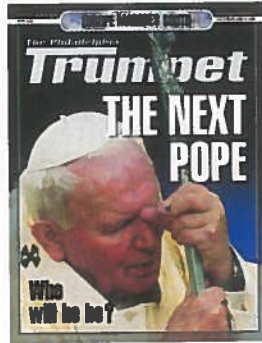
British psychiatrist John Bowlby, well known for his research on infant attachment, stated that the attachment a young child forges with his mother "forms the foundation stone of personality.... The young child's hunger for his mother's presence is as great as his hunger for food," and "HER ABSENCE INEVITABLY GENERATES A POWERFUL SENSE OF LOSS AND ANGER."

Stanford University psychologist Byrna Siegal states, "Children who are growing up without a close maternal bond will someday engage in fewer marriages and incur more divorces."

How important these few years are: to turn children into emotionally stable, responsible and socially mature adults with the right view of love and family; to prepare them for strong friendships, marriages, families, communities; to save them from the heartache of divorce, loneliness and even violence. Although daycare is striving to improve—learning better how to teach and bond with young people, however admirable—they can never replace what PARENTS WERE INTENDED TO DO: to care for their own offspring during the most crucial years of life! ♦

CORRECTION

In our May issue, the picture on page 23 incorrectly showed Taiwanese presidential candidate James Soong. The *Trumpet* regrets the error. A picture of Taiwan President-elect Chen Shui-bian may be found in this issue on page 15.



The Next Pope

«I saw the article on the pope in my doctor's office. I would like very much to have a copy. It was great! Nothing held back—we need that boldness today!»

Oak Grove, Mo.

I READ YOUR ARTICLE "THE NEXT POPE." No, I'm not Catholic, but when men like you have to sound your own "trumpet" it's time somebody spoke up. Who are you to judge the mind of God or the Christ? Only God knew the pope's heart and mind, and who are you to say they weren't following Him?

Palmerton, Pa.

TODAY IS NOT A TYPICAL "SUNNY CALIFORNIA" day, and the rather gray overcast chilly day adds to the concern I have while reading the May issue of your publication. A lot of what I am reading is completely new to me and shocking in its truth. The section on "Europe Marches South" is an eye-opener, and what it has to say is a shocking revelation of what the future holds. For a long time I have been mourning about the decline of the United States and the fine life I have enjoyed for 82 years. The future looms as shady and sad as this coolish day. Thank you for bringing these words of wisdom and enlightenment to your readers.

Chino Hills, Calif.

The Snare of Debt

I FOUND THE APRIL ISSUE ON AMERICA'S debt burden really fascinating. I have been following news of Americans' personal debt woes for the past five years despite the media and our current White House administration's proclamation of "the best of economic times ever."

Merrimack, N.H.

I WALKED INTO A DONUT STORE, AND IMMEDIATELY I noticed *The Philadelphia Trumpet*. As I began to read the article on "Debt—What Happens When America's Bills Are Due?", I realized that this is a very informative magazine like no other I've read before. It felt so good to hear the truth.

Jamaica, N.Y.

I REALLY APPRECIATED THE ARTICLES ON Canada you wrote last month. It saddens me how the land of the maple leaf has left its Christian roots. When you study the fathers of confederation, study their character, their comments and quotes, their beliefs, their vision of Canada—Canada was conceived a Christian birth. But what a different Canada it is today.

Kamloops, B.C.

I HAVE READ THE ARTICLES ABOUT TAIWAN in your magazine many times. My admiration grows as I read them repeatedly and pass them on to my teachers and friends. As a Taiwanese girl who came to America during her 9th grade, I am very concerned about the spiritual and political understandings of my own people. I am also very attentive to what is happening in the world and have found your magazine enjoyable and enlightening.

Houston, Tex.

I RECEIVED THE *PLAIN TRUTH* FOR MANY years and after a long break started receiving the *Trumpet* ten years ago. This magazine is a great blessing in a world going mad. It casts a light into the darkness, and many strange political events are explained (Kosovo, South Africa, etc.). More people need to read this magazine.

Durban, South Africa

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WAYNE TURGEON

The Neglected Child

We all suffer when we let our most precious resource go to waste.

I RECENTLY DROVE TWO OF MY THREE CHILDREN TO A SCHOOL where my 7-year-old son was to practice with his new baseball team. The field was still wet from a good down-pour two days earlier, and we left the house before a message canceling the practice could reach us. Having an unexpected block of free time, I parked the van and let my son and his 5-year-old sister out with their puppy to play on the adjacent playground. Normally I would have gotten out to join them, but this time I stayed to finish listening to a cassette tape.

Within a few minutes, a woman came out of the school and rapped on my window, which I promptly rolled down.

"Sorry to bother you, sir, but are those your children over there?" "Yes." "Is that your dog?" "Yes." She half-apologized for her concern: "You never know these days; better to be safe than sorry." I managed a weak smile and a slight nod of my head, and thought how suspicious I appeared, sitting alone, in a van, next to a playground!

This nice lady meant well, so how could I be upset with her for not trusting a stranger? That same week, a mere 6-year-old Michigan boy had killed a classmate in cold blood one day after an altercation at school. As expected, lawyers on both sides are arguing about whom to blame: the jailed 29-year-old father, incarcerated for most of his young son's life—the mother who commuted early and late to work two jobs, forced to put him in his 21-year-old uncle's reputed drug house in a sleazy neighborhood?—the 19-year-old acquaintance who left a stolen weapon lying under some blankets where the little boy could find it? Liberals blame conservatives for taking away social services which could help the child for less than a third of what it would cost to imprison him and so on and so forth. Evidently, if those closest to the incident are not guilty, then the rest of us must be at fault!

In our February issue, we detailed the many prophecies of news events that Herbert W. Armstrong proclaimed, up to decades in advance in some instances. One of the most critical would doubtless have to be the breakdown of the family. Mr. Armstrong repeatedly brought to our attention Isaiah 3:12, about children being our oppressors and, in lieu of real God-fearing men, women ruling over us. Sadly but truly, this is coming to pass. Mr. Armstrong repeatedly said that as the family goes, so goes the nation.

Maybe you saw the 1999 *Frontline* report on Conyers, Georgia, where parents were either ignorant of or didn't care about their teens' extracurricular activities, which included all types of perverted sex. Other dads and moms have resorted to allowing drugs such as Ritalin to control their toddlers,

an easy out for many parents who have themselves dabbled in illegal drugs.

ABC News reported that the average child in daycare spends 32 hours a week under someone else's "care" while both parents are employed outside the home. About a third of all working parents have their children in daycare, with many of them having to use two or three daycare services per day, given their evening and weekend schedules. Forty-six percent of husbands and wives on different shifts see each other only about 15 minutes a day. How can they have a unified approach to child rearing if they don't have a good line of communication between themselves?

Recently, a man in Oklahoma City collecting aluminum cans found a helpless, freezing baby girl abandoned in a dumpster, face down in a book bag, with her umbilical cord still attached—about five hours after her birth. She will live, but with what kind of a future? There is now renewed debate as to whether or not Oklahoma should be one of the first states to pass a law making it more acceptable to turn in unwanted newborns anonymously without legal punishment. In Hamburg, Germany, a new baby "drop off" is being heralded as a great alternative to abortion and other crimes against the most innocent members of society.

A recent surgeon general's report says that four of the ten leading causes of disability for people age 5 and older are mental disorders. According to Associated Press, in the past 15 years the number of juveniles nationwide sent to already overflowing adult prisons more than doubled. Our sons and daughters won't have to be added to these grim statistics if only we would start now to look to God and His simple yet profound instructions for all mankind.

What is a thousand times worse than any type of abuse is neglecting the proper love, instruction and discipline of our most precious natural resource—our youth. Contrary to what the "experts" say, children need two parents, not one—of opposite sexes, not the same. They also require both quality AND quantity time. Use even a fraction of the eight hours a day most children spend watching television teaching your children about God and His wonderful way of life, and your family will reap the benefits. We have an excellent, free sister magazine for teens and young adults, *True Education*, which can assist you in that most important, yet ignored, spiritual area.

It's never too late to learn that we are made in God's image and that our children are on loan to us from Him. If we would each take the time to fulfill our God-given responsibility to raise them properly, many innocent people would not have to suffer.



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