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Our Appeal to the Supreme Court



We are in a court battle over Herbert W. Armstrong's book *Mystery of the Ages*. The big issue is, *who owns the copyright?* We won our case against the Worldwide Church of God (wCG) in the District Court of California, but we lost a split decision in the appellate court.

Now there has been an injunction issued. We have had to stop printing and mailing *Mystery of the Ages* (and all of Mr. Armstrong's writings).

We have appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court. There is less than a 1 percent chance of our getting into the Supreme Court, but I believe we will. I prophesy to you that, one way or the other, God will provide a way for us to mail that book again.

If you want to know the reason why I make such a bold statement, write for a copy of my booklet *The Royal Book of Revelation*. We are now getting it ready to be printed. We'll send you a free copy as soon as it is completed. You will be amazed at what the Bible contains about that mystery.

Herbert W. Armstrong wrote *Mystery of the Ages* only a few months before he died. He said he wanted to "reach the largest audience possible."

Here is what Mr. Armstrong wrote concerning this book, September 23, 1985, about four months before he died: "Since last December I have been working diligently on the largest and most important book in my life. In real fact I feel I myself did not write it. Rather, I believe God used me in writing it."

The book was serialized in the *Plain Truth* magazine. But even *before* Mr. Armstrong died, at age 93, the leaders around him began to make some changes in that book's content. Of course, it was done without Mr. Armstrong's knowledge. Then, about two years after he died, the book was discontinued.

The wCG destroyed their remaining copies of that book. I believe that was a very revealing act. It demonstrates how deeply they hated the ideas in that book! If Mr. Armstrong was right about God revealing it to him, it also shows how profoundly they hate God! And how contemptuous they were toward their own church members who wanted to receive those copies that were burned!

Yet at the appellate court, the wCG convinced two judges that they *might* produce an annotated version of *Mystery of the Ages*. It has been over ten years since they destroyed that book. And still the wCG has made no attempt to print it.

We agree with Mr. Armstrong, that this book was revealed by God.

Those church leaders that Mr. Armstrong trusted most obviously didn't believe it was inspired by God. However, they *never* told him that! There is no evidence that they ever even disagreed with him—even on a minor point—while he was alive! That gives you some idea of their lack of character.

Here is why we won on the district level in the courts. Judge J. Spencer Letts got back to the *intent* of the author. Of Mr. Armstrong, Judge Letts said, "He didn't dream that by giving this copyright to the corporation, which was his corporation that reflected his religion, that those who would come after him would use their corporate power to suppress his religion or to keep any prior practitioners of his religion, or any people that were ever vested with the authority of that religion, notwithstanding they don't have corporate position, from making that book available on a continuous, freshly printed basis, I don't believe the founder dreamed that. You don't have a case that comes even close to it."

Mr. Armstrong believed that God commissioned him to reach "the largest audience possible" with that book. He said that *Mystery of the Ages* was the greatest gift he could give to the world!

Now we believe God has commissioned us to take *Mystery of the Ages* to "the largest audience possible."

This is the heart of what the court battle is about.

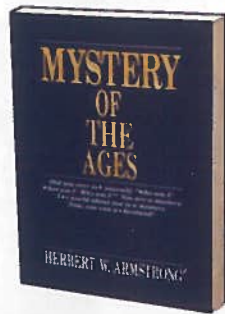
Joe Tkach, the current pastor general of the wCG, believes it is their "Christian duty to keep this book out of print." But there are many people who still want that book.

His desire is to keep you and every person on Earth from reading that book. Two of the four judges we have faced believe that Mr. Tkach is violating the U.S. Constitution as well as the copyright law. He is trying to stop our freedom of speech and religion.

Our lawyers are making the case that the copyright law was designed to *encourage* and *protect* written material—NOT DESTROY IT! It grossly offends the copyright law when people use it to suppress hated ideas!

Recently I was interviewed for three hours by Jess Bravin, from the *Wall Street Journal*. The press and public are becoming more interested in our court battle. It has implications that reach far beyond our church.

Please continue to read the *Trumpet*. We will keep you updated on this intense legal battle.



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Muscling Into the Mideast

Taking advantage of the main players in Mideast diplomacy being distracted by national elections, the European Union has quietly muscled in on the scene as much more than a bit player in the ongoing peace process.

BY RON FRASER

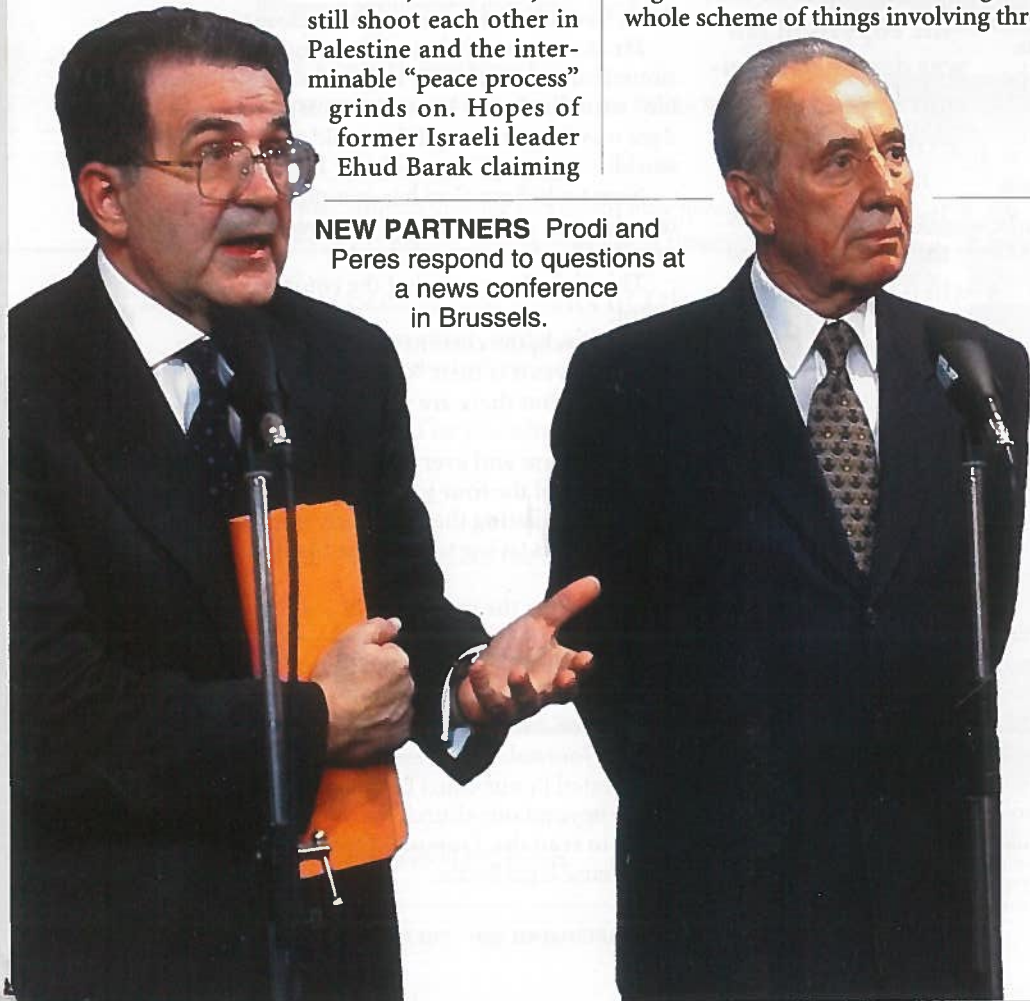
ISRAEL HAS ELECTED ITS NEW LEADER. Both Britain and France are gearing up for spring elections. Up to now each has been significantly involved in the Middle East peace process. U.S. President George W. Bush is currently enmeshed in his honeymoon period with the U.S. Congress and electorate, while his aids busily search for a clear foreign-policy direction.

Meanwhile, Arabs and Jews still shoot each other in Palestine and the interminable "peace process" grinds on. Hopes of former Israeli leader Ehud Barak claiming

success in any dramatic peace initiative by the date of Israeli national elections proved to be empty. And in the midst of all these events, the European Union enters center-stage with that eternal peace dove of two faces, Shimon Peres, following closely behind.

A careful study of the machinations involved in the Israeli-Palestinian peace process reveals the level of *intrigue* which is threaded through the whole scheme of things involving three

NEW PARTNERS Prodi and Peres respond to questions at a news conference in Brussels.



principle parties—the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO), the European Union and the Vatican. It is the EU which, having cranked up its Middle East role commencing last October, is destined to play a critical diplomatic role from here on in the region. And it appears that their principle connection in Israel is none other than a wily old fox of left-wing Israeli politics. Now that Ariel Sharon has gained the leadership of Israel, watch for prominent Labor Party member and former Prime Minister Shimon Peres to take a high profile in a unity government structure involving Labor and the conservative Likud Party of Ariel Sharon.

Power Broker Peres

It was extremely interesting to see Mr. Peres back in the limelight, consorting with Sharon in the run-up to the Israeli elections.

Is this an unlikely partnership?

Sharon is a noted hawk, whose visit to Jerusalem's Temple Mount was even thought to provoke the recent civil war in Palestine between Arab and Jew. Peres has the image of a dove, even being prepared to lead in giving away the strategic Israeli occupied territories.

Why is it that Shimon Peres has seemingly popped up (either behind the scenes or in many instances leading) in negotiations, sometimes secret, with the other protagonists involved in the tortuous peace process? Simple. Close investigation reveals that Peres is the *prime link* involved in the negotiations with the Vatican and the EU which are now resulting in the EU seeking to take over as the principle mediator and driving force in the "peace process," marginalizing U.S. efforts.

Peres's bona fides were established with Yasser Arafat's PLO in a dirty deal which allowed the PLO to dictate the outcome of the 1992 Israeli election. It was Peres who told Arafat, in secret and behind the back of former Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, that if the PLO rallied Arab voters behind Labor, helping it to oust Likud from power, his government would support an "independent autonomous entity" led by the PLO—"i.e., something resembling a Palestinian state" (Barry Chamish, *Traitors and Carpetbaggers in the Promised Land*, p. 25).

Arafat took the bait. "Effectively, the PLO decided who was to run Israel" (ibid., p. 26). Ever since, Arafat has sought his pound of flesh in terms of the fulfillment of the promises which

Peres made to him. It is no secret that Shimon Peres was the puppeteer who pulled the strings of the assassinated Rabin's government's negotiations with the Palestinians. His initiatives led to the exchange of letters between Rabin and Arafat in September 1993 which in turn led to the signing of the "Declaration of Principles of Interim Self-Government Arrangements"—termed the Oslo Accord—signed by Rabin and Arafat in Washington that same year. The Oslo Accord became the foundation upon which the past seven years' efforts to find a peaceful settlement in Palestine have been built.

Enter the Vatican

But most significantly, it was Shimon Peres who in 1993 brokered the deal with Pope John Paul II to hand over sovereignty of Jerusalem's Old City to the Vatican. Although we have observed enough snippets of intelligence here and there to build the picture, author Barry Chamish's research has done much to expose this traitorous act. French intellectual Mark Halter elaborated on the plan: "The city will stay the capital of Israel but will be administered by the Vatican. The city will have an Israeli mayor and a Palestinian mayor, both under orders from the Holy See. The program was originally submitted to the Vatican by Peres two years ago [1991], just before the Oslo talks began.

"The Vaticanization plan was presented to the PLO during the Oslo negotiations. Just before the signing of the Declaration of Principles, Arafat agreed not to oppose the plan. The plan also has the support of a number of influential Palestinian intellectuals who were consulted, including Professor Edward Said [of Columbia University (renowned for his works on the subject of Orientalism)].

"The Peres plan calls for the extraterritoriality of the Old City and the airport at Atarot, which will become an international meeting center" (ibid., pp. 75-76).

The Vatican's tools in the drive to take over Jerusalem have been *Arafat*, *Peres* and the *European Union*.

As Mr. Flurry states in his booklet *Hosea and God's Adulterous Wife*, "Why would the Israelis trust the greatest terrorist in the Middle East, Yasser Arafat, to protect them from terrorism? They have more than enough power to protect themselves. But they lack the WILL to use it! (Lev. 26:17-19)... America and Britain have put enormous pressure on the Jews to accept the peace process" (p. 27).

In actual fact that means *America and Britain are forcing the Jews to accept the takeover of the Holy City by spiritual Babylon* (Rev. 17:1-6, 15)! All of a sudden, the EU is moving in on Israel and the PLO to force their will on the "peace process" and ensure an outcome which will move them from their former position of co-sponsor and prime paymaster of the process to its *prime leader*.

The European Connection

In his capacity as vice president of the European Commission, Manuel Marin states, "The Middle East peace process that was launched at the 1991 Madrid Conference raised great hopes of a comprehensive, just and lasting peace

between Israel and its Arab neighbors.... *The European Union reacted to this historical opportunity by making available the largest international program of economic assistance to the peace process*. In parallel, the Union maintained its supportive *complementary political role*.... Although originally invited to the Madrid Conference by the two co-sponsors as a normal participant, *the European Union has gradually expanded its political role in the peace process in line with the establishment of the Common Foreign and Security Policy by the Maastricht Treaty*.... Through its intense involvement, the European Union has shown its *determination to play a full political role in terms of promoting a comprehensive, just*

and lasting peace in the region" ("The Role of the EU in the Peace Process and its Future Assistance to the Middle East," EU report, Jan. 26, 1998; emphasis mine here and throughout).

European Union involvement in the Middle East peace process dates back to the Venice Declaration of 1980. Possessing very little political clout at the time, the EU literally *bought its way into the peace process. It is by far its largest single donor*.

Economic benefits continued to dominate the EU thrust into the Middle East till 1996 and the conclusion of the EU Maastricht Treaty.

"The Maastricht Treaty had given it a common foreign and security policy. A special representative for the Middle East, Miguel Angel Moratinos, was appointed in 1996 to put Europe's proposals and guarantees to the various parties. On March 26, 1999, the *Berlin summit conference of EU heads of state and government explicitly recognized the Palestinians' right to a state*" ("Middle East: The Faultline," www.monde-diplomatique.fr/en).

With the implementation of a common foreign and security policy, the EU signaled that it was moving from its former position as primarily an economic power toward a *federation of nation-states*, backed by the power of *military force*, intent on becoming a *major power broker* on the world scene. Their public declaration in support of a separate Palestinian state threw down the gauntlet to the tiny, embattled nation of Israel and to the previous prime public peace broker, the United States.



OLD PARTNERS Peres and Arafat, at a January 2001 meeting

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Whose Holy City?

LAST YEAR THE VATICAN joined with the Palestinians in a strong condemnation of Israel's hold over all the city of Jerusalem. They issued a communiqué stating that this was "morally and legally unacceptable" (*AP Worldstream*, Feb. 15, 2000).

How legitimate is the Palestinian claim to Jerusalem? They are Muslim, their holy book being the Koran. The Jews have the Old Testament, Christians both Old and New Testaments of the Bible. Jerusalem is mentioned 660 times in the Old Testament, 151 times in the new. It is not mentioned once in the Koran.



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Devious Alliances

Behind the curtain in Israeli politics

ISRAELI POLITICS ARE HARD to fathom. Why would a nation that fought so hard

during much of its short life in possession of its modern homeland, believing it to be its birthright, seemingly become so willing to give up that strategic land, bought at such a high price with its own blood? The answer is found in the high level of political intrigue and corruption which tarnishes Israel's national image and reaches deep into British and U.S. administrations, both past and present.

Perhaps the most sinister of these murky machinations is that revealed by co-founder of the intelligence newsletter *Inside Israel* and author of the book *The Fall of Israel*, Barry Chamish. In his book *Traitors and Carpetbaggers in the Promised Land*, Chamish highlights the connection between a former U.S. secretary of state, a former Israeli prime minister, and the newly elected prime minister of Israel, Ariel Sharon.

Chamish claims that, according to his research, for the past few years Ariel Sharon has been working to get former Labor Prime Minister Shimon Peres back in a unity government with the conservative Likud Party. Why?

"In the case of Sharon, the answer is Henry Kissinger. In early October [1996], President Hosni Mubarak invited Sharon to a three-way meeting with Peres in Cairo. On October 17 Sharon met with Kissinger at what was supposed to be a secret meeting at the Sheraton Hotel in Manhattan.... Following his meeting with Kissinger, Sharon cancelled his Cairo meeting with Peres, preferring to initiate a series of semi-secret meetings with him at his home in Ramat Aviv" (p. 183).

Queried by Mr. Chamish about why the meeting with Kissinger took place, Sharon's spokesman stated, "Mr. Sharon has met Dr. Kissinger every time he's flown to America over the past 25 years.... Dr. Kissinger and Mr. Sharon have shared a deep friendship that began after the Yom Kippur War" (ibid., p. 184).

Pressing Sharon's spokesman for a meeting to discuss Dr. Kissinger's stewardship of the Council on Foreign Relations, the response was, "Mr. Sharon has instructed me not to publicize his diplomatic activities until the time is right." Chamish concluded, "Until that day, Sharon and Peres are busy plotting the latter's return to power... undoubtedly with Kissinger's powerful blessing" (ibid.).

In the light of these revelatory claims by Chamish, it is intriguing to note the postulation that "Kissinger set the precedent for diplomatic pressure on Israel to secede lands won in war and is assumed to have had a decisive influence on Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's original accession to power.... It was Kissinger who presented Rabin and Foreign Minister Peres with the UNESCO Peace Prize in Paris" (ibid., p. 88).

There are two competing camps in the Middle East peace process—the Anglo-American camp and the EU-Vatican camp. Each is at odds with the other. The prize is Middle Eastern oil. As the Anglo-American plan falters under a history of weak, inept leadership, the European sponsors of Shimon Peres take heart and the Vatican-inspired EU diplomacy kicks into high gear.

Hosea's prophecy contains references to foreign alliances involving the deviousness of Anglo-American politics, in association with Germany, Egypt and the modern nation of Israel in Palestine. The central theme is OIL, and the end result for the Jewish and Anglo-American nations' shadowy foreign affairs is prophesied as quite foreboding. "Ephraim feedeth on wind, and followeth after the east wind: he daily increaseth lies and desolation; and they do make a covenant with the Assyrians, and oil is carried into Egypt. The Lord hath also a controversy with Judah, and will punish Jacob according to his ways; according to his doings will he recompense him" (Hos. 12:1-2).



Sharon with Kissinger

In the meantime, following up on the deal which Peres had brokered with Pope John Paul II to hand over the sovereignty of Jerusalem's Old City to the Vatican, and realizing the need to obtain control of its property in the areas which will fall under PLO administration, the pope acted by concluding an accord with Arafat last February to regularize relations between the Palestinian Authority and Roman Catholic churches in Jerusalem.

Eight months later, Gerhard Schröder, chancellor of Germany, in a flurry of very direct diplomatic activity—while the Clinton-Gore administration was distracted with the U.S. presidential campaign—visited Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan, Syria, Israel and the Palestinian territories. As a result, *the Arab league, the Lebanese and the PLO all called for the European Union to raise its level of involvement in encouraging regional peace*, particularly in the Israeli-Palestinian peace process. The same month, EU foreign-policy chief Javier Solana attended an Israeli-Palestinian crisis summit in Egypt, further cementing top-level EU involvement in the peace process.

Current Scenario

By January 2001, what do we see?

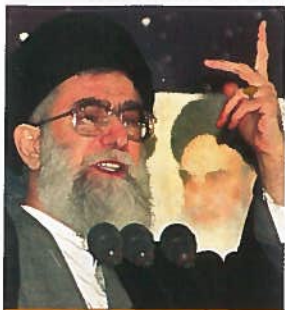
"Arafat called on Saturday for the European Union to step into the Middle East peace process. 'Clinton has now left.... Bush will need time to set up his administration.... In this gap the need for intervention on behalf of the European Union has never been as necessary,' Arafat told the Italian newspaper *La Repubblica*" (Reuters, Jan. 27).

On the same day, Arafat panned U.S. Middle East envoy Dennis Ross as useless and publicly declared that the past seven years' efforts of the Clinton administration contributed nothing to the peace process. The very next day Arafat flew to Davos, Switzerland, for a meeting with that old pariah Shimon Peres, and later with UN Secretary General Kofi Annan.

Two days later, a radical power group within the EU issued the following statement: "The radical deputies in the European Parliament have launched a signature campaign to commit the EU to carry out immediately a study and operational project aimed at assuring the full participation of the State of Israel in the European Union. [It] reaffirms that the State of

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Back With a Vengeance



Khamenei

A hard-line crackdown on reformists in Iran gives a glimpse into the country's future.

BY JOEL HILLIKER

IRAN'S CONSERVATIVE religious leader, Ayatollah Sayed Ali Khamenei, was one of the first to congratulate the country's new president, Mohammad Khatami, after his landslide victory in May of 1997. "A shining turning point has appeared in our history," the Ayatollah gushed.

By some measures, it looked like an era of more moderation for the country. Running on promises of increased personal freedoms, human rights and democracy, Khatami had won nearly 70 percent of the vote. He proved particularly popular among youth and women—a great part of the electorate (70 percent of Iran's population is under age 30). Many people, including the reformers, believed that all that was needed to really change Iran was to vote a reformist majority into the legislature.

But just after they won a huge 70 percent victory in the February 2000 parliamentary elections, a close presidential aid and chief strategist for the reformers, Saeed Hajarian, was shot, in what was widely considered a political assassination. Shortly afterward, conservatives shut down over 20 reformist publications and journals, and imprisoned many of its journalists and reformist clerics. In August, just as the new parliament (called the *Majlis*)

was prepared to amend a law restricting the press, Khamenei stunned the country when, at the last minute, he had a letter read before the *Majlis* ordering the measure to be killed.

"The hard-liners have come back with a vengeance," said Patrick Clawson, research director of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, on January 16.

Iran is a theocratic republic. That means the religious leaders hold ultimate power. Under Iranian law, the

Ayatollah can override the president on any action he wishes to. Any bill ratified by the *Majlis* can be overturned by the 12-member clerical Guardian Council if it deems the bill to be in violation of religious law. Last year the council scrapped 40 percent of the parliament's decisions (one of the latest of which, as an example, would have freed Iranian women to travel abroad for study without permission from their fathers or husbands).

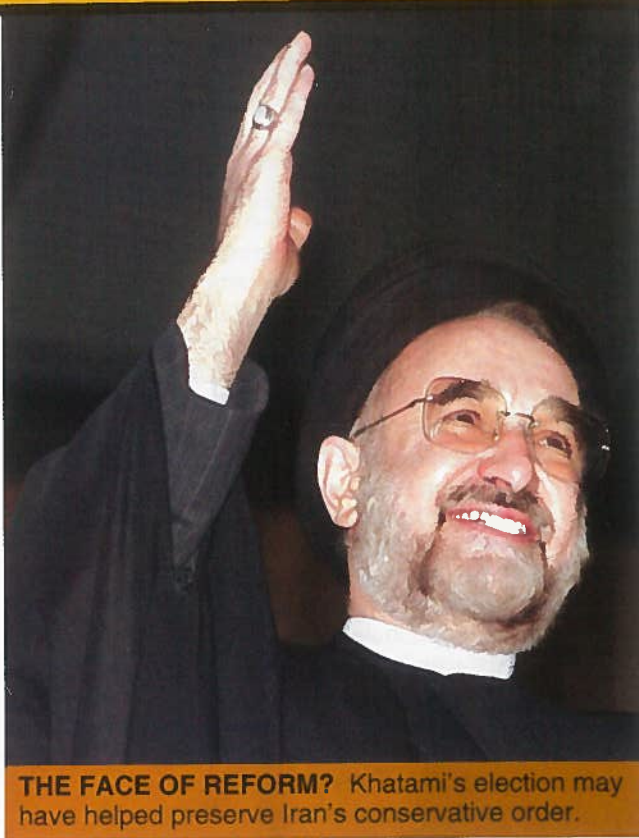
The judicial branch of the government is also mostly controlled by conservatives intent on punishing any behavior they consider un-Islamic. In addition to Islamic leaders heading the revolutionary court, the Tehran Justice Department and the special court for the clergy, the most hard-line of conservatives make up the greater part of Khamenei's inner circle of advisers.

As Seyed Mohammadreza Khatami, the president's brother and secretary-general of the Islamic Iran Participation Front, said, "Even though the conservatives have lost 80 percent of the elective seats of the government, *they still control 80 percent of the levers of power.*"

As we will see, given Iran's objectives within the Middle East, there is every reason to be alarmed by this conservative backlash.



ARDENT SUPPORTERS A crowd at Tehran's Imam Khomeini mosque raises their fists as they listen to a Iran's supreme religious leader, Ayatollah Khamenei.



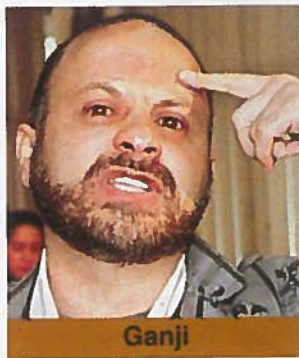
THE FACE OF REFORM? Khatami's election may have helped preserve Iran's conservative order.

The Ganji Incident

One recent incident illustrates the firm grip the conservative establishment has on Iranian politics.

A major slap at the reform movement came in January when the revolutionary court jailed at least seven leading reformists and ordered another to be executed for participating in a conference on Iran's political liberalization in Berlin last April. Among the dissidents was Akbar Ganji, a prominent investigative journalist who had exposed death-squad killings of other journalists and critics. He was handed a ten-year sentence.

When a reporter for the *International Herald Tribune*, Geneive Abdo, smuggled questions to him in prison and published the answers, she too was threatened with severe punishment. She quickly fled the country with her husband, Jonathan Lyons, Reuters' Iran bureau chief. Reuters permanently withdrew Mr. Lyons from Iran, saying, "The safety and security of our correspondents is a prime concern, and we did not feel we had the guarantees we needed of Lyons's continued well-being in Tehran."



Ganji

Reporting on the situation, Ms. Abdo explained that it was not the conservatives, but *Khatami's government* that was most critical of her story, wherein Mr. Ganji expressed some radical sentiments. Because the story exposed the whole reform movement to censure from the conservative establishment, and because Ganji was already a confirmed reformist hero, allies of President Khatami chose instead to discredit the reporter responsible for releasing the information. "In other words," Ms. Abdo wrote, "a reform movement built on a platform of free expression and overseen by a philosopher-president would prefer to jail accredited Western journalists than to surrender any control over the political process. The reformist slogans of 'pluralism' and 'civil society' are little more than weapons to be

turned against one's rivals" (*International Herald Tribune*, Feb. 5).

Ms. Abdo concluded, "Mr. Khatami's landslide election nearly four years ago ushered in a climate of promise and hope.... Instead, *Mr. Khatami has done more to preserve the system established by the Islamic Revolution than any conservative politician could have hoped to do*" (ibid.).

A shining turning point in Iran's history, indeed.

Uniting Enemies

When Mr. Khatami was elected, the *Trumpet* wrote this: "Is it possible that Khatami could end up relegated to a mere figurehead in Iranian politics? Khatami's victory could give Khamenei, the radical religious head, even more power than before" (July 1997, p. 28).

Time is proving that analysis correct.

Mr. Khatami is being pressured by the conservatives and opponents of the current reformist agenda to withdraw from the upcoming May election. They say the reformers have reached a dead end. If Khatami does withdraw, an Islamic conservative is sure to assume his office. It would essentially render impotent most of what the reformists

have worked to achieve over the past several years. Certainly the religious backbone of Iran is stiffening.

The U.S. in particular is disturbed by these developments. Dialogue between the two countries has been strained since the 1979 Islamic revolution ousted the pro-American Muhammad Reza Shah Pahlavi, and formal ties were broken during the 1980 Iran hostage crisis. For years the U.S. has accused Iran of sponsoring international terrorism and has tried to isolate Iran diplomatically and economically.

Khatami's election cast a ray of hope on improved relations. It is becoming ever clearer that those hopes were naïve. As much as the U.S. wants a better relationship with Iran, Ayatollah Khamenei has repeatedly said that such ties would be like forcing a friendship between the wolf and the sheep. The U.S. is brazenly considered by the conservative element within Iran to be "the Great Satan."

Not a good basis for a friendship.

The Bible identifies an end-time Middle Eastern power as "the king of the south" (Dan. 11:40)—likely an international coalition of nations dominated by one in particular. It is true that Middle Easterners are not known for their unity. But the one thing that can bind these peoples together in purpose, if only briefly, as they fulfill their fated role in the unfolding of prophetic events, is the glue of religion—specifically, radical Islam!

The fact that the Islamic conservatives in Iran are strengthening their grip on the country at this time is not coincidental.

The Middle East is seething right now, particularly with the war over rights to the land of Israel making headlines. At the heart of this dispute is *religion*. The Palestinians have the support—to this point, substantially vocal—of all the surrounding countries except Turkey. Iraq's President Saddam Hussein has gone so far as to pay out \$10,000 to the family of any Palestinian "martyred" by Israelis in the conflict. He has called upon the surrounding nations to unite against foreign influence and to "liberate" Palestinian land from "the Jordan River to the sea."

Although they have been sworn enemies in recent times, Iran and Iraq share the goal of Islamic peoples taking control of Israel and conquering Jerusalem. Religiously, they are actually more akin to one another than they are to virtually

anyone else in the region. While most of the Arab nations are dominated by Sunni Muslims, the majority in Iraq are Shiite—the same branch of Islam that makes up almost 90 percent of Iran's populace. With the Israel situation fomenting, their common enemy is driving these countries together.

Prophecy strongly indicates that Iraq will unite with Iran. Iran will emerge as the premier power of the two. Our free booklet *The King of the South* explains this likelihood in detail.

Such an explosive event would fall right into place with Iran's enduring aim for command of the Mideast.

Premier Power

Iran's long-held objective, stretching back to even before the 1979 revolution, is to become the undisputed leader in

the region. Many Iranians are convinced of their country's natural dominance—even over their strong, oil-rich neighbors Egypt, Iraq and Saudi Arabia.

A major reason for this attitude could be *race*. A majority of Iranians are *Persian*, not Arab, which is the predominant race in most other Mideast countries. In the minds of many Persians, and even Arabs, there is a native superiority in the Persian race; it is perceived as being a more honorable, noble, even aristocratic, bloodline. Call a Persian Iranian an Arab, and you are sure to be sternly corrected.

But whatever its reasons, Iran seeks to exert its supremacy—largely through aggressive and ambitious military development. Regionally speaking, it trails only Egypt in the size of its army (10.5 million soldiers, with over

800,000 more reaching military age annually), but it outranks Egypt in military expenditures, which are climbing toward \$6 billion a year.

Iran's weapons program is of enormous concern to the U.S.—particularly the long-standing reports of its procurement and development of nuclear, biological and chemical weapons.

As early as 1992, a top-secret report from Russia's intelligence agency sent to the CIA revealed that *Iran had acquired missing nuclear warheads* from a closed Kazakhstani base. But it wasn't only former Soviet weapons and weapons-usable nuclear material that Iran was getting its hands on—they were also actively recruiting former Soviet atomic scientists. China has also supplied the Iranians with nuclear technology.

Gore's Secret Pact

IN 1995, THEN U.S. VICE President Al Gore met several times with Russian Prime Minister Victor Chernomyrdin about security issues. At the end of their fifth meeting, they emerged to announce over a dozen agreements, including the fact that Russia would stop signing new conventional weapons contracts with Iran, and that existing contracts between the two would be completed by 1999.

The problem is, Mr. Gore did not reveal all the details of their agreement—not even to Congress. Until the information was leaked to the *New York Times* last October, no one knew that the deal gave the Russians virtually a *carte blanche* for delivering arms to Iran *until* 1999—including weapons that may have triggered U.S. sanctions under the 1992 *Iran-Iraq Arms Nonproliferation Act* (co-sponsored by, of all people, then Senator Al Gore and Arizona Republican John McCain).

As reported by the *Wall Street Journal*, in the intervening years Russia has

shipped Iran three new Kilo-class submarines—the most advanced in the world today—as well as wake-homing torpedoes designed to sink U.S. aircraft carriers. They've also shipped MiG-29 fighter jets, SU-24 fighter bombers, strategic bombers, jet trainers and anti-ballistic missile systems—all without creating so much as a warning blip on U.S. radar screens, thanks to that 1995 deal. “The Gore-Chernomyrdin pact was a coup of major proportions for Moscow” (op. cit., Oct. 18, 2000).

But the “coup” didn't end there. It turns out Russia never upheld their end of the deal after all. Within a few months of the full ban going into effect, Russia announced that as of December 1, 2000, it would consider the agreement nullified—or, in the words of Iranian Defense Minister Ali Shamkhani, “dead and buried.” Iran celebrated the announcement. Shamkhani said, “It has been proven today that independent countries will choose their



partners without taking into account extraneous issues and will decide upon cooperation and expansion of their ties.” By “extraneous issues,” he was certainly referring to pressure from America.

Much to the U.S.'s dismay, Iran-Russia military cooperation is moving ahead full throttle. A December visit to Iran by Russian Defense Minister Igor Sergeyev—the highest-level Russian visit since the Iranian revolution over 20 years ago—signaled this total reversal of Russia's Iran policy. Even Russian President Vladimir Putin is proposing a “strategic alliance” with Iran, in sharp contrast with the cautious stance of former President Boris Yeltsin.

The potential value of new weapons deals are estimated at between \$1 billion and \$7 billion, and will surely result in a quantum leap in Iran's arms procurement. Economically struggling Russia is more than happy to soak up extra capital from Iran's booming \$20 billion annual oil business.

As for the 1995 agreement, it was Russian nationalist Vladimir Zhirinovskiy who put the final nail in its coffin. Visiting Iran on February 1, he said that Chernomyrdin should *stand trial* for signing the deal. He publicly asked this chilling question: “While Pakistan, India and Israel have atomic weapons and certain other countries are close to achieving such weapons, *why not Iran?*”



CALL TO ARMS Iran's Shahab-3 missile on display last September.

It is clear Iran wants its own production capability. Under the guise of creating a civilian energy program, it is pushing to bring home whole facilities, like uranium-conversion facilities—spending far more annually on nuclear hardware than would be required for mere domestic energy production.

Iran also has several thousand tons of chemical agents stockpiled, including blister, blood and choking agents. According to testimony by Leonard Spector before the House International Relations Committee in 1996, it is capable of producing an additional thousand tons of these agents every year. And, in violation of the Biological Weapons Convention it signed, Iran has had a biological warfare program for almost two decades, beginning back during the Iran-Iraq war.

For delivery of these deadly materials, Iran has artillery mortars, rockets, aerial bombs and Scud warheads—many also delivered from former Soviet countries, China and North Korea. Iran is now working hard to become self-sufficient in its missile production. July 15, 2000, Iran announced a successful test of its own Shahab-3 missile, which has a range of over 800 miles. The defense minister has publicly mentioned plans for an even longer-range missile.

In September 2000, Robert Walpole, a National Intelligence Council official, told the Senate Governmental Affairs subcommittee on proliferation that “The probability that a missile with a weapon of mass destruction would be used against U.S. forces or interests is higher today than during most of the cold war, and will continue to grow.”

In other words, in the hands of a country like Iran, this terrifying arsenal won't sit idle for long.

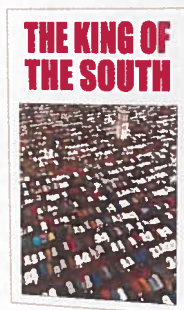
Iran's Future

What does it mean that these weapons of mass destruction are at the disposal of Iran's radical Islamic establishment? In the short term, it portends disaster for the little nation of Israel. It will be increasingly isolated by a uniting front of Muslim-driven enemies. Iran will push its way to the forefront of this bullying effort. Its brashness and confidence as a real force in the region and worldwide will continue to grow.

What happens next will shock everyone who witnesses it! All the conflict that has shaken this bloodied land from the dawn of civilization to the present street warfare will seem tame compared to the chaotic conflagration that will soon engulf the region! And that terrible war will shortly thereafter spread worldwide—not a man, woman or child will escape it without God's protection!

Your Bible prophecies in detail what is to happen to the Iran-led king of the south—and what the ultimate fate will be of the Middle East. You need our booklet *The King of the South* to educate yourself on what to watch for in the months and years ahead—and to PREPARE yourself for when it comes. ♦

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EU-Israel *from page 4*

Israel, isolated and independent, can no longer assure...for its own citizens, for the Middle East, for the Mediterranean world of which it is a part...rights and freedom in security.” Reuters reported, “The statement said the EU was bound by its ideals and objectives to get more directly involved, politically and economically, in the conflict-torn Middle East region, where it is already the biggest aid donor” (Jan. 30).

Things are moving fast, very fast, in the EU-Israel-PLO-Vatican nexus. Miguel Moratinos, the EU's Middle East envoy, hosted a meeting in January between the protagonists, following which both Barak and Arafat declared they had achieved their closest agreement yet.

No More Delay

Ariel Sharon may be the elected leader of Israel, but watch for one foxy old socialist to slide into the picture as the power behind the throne in a unity government between Likud and Labor. Once again *Shimon Peres* is set to worm his way back into prime focus as the mediator between Israel, the PLO, the EU and the Vatican.

Watch for the U.S. being sidelined in the peace process and for a Vatican-EU-UN combined diplomacy to take over and consummate the Middle East peace process—which will result in the deep wounding of Judah, in direct fulfillment of Gerald Flurry's prophetic words: “WHAT WE ACTUALLY SEE HERE IS A GREAT SHIFT IN WORLD POWER. A weak U.S. is being pushed aside by the European Union—the king of the north. Remember, Hosea says Ephraim and Judah go to the Assyrians, or Germans. That's because America—their past benefactor—is already sick and helpless” (*Hosea and God's Adulterous Wife*, p. 29).

Mr. Flurry published those words five years ago. They are now powerfully proven to be prophetic reality—current news! Read the following statement from Mr. Flurry's booklet on the prophecies of Hosea and know now that you are witness to their fulfillment! On page 30, he writes, “So this is not just a serious slap at Israel. It's also a strong move AGAINST THE ISRAEL-AMERICAN AXIS. It's a POWER MOVE TO TAKE OVER THE PEACE PROCESS FOR EUROPE'S GREAT BENEFIT. The European Union is moving to be the heavyweight in the Middle East.” ♦

In or Out?

Britain's prophesied entry and exit from the EU

BY GARETH FRASER

"BRITAIN WILL ONE DAY LEAVE the EU. The timing may be hard to predict, but not the inevitability of our eventual departure," wrote London's *Daily Mail*, December 9, 2000. "We shall depart because the balance of advantage, both politically and economically, already so plainly in favor of leaving, will become overwhelming.... The powers being taken now go miles beyond those once excused as necessary for the functioning of the single market...."

Is the British public now waking up to the harsh reality of what their government sacrificed at the recent Treaty of Nice and the federalist course upon which the former European Economic Community is now headed?

As was recently forecast by Germany's chancellor, Gerhard Schröder, the coming European Summit of 2004 will cement the formal structure of Europe as the *economic, political and military* superstate that it was always planned to be. That is not what the British public was told it would be when its government took them into the Common Market, as it was then called, under Prime Minister Edward Heath in 1972.

For much of the 20th century, Herbert Armstrong wrote of a coming European Union that would oppose Russia, China, America and Britain. Despite Britain's formal entry into the European Economic Community (EEC) in the early 1970s and its government's subsequent signatures on the treaties of Rome, Maastricht, Amsterdam and Nice, Britain was destined not to sit comfortably in its role within Europe.

Herbert Armstrong was the ONE voice who, at the close of World War II, warned of Germany's next and final economic and militaristic resurgence. But this time, he said, it would be disguised under the illusion of a *European Union*.

Speaking in a *World Tomorrow* radio broadcast on May 9, 1945, he revealed the true intent behind forthcoming



TOUGH CHOICES In an election year, Blair contemplates his country's future.

events within Europe. "Hitler has lost. This round of war, in Europe, is over. And the Nazis have now gone UNDERGROUND.... Now a Nazi underground is methodically planned. They plan to COME BACK and to win on the third try.

"The Bible foretells that third round—and it spells DOOM for us, as God's punishment, because we, as a nation, have forsaken Him and His ways! The third round is termed, in prophecy, an invasion by 'BABYLON'—a resurrected Roman Empire—a European Union. I have been proclaiming that since 1927...."

The conclusion of the recent Treaty of Nice saw Britain sacrifice its key veto powers, France's strategic alliance with Germany collapse and Deutschland's dynamic duo of Chancellor Schröder and Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer secure the trump card of double majority voting *superiority* within the Union. This is the latest evidence of Germany's inevitable march toward leadership of a European federation. This is just what Herbert Armstrong predicted in that radio broadcast in 1945—56 years ago!

Through television, radio and print, Mr. Armstrong warned unceasingly of Britain's impending *seduction* into economic and political cooperation with Europe. He warned them NOT to enter this Vatican-inspired, German-led final resurrection of the medieval Holy Roman Empire. When they did, he delivered the prophesied message of their coming punishment as a result of trusting in their old enemies, rather than their God! Britain's ongoing rejection of these warnings and continued flirtation with this resurrected Holy Roman Empire has done much to

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weaken it economically, socially, politically and militarily.

In his final book, *Mystery of the Ages*, released just months before his death in January 1986, Herbert Armstrong spoke of "a union of ten nations to rise up out of or following the Common Market of today (Rev. 17)." He then forecast, "BRITAIN WILL NOT BE IN THAT EMPIRE SOON TO COME."

Both France and Germany, since the days of modern Europe's patriarchs, Adenauer and de Gaulle, have sought to hamper, harm, irritate, alienate and barely tolerate Britain, while benefitting from anything it has had to offer.

Soon Britain will be forced to leave the European Union.

Fateful Decisions

Massive expenditure in two great world wars and mismanagement of the country's economy in the 1960s left Britain financially in tatters. Formerly the mother of an empire upon which the sun never set, Britain charted a futile course of economically deserting its Commonwealth allies—the source of its imperial wealth—and pursuing closer commercial ties with Germany and other European countries.

Seeing the writing on the wall, Herbert Armstrong issued this warning in a 1962 article titled "Britain's Doom." "Yes, Britain is allowing itself to get mixed in with European foreigners, even negotiating to desert her own Commonwealth nations by 1970. Continue: 'Ephraim has become a cake unturned as it was baked. Foreigners eat away his strength, unknown to him; gray hairs are on him here and there, unknown to him'—he, Britain, has grown old and decadent—'Israel's pride shall confront and convict them'—is anyone so *proud* as an Englishman?—'yet they will not come back to the Eternal their God, nor seek Him, in spite of it all' (Hos. 7:8-10).

"No, in her economic distress right now, Britain is not seeking GOD's help, nor relying on HIM to restore prosperity—she is going to the Common Market, undoubtedly to be dominated by GERMANY" (*Plain Truth*, July 1962).

By 1971, British Prime Minister Edward Heath was desperate to stem the



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tide of economic failure. He saw his government's white paper on the European Common Market as the gateway to affluence. "The prime objective of any British government must be to safeguard the security and prosperity of the United Kingdom and its peoples," his white paper stated. The government's document was flush with further assurances of potential British prosperity—with all the promise of the yellow brick road in the Wizard of Oz.

Mr. Heath has since confessed that *he lied to the British public* to gain their support when he signed the 1972 treaty of accession to the European Economic Community. Though Heath lost the 1974 general election, his *deceitful* pro-European policies were accelerated under the incoming Labor government.

After defeating Heath in a Conservative Party leadership challenge in 1974, Margaret Thatcher recalled in her book *The Path to Power*, "Europe was very much Ted's issue. He considered that his greatest achievement was to take Britain into the EEC..." (p. 330).

Uneducated as to the real motives of the framers of the European initiative, the British public hastily voted yes in the 1975 referendum on continuing membership of the EEC. The coming decades would see the spider-like EEC grow in both scope and power, as Britain remained caught in its burgeoning web.

Meanwhile, under the leadership of Mrs. Thatcher and President Reagan, Britain's special relationship with America would become its strongest since World War II. Then, in 1986, Margaret Thatcher signed the intricate and dangerously wide-ranging 300-page Single European Act. The troika of Thatcher, Bush and Gorbachev paved the way for the fall of the Berlin Wall in December 1989. Now, events in Europe moved like lightning. The USSR collapsed, Germany united, and within a year the Conservatives ousted Mrs. Thatcher for her anti-European views. She was replaced by colleague John Major.

Royal Warning

In 1992, John Major led Britain deep down the Euro-path when he signed the Maastricht Treaty. In effect, the treaty *dismantled many and varying ingredients* of the British Constitution and

monarchy. "Following the ratification of the Maastricht Treaty, the Queen, like her subjects, has duties towards this 'European Union' (Article 8)... In other words the Queen, under Maastricht, becomes a citizen not a monarch. In fact, like other citizens, the Queen will be open to be taxed by the 'European Union'" (*Treason at Maastricht*, p. 10).



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In 1996, in another act that eroded British heritage, John Major announced in Parliament that the Queen had approved moving the "Stone of Destiny" from its traditional place of rest under the coronation chair in Westminster Abbey to

Edinburgh Castle in Scotland. For centuries this ancient relic had witnessed the coronation of Scottish and English monarchs. It once had sacred significance to British royalty. "This knowledge has become embarrassing to the British because of their degenerating faith. Even prior to giving the stone to Scotland, they had removed the sign identifying it as 'Jacob's Pillar Stone'" (Gerald Flurry, *The Key of David*, p. 3).

The British public seems to have forgotten God. They are ignorant of God's end-time warning. Their own royal family has been dogged by curses of the multiple failed marriages of its princes and princesses, plus the untimely death of a rebellious princess. The House of Windsor is in fact the ruling House of Israel for whom God reserves a special warning. "Hear ye this, O priests; and hearken, ye house of Israel; and give ear, O HOUSE OF THE KING; for judgment is toward you..." (Hos. 5:1).

Britain's Fraulein

In 1997 Labor won the national election and Tony Blair made No. 10 Downing Street his new home. Blair came to power in Britain during a time of widespread national loss of memory. Its historic values and institutions were rapidly eroding.

The new administration set about implementing its agenda of "Europeanizing" Britain. This involved changing not only the identity of the nation but also the mental landscape and core values of those who inhabit it. Britain's links with the past and its

rich, traditional culture would have to go. Mr. Blair set about making Britain fresh, new and hip, with its rock musicians, fashion designers and millionaire soccer-club managers. This was the new face of Britain.

British author Hal Colebatch wrote in his book *Blair's Britain*, "The government is trying to reshape the national identity and consciousness not in spite of the coming European union but *because of it*. A Britain whose historic culture has been destroyed may not find the loss of sovereignty such a great matter" (p. 59; emphasis mine).

After all, reshaping Britain's national identity would help create the necessary atmosphere where average Brits would feel that they didn't really need the pound sterling, ensuring acceptance of the euro currency and submission to German-Vatican rule. The Germans in particular have noted the swing in Britain and have sought to take full advantage. This, however, will work greatly to Britain's disadvantage. Britain has simply, in its collective national conscience, accepted its traditional enemies as its LOVERS!

The biblical book of Hosea is an astounding prophecy of Britain's demise, and its future hope.

"Therefore will I return, and take away my corn in the time thereof, and my wine in the season thereof, and will

recover my wool and my flax given to cover her nakedness. And NOW WILL I DISCOVER HER LEWDNESS IN THE SIGHT OF HER LOVERS, and none shall deliver her out of mine hand. I will also cause all her mirth [joy] to cease, her feast days, her new moons, and her sabbaths and all her solemn feasts" (Hos. 2:9-11). *Trumpet* Editor in Chief Gerald Flurry comments on this verse, "It is *not* going to be the enemies of Britain and America who discover their lewdness—but their *lovers*, such as Assyria" (*Hosea's Adulterous Wife*, p. 15).

Britain and America are increasingly aligning themselves with Germany (modern Assyria). That alliance is prophesied to be their downfall. God will bring it about.

The Blair government, which has overseen the signing of both the Amsterdam and Nice treaties, has radically swept away previous barriers to greater British integration within Europe. British Foreign Minister Robin Cook,



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under pressure from recent anti-EU press commentary and concerned Tory opposition, recently confirmed that the government would have to put to a national referendum the divisive question of the removal of the pound and adoption of the euro. The vote is set for September or October of this year. *If the British vote no, this may well leave Britain out in the cold as a second-rate member of the EU.*

Sensing the real prospect of Britain's rejection of the euro, Germany and France have taken major steps toward forming a fast-track federation of the 11 countries that have already adopted the euro. In so doing, they are isolating Britain from the EU.

"The Franco-German initiative will be watched nervously from Downing Street, where neither Tony Blair nor Gordon Brown [chancellor of the Exchequer] want to see the emergence of a new policy-making body which leaves Britain in the cold for as long as sterling is outside the Eurozone....

"As a euro outsider, Britain is not invited to attend meetings of the Euro-11 group, meaning that Mr. Brown is likely to be excluded from key decisions" (*Electronic Telegraph*, June 1, 2000).

Calls for Withdrawal

As the reality of greater European integration sinks into the minds of the average Briton, the German-led call for greater sacrifice of national sovereignty is being met with a colder glare.

"We can't influence them one iota," Norris McWhirter told the *Trumpet* in an interview last year. This longtime friend of Mrs. Thatcher, leading author and eminent British broadcaster, has consistently voiced his opposition to Britain's position within Europe.

"We're one of 15 votes in the Council of Ministers" he said. "And I think that the whole concept is absolutely bedeviled, and it's a tragedy, and totally unnecessary economically, or in any other way that we should have hitched our wagon to this particular old-fashioned idea—very old fashioned."

As the British public readies itself for a general election, Conservative opposition leader William Hague has been serving up a volley of questions to Prime Minister Tony Blair regarding the future of Britain's *sovereignty* as the Labor government seeks closer ties with

Brussels. Hague, however, is having to do some political tap-dancing himself, as half of his Conservative Party is Euroskeptic and the others pro-Europe.

Meanwhile, a confusing mix of recent events has British public opinion in a spin: the trip to Britain by the lead Eurofederalist, Joschka Fischer, to pacify British voters ahead of British national elections; the embarrassing resignation of ardent pro-Europe cabinet minister Peter Mandelson; Tony Blair being called to a private meeting at the Berlin home of Chancellor Schröder; and French President Jacques Chirac's attempts at fence-mending diplomacy



with Germany. All of this activity climaxed with a London newspaper report in February that Mrs. Thatcher was about to deliver a speech recommending Britain withdraw from Europe altogether! This bombshell, dropped by newspaper columnist Simon Walters of the *Mail on Sunday*, told of Mr. Hague stepping in to ask Mrs. Thatcher not to give

her speech on the grounds that it would "split the party completely."

The reporter noted that Mrs. Thatcher believes the signing of the Single European Act in 1986 was *her single largest mistake in office*. Other conservatives claim that she was beguiled by then-French President Mitterrand. The paper quoted anti-EU campaigner and Thatcher's close confidant Lord Pearson as saying, "She still thinks the EU has become a disaster and that we have no option to withdraw or demand a better deal" (Feb. 4).

Watch and Wait

Britain is now a mere shadow of its former glory as the greatest empire the world has ever seen. At its height, the British Empire ruled the waves. Excluding the United Kingdom, it encompassed 11 million square miles, occupying almost 20 percent of the world's landmass, governing over 400 million people (25 percent of the Earth's population) and controlling all major seaports of the world up to World War II. Britain directed global trade from London, the bustling metropolis that stood as the crossroads of the financial and business world. The British pound sterling was the major international currency. The globe was witness to "rule Britannia"!

In stark contrast, today's "empire" covers a mere 100,000 square miles, with only 14 dependent territories governing a total of 16 million people. At the turn of the new millennium, Britain seems to be almost powerless to even stop its own United Kingdom from disintegrating. Lacking the *will* to rule, it appears increasingly a mere empty shell of its former glory days.

The passage of time has proved Herbert Armstrong right. Britain now faces the consequences of its politically irresponsible actions over the past 40 years.

Watch events within Britain as it grapples with the reality of a failing love affair with German-led Europe. Watch for the very real and coming prospect of Britain being asked to leave the European Union.

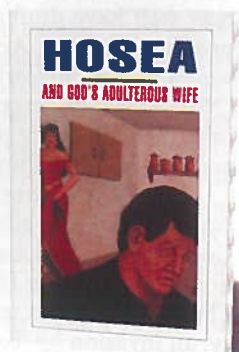
Gerald Flurry continues to warn Britain, in the tradition of Herbert Armstrong, of the coming consequences of the rejection of its regal heritage, founded by the patriarch Joseph, consolidated in the royal line of the House of David. As prophesied by Daniel, modern Britain largely has become a godless society.

In just 50 years Britain has fallen from the heights of glory, having the greatest empire and commonwealth in man's history, to an aged former colonialist power, literally embarrassed by its imperial history and royal heritage.

God yearns for Britain to turn back to Him for its protection and prosperity. "As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?" (Ezek. 33:11).

Only when Britain rediscovers the God who blessed it so greatly via the faith of forefather Abraham will its *treasures* return to their homeland and Britain truly once again will, by the grace of God, "rule Britannia." ♦

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A Nazi Vision Realized

A recently released document powerfully vindicates the predictions about the developing European political union and army made by Herbert W. Armstrong 56 years ago.

BY RON FRASER

"WE DON'T UNDERSTAND GERMAN thoroughness. From the very start of World War II, they have considered the possibility of losing this second round, as they did the first—and they have carefully, methodically *planned*, in such eventuality, the *third* round—World War III!" (*The World Tomorrow* radio broadcast, May 9, 1945).

To foreign-policy bureaucrats and politicians in Britain and America, this statement, if it were made to them today, would be viewed as preposterous. But consider just how *unbelievable* this statement would have been to the foreign-policy gurus and politicians in 1945, when Herbert W. Armstrong broadcast it even while the newly forming United Nations organization was beginning to debate the peace terms upon the conclusion of World War II.

In this same broadcast, Mr. Armstrong declared of those minds which had conceived and launched the greatest war in mankind's history, "This round of war, in Europe, is over. And the Nazis have now gone UNDERGROUND."

If you heard Mr. Armstrong's frequent repetition of those words, if you read his writings where he expounded on these statements often, perhaps you doubted his farsighted vision at the time. Or if you are one who has heard of or read the blatant lies which have been spread by the very church which he founded, the Worldwide Church of God, since his death 15 years ago, you may well have doubted the following prognosis by Mr. Armstrong of what would happen following World War II: "Now a Nazi underground is methodically planned. They plan to COME BACK and to win on the third try.

"The Bible foretells that third round—and it spells DOOM for us, as God's punishment, because we, as a nation, have forsaken Him and His ways! The third round is termed, in prophecy, an invasion by 'BABYLON'—a resur-

rected Roman empire—a European Union. I have been proclaiming that since 1927."

Referring to this visionary insight of Herbert W. Armstrong as depicted in these statements which he broadcast even while Nazi Germany lay in the ashes of abject defeat, our editor in chief, Gerald Flurry, made this observation in the February 2000 issue of the *Trumpet*: "If you understand what is happening in Germany and Europe, you know that statement was an astounding prophecy!"

"From the very start of World War II, they have considered the possibility of losing this second round, as they did the first—and they have carefully, methodically planned, in such eventuality, the third round—World War III!"

—Herbert W. Armstrong

Mr. Flurry went on to refer to a paper which came to light in 1996 as a result the World Jewish Congress's probings into the transfer of Jewish money and property looted by the Nazis during World War II. This previously suppressed document recorded a meeting that took place in August 1944 between an SS general, a representative of the German Ministry in charge of armaments and German corporate moguls. The SS general instructed these bureaucrats and industrialists to prepare to finance the Nazi Party when it went underground following the war. They were also told that "existing financial reserves in foreign countries must be placed at the disposal of the [Nazi] Party SO THAT A STRONG GERMAN EMPIRE CAN BE CREATED AFTER THE DEFEAT," according to the report. Up to now, that paper was the strongest evidence avail-

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able from secular sources vindicating the consistent declarations of Herbert W. Armstrong on this fact of history.

But now a further damning document has surfaced in London that adds great credibility to Mr. Armstrong's claims that the European Union would become the fulfillment of the Nazi dream, a political and military instrument to carry out their wishes in a third attempt by Germany to dominate the globe, not only *economically*, not just *politically*, but ultimately by *force of arms!*

The Nazi Plan for European Union

Here is what London's *Daily Telegraph* had to say about this latest revelation of the fulfilling of the Nazis' post-World War II dream: "The idea of a pan-European economic and political union with its own defense force was conceived by SS officers, according to documents released today to the Public Record Office in Kew.

"Major Gen. Ellersiek and Brig. Mueller, Hitler's chief of staff during the Battle of the Bulge, came up with the idea as a means of keeping Nazism alive following the expected Allied victory in the Second World War....

"By March 1946, Ellersiek was in charge of an underground political party called Organisation Sudddeutschland. It believed in the establishment of a fully armed, united Europe" (Feb. 15).

Can we see why some of the clearer thinkers in Britain fear the current development of a *Euroforce*, controlled by the German-dominated EU, with a German general leading it?

The need to subjugate the national sovereignty of the EU nations into a federation of *European communities* was apparently also highlighted by these ex-SS officers: "What was important was that Britain should realize that if Europe was to survive, we should all think "as Europeans," the ex-SS man was quoted as saying. The party's manifesto called for a 'pan-Europe as a balance between Russia and the USA.' Although the European nations would remain 'independent,' *finance* and *defence* matters would be *decided centrally*" (ibid.).

That is exactly what the Maastricht Treaty achieved in 1993, strengthened by the Treaty of Amsterdam in 1996.

"The good which was in Nazism still lives in the German heart,' Ellersiek said. His party offered 'a new revolution for Germany which will set the pattern for Europe. This revolution is to be the work of the new elite, the German prototype of the future rulers of Europe... which has emerged purified from Nazism and the trials of war'" (ibid.).

These "new elite" are now on the scene; they recently bullied their partners in the EU during negotiations of the Treaty of Nice in December into giving Germany's vote on EU matters more weight than that of any other EU member country! Names like Schröder, Fischer, Hombach, Verhuegen, Scharping and Schuwirth are all leading lights of, or influences within, both German and EU politics and are setting the pace for the current political, economic, social, military and religious *revolution* within a unified Germany.

Britain—the Junior Partner

But think—THINK! Look again at that statement: "the *good* which was in *Nazism*." Can you conceive of minds that can envision *good* in NAZISM?

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—Konrad Adenauer

What is this "GOOD" in Nazism, which "still lives in the German heart"? Well, perhaps one of the grand old architects of post-war German politics, Konrad Adenauer, touched on the answer when he declared, "National socialism could not have come to power in Germany if

it had not found, in broad strata of the population, soil prepared for its sowing of poison. I stress, *in broad strata of the population*" (*Trumpet*, Feb. 2001).

The concern here is that what *one* German statesman labeled as *poison* in the minds of the German population, *another*—one of the founders of the post-war Nazi underground movement who worked to further Germanic plans for European economic, political and military union—saw as *good*! This concept of a new elite emerging in Germany—"purified from Nazism and the trials of war"—is *exactly* the declared philosophy of Germany's current chancellor, Gerhard Schröder!

What ought to be of deepest concern to Britain, and to its chief ally, the United States, is the observation by the British spy who gained this information from SS General Ellersiek: "Germany must lead this New Europe with the co-operation of Britain.... It is evident she [Britain] is to be the *junior partner*" (ibid.). And the present prime minister of Britain, Tony Blair, has been sucked right into this role during the most vital phase of the German-inspired creation of the European Union's own independent military force!

At the recent EU conference in Nice, France, Mr. Blair gave up Britain's power of veto on matters of defense and security. He did this within the atmosphere of perhaps one of the most fractious meetings of the EU. The meeting concluded with Germany determined, with its lackey, France, to drive the 11 nations now bound within the European monetary union (through their acceptance of a common currency, the euro) to faster union ahead of the laggards who, though members of the EU, have not yet signed over their national sovereign rights through capitulating to monetary union. "The new system could also empower an inner core of EU states to decide how its new 'European army' is deployed, with Britain having no veto on military policy other than the right to withdraw its own troops" (*Daily Telegraph*, Nov. 12, 2000).

This leaves Britain as a second-rate EU member. As Romano Prodi told the *Guardian* in London during a visit to shore up Tony Blair's pro-EU stance, "In practice, if you don't fully participate in the family, your voice will be less heard. To be different makes you less important in the total decision-making process" (Feb. 16).

German Dominance

All along, since the founding of the European Coal and Steel Community, which has progressively evolved into the old Nazi dream of a European Union, France reasoned that by attaching itself closely to Germany in the process of the EU's development it could control Germanic hegemony. That was crazy thinking. History alone should have proven that to France. But even worse, the present British government has reasoned that by coming out as an early and prolific supporter of the new Euroforce, it will have a controlling say in the army's command and control functions. That's perhaps even crazier thinking! Germany is destined to dominate, lead and control this new military force. As the *Telegraph* declared, the only power which the British have is the decision to withdraw their troops from the force.

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Javier Solana, the EU's High Representative for Common Foreign and Security Policy, has indicated that a new EU military committee and the EU's military staff will be in place by June. Watch to see how loaded these establishments will be with names of Germanic origin. In the meantime, the EU leadership will cleverly exploit NATO, British and United Nations forces to suck them dry of equipment and infrastructure, playing for time while Germany, Italy and Spain in particular work together to develop the most high-tech, sophisticated armaments and military space technology industries in the world.

The German press sarcastically reported in February, "So Europeans are, as usual, having to explain their intentions to the Americans and to defuse any potential misunderstandings" (*Frankfurter Allgemeine*, Feb. 14). They will not be explaining their intentions to America for much longer. Already the U.S. has drifted behind the EU economically (see p. 14). The U.S. is now in second place to the EU. Soon it will be in second place militarily. For Europe, with its potential army of 2 million in

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BIRD'S EYE VIEW of the European Central Bank

rate for the cost of borrowing in the face of yet another reduction by the Fed in U.S. interest rates.

Noting that the U.S. slowdown could hurt the world economy elsewhere, the European Central Bank boasted, "While a U.S. economic slowdown this year would certainly leave its mark on the rest of the world, as well as Europe, the euro-zone economy would continue to grow at a 'fairly robust pace' in 2001" (ibid.).

European Central Bank supremo Wim Duisenburg said during one of his regular news conferences that the ECB continued to anticipate growth in the Eurozone economy would reach "close to 3 percent" during 2001 and 2002.

Confirming Germany's powerful dominance of the EU economies, figures released in early February showed both manufacturing orders and industrial output for December 2000 at higher-than-expected rates.

The burning question is, having lost its prime position as number-one economy in the world to the EU, will the U.S. ever regain it?

◆ ECONOMY

U.S. in second place

Some time in January, the ascending line of growth of the European Union's economy crossed the descending line of U.S. recession, and, for the first time in post-World War II history, the U.S. was pushed into second place on the world economy scales.

The difference between the federal economy of the EU and the national economy of the U.S. is that the EU can largely feed off itself, as highlighted in a recent report by the European Central Bank.

"The euro area is a large economy in which economic developments are determined mainly by domestic factors," the report said. So, 'overall, the fundamentals of the euro area remain broadly favorable'" (Agence France Presse, Feb. 8).

In a show of confidence in its new position as economic leader of the world, the EU held fast its minimum bid

◆ ISRAEL

Dim horizons

At a February meeting of the World Council of Churches (wcc) near Berlin, weary Israel was delivered yet another blow. The influential international group, comprised of 342 Protestant and Orthodox churches representing some 500 million people, revealed where their real sympathies lie. The wcc called on

its member churches to support an Israeli withdrawal from the "occupied territories" in the Middle East. It criticized Israel's "disproportionate use of military force," and resolved that injustice and discrimination against the Palestinians must be condemned in stronger terms.

The council also supported the stance of Jerusalem-based church bishops who have announced their "abidance by their oppressed people's right to resist till they attain independence" (www.arabicnews.com, Feb. 8).

So Israel has encountered a new antagonist in the religious world. The historically left-wing wcc has now publicly declared its powerful supportive hand to the Palestinian cause and to its leader Yasser Arafat's declared *intifada*.

Is there anywhere left for Israel to turn to find a sympathetic ear? Although the Roman Catholic Church is not a member of the wcc, this most powerful religious institution on Earth may now seem to offer Israel a more palatable solution to its interminable conflict. Pope John Paul II has made clear that he favors *international oversight* of controversial areas in Jerusalem. In this he has the powerful support of the European Union. It is most likely that Israel will soon be pressured to accept the pope's seemingly more moderate stance (speaking as he does on behalf of over a billion adherents, and loaded with political clout), especially as it is increasingly

faced with hostile alternatives.

Yet the pope's bait is but the cheese in a snare that, as prophecy declares, will snap shut, trapping their own people in a Jerusalem which will soon be surrounded by hostile armies (Luke 21:20).



John Paul II

◆ OPEC

Biting the hand

Remember the adage about the dog which bit the hand that fed it? There's a chance it may apply very directly to the OPEC nations.

Two years ago in a fit of unaccustomed unity, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries adopted a strategy of coordinated production control. Since then world oil prices have more than tripled. But OPEC really had not thought clearly through to the outcome of their target price range of us\$22-28 per barrel. It has produced a significant profit incentive to many non-OPEC countries and enterprises to bring oil reserves into production at production costs made suddenly viable by the OPEC price hike. The result is a loss of market share from OPEC to non-OPEC oil-producing countries.

A rash of development has taken place in the North Sea fields, the Caspian basin and the deep-water fields in the Gulf of Mexico and offshore Africa. Hence OPEC is in a catch-22: If they keep their prices above us\$22 per barrel, the non-OPEC producing countries will simply increase output. This will put a real strain on the capacity for OPEC to hold its ranks in their production strategy. Already some OPEC members have exceeded agreed quotas during the recent price hikes. The chances are, if prices plummet, they will "cheat even more," as Stratfor Systems recently reported. This all has a sense of *déjà vu* attached to it.

"Moreover, in what amounts to a rerun of the early 1980s, there are few signs that OPEC members are using their revenues responsibly or productively. Instead, many OPEC countries are

showing signs of 'Dutch Disease,' including overvalued currencies, soaring imports, falling non-oil exports, and inflated balance of payments surpluses—all without any corresponding improvement in living standards" (*www.stratfor.com*, Feb. 11).

It's a simple equation. It gets back to the two prime forces that drive the market—fear and greed. This time, it seems, as Stratfor aptly puts it, "Greed got the better of OPEC" (*ibid.*).

◆ ZIMBABWE

From riches to rags

If India was the jewel in the British Empire's crown, then southern Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) was part of its gilding.

Though tropical in latitude, the country's climate is made equable by elevation and aspect. Dominated by a broad mountainous ridge known as the High Veldt, much of the landscape is stunningly beautiful. Rich savanna grasslands and extensive woodlands predominate. Prolific deposits of gold, coal and various metal ores lie beneath the country's surface. Fertile land yields abundant cash crops and supports a beef cattle and self-supporting dairy industry.

With such natural blessings, Zimbabwe ought to be a showpiece within the troubled continent of Africa.



NATURAL BEAUTY
Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe

Instead, its economy lies in tatters. Debauched by the rapacious policies of successive governments since full independence was granted in 1979, the country has sunk quickly from the great promise envisaged by its colonial founding father, Sir Cecil Rhodes, in the late 1800s, to a point where it is just plain broke a century later.

Zimbabwe's main problem stems from the willful creation of a new constitution in 1990 that set up a single-chamber parliament in what has effectively become a one-party republic, under the corrupt leadership of Robert Mugabe.

The signs of deep rifts in any alliance which may have existed between remaining white agriculturalists and the government were seen two years ago when Mugabe commenced the seizure of land owned and worked by white farmers. Since then, deaths have occurred as elements of the majority black population have sought to seize land under threat of arms and as white landowners have sought to defend themselves and families against this onslaught.

Mugabe has few political cards left to play to placate mass unrest among the Zimbabwean population. The seizure of white-owned land and its transfer into the hands of the black majority is destined to further undermine the Zimbabwean economy.

Mugabe's latest ploy was to order the country's commercial banks to sell all their foreign currency to either the state-owned-and-operated national oil company or to the nation's central bank. This desperate measure was to help the government pay overseas debts. This will force

companies to pay foreign suppliers of goods and services in Zimbabwean dollars, currently valued at a market rate of 80 to us\$1. It's simply a recipe for economic disaster.

The writing is on the wall for Robert Mugabe. He may well have played his last card.



Mugabe

The problem is, if his government collapses, he may simply retire in exile, riding high on the countless millions he's stashed away in foreign accounts. Meanwhile, he will leave behind a coun-

try raped of its great potential and suffering its severest-ever depression—from which it may descend into becoming yet another African post-colonial basket case.

◆ EUROPE

Xenophobia not foreign

It's an odd word, one of the few that begins with *x* in the English language. Yet xenophobia has been increasingly used as a term to describe the trend toward the ostracization of foreigners in certain European countries. It does not help to allay the worst fears of the thinning ranks of World War II veterans to hear in which countries the xenophobic trend seems to predominate.

Literally, xenophobia connotes a deep dislike of foreigners. With the trend having taken hold in Italy and most particularly Germany over the past decade, Spain is the most recent country to join the ranks of those countries featuring public demonstrations against migrants. The right-of-center governing Popular Party in Spain fulfilled an election pledge in January by legislating a tough new law on immigration.

As in Italy and Germany,

there have been predictable outcries from the left and from migrant groups at efforts to curb migration in Spain. Thousands demonstrated in Madrid, calling for a more positive attitude to immigration. But in reality these countries are caught in a cleft stick. On the one hand, as they increasingly move to the right politically, their anti-foreigner stance increases. They want to limit the social, cultural and economic problems caused by increased enclaves of migrants unwilling to adapt to the ways of their country of adoption.

Yet the reason that so many foreigners are now resident in those countries is to supply an increasing labor shortage (created by falling population rates in Italy, Germany and Spain in particular), at lower wage rates than citizens of natural birth. Exacerbating this equation is the anticipated influx of cheap foreign labor from the east that will eventuate following enlargement of the EU in 2004.

Very simply put, as these countries reach a point of less-than-zero population growth, they need to import labor in order to continue developing and expanding their economies. Yet as they import labor, social tensions rise.

The outcome must eventually be not a ban on migration, as that would be self-defeating. Rather it will be tougher controls on the movement and demographic spread of migrant populations. For some time, some Turks in Germany have been impounded within razor-wire-topped walled compounds, ostensibly to protect them from being harmed by rankled local citizenry. If this practice extends to other European countries, it should send a shudder through those with memories long enough to recall the concentration of migrant labor, in Europe, under significantly more onerous conditions 56 years ago.



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EXPLOSION AND OUTCRY After an ETA car bomb in Madrid, October 30, 2000. At right, one of several public protests the following day.

Europe Confronts Terror

The popular will to expunge terrorism may give the EU a pretext for taking some dangerous measures.

BY STEPHEN M. HILL

THE PSEUDO-MARXIST TERRORIST group ETA, claiming independence for the Basque region in the north of Spain, has been a festering wound in Spain's side since the terrorists announced their presence nationally with a bomb which erased the life of top-ranking government minister, General Carrero Blanco, during the latter years of Francisco Franco's reign. Such was the amount of dynamite packed beneath Carrero's car that not only did the boom of the explosion rip through the heart of Madrid, but apart from a deep crater left in the road, the vehicle was sent flying over the high walls of a nearby convent into an inner courtyard.

When the claims of Basque separatists came to the fore during the early stages of Franco's dictatorship, he sought to swiftly eliminate the problem. The method he employed was extreme. Trevor Phillips explains, in his

article "A Futile Hope of Freedom," "On April 26, 1937, Nazi bombers, on Franco's request, launched the first-ever saturation bombing raid against the town. The aim was to bring the independent-minded Basques to heel. In the 'pacification' process that followed, 21,000 died" (*Guardian*, Oct. 10, 1999).

Well known is Picasso's famous painting titled *Guernica*, commemorating that massacre, which hangs on a canvas in a gallery in Madrid. Less well remembered is how much the brutality of the massacre shocked the Spanish people and the whole world.

Public Outcry

Surely it is normal to ask how just a handful of ideologues could even contemplate holding Spain to ransom? The key lies in a by-product of this technological age, a reality with the potential to weasel its way into every corner of this modern world: THE POWER OF TERROR!

nominal public stand against TERRORISTS—in this case a small band of brutal assassins called ETA, an acronym in the Euskera language meaning "The Basque Region and Liberty."

Looking at the public outcry against ETA, one can begin to perceive the extent of the pain, suffering and bitterness of the victims still living, their families and friends, and the massive public support they command.

By unanimously turning their backs on this separatist terrorist group and its murderous methods, it is as though the Spanish, *en masse*, have invested their presence in an invisible wall of will against the bloodletting and terror perpetrated by ETA. The solidarity of public opposition, up to this point, has been so strong that little ground has been made by ETA's bombs—of which there has been a constant stream since the very first some 32 years ago eliminated the life of a little girl.



Consider, for a moment, the Spanish public protest of ETA in 1997—perhaps the world's greatest public street protest against terrorism, ever.

Rebels had abducted Miguel Angel Blanco, a local politician, in an attempt to blackmail the government with the threat that, unless the order was given to relocate 500 ETA prisoners to prisons in the Basque country within 48 hours, they would execute him. The government would not give in to blackmail, and the bright young town councilor from Ermua, Vizcaya, was found mortally wounded from a shot in the nape of the neck shortly after the deadline had passed.

An incredible public outcry resulted. Six million people demonstrated against ETA! Six million people out of Spain's population of 40 million—about 15 percent of the entire population of Spain went out on the streets in protest at the same time. Rarely, if ever, has such a massive public demonstration been made against the evils of terrorism, or any cause! Rarely, if ever, have so many people from one European country come out on the streets simultaneously during peace time to demonstrate for peace and an end to terrorism. So spontaneous was the reaction, with practically no government planning, that the spectacle almost seemed to come together of itself. For a few minutes, at a fixed time in the afternoon, silence was kept throughout the land. Six million people had thronged in droves toward the centers of all the major cities and towns, as well as many of the smaller ones, to stand in silence, with the palms of their hands painted white and held up high, as their way of demonstrating absolute rejection of ETA and its brutal acts of terrorist violence.

That night, in concord, the nation's television channels scanned Spain from one main city square to another, each recording images displaying a similar scene—thousands and sometimes millions of Spaniards packed closely together, palms painted white held skyward, in communal, deeply reflective silence. This historic, momentous display of unparalleled unity in post-Franco Spain reinforced in many an increased faith in the power of *the public voice*. The sense of solidarity resulting from this moving phenomenon was for some like a shot in the arm, giving hope that Spain could solve its problems by peaceful means. This amazing national

response, reassuringly like a family expelling an undesirable, destructive element from its midst, was for many the unleashing of a deep natural resource from within the Spanish character itself. Amid the euphoria generated by such a powerful and seemingly decisive rejection of ETA, sparks were generated and a small fire of hope that terrorism would never win was kindled.

A Short-Lived Victory

The result? So much negative public opinion against ETA was extant at the time that the terrorists called a truce in September 1998! It suddenly seemed more propitious to the Basque separatists to try for gains by negotiating through sympathetic Basque political parties.

It was a honeymoon which, unsurprisingly, was only to last until August 1999—enough time for the pendulum to swing back to the opinion shared by all terrorist groups—whether ETA, the Irish Republican Army (IRA), Hamas or the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia—that there is eventually more in it for them through the terror of bombs and the like than can be obtained at discussion tables. Terrorists rarely enter debates unless they feel they have their cat by the tail.

The end result of this historic, sincere, public demonstration for Spain has been disappointing—*downright frustrating and infuriating*, in fact—showing, once again, that terrorists cannot be negotiated with.

Terrorists like ETA are prepared to spill great amounts of unsuspecting, innocent blood in search of political leverage. Since they first occupied the front pages of Spanish national newspapers, they have claimed the lives of over 800 innocent victims—financing their bloody deeds mainly through the extortion of their own people by imposing a *revolution tax* on specifically targeted businesses, under the threat of death!

On one occasion they actually tried to kill King Juan Carlos. Tomorrow it could be anyone—a mother, a son, a daughter! Clearly, that's the reality many Spaniards, especially those living in the Basque region, face. Anyone who doesn't think like ETA is automatically their enemy. The stark, cruel reality is that at any time mortal danger could be waiting for anyone known to be the enemy of ETA—or perhaps just an innocent bystander.

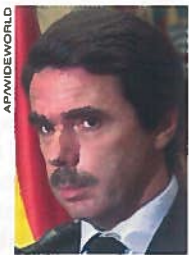
Negotiating With Terrorists

Margaret Thatcher experienced the IRA phenomenon and ended up declaring to the world that “one cannot negotiate with terrorists.” Spain's President Jose Maria Aznar is grappling with ETA. His fight is a testimony to the same belief. Just as Mrs. Thatcher's strength of character bore fruits during her political career, so Mr. Aznar's tough line against terrorism, underpinned by the assurance that he is “not willing to pay a price for peace” contributed decisively to his being re-elected to office.

Mrs. Thatcher, who was, sadly, incapable of solving the IRA problem, and Mr. Aznar, who has done little to ruffle the feathers of ETA so far, were right that one cannot negotiate with a terrorist. Still, American-led diplomacy stubbornly and foolishly lays its hopes on compromising at “peace agreements” with men like Yasser Arafat and Gerry Adams. If terrorists are going to listen seriously to anyone, they're likely to listen to other terrorists first. This, in actual fact, via sophisticated, international networks, through which terrorists exchange ideas and information and buy and sell weapons, goes on all the time.

Gerry Adams, terrorist leader in the northern Ireland “peace” negotiations, has had close ties with ETA all along! In fact, Gerry Adams, the president of Sinn Fein, recently felt bold enough to give ETA advice at a press meeting on how to best achieve their goals!

Jose Maria Aznar tried to form a political “Pact Against Terrorism,” in which all Spanish parties, regardless of their leanings, were invited to participate. Nevertheless, even this politically powerful, symbolic stand wasn't enough to flush out the scourge of terrorism from the midst of the Spanish people.



Aznar

The EU Toughens Its Stance

The EU, following its own agenda, can see that more is needed to defend Europe against the threat of terrorism. The case of ETA, which has received a great deal of publicity of late, is serving as an important catalyst to propel the development of a joint European policing system and now a rapid reaction force.

Closer examination of recent events is enough to demonstrate that *the question of how to deal with ETA is being used as a pretext to increase the powers of policing*, as well as the up-and-coming military reach of centralized European government. Recently, events conducive to these ends have slipped by quickly and discreetly—unnoticed by the popular press.

The unstable, international backdrop aiding the propulsion toward a consolidated Euroforce with a fully operational rapid reaction force (RRF) and internally integrated policing system is clearly delineated by the following statements: “George W. Bush and his team of cold-war warriors face a world of increasing conflict, with military experts counting 68 countries facing civil unrest, drug wars and skirmishes” (AP, Dec. 30, 2000); “International terrorism ‘is becoming the most important sphere of cooperation,’ said Russian Minister of Defense Igor Sergeev during a December 21 meeting with counterparts from six countries from the Commonwealth of Independent States. ‘Not only Russia, but also the world community in general, is worried about this phenomenon of the current and next century and is looking for an effective way to eradicate it,’ he said, according to the ITAR-TASS news agency” (*www.stratfor.com*, Jan. 2).

Last year India played a leading role in pushing enhanced international cooperation on terrorism issues by signing bilateral agreements with the United States and Israel, initiating a conference call about terrorism with regional leaders in Central Asia and Afghanistan, and signing an agreement with the EU in Paris, in December, to establish a joint working group on terrorism. The Indian government is presently drafting a global convention on terrorism for the United Nations.

In the last few months the EU has taken full advantage of the worldwide climate of instability and the present concern that world leaders are showing about the facelessness, illusiveness and speedy mobility of high-tech terrorism *to increase international support for the development of a Euroforce independent of NATO.*

The curious thing is that while the threat of terrorism came into play with the advent of the cold war, which split East and West, now that the cold war is over East and West are coming together to unite their efforts to fight against

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terrorism. One result of all this for Europe is that the increasing threat of modern terrorism could act as a catalyst to spur the EU into forming its rapid reaction force faster than anticipated. Watch for that happening!

Within the expanding boundaries of the EU, the threat of terrorism has acted as another springboard furthering the speedy development of EU military and policing capacities. The conditions, both internationally and internally, were ripe for the European Parliament to make up important ground to extend its powers of governance, favored by a series of events which sprang into action in rapid succession.

On December 1, 2000, Amnesty International demanded that ETA stop the violence, a motion which was adeptly lauded the following day by the home ministers of the EU, *declaring that ETA was a threat to the whole of Europe.* Then, on December 6, just as NATO tried to edge its way into the relay sprint by giving its implicit support to Spain, the baton was snatched from its hands: On December 9 Spanish and German officials met in Germany to exchange information about how to combat terrorism—giving a further slap on the back to the notion that *the EU will decide its own policies.*

These events cleared the way for the Catholic Church. Two weeks into the new year, Pope John Paul II sent a message of exhortation from Rome to “Raise your voices in favor of life, security, physical integrity and liberty. There can be no peace,” he said, “without defending these fundamental truths.” So, that Sunday, 50,000 Catholics, including the bishops of Bilbao, San Sebastián, Victoria, Pamplona and Tudela, came together to pray that ETA would lay down its arms.

Search and Capture

Herbert W. Armstrong predicted with prophetic accuracy 20 years ago,

“You may be sure the West European leaders are conferring hurriedly and secretly about *how and how soon* they may UNITE and provide a united European MILITARY FORCE so they can DEFEND THEMSELVES!” (*Plain Truth*, April 1980).

In-house problems with terrorist groups like ETA will be used as a major excuse to further integrate Europolicing and to speed up the establishment of a rapid reaction force—a state of affairs which would have once been unimaginable to most countries on entering the EU.

While the threat posed by terrorism has been bubbling away in Europe since the erection—and on through the destruction—of the Berlin Wall, never before had the possibility of what follows in this paragraph been openly debated. On January 13, in the wake of the Nice summit—decisive as far as the formation of the European rapid reaction force is concerned—the European Popular Party (favoring the right wing) voted to give unanimous support to the victims of terrorism in Spain, as well as for the creation of *an effective mechanism to fight against terrorism on a European level, ESPECIALLY WITH RESPECT TO AN EU WARRANT TO SEARCH AND CAPTURE* (*El País*, Jan. 14).

In effect, this means that the governing power of the EU would include the ability to issue warrants (perhaps via the RRF) to search out and capture a usurper, or terrorist. This policy, once law, will be a tremendous addition to the EU’s governing power, but could be seriously abused.

This new judicial power, effective across EU borders, to swoop down on insurgents and terrorists, will be pushed through faster because of in-house terrorists like ETA. *This will greatly increase the power and mobility of Europe’s policing and its fast-evolving rapid reaction force!*



Weston

Couple the above with the truly disturbing undertones and overtones inherent in the creation of the RRF. Sir John Weston, Britain’s ambassador to the UN from 1995 to 1998, at a seminar of the EU pressure group, New Europe, said the 60 pages of the treaty signed in December 2000 in Nice, devoted to the defense identity suggested a more ambitious interpretation of EU

aims than simply the stated ones of occasional humanitarian, rescue and peacekeeping tasks. He asked, "Why else would one need a separate EU military Staff Committee at Chiefs of Defense level, a fully fledged military staff organization, a strategic planning capability, a satellite center, an institute of security studies and a force catalog currently listed in the documents as 100,000 [soldiers] strong with 400 combat aircraft and 100 vessels?" (*Electronic Telegraph*, Jan. 11).

While the RRF will benefit from a communications link with NATO by sharing sensitive intelligence and military hardware, Sir John believes that the EU defense force could lead to the break up of NATO. Many in Europe now foresee this as being inevitable.

What then is the best way to confront the scourge of terrorism? Will the method only lead to further terror? The Bible clearly states that, humanly speaking, there is no solution to terrorism! Only Jesus Christ can bring the solution.

Internationally renowned British political and economic analyst Rodney Atkinson, a man with his eyes set toward the future, can see: "[Germany is] the beneficiary. This idea...of Germany, through its secret service, undermining and destroying Yugoslavia—that led to a crisis. Then they say, *Okay, we've got a crisis; we've got to have an army to deal with it. We can't rely on the Americans to come and help us. And that rapid reaction force is, and is meant to be, an embryo European army.*"

That embryo European army is also the embryo of one last resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire, prophesied in your Bible—and predicted by the late Herbert Armstrong when a defeated Germany was in ashes at the end of the Second World War! (See the *Trumpet* February 2000 issue for clear proof.) The prophecies made by Mr. Armstrong, given now, with further insight, as a powerful, last warning message by Gerald Flurry on the *Key of David* program and in the *Trumpet*, are coming startlingly true as you read this article.

The Solution

What then is the best way to confront the scourge of terrorism? Will the method used only lead to FURTHER TERROR? Can such a dangerous threat to personal security, world peace and stability really ever be counteracted? Could a dictator solve the evils of terrorism? Or is *talking* the solution?

The Bible clearly states that, *humanly speaking*, there is no solution to terrorism!

Only Jesus Christ can bring the solution. II Timothy 3:1-5 outlines with clarity what it will be like at the end of this age just before Christ returns to establish the only world government that can bring lasting peace and joy. Note that terrorism is included here: "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, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded...from such turn away.*"

Even in many places in the Old Testament, it is prophesied that unless *Israel* obeyed God (biblical Israel mainly refers to the English-speaking nations of the world, not the small modern nation of "Israel"—request your free copy of *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* to prove that for yourself), one of the curses they would reap would be "the sword without, and terror within" (Deut. 32:25).

A European army—a block of ten nations or groups of nations, following the lead of Germany, supported by the Catholic Church—is about to surprise the world with a reign of terror. English-speaking nations and others will be taken into captivity. Due to rebellion and disobedience against God and His perfect law, human life will be brought to the brink of total self-destruction in an unsustainable world of terror. "And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved [alive]" (Matt. 24:22).

Permitting the horror of terrorism is all part of God's great master plan of working with mankind and allowing suffering to the point where humans will have to decide whether or not to accept *God's way of life*—which brings fruitful, abundant well-being and happiness. Man will have to see for himself where *man's way* eventually leads. ♦

Nazis *from page 13*

uniform within its combined 16 member nations, all that remains to fuse this force together is a strong command and control structure. The Germans will see to that.

Poor Vision

Concerns about independent infrastructure, such as the power to uplift, transport and deploy both troops and equipment, reflect little vision. "There are concerns that a number of leading contributors, particularly Germany, will not be prepared to pay the price of their promises. Sir Charles [Guthrie—Britain's chief of defense staff] pointed out that while the 1.4 million American servicemen had 80 strategic lift aircraft to transport their equipment to any trouble-spot around the world, the 2 million European servicemen had none.

"Although Germany was never named, it has promised heavy lift aircraft but appeared not to have made any such provision in its defense budget" (*Daily Telegraph*, Feb. 9).

Within five days of this British general's views appearing in the British press, the *Telegraph* followed up with an observation on the maneuverings of Javier Solana in the Ukraine: "The European Union is looking at the Ukraine's arsenal, left over from the Soviet era, to allow its rapid reaction force to operate without American help.... The lack of airlift capability was the most glaring gap in the EU force's structure to emerge last November when participants were asked what they could contribute.... By using Ukrainian equipment, the EU could bring forward the date of operations [of the rapid reaction force] without American help" (Feb. 14).

Both NATO officials and the U.S. government applauded this idea!

Perhaps instead of chasing the shadows of so-called rogue nations, the U.S. should seek a housecleaning of its foreign-policy intelligentsia and replace those who bear a childish vision of America's foreign relations with those few wise people who can see danger on the horizon in Europe.

As the recently released document in Britain reveals, the Nazi vision of an economically and militarily united Europe is right on track. Once again, Herbert Armstrong's unparalleled vision is powerfully vindicated. ♦

The Unexpected Bad Fruits of DIVORCE

It is time to wake up. The long-term effects of divorce are threatening the very life of the institution of the family.

BY DENNIS LEAP

HERBERT ARMSTRONG WARNED THIS nation and the world for decades that divorce is bad. The breakup of a family is bad for the wife, bad for the children, bad for the husband, and most certainly bad for a stable society. Yet, judges, lawyers, politicians, psychologists, family counselors and many women and men have tried to reason their way around this elementary truth.

In the early 1970s, no-fault divorce laws were enacted, liberalizing divorce in America. People were assured emphatically that divorce would make life better for women and children. Many other Western nations followed our example. For over 30 years there has been an avalanche of divorce.

Now, what are the effects? Certainly not what most people expected.

A frank and simply written book titled *The Unexpected Legacy of Divorce: A 25 Year Landmark Study*, by Judith Wallerstein, shows that the fruits of divorce are not only bad, in most cases they are tragic. In this profound book, Wallerstein chronicles the life stories of children raised in broken families. It is both heart-rending and eye-opening. But most of all it is disturbing. Why? It reveals that the progenitors of the divorce revolution are surprised and shocked at the outcome of what they have helped to create! It is amazing that the negative results of divorce were **TOTALLY UNFORESEEN** by those who fought hard to liberalize long-standing divorce laws. How unfortunate for so many affected by divorce that the bad fruits of divorce were so unexpected.

Chilling Statistics

Here are just a few of the most recently published statistics on divorce in America. They are deeply disturbing. Unfortunately most seem totally unaware or unconcerned about the implications for Americans as individuals or for the American family.

It is now expected that 45 percent of all new first marriages will end in divorce. This means that nearly half of all new marriages will not survive. Many of the men and women caught up in these divorces are likely to remarry, and 60 percent of these marriages will also end in divorce. Demographers also tell us that 40 percent of all married adults living in the 1990s have already been divorced. Unfortunately all the above statistics are continuing to spiral upward.

To say the least, these numbers are shocking. But when you consider what the numbers actually mean for the personal lives of people, then the numbers become overwhelming. Consider the painful emotional upset, the loneliness of separation, the energy spent in readjusting and rebuilding relationships, then add in the personal financial cost associated with the use of lawyers, setting up separate households, child support or loss of income.

And these statistics only deal with adults. What about the numbers related to the children of divorce?

Judith Wallerstein writes, "Since 1970, at least a million children a year have seen their parents divorce—building a generation of Americans that has now come of age. It bears repeating that they represent a quarter of the adults in this country who have



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reached their 44th birthdays" (op. cit., p. xxvi). This fact is truly staggering. One quarter of American adults have grown up with divorce.

Again, we must reflect on the personal, real-life stories behind the number to grasp its full implication. Take a moment and think seriously about this. The majority of these children of divorce have grown up in single-parent families suffering from serious woes such as severe financial hardship, emotional instability, lack of love and attention and lack of positive parental rules and guidelines. In every sense, these children have grown up alone. Most children of divorce are a step behind their peers in schoolwork and socialization skills.

But there is an even more serious implication to consider. It has to do with the ability to build and maintain an intact family. These adults who are now trying to build families have not actually lived in an intact family. One very probing question sociologists studying divorce ask is, *Will the children of divorce be able to alter the trend toward more divorce?* The rising divorce rate is a prime indicator that there is more failure than success. Recognize this: Our future national stability will depend on the measure of their success. But what does the future hold for American families?

The chilling fact is that *most of these children of divorce are not even attempting to build families.* In fact, the institution of the family is dying right before our eyes. Married couples with children represent only 26 percent of American households. This means that majority of households in this country are comprised of unmarried adults without children. The future for the American family truly is bleak.

Our Divorce Culture

Can America's divorce problem be fixed? Yes, it can! But the more compelling question is, *will* we as a nation take the steps to fix the problem? The answer is an unfortunate *unlikely!*

Most today have real trouble admitting that our nation even has a serious problem with divorce. In fact, most leaders, politicians and experts make divorce appear as simply a *normal* part of life. Yet divorce is anything but normal. The truth is, divorce is a serious social illness and a great threat to our nation.

Wallerstein writes, "Having spent the last 30 years of my life traveling here and abroad talking to professional, legal and mental-health groups,

THE LATEST NUMBERS

45 PERCENT of new marriages end in divorce.

60 PERCENT of remarriages end in divorce.

40 PERCENT of married adults have been divorced.

OVER 1 MILLION children each year see their parents divorce.

25 PERCENT of all adults have parents who are divorced.

plus working with thousands of parents and children in divorced families, it's clear that we've created a new kind of society never before seen in human culture. Silently and unconsciously, we have created a culture of divorce."

Then, after surveying the statistics on American divorce, she concludes, "These numbers are terrifying" (ibid., pp. 295-296). Ms. Wallerstein is so right. The numbers truly are terrifying! Finally, there is someone outside of religion willing to admit that America is in serious trouble with its high divorce rate. Yet, who is willing to listen? Who is willing to step up to the challenge and say that changes must be made? If someone did, who would follow?

Wallerstein bravely admits that we have built a culture of divorce. This means that divorce has received *carte blanche* acceptance. The flood gates are open. Divorce has become a prevalent theme in our literature, our music and our entertainment. It is a thread that has been woven deep into the fabric of our society. Divorce has become the number-one accepted solution for marriage problems. In fact, we can say with certainty that for many, divorce has become the only solution to marriage problems. Yet, few are seriously considering the results. The truth is, like an infectious bacteria, divorce breeds more divorce.

Wallerstein suggests that we have built a culture of divorce silently and unconsciously. But if the truth were told, wouldn't it be better to say that *we have created a divorce culture that we WANT?*

Many Americans have become intrinsically materialistic. Who has the time to deal with marriage problems that interrupt our busy lives of acquiring more and doing more? If one mar-

riage doesn't work easily, we have decided as a nation to simply end it and start another. Now that we have liberal divorce laws, few will be willing to give them up. In essence, no one is really all that interested in damming the flood.

Unfortunately, for the short term, we cannot turn the clock back. We will have to live with what we have created.

A Gigantic Social Experiment

When the results of our divorce culture catch up with us—and they will catch up—we'll look for someone to blame. Who is really to blame for our culture of divorce? Wallerstein tells us honestly. "Up until 30 years ago marriage was a lifetime commitment with only a few narrow legal exits.... Then, in an upheaval akin to a cataclysmic earthquake, family law in California changed overnight. A series of statewide task forces recommended that men and women seeking divorce should no longer be required to prove that their spouse was unfaithful, unfit, cruel or incompatible. It was time, they said, to end the hypocrisy embodied in laws that severely restricted divorce. People should be able to end an unhappy marriage without proving fault or pointing blame.

"The prevailing climate of opinion was that divorce would allow adults to make better choices and happier marriages by letting them undo earlier mistakes. They would arrive at an honest, mutual decision to divorce, because if one person wanted out, surely it could not be much of a marriage.

"These attitudes were held by men and women of many political persuasions, by lawyers, judges and mental health professionals alike. The final task force that formulated the new no-fault divorce laws was led by law professor Herma Kay, who was well known as an advocate for women's rights.... Within a few years, no-fault divorce laws spread like wildfire to all 50 states. People all across the country were in favor of change" (ibid., pp. xxi-xxii).

Of course, collectively we are all to blame. But the one group of individuals that has taken a singular lead in promoting divorce is the leaders of the women's liberation movement. And many women responded. Wallerstein writes, "The change in women—their very identity and freer role in society—is part of our divorce culture. Indeed, two thirds of divorces are initiated by women despite the high price they pay

in economic and parenting burdens afterward" (ibid., pp. 296-297).

The women's movement more than any other has set its task to restructure our society outside the confines of the traditional family. Of course, this was all done in the name of seeking happiness. Is society a happier place now that the family has been restructured? Looking at the lives of the children of divorce and women in general, the answer is a loud and resounding no!

Wallerstein says, "But what about the children? In our rush to improve the lives of adults, we assumed that their lives would improve as well. We made radical changes in the family without realizing how it would change the experience of growing up. We embarked on a gigantic social experiment without any idea about how the next generation would be affected. If the truth be told, and if we are able to face it, the history of divorce in our society is replete with unwarranted assumptions..." (ibid., p. xxii). How frank. How honest. Thirty years ago, America's leadership embarked on a gigantic experiment with the family. Unfortunately those leaders set a course based on *unwarranted assumptions*. In other words, people made the assumption that divorce would lead to greater happiness. Sadly, the reverse is true.

Our leaders have misled us. And many have gullibly followed. Now our society is full of many incurable sicknesses. The problems among our young people are well documented. Can't we see that these troubles are directly related to divorce and our troubled families?

God warned us through the Prophet Isaiah, "As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths" (Isa. 3:12). This is a very apt description of our modern problems. Recognize, the book of Isaiah was written thousands of years ago. Had we listened to this and the other truths of the Bible concerning marriage and family, we could have saved ourselves so much trouble. But very few are willing to follow the *old and traditional* ways of life that have worked well for countless centuries.

Man continually wants to go his own way. And for all our effort, our lot does not get better. Wallerstein observed this same thing. She writes, "The sobering truth is that we have created a new kind of society that offers greater freedom

and more opportunities for many adults, but this welcome change carries a serious hidden cost. Many people, adults and children alike, are in fact not better off. We have created new kinds of families in which relationships are fragile and often unreliable. Children today receive far less nurturance, protection and parenting than was their lot a few decades ago. Long-term marriages come apart at still surprising rates. And many in the older generation who started the divorce revolution find themselves es-

The children of divorce knew their lives were different. And most felt impaired and hampered by their parents' divorce.

tranged from their adult children. Is this the price we must pay for...change? CAN'T WE DO BETTER?" (ibid., p. 297).

Of course, the answer to Wallerstein's question is yes. But to do better, we will have to evaluate where we have gone wrong.

The Myths of Divorce

Wallerstein observes in her book that when creating the culture of divorce, experts did so believing certain things to be true. Thirty years of history have proven these cherished beliefs to be false. There were two in particular which she believes provide the whole foundation for our wrong attitudes on divorce.

"The first holds that if parents are happier the children will be happier, too. Even if the children are distressed by the divorce, the crisis will be transient because children are resilient and resourceful and will soon recover" (ibid., p. xxiii). After her 25-year study of 131 children affected by divorce, Wallerstein found this belief to be completely false. "I am especially worried about how our divorce culture has changed childhood itself. A million new children a year are added to our march of marital failure. As they explain so eloquently, they lose the carefree play of childhood as well as the comforting arms and lap of a loving parent who is always rushing off because life in the postdivorce family is so incredibly difficult to manage" (ibid., p. 296). Wallerstein discovered that the children of divorce were not so resilient. Recording the heart-breaking histories of these children, she shows that most grew to maturity and stability only after great difficulty. Most struggled with alcoholism, drug and sex ad-

diction, fits of anger and violence. Those who did build stable marriages did so only after several failed attempts. Those who have successfully married live with the constant fear of failure.

The second myth Wallerstein slays in the book is that divorce represents a *temporary* crisis that is most harmful at the time of the breakup. In fact, divorce has long-term, negative effects. She writes, "Divorce is a life-transforming experience. After divorce, childhood is different. Adolescence is different.



Adulthood—with the decision to marry or not and have children or not—is different. Whether the final outcome is good or bad, the whole trajectory of an individual's life is profoundly altered by the divorce experience" (ibid., p. xxvii).

One of the most moving parts of her book involves the children of divorce describing their lives as being in something like a different universe to that of children from intact families. The children of divorce knew their lives were different. And most felt impaired and hampered by their parents' divorce. Many could not deal with the thoughts of what could have been. All too often their escape from reality led them into some form of mind-numbing addiction.

Unfortunately, it is only after some 25 to 30 years that the experts are coming to see these sad and tragic facts. Wallerstein admits, "But family scholars who have not always seen eye to eye are converging on a number of findings that fly in the face of our cherished myths. We agree that the effects of divorce are long-term. We know that the family is in trouble. We have a consensus that children raised in divorced or remarried families are less well adjusted as adults than those raised in intact families" (ibid., p. 297). This is a weighty admission. Yet, hasn't it come a little too late? Shouldn't these facts have been studied and well thought out before the flood gates of divorce were flung open?

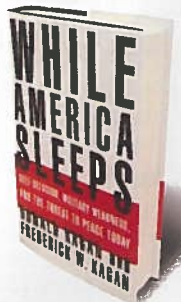
Let's not forget the numbers. One quarter of American adults are children of divorce. This means that we have a large part of an entire generation struggling to make life work.

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BOOK REVIEW

The Slumbering Superpower

Lessons from Britain's fatal interwar policy



While America Sleeps
by Donald and Frederick Kagan

IN *WHILE AMERICA Sleeps*, published in September 2000, Donald and Frederick Kagan deliver a powerful exposé that meticulously illustrates the parallels between Great Britain in the years between World Wars I and II and America today. England was inwardly focused during that time. Its economy and social problems took center stage, nearly leading to its demise.

As the leading global power after the First World War, Britain drastically cut its military forces and defense spending. This ultimately resulted in a failure to deal effectively with global contingencies. It aggravated the prevailing conditions of disorder and encouraged aggressor nations to pursue expansionist policies. In the end, Britain's weak stance on international policy culminated in the country being thrust into the Second World War.

Drawing the comparison to our time, the authors of *While America Sleeps* pose the question, "Is America today in danger of suffering a fate similar to that which befell Britain in the 1930s?" The main purpose of the book is to show that the vitally important answer to this question is YES.

From a historical perspective, many *Trumpet* subscribers will find it interesting to learn how Britain lost control of its once-great empire. In short, Britain, after World War I, had placed itself into a situation where it was capable of making the world a "safer and more secure place." Britain's leaders, however, refused to commit militarily to policies that sought such a noble goal. Consequently, the British Empire and Commonwealth of Nations was



LONDON behind barbed wire in WWII

forced to give up its many colonial possessions and strategic sea gates.

The British leadership in the 1920s was able to politically justify its weak foreign policy and military cutbacks with a concept known as the "ten-year rule." This rule stipulated that Britain would not be involved in a major war for at least ten years and therefore could relax its military preparedness. As time went on, the ten-year rule was conveniently and quietly stretched to include an undetermined number of years. This policy would spell disaster for Britain.

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Today, the American version of Britain's military scale-down is called the "peace dividend." The problem with this type of thinking is that a weak military limits a nation's ability to powerfully influence international affairs and maintain world peace.

In the 1990s, after the end of the cold war, America found itself in a similar situation to what Britain faced after World War I. As the USSR imploded, America was left the sole remaining superpower, without a serious global opponent. In the absence of a powerful foe, America began to waver in developing a strong national security policy that addressed changing world conditions.

America kept a strong military stance immediately after the fall of the Berlin Wall, but that would soon change.

At the beginning of the 1990s, many U.S. congressmen touted a "new world order" and reasoned that maintaining a strong military was not necessary in the new "peaceful era." The military, however, feared severe budget cuts and sought to control its own destiny by decreasing its budget by \$43 billion and creating a new strategic plan. Les Aspin, then chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, lobbied unsuccessfully to scrap the military's Base Force plan in favor of his own plan, which would have slashed military funding by an additional \$48 billion.

During the Clinton administration, Les Aspin and other like-minded congressmen were finally empowered to make the cuts in military spending they desired. These additional cuts placed the U.S. in a position where it could no longer effectively deter aggression or rapidly prepare for war. The inhibited military funding meant that that the U.S. could no longer handle two major regional contingencies simultaneously—a critical national security requirement.

While Great Britain and the U.S. desired to provide world leadership during these times of inward focus, they both failed to consider the dangers of having weakened armed forces. They pursued foreign policies that were not tied to their military budgets. The policies then became wishful desires, rather than working methods for addressing contingencies as they arose. When the need to intervene in conflicts did arise, hesitation prevailed until no other action but forceful intervention could save face. After these pseudo-engagements, both countries would repeatedly declare false victories. (Take the Gulf War and Kosovo, for example.)

Instead of immediately addressing the problems with unconditional force, Britain and the U.S. have historically "kicked the can down the road." The United States, as Britain did during the 1920s, continually seeks to put important decisions and their consequences on the back burner until sometime in the distant future when they might disappear. However, history shows this philosophy does not work.

Jason Hensley

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Deceived About the ROYAL BOOK of REVELATION



The world usually views the book of Revelation somewhat like a horror movie. The Greek word for revelation is *apocalypse*. It conjures up pictures of terrifying calamity to most people. But the word actually means an uncovering or disclosure, to enlighten or give LIGHT!

BY GERALD FLURRY

THE BOOK OF REVELATION SHOULD reveal light to men. Instead it is the most misunderstood book in the Bible. God reveals it only to “babes”—saints with a child-like, teachable attitude.

What should give this world *light* instead pictures the darkest kind of horror. Because they have rejected God’s light, this world causes their own dark and punishing tribulation!

PEOPLE REDEFINE *APOCALYPSE* to their own shame.

The catastrophe comes upon those people who rebel against God’s law,

which is almost everybody. But in spite of their blindness, the book is still FILLED WITH HOPE.

There are 22 chapters in this book, and 17 of them discuss a throne. Twice the throne mentioned belongs to Satan. The other 15 refer to God’s family throne.

Adam and Eve had a chance to replace Satan on his throne. But they rebelled. Then Christ, the second Adam, came in the human form and did qualify to replace Satan. Soon He will return to claim His throne as ruler over the Earth.

Now Christ is calling out a very elect. When He returns they will share His throne. This very elect will rule with Him for 1000 years. After that, they will help Christ rule the universe forever (Heb. 2:7-8; Isa. 9:6-7).

What a royal message!

Satan is the ruler of this world (II Cor. 4:4). That means he won’t give up his throne without a war. It is through this war, by conquering Satan, that the very elect qualify to replace him, just as Jesus Christ did. Those saints will then become the sons of God and the bride of Christ (Rev. 19:7). This salvation and

reward are so great that men often label this teaching blasphemy!

Let's take a close look and see why this is the ROYAL book of Revelation.

The Father

"The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John" (Rev. 1:1). This book was not revealed by John, or an angel, or even Jesus Christ! It was revealed by God the Father, who gave it to His Son. Christ then gave it to an angel, who gave it to John.

The book of Revelation CAME FROM A SOURCE HIGHER THAN JESUS CHRIST. IT CAME FROM THE SUPREME AUTHORITY IN THE UNIVERSE—GOD THE FATHER!

This means the book of Revelation has to be more important than many other books in the Bible! Perhaps it is more important than ANY other book in the Bible!

No other book is introduced in the same manner as the book of Revelation. This book provides a time frame or time sequence for all prophecy. Without that understanding, we wouldn't know WHEN prophecies of the Bible are to be fulfilled. It has the big overview. That is why this book is so crucial to understand.

ONLY the Father knows the "day and hour" when these prophecies are to be fulfilled. "So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.... But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only" (Matt. 24:33, 36). These are Christ's own words. He teaches us to understand that the Father is His superior. The Father has greater understanding, and that includes His knowledge of prophecy.

WHAT KIND OF MIND UNDERSTANDS THE DAY AND THE HOUR THAT THESE PROPHECIES ARE TO BE FULFILLED? Only the Father has that depth of understanding and foresight. This means we can trust Him implicitly. He is the ultimate royalty!

The first verse of Revelation demonstrates God's royal family government. The Father is the head of His family. Christ is the Husband of the wife, or God's Church. Those called after Christ returns are likened to the children. All together it is God's family.

The whole world is deceived about the very first verse. CHRIST IS MADE THE CENTRAL FIGURE OF THE GOSPEL IN

THIS WORLD'S VERSION OF CHRISTIANITY. BUT THAT IS THE FATHER'S ROLE. Christ said, "My Father is greater than I" (John 14:28). He also said He came to do the will of His Father—not His own. He was submissive to His Father.

This world—and most of God's own people—REFUSE to accept our Father as the head of His family. THIS IS SATANIC DECEPTION THAT DESTROYS THE VERY FAMILY OF GOD! It destroys the gospel, which is the good news of the coming Kingdom, or family, of God.

Without this understanding, there is no gospel or good news! THIS IS THE

The spirit of prophecy reveals the course of future world history!

WORST POSSIBLE DECEPTION! Light is turned into the blackest darkness.

Christ did precisely what His Father commanded. So did John. But most men stumble because they rebel against God's family government.

The greatest truth in the Bible is about God's royal family. Animals were made after the animal kind. Yet man was made in the likeness of God! (Gen. 1:26).

Lucifer was never offered the honor of being in God's family. And now, as Satan, he hates men even more because of their incredible potential.

The Testimony of Jesus Christ

"Who bare record of the word of God, and of the *testimony of Jesus Christ*, and of all things that he saw" (Rev. 1:2). What is the testimony of Jesus Christ? Religious people are greatly confused regarding this question. That is because they try to interpret this book themselves. But the Bible interprets itself. This testimony reveals what is to happen in the U.S., Britain, Europe, the Middle East and the whole world. It also reveals your personal future!

The book of Revelation depicts a world crisis—and how you can escape it.

John was imprisoned for teaching God's word and this testimony! He was a prisoner when he wrote these words. "I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for *the testimony of Jesus Christ*" (v. 9). What is there about the testimony of Jesus Christ that could get you imprisoned or killed?

God's word makes that very clear. "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.... And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS IS THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY" (Rev. 19:7, 10). The testimony of Jesus Christ is THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY. If you have the spirit of prophecy, that means you are given new revelation by God—to build on the old revelation. You must keep what God has already revealed, or you will be given no new revelation.

If we don't understand prophecy, we don't have THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS, WHICH IS THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY!

You can find where Jesus Christ is by finding the only group of people on this Earth who understand Bible prophecy!

How very profound these verses are. We must think long and hard on this teaching.

WHO UNDERSTANDS BIBLE PROPHECY TODAY? EVEN A CHILD SHOULD BE ABLE TO TELL. FIND THE PEOPLE WHO TRULY UNDERSTAND PROPHECY AND YOU WILL FIND JESUS CHRIST!

Prophecy is a major proof that God lives and works out His plan! Through the spirit of prophecy, we can prove where Christ is.

THE NUMBER-ONE REASON FOR PROPHECY IS TO SHOW THAT GOD RULES! Understanding prophecy proves that God is in Zion—His very elect Church!

If anybody scorns or ignores prophecy, then they don't understand the testimony of Jesus Christ! They don't follow Jesus Christ!

If people don't understand the book of Revelation, they don't understand Christ. This is true of any prophetic book. Without this understanding, we cannot even do God's work!

It is the "SPIRIT of prophecy." It must be a prophecy of God's Spirit or it is bizarre prophecy—from the mind of man.

Christ's wife is making herself ready (Rev. 19:7). We cannot properly prepare for our royal marriage to our Husband if we don't understand and deliver a message of prophecy.

Christ's royal wife is preparing now to marry her royal Husband at their royal wedding! The very elect are Christ's wife now. Her royal majesty deeply understands the spirit of prophecy.

THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY REVEALS THE COURSE OF FUTURE WORLD HISTORY! That means you understand world news in advance! You grasp exactly what is happening on the world scene. You can fit it all into a time frame with the book of Revelation.

The Apostle John was in charge of God's Church when he wrote the book of Revelation. God's family-type government is administered through one man. He gave directions to the Church from prison on the isle of Patmos. Those who followed him had to be very submissive.

"Blessed is HE that readeth, and THEY that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand" (Rev. 1:3). Notice it is "HE that reads" and "THEY that hear." God uses one-man leadership. He reveals to only one man. Then "they" who follow this man *keep* the truth that God reveals.

This is the way God has always led His Church. And He prophesies here that He will always continue to do so!

Without God's government, men always stumble at the law. That is because the law demands a government to enforce it.

Royal Martyr

The book of Revelation is addressed only to God's Church. Many of His own people rebelled against this message. But God always has at least a small remnant which keeps His lamp burning.

ANYBODY WHO WANTS TO UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE AND WORLD EVENTS MUST COME TO GOD'S FAITHFUL REMNANT! There is understanding no place else on this planet! It is the only way you can really comprehend the fate of your own nation, or even your own life.

This is a difficult truth to accept, but God works through His very elect

God "has made" His very elect kings and priests—past tense.

and nobody else. Everybody else is blind. It is that way now, it has been in the past, and shall be in the future!

"John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from *him which is, and which was, and which is to come*; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne" (Rev. 1:4). We must come to deeply know the Being who WAS and who then came to this Earth, was crucified and was then resurrected from the dead. We must also know the God

who "is to come." The book of Revelation is about His Second Coming. Our lives must revolve around that great cause—to the extent that we would die for it if necessary.

We also must know that the glorified, royal God "IS"—He is alive today! (vv. 12-16).

Christ IS at this very moment the High Priest of God's Church! We must know what He is doing right NOW.

If we fully grasp His love and power, then we have nothing to fear. We must conquer our fears. We win in the end—regardless of what happens to us today!

"And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood" (v. 5). Christ was "the faithful witness." The word *witness* is from the Greek word *martus*—from which we get our word *martyr*.

A martyr is one who dies for a cause. Christ "washed us from our sins in his own blood." He died for our sins.

Christ is the "Prince of kings," or "King of kings." He is higher than any human royalty ever could be. But He is "THE faithful witness" to the most supreme royalty—His Father. He is "the Son of the Highest." "And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto

him the THRONE of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end" (Luke 1:30-33). Christ has a royal throne. His Father has a more exalted royal throne.

Imagine what it was like when the royal Father allowed His beloved Son to become a martyr for sinning men. And consider how the royal Son gave His life for you.

That is the kind of sacrificial love our royal God family has for their creation!



DAVID'S THRONE
The coronation chair in London

All of the first-century apostles except John were martyred for following Christ's example. And John was imprisoned. What is more amazing, these martyrs were usually killed by deceived religious people!

So when you decide to be a "witness" for Jesus Christ, you need to know what that means.

"And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the *testimony* which they held" (Rev. 6:9). The word *testimony* is from the Greek word *marturia*,

which comes from *martus*. (The same is true for the word *testimony* in Rev. 1:9.) These servants of God were loyal unto death.

Thayer's Lexicon defines *marturia*, "to hold the testimony, to persevere steadfastly in bearing it." It says those who held this *testimony* "after [Christ's] example have proved the strength and genuineness of their faith in Christ by undergoing a violent death."

These saints were not to be denied their reward. But that happened in the past. It will happen again in the future to God's lukewarm church. "And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled" (Rev. 6:10-11). They must die to qualify for God's Kingdom.

All of these martyrs were "under the altar." That refers to the altar of burnt offering where the animals were sacrificed in the temple. Today the temple is God's Church, and those sacrificing their lives are *God's lukewarm saints*—not animals!

It isn't easy qualifying for entry into God's Kingdom. But God repeatedly shows us the eternal glory we shall receive for doing so.

Christ was the "first begotten of the dead" (Rev. 1:5). The word *begotten* is incorrectly translated. It should be BORN. Christ was the *first* BORN,

and later there will be a second and third born from the dead. If we should die serving God in a natural death, or as a martyr, we will be born into the royal God family!

Satan wants to confuse people with the word *begotten*. Who would die just to be begotten? But if you know you are going to become a member of God's family, looking like the glorified, majestic God in Revelation 1:12-16—a person can die for that cause!

We must not compromise one iota. That is how we become perfect in character—as God is.

Kings and Priests

The whole world is deceived about what I am about to write. And even many of God's own people won't get this supremely inspiring truth. "And *hath made* us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen" (v. 6). God HAS MADE His very elect kings and priests—past tense. Those called before Christ's Second Coming have *already been made* kings and priests. That means they are kings and priests right now—in embryo.

What will these kings and priests look like? Genesis 1:26 says that we are made in the likeness and image of God. Here is what that means to you. "And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks [lamps, which represent the seven eras of God's true Church throughout history]; And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle" (Rev. 1:12-13). Christ is in the midst of the seven churches—observing, guiding and protecting His wife. Everything revolves around the Father and Christ, if the Church is loyal.

Christ is "clothed with a garment down to the foot." He wears the clothing of a priest, because He is our High Priest today (Heb. 7:21).

The firstfruits, like Christ, are also priests! They are priests for God the Father and Jesus Christ.

But that's not all.

He wore a "golden girdle," which symbolizes that He is a King. Most people know that, but do they know that *God's saints are also kings in embryo*?

Christ calls Himself the "Son of man" here in Revelation 1. In fact, He is the SON OF GOD. But He is delivering

the message of Revelation to MAN. He wants MAN to understand that THIS IS HIS FUTURE. This is MAN's incredible human potential! God is bringing man into the family of God! The firstfruits are only the *beginning* of God's work. God is offering them a share of His throne forever—as the bride of Christ!

All of humanity was created to look like God, and to one day be born into God's family and to look like the *glorified* God. Let's continue. "His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire" (Rev. 1:14). God's eyes are like a flame of fire. But that is also how YOUR EYES will be in the future if you surrender to God! That is what the "Son of man" came to this Earth to accomplish! He died so that sinful men could be forgiven and offered that awesome future.

"And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength" (vv. 15-16). Christ's eyes are as a flame of fire, and His face shines like the sun in its full strength! That is how you and I will look when we are born into God's family!

Does that sound like blasphemy?

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM; for we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2). When Christ returns in glory, "WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM"! Can you and I BELIEVE God?

"Who shall change our vile body, that it may be FASHIONED LIKE UNTO HIS GLORIOUS BODY, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself" (Phil. 3:21). Our vile bodies will be "FASHIONED LIKE UNTO HIS GLORIOUS BODY"—the glorious body described in Revelation 1:13-16! This is very clear. So why don't most religious people understand it? Because they don't BELIEVE God!

The problem is not a lack of knowing what these scriptures state—it is a faith crisis!

Again, we are going to look like the God described in Revelation 1:13-16! What a royal book Revelation is.

Even King David understood this truth. He wrote in one of his psalms, "As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, WITH THY LIKENESS" (Ps. 17:15).

David knew he would be resurrected with God's likeness—a body "FASHIONED LIKE UNTO HIS GLORIOUS BODY"!

This is why the "Son of MAN" came to this Earth and died for man.

The Father wants a royal family. Christ wants a royal wife.

Some men can see that the glorified Christ is described in this book. But most men can't fathom that this is their very own potential! That is why they killed the Son of man—or Son of God.

Do we see why God's apostles, prophets and faithful saints could die for God? Can you live or die for such an incredibly awesome future?

We will never have equal rank with the Father or Christ our Husband. But we shall be members of the God family.

The fact that this message has been so totally destroyed in this world should help us understand that Satan the devil is the god of this world. And that he hates man and his potential to be God. This potential was never offered to him—only man. Mankind is super-special to God.

We need this MAJESTIC MESSAGE to lead a godly, royal life. This is an ugly, vile world because man lives like Satan instead of God.

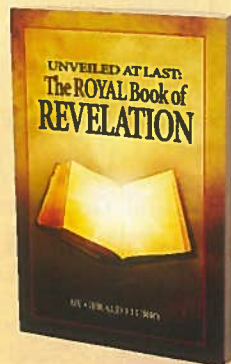
Until men capture this vision, their future will be disastrous—just like Satan's dark destiny.

Mankind desperately needs to comprehend the royal book of Revelation. God is inviting His firstfruits to respond now. If they do, they will receive a future as the royal bride of Christ. It will be a unique and exalted majesty that lasts forever. THERE WILL NEVER BE ANOTHER POSITION SO EXALTED THROUGHOUT ETERNITY! THERE IS ONLY ONE ROYAL BRIDE!

We urgently need to grasp this message. But more importantly, we need to LIVE LIKE GOD'S ROYALTY NOW! ♦

This article is excerpted from the first chapter of Mr. Flurry's new booklet, *The Royal Book of Revelation*.

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Divorce *from page 22*

Unfortunately, many are lacking the necessary skills to do so.

The Future Is Bright

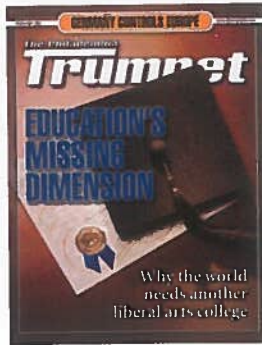
We should not be pessimistic about our national divorce problem, but we must be realistic. As a nation, we have a serious challenge ahead. Our nation was built on its strong, traditional families. We can change. But will we? Wallerstein admits, "I'd like to say that we're at a crossroads, but I'm afraid I can't be that optimistic. We can choose a new route only if we agree on where we are and where we want to be in the future. The outlook is cloudy" (p. 297).

If things continue as they are, it is safe to say that our immediate future is very dark. Let's not forget that we have a new generation of children growing up in our midst. They are our future. If we continue our failed experimentation with divorce, we fail them and ultimately ourselves.

It is not too late to change our course. We must get back to building and maintaining traditional families comprised of hard-working, loving fathers, stay-at-home mothers and well-behaved, obedient children. Doing this will ensure a bright and secure future.

Of course, even if we do not turn things around in the near term, we can all look forward to the time when Jesus Christ will do so at His return. When Christ establishes the Kingdom of God on this Earth, He will restore the family to its proper and vital role in society.

We are promised in the book of Zechariah, "Thus saith the Lord of hosts; There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand for very age. And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof. Thus saith the Lord of hosts; If it be marvellous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be marvellous in mine eyes? saith the Lord of hosts" (Zech. 8:4-6). These verses show clearly that Jesus Christ will eliminate divorce and its associated traumas and tragedies. The scene described here is so beautiful. God describes it as *marvelous*. These verses give us a vision of family. Meditate on the wonderful picture—grandparents, parents and children all together and all very happy. The future for families truly *is* bright. ♦



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Wigan, England

THANK YOU FOR ALL THE INFORMATIVE literature. It is direct and to the point—and you refer us always to what God taught Mr. Armstrong. It belongs to all of us whom God called and used to build His Church. God bless you in your efforts against former brethren who are doing the “book ban.” Are they suing for money? Is that what this is about? They didn’t care about the literature!—dumpsters were full of it when they threw it out.

Brush Prairie, Wash.

I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE THAT OUR COUNTRY, which was founded on basic freedoms, would try to take yours and mine away! Keep up the fight, and thank you!

Lapeer, Mich.

THERE SHOULD BE NO COURT CASE OVER Mr. Armstrong’s books. We the people of the old Worldwide Church of God paid for all the books and literature. I dropped out when they started saying Sunday was the Sabbath in 1993. Copyright laws were so that if I wrote a book to sell, you could not copy it and sell it and get money for it that should be mine. His books were free. So copyrights do not apply.

Hudson, Mich.

JUST A NOTE TO TELL YOU HOW MUCH I enjoy your program and the literature—and I hope you win your case in court. Mr. Armstrong made people think. Is that what they are afraid of?

Denver, Colo.

I WAS READING THE NEW TRUMPET AND SEE that the court (always trying to prevent the truth from being known) is attempting to prevent circulation of the larger volume of *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. I have the 59-page edition. However, before Satan prevents it, I would like to get the 196-page volume. I want to know what Satan wants me not to know. Perhaps I misunderstand, but is it not prophecy that persecution will occur in the last days? Although I think the courts are wrong to

prevent distribution of Mr. Armstrong’s book, I think that the problems that you are having in getting the truth out are verification of the fact that it is the truth. God has nothing to fear from these writings. Satan has so much to fear.

Detroit, Mich.

♦ Read page 1 to see why we can’t send the bigger *U.S. and Britain in Prophecy*.

He Was Right

I RAN ACROSS YOUR FEBRUARY 2000 EDITION titled “He Was Right,” about the accurate forecasting of Herbert W. Armstrong. After reading the magazine I was left speechless. What an incredible man. What an awesome magazine. No religious or spiritual magazine has ever grabbed me the way this *Trumpet* did.

Cotulla, Tex.

I WAS GRATIFIED TO READ IN THE JANUARY *Trumpet* about the State of California attack on the Worldwide Church of God. I was there at the time and spent three days in the Hall of Administration before the State gave up the illegal seizure. As Gerald Flurry indicated, the Church was cleared of all wrongdoing, yet there were no apologies! The Jewish judge and the attorney from the State were the real “bowl of spiders.” Thank you for the courage to print the real truth.

Plainfield, Ind.

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RYAN MALONE

No Hard News

What is driving the “virtual blackout” of real news in America?

THE UNITED STATES PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, THE ELIÁN González custody dispute, the USS Cole bombing, and soaring oil prices. These were considered the top stories for the year 2000 by 312 leading news editors in the U.S., as found in an Associated Press poll.

Here are the major minds through which all the news is filtered every day; the minds that decide what gets top priority on TV, radio or the printed word; the minds that feed the American people the news that should matter most. And these were the top four stories, respectively. After these came: the Firestone tire recall; the ordered breakup of Microsoft; the genetic code mapped; the arrival of the year 2000. Then, finally, number eight on the list, the only international story of the lot: Milosevic toppled in Yugoslavia. At number ten, the verdict against the tobacco industry.

World Press Review also showed, according to Pew Research Center based in Washington D.C., what *most Americans* considered 2000's top stories. First on the list was the increase in gas prices. Then came the bombing of the USS Cole, the Firestone tire recall, the shooting of a 6-year-old girl by a classmate, the debate over Elián González and the presidential election. Number ten was the Superbowl.

“Top” stories indeed. But BIG stories? Hardly, when you consider what happened around the globe last year—the development of a German-led European rapid reaction force, the Vatican's radical efforts at Church unity, the bloodshed in the Middle East, ethnic strife in Indonesia, political unrest in the Philippines, and a change of leaders in Russia, Yugoslavia and Taiwan, and the list goes on. Even overseas editors, given the same question, included in their list the Korea summit, the violence between Israelis and Palestinians and the election of Vladimir Putin as Russia's president.

The American media's constant and intense focus purely on domestic issues, such as the presidential election, has created a “virtual blackout of international news,” said Joëlle Tanguy, executive director for the international relief organization Médecins Sans Frontières.

Gradually, the hard, informative news has turned into frivolous fluff—“stories that touch your life,” entertaining exposés, all made popular by over a dozen prime-time hours consumed by newsmagazines on the three major television networks every week.

Why the decline? Because that is what Americans want.

Consider: It is *advertisers* that pay for the programming, for the studio space, for the salaries of the news anchors, the

cameramen. TV shows—including *news*—base the price for those ads on *ratings*—the amount of viewers estimated to be watching. The higher your ratings, the more you can charge the advertisers.

That means journalists are under more pressure to make the stories as appealing, exciting and entertaining as possible. Hard news is easily sacrificed for stories that will keep

people watching.

Edward Bliss, in *Now the News; The Story of Broadcast Journalism*, confirms this fact: “In pursuit of higher ratings, some programmers have taken television news, and made it show business, pure and simple.... They offer what entertains and excites, rather than what viewers need to know” (pp. 268).

The truth is, sadly, Americans would rather hear about Firestone tires and little Elián than about

the violence in the Middle East, the Korea summit or the European Union's plans to expand its global influence. Journalists know this. That is why the hard news, particularly global news, is almost obsolete in America.

The May-June 1999 *Columbia Journalism Review* reported this: “For almost a half a century, covering the important news of the world was what ABC NEWS, CBS NEWS, and NBC NEWS did for a living.... Now their bread-and-butter business is producing features for prime-time magazines. Being entertaining and profitable rather than being informative has become the new measure of their success.”

The *Trumpet's* editor in chief sounded a warning about this very issue in his Personal from the July 1999 edition. “Losing interest in hard news from around the world portends a grave danger for any democracy. The best hope for a democracy is for an *enlightened* people—not a *well-entertained* people!” (emphasis mine).

The blame for the decline in hard news falls somewhat on the shoulders of the news editors—those polled in the above survey. But they only listen to RATINGS, and to what the *viewers* want. We, as an entertainment-crazed nation, are spelling our own future demise as we cause the watering down of real news and a virtual blackout to news from the rest of the world—a dangerous world that we *MUST* be watching to save ourselves from its perils.

What were the truly *big* stories of 2000? What stories should you be watching right now? This magazine, with its unique perspective on world events and its advertising-free layout, allows us to give you real news—and what it all means for the future.



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