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PERSONAL FROM *Gerald Flury*



## Secretary Powell's UN Report: The Big Lesson We Failed to Learn

For 12 years, Saddam Hussein has made a mockery of the U.S. and the United Nations. After Secretary of State Colin Powell's report to the UN on February 5, many people still say there is no smoking gun. Those people probably wouldn't see a smoking gun unless Saddam shot them personally.

*Webster's Dictionary* defines *smoking gun* as "Something that serves as conclusive evidence or proof, esp. of a crime." How long will it take people to see Saddam's crime? We have the smoking gun, the shooter and many victims. People still refuse to see the smoking gun, even though one is not even required in UN Resolution 1441.

Most people also refuse to see a connection between Saddam and the al-Qaeda terrorist network. Saddam attacked Iran and Kuwait. He used chemical warfare against Iran and his own people in Iraq. He tried to assassinate former U.S. President George H.W. Bush (reason enough for America to declare war against him). Still people refuse to believe he is connected to al-Qaeda!

Where is our *common sense*? That is the most glaring defect in this whole process. Most people are lost in dangerous and trivial human reasoning.

Notice this statement by Secretary Powell to the UN: "A source said that 1,600 death row prisoners [in Iraq] were transferred in 1995 to a special unit for such experiments [to perfect Iraq's biological or chemical weapons]. An eyewitness saw prisoners tied down to beds, experiments conducted on them, blood oozing around the victims' mouths and autopsies performed to confirm the effects on the prisoners. Saddam Hussein's humanity—inhumanity—has no limits."

This is so similar to the decade of the 1930s. Adolf Hitler was rising to power, but nobody would believe reports about how he persecuted and even killed Jews and opposition leaders. Britain's Neville Chamberlain even thought he could make peace with Hitler, only to be humiliated before the whole world. Almost all of the British press and politicians supported him totally—until it was almost too late. Today the same dangerous thinking grips our leaders and our media.

British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw even used the example of Hitler when speaking to the UN—how Britain thought the Hitler problem wasn't big enough to challenge during the early 1930s. But Germany kept growing in power. Soon he was too powerful for anybody to stop.

We have learned virtually nothing from that history.

Iraq is estimated to have between "100 and 500 tons of chemical weapons agent" (ibid.). Here is another statement from Secretary Powell's report: "[W]hen Iraq finally admitted having these weapons in 1995, the quantities were vast. Less than a teaspoon of dry anthrax ... in an envelope shut down the United States Senate in the fall of 2001. This forced several hundred people to undergo emergency medical treat-

ment and killed two postal workers ...

"Iraq declared 8,500 liters of anthrax, but UNSCOM estimates that Saddam Hussein could have produced 25,000 liters. If concentrated into this dry form, this amount would be enough to fill tens upon tens upon tens of thousands of teaspoons. And Saddam Hussein has not verifiably accounted for even one teaspoonful of this deadly material.

"And that is my third point. And it is key. The Iraqis have never accounted for all of the biological weapons they admitted they had and we know they had. They have never accounted for all the organic material used to make them. And they have not accounted for many of the weapons filled with these agents such as there are 400 bombs. This is evidence, not conjecture. This is true. This is all well-documented. ...

"The source [of confirmation of Iraq's mobile biological agent production program] was an eyewitness, an Iraqi chemical engineer who supervised one of these facilities. He actually was present during biological agent production runs. He was also at the site when an accident occurred in 1998. TWELVE TECHNICIANS DIED FROM EXPOSURE TO BIOLOGICAL AGENTS" (emphasis mine throughout).

One teaspoon of anthrax shut down the U.S. Senate! Two postal workers were killed and others were made ill.

These chemical and biological agents depict a reality of horror beyond anything we can even imagine!

Where is this all leading?

"We believe Saddam Hussein knows what he did with [the chemical weapons that are unaccounted for], and he has not come clean with the international community. We have evidence these weapons existed. What we don't have is evidence from Iraq that they have been destroyed or where they are. That is what we are still waiting for. ...

"Iraq's record on chemical weapons is replete with lies. It took years for Iraq to finally admit that it had produced four tons of the deadly nerve agent VX. A SINGLE DROP OF VX ON THE SKIN WILL KILL IN MINUTES. Four tons. The admission only came out after inspectors collected documentation as a result of the defection of Hussein Kamal, Saddam Hussein's late son-in-law. UNSCOM also gained forensic evidence that Iraq had produced VX and put it into weapons for delivery" (ibid.).

Imagine. One drop of the deadly VX nerve agent will kill in minutes! One drop! The Iraqis have four tons! And this report is from the son-in-law who was killed when he returned to Iraq—coaxed back by Saddam. At one time this son-in-law was considered to be Saddam's replacement. He was in a position to know what was being done in Iraq.

Powell also said, "Our concern is not just about these elicited weapons. It's the way that these elicited weapons can be connected to terrorists and terrorist organizations that have no compunc-

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# GERMAN-LED EU CONQUERS YUGOSLAVIA



A giant world power is rising out of Europe! And it is going to shock the world as perhaps no power ever has!

BY GERALD FLURRY

**S**TATE BY STATE, THE COUNTRY OF Yugoslavia has been conquered. Even the name *Yugoslavia* is being discarded.

MOST OF THIS CONQUERING WAS ACCOMPLISHED WITH U.S. MILITARY POWER. But it is Germany and the European Union that are taking control of the former Yugoslavia. And Germany is giving the U.S. no credit for what it did! But they do often blame America for many of the problems that have developed.

The former Yugoslavia is a part of the Balkans, or Balkan Peninsula, along with Romania, Bulgaria, Albania, Greece and European Turkey. The Balkan Peninsula is an extremely important *strategic* area. The Adriatic Sea is an arm of the Mediterranean Sea. The German-led EU is also working hard to get control of the Mediterranean Sea—of even greater strategic importance.

Look at any map and you can see the strategic value. However, it seems only *Germany* fully realizes the significance of these areas. The Germans are willing to fight the whole world to gain control of them. It seems nobody has asked *why* these areas are so important to Germany!

Where is this all leading?

The same spirit that caused Germany to start two world wars still prevails in that land! Soon the whole world will understand—and, shocking as it may be, your Bible predicts that people by the multiple millions will once again suffer from Germany's violent attacks, as the Germans lead Europe.

This major turnaround in the Balkans has caused Europe to look to Germany once again.

Notice what Sir Winston Churchill said, May 31, 1935: "Everywhere these countries are being made to look to Germany in a special way."

AND TODAY ALL OF EUROPE IS LOOKING TO GERMANY IN A SPECIAL WAY. The outcome will be frighteningly similar to World War II—except it will be about a thousand times worse!

It seems we have learned *nothing* from Germany's history. Even terrifying events like World War II taught us *nothing*—just as Winston Churchill warned the world in the 1930s that it had learned nothing from Germany's history and World War I.

Here is what he said February 7, 1934: "Not one of the lessons of the

past has been learned, not one of them has been applied, and the situation is incomparably more dangerous.”

When Germany starts World War III, we will finally learn some lessons—but only *after* America, Britain and the little nation called Israel today have become victims.

We have been teaching this message for over 50 years.

The only way for our people to prevent this coming catastrophe is to *repent* of their evil ways. May God help us to hear the trumpet sounding.

#### EU Adopts Balkan States

*EUobserver.com* posted the following on January 10: “EU Commission [EC] President Romano Prodi promised today in Athens that all Balkan countries ‘can become members of the EU one day.’ Speaking after meeting the Greek prime minister and current holder of the EU presidency, Costas Simitis, he said the Balkan countries would not necessarily become members on the same day, as each of them would follow their own course and be judged on their own merits. ‘But IN THE LONG RUN, BALKANS BELONG STRICTLY TO THE EU,’ he said.

“Bulgaria and Romania are already negotiating EU membership, while Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania, Croatia, Macedonia and the former Republic of Yugoslavia—Montenegro, Kosovo and Serbia—all are part of the Stabilization and Association Process (SAP) with the EU. ...



**INROADS** German Defense Minister Rudolph Scharping (right) visits Macedonia.

“Both for the EU Commission and the Greek presidency, future EU membership for all Balkan countries is a priority, Mr. Prodi said. He went on to add that AN EU POLICY FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA WAS IN THE MAKING. The Commission is drafting a letter to Mr. Simitis in Greece as well as the

Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, to make sure that the current Greek EU presidency and the following Italian EU presidency MAKE THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA A PRIORITY” (emphasis mine throughout).

“Malta is the southern pillar of Europe ... I want to see Malta in the EU.” Those are the words of EC President Prodi, which *Trumpet* journalists heard with their own ears back in March 2000 at Malta conferences concerning the country’s future EU membership. Read those words again: “Malta is the southern pillar of Europe ... I want to see Malta in the EU.”

### Are we too groggy to comprehend how dramatically

### Mr. Armstrong’s prophecy was fulfilled?

Gunter Verheugen, European commissioner for enlargement, said if Malta joined the EU it would “become a gateway. ... For Europe, Malta has been described as A SPRINGBOARD TO THE WHOLE MEDITERRANEAN REGION, and especially to the African and Middle Eastern shores.”

What ambition! The EU is already planning to reach into the Mediterranean and Africa, and across to Cyprus and the Middle East. They have a dangerous global ambition. Such ambition is leading to unparalleled violence and terror in this world. But very few people seem to understand.

Yet again, the world is destined to see Islam pitched against Vatican-dominated Christianity in a “holy war,” with Jerusalem as the prize (Dan. 11:40). Cyprus will figure prominently in one of these mighty battles for control of the strategic Middle East (Dan. 11:30-31).

WHY ALL THIS STRATEGIC INTEREST? BECAUSE THE GERMAN-LED EU WANTS TO RULE THE WORLD!

If you think that is far-fetched, just look at the history of the bloody *Holy Roman Empire*. It has been the exact opposite of “holy.” And it *always* had the goal of ruling the world!

Thankfully, this next resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire will be the last.

#### Ten Nations

We are seeing a resurrection of the medieval Holy Roman Empire. Ten nations or groups of nations will combine into one world superpower. They will all give their power to the “beast”

(Rev. 13 and 17).

Germany and the Vatican had to get control of the Balkan states to develop the eastern leg, or foot, of the Holy Roman Empire. It too was prophesied.

Notice what Herbert W. Armstrong wrote in June 1956: “Perhaps even this coming military-political leader does not yet know *how many*, or precisely *which* European nations will join in this United Nazi Fascist Europe. But you and I can know the number—for God Almighty wrote it down for us 1,900 years ago, in Revelation 17! There will be 10 dictatorships, exerting iron rule over 10



**Armstrong**

European nations. These 10 will give all their military power to the central over-all LEADER—pictured under the prophetic symbol, ‘the BEAST.’ ...

“The strong indication of these prophecies, then, is that *some of the Balkan nations are going to tear away from behind the Iron Curtain.*”

*Remember, that was written in 1956—nearly 50 years ago!*

ARE WE TOO GROGGY TO COMPREHEND HOW DRAMATICALLY MR. ARMSTRONG’S PROPHECY WAS FULFILLED? Only God could have revealed to him the future fate of nations!

These prophecies have been and are being fulfilled before our eyes. Only the blind fail to see! We must awaken out of our sleep.

Here is what Mr. Armstrong wrote February 18, 1980: “*There will now be an effort to bring Yugoslavia into the Holy Roman Empire alliance!* There will be strong pressure from the Vatican, in view of the pope’s visit to his native Poland, to bring Poland into the new United States of Europe. [That is now happening!] If Yugoslavia and Poland go in, then expect at least Romania also to go in. [“Croatia definitely intends to become an EU member in its second enlargement wave,” penciled in for 2007 when Bulgaria and Romania also hope to join, Minister for European Integration Neven Mimica told AFP’ (Agence France Presse, Jan. 28).]

“You may be sure the West European leaders are conferring hurriedly and se-

**We should ratchet up our lives to the emergency level. We can no longer afford to squander time.**

cretly about HOW and HOW SOON they may UNITE and provide a united EUROPEAN MILITARY FORCE so they can DEFEND THEMSELVES! [That has already happened.] And so they will no longer have to give in meekly to Russia! And WHO WILL THEY BLAME for their humiliation and their necessity NOW to have a UNITED EUROPE, with a united GOVERNMENT, a COMMON CURRENCY, and a COMMON MILITARY FORCE AS GREAT OR GREATER THAN EITHER THE USSR OR THE U.S.? They will blame the United States! And when they are strong enough to assert themselves, they will first attack Britain for standing firm with the U.S., and then they will return a lot of hydrogen bombs the U.S. has stored now in Europe!

“SO SAYS ALMIGHTY GOD IN HIS WORD!

“They can unite ONLY through the Vatican. It will be a CHURCH-STATE union. It won’t last long, but will create HAVOC unprecedented!”

How could Mr. Armstrong possibly have known these staggering events would unfold? Because of Bible prophecy!

What an astounding prophecy! It is being fulfilled in detail.

Never has anti-Americanism been stronger in Europe, and it is growing astronomically.

The EU now has 15 member nations, and it is still growing. But it will take the Vatican to unite them into one *mind*. Eventually, there will be 10 nations or kings, essentially Catholic, that form this frightening power. They will choose the “best” and reject the rest!

The map of the world’s future is laid out in striking precision.

On August 27, 1980, Mr. Armstrong wrote this comment in a member and co-worker letter: “Will Poland free itself from Soviet domination and join with Yugoslavia, Romania and possibly Czechoslovakia—and with Germany, Italy, France, Spain, Portugal and Austria—in a resurrected medieval ‘Holy Roman Empire’ to dominate Europe and equal the USSR and the U.S. in world power?”

December 27, 1981, Mr. Armstrong wrote, “What the world does not realize is that, under cover, secret planning is proceeding furiously, uncovered by the news media, unknown by the public.

“But suddenly, unexpectedly, as biblical prophecy reveals, the whole world will be startled and shocked into WONDER, to learn that a new THIRD SUPER WORLD POWER has suddenly burst forth onto the world scene—a resurrection of the medieval Holy Roman Empire by a union of 10 nations in Europe—very possibly five in Western Europe, and five broken loose from the Communist orbit in Eastern Europe! The crisis in Poland is tremendously significant, and with it the fact that there is now a Polish pope!”

Mr. Armstrong knew well the meaning of the image described in Daniel 2, of a great statue with legs of iron and feet of iron mixed with clay. These legs represent the eastern and western legs of the Roman Empire. Mr. Armstrong had the two legs of Daniel’s image on his mind—or, more specifically, the two feet: the last resurrection of that empire.

Finally, here is a statement Mr. Armstrong wrote on May 20, 1982: “Now what will actually trigger the Great Tribulation? It will last approxi-

mately 3½ years—right up to the REAL Second Coming of Christ with His eyes as flames of fire and His face shining as the SUN full strength for all to see.

“Revelation 13 and 17, coupled with Daniel 2 and 7, say that a union of TEN NATIONS in the area of the old Roman Empire will plunge the world into THE GREAT TRIBULATION! ... The uprising against Soviet domination in Poland can easily lead to Poland, and such Eastern European nations as Romania, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and even Greece, joining in a union with Roman Catholic nations in Western Europe. The Eastern Orthodox Catholic Church could join with the Roman Catholic. The 10 nations of Revelation 17 will be CATHOLIC.”

How could Mr. Armstrong have prophesied these events so accurately? Because he had a deep understanding of Bible prophecy.

THESE PROPHECIES SHOULD STRIKE FEAR IN THE MINDS OF OUR PEOPLE! Soon these prophetic events are going to be fulfilled with a sledgehammer impact! Nothing can stop them, except repentance.

Are you ready for what lies ahead?

## The Vatican

*EUbusiness.com* wrote this on January 12: “European Parliament head Pat Cox has invited Pope John Paul II to address the assembly, TO MARK THE PONTIFF’S KEY ROLE IN REUNITING EUROPE, his spokesman said Sunday. The Irish head of the Strasbourg assembly hopes the visit will occur in the second half of this year, at a historic time for the European Union ahead of its enlargement next year.

“The spokesman said the hoped-for trip was not directly linked to the current debate on a future European constitution, which has been marked by fierce exchanges about references to religion. ...

“His trip to the European Parliament would reflect his dual status as head of the Vatican State and as a ‘global spiritual leader.’”

Actually, there have been very few “fierce exchanges about references to religion.” Otherwise, why are they inviting the pope to speak in the European Parliament? And when religion is discussed, it is almost always the Catholic religion. That religion—and

## The Image of Daniel 2



no other—is going to be a vital part of the EU constitution! The Vatican will *guide* the European Union. Bible prophecy makes that very clear (Rev. 13:11-15). Otherwise, it would not be the “Holy Roman Empire.”

The pope is addressing the European Parliament “to mark the pontiff’s key role in reuniting Europe.” And you can be certain that he will also guide Europe’s future!

The deadly, very bloody Holy Roman Empire is being resurrected! Let the world beware!

The Vatican’s impact globally has never been more intense. But it is about to become 100-fold greater!

The clouds are black and ominous, and the thunderbolts are about to come crashing down on our heads!

Jeremiah spoke of a “seething pot” (Jer. 1:13). That pot is seething violently in Europe right now. And it’s about to boil over. We should already feel the heat from this fiery, seething pot!

People could *see*, and even *feel*, the seething if they only understood a little history. But they refuse to be taught by history—even quite recent history!

*Time* is the supreme factor in every event. And time is short (Rev. 12:12). There are only a few short years before the pot boils over. WE SHOULD RATCHET UP OUR LIVES TO THE EMERGENCY LEVEL. We can no longer afford to squander time.

Our “indulgent press” (Winston Churchill’s words) leaves many of our people confused, because its writings are so vague and lacking in facts. Too often they report “smooth things” (Isa. 30:10) and call the truth “alarmist.” But we are going to have to lay aside the easy, pleasurable way if we heed God’s warning.

God’s curse is upon our people, and it will intensify until we repent. We hold the key to how intensely we are punished.

Is your life geared to the “last hour” of this supreme crisis at the close?

In the mid-1930s, Winston Churchill warned his people, “Something quite extraordinary is afoot. All the signals are set for danger. The red lights flash through the gloom.” He was concerned “that Europe, and indeed the world, may be rescued from the catastrophe with which the future is loaded.”

Our crisis-laden future will be at least a thousand times worse than what

Churchill faced. We face the worst suffering ever in man’s history—mega-death! There will be unburied piles of dead bodies around the Earth.

Is this what it will take to revive us from the coma we are in now?

### Churchill and Germany

In his biography of Winston Churchill, William Manchester wrote: “The Germans, after all, had been belligerent for 2,000 years; British public school boys were taught that ‘Civilization stops at the Rhine and the Danube, the frontiers of the Roman Empire,’ or, as Winston put it, ‘A Hun alive is a war in prospect.’



Churchill

THEIR HISTORY!

The Bible states that Germany has a WARMONGERING HEART, when they are militarily strong (Isa. 10:5-7). Assyria is the ancient name of Germany (for more information, write for our free booklet *Germany and the Holy Roman Empire*).

Churchill emphasized this problem before World War II. He said, “Nothing but a CHANGE OF THE GERMAN HEART can avert another catastrophe,” and that was “unlikely to come from within, for THE TRUE GERMAN NATURE has NEVER CHANGED!” (ibid.). The Germans are a great people, but they have been victims of a cruel system. Their nature has been nurtured by the Holy Roman Empire, which has been directly led by the most evil being in the universe!

Manchester also wrote, “By the early 1930s, however, the strongest emotion aroused in Germany’s neighbors was primitive terror. The Germans knew it; they had deliberately provoked it in two wars, and had even given it a name, *Schrecklichkeit* (frightfulness). The 19th-century Prussian strategist Karl von Clausewitz had encouraged it as a means of shortening wars by putting the enemy ‘in a situation in which continuing the war is more oppressive to him than surrender.’ Teutonic troops, armed and dangerous, were frightful. They had practiced *Schrecklichkeit* in

In the past 70 years Germany had writ her name large on battlefields ....”

If you understand Bible history and prophecy, you know the Germans have indeed “been belligerent for 2,000 years”

—AND THROUGHOUT

1914, when bands of French and Belgian guerrillas defending their own soil had led to German executions of civilians, hostages and prisoners of war. ‘Suddenly,’ Barbara Tuchman writes, ‘THE WORLD BECAME AWARE OF THE BEAST BENEATH THE GERMAN SKIN.’ [And the *worst* aspects of that ‘beast’ are to be manifested in the imminent future!]

“In the 1920s and 1930s, accounts of these crimes were suppressed by pacifists in *das Ausland*, that revealing German term which welded all nations outside the Reich into a single collective noun. The new line was that all tales of German atrocities in the Great War had been Allied propaganda. But Belgians who had treated their invaders with disrespect had in fact been led before firing squads as early as the second day of the war. German records proved it. If Belgian refugees slowed the German advance, hostages were picked at random and killed. One can find their gravestones today, inscribed ‘1914: Fusillé par les Allemands’—‘Shot by the Germans.’”

Meekly caving in to, or empowering, Germany today is leading to a far worse disaster than Hitler and World War II!

A militarily powerful Germany loves to frighten other nations. Repeatedly it has become what the Bible calls a “beast.” And it is the beast of all beasts!

How long will it take the world to learn what Winston Churchill knew so deeply? He taught us that lesson so effectively before and during World War II. But we have *refused* to learn. Now the most terrifying events ever must engulf us—*because of our sins*.

Here is a report from the *Intelligence Digest*: “Washington is following an intentional policy the purpose of which is to leave both east and west Europe under German domination. ...

“So Germany, *with the full backing of America*, IS TO BE THE SOLE GREAT POWER OF EUROPE ....

“Washington *urgently* needs to think again BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE: Its policy for Europe IS NOT A POLICY FOR FUTURE STABILITY; *it is the reverse*” (Aug. 11-25, 1995).

### America the Target

In 2000, Germany gave then-U.S. President Bill Clinton the Charlemagne Prize. Yet Charlemagne waded through blood to conquer Europe (as Bismarck and Hitler did)! We can see why Presi-

dent Clinton was given such honor by the Germans. When Mr. Clinton was president, he knowingly EMPOWERED GERMANY to become the greatest political force in Europe. That criminal act will prove to be AMERICA'S WORST FOREIGN-POLICY DISASTER EVER!

This is a *strange* paradox. The U.S. is *giving* Germany control of the very nations that Hitler fought a bloody war attempting to conquer!

Notice these startling media reports:

"Europe has begun a Balkans offensive. At the end of June, the European Union plans to take the reins of the peacekeeping mission in Macedonia from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Around the turn of the year, responsibility for the international police force in Bosnia and Herzegovina is to pass from the United Nations to the EU. Europeans hold the top posts in the interim UN administration in Kosovo, and the KFOR peacekeeping is increasingly becoming a European operation. Moreover, the EU, in the person of Javier Solana, its high representative for foreign and security policy, has taken over sponsorship of the Balkans' latest political entity, Serbia and Montenegro."

**Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung,**  
March 19, 2002

"NATO is making a big push for the Europeans to take over the alliance's military operations in Macedonia by March and in Bosnia early next year as the U.S. continues its steady withdrawal from the Balkans and the Europeans assume full responsibility for the region."

**Financial Times,** London, Jan. 11

"In addition to the significant amounts of EU aid these countries receive, all five (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) benefit from generous trade preferences. Since December 2000, the vast majority of products from southeast Europe have enjoyed duty-free and unlimited access to EU markets—these arrangements are even more generous than those enjoyed by the candidate countries of Central and Eastern Europe."

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"The western Balkans have always been a turbulent area, and that tradi-

tion certainly continued over the last decade, when wars and conflicts scarred the breakup of the former Yugoslavia. The cluster of little states that emerged from the wreckage now often looks to the European Union as a guarantor of future prosperity and stability, as do its neighbors."

**Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty,** Jan. 7

"... Brussels will have no choice but to take over the Balkan peacekeeping mission for its own practical security and as a proving ground for EU military ambitions. ...

"With more pressing concerns in other parts of the world, the United States—and NATO by extension—is seeking to disengage permanently from the Balkans. ... That puts the onus on Europe to take full responsibility for its fragile southern flank."

[www.stratfor.com](http://www.stratfor.com), April 29, 2002

"With the United States committed to disengaging from the Balkans, Germany will emerge as the dominant power in there and, by extension, in European defense policy. ...

"The current struggle for influence over the region is rooted in history. Germany has always been closer to Croatia and Slovenia, and former Chancellor Helmut Kohl's early recognition of their break from Yugoslavia helped to precipitate the Balkan wars of the 1990s. ...

"Germany is seeking to reassert itself at the center of Europe, and the Balkans play a big part in that strategy. It is an area where Germany can expand its military reach without frightening either itself or its neighbors. Berlin also would like to build on its ties with Slovenia, Croatia, Albania, Bosnia and Bulgaria to pull both southern and Eastern Europe under its wing as the EU expands."

[www.stratfor.com](http://www.stratfor.com), March 6, 2002

All of these journalists see that Germany is leading the EU. Now it has an area (former Yugoslavia) to test and build its military—relatively unnoticed by the world. At the same time, the second leg, or foot (Eastern Europe), of the empire is developing.

However, it gets even more troubling. Notice this revealing quote: "Berlin Plus [an agreement between NATO and the EU] gives the Europeans access to NATO planning and assets for missions that they want to carry out

independently of NATO, provided that NATO does not want to take the lead in the first place" (*Financial Times*, London, Dec. 17, 2002).

That means that the EU uses "NATO planning and assets"—mostly U.S.—to build this Frankenstein monster. And the monster is already turning against its primary builder—America!

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### New Leader to Emerge

Germany and France tried to bully Europe into opposing the U.S. war on Iraq. They want to see the EU as the number-one superpower—not the U.S. But eight other European nations (including Italy) stated publicly that they support the war.

This act shifted the attention from Germany and France opposing the war to the *division* in Europe. And it may well pave the way for another leader in Germany very soon—one who is much more subtle and cunning than Gerhard Schröder. He is quite likely to become the leader, or "beast," over the 10 nations, or kings.

"And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up" (Dan. 8:23). Other prophecies show this almost certainly has to be a German leader who is directly led by the evil god of this world (II Cor. 4:4). That is where he gets the "dark sentences"—evil understanding beyond the mind of man.

"And his power shall be mighty, but *not by his own power*: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the

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mighty and the holy people" (Dan. 8:24). He doesn't lead just one nation. He worships the dragon and leads a 10-nation superpower (Rev. 13 and 17). This political combine shall destroy mightily.

"And through his policy also he shall cause *craft* to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand" (Dan. 8:25). He has a "policy" of "craft"—a brilliant mind of deadly deceit!

I believe that means a man that is probably far more subtle and brilliant than Gerhard Schröder. He will be a master deceiver and swindler. A man who will know how to unite a modern Europe with many differing views. He will be a dangerous bully, but other European nations won't see him as he truly is. (Just as many Americans and Britons don't see Saddam Hussein for who he really is.)

German economic woes continue to cause political problems (see article, p. 11). Gerhard Schröder, who barely won the national election, has suffered some crushing defeats in recent state elections. According to the BBC, February 3, "Chancellor Schröder's government has tumbled further and faster in the opinion polls than any other post-World War II government."

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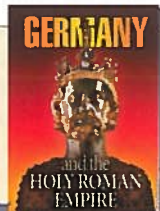
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# WORLD WAR DÉJÀ VU

**IN MEMORY** A U.S. Marine charges into battle in WWII.



An eerie similarity is developing between the emerging world order and that of the interval between the two great world wars of the 20th century. Between 1918 and 1939, the seeds were sown for a second, more horrifying round of world war.

**Are conditions ripening for World War III? BY RON FRASER**

**M**ILLIONS HAVE WRITTEN THEIR epitaph in their own blood on history's battlefields.

So it is that, as modern construction and development takes place in Western Europe, historic evidence of the two greatest wars in mankind's history is continually unearthed.

The remains of hundreds of thousands of soldiers "missing in action" during the first and second world wars rise to the surface over time from the mud of battlefields which once—in some cases almost 60, others over 80 years ago—resounded to the noise of rifle, machine-gun, grenade and cannon.

In Belgium alone, farmers unearth around 2,500 shells annually when they plow their fields. The loud booms that regularly echo across the flat Belgian lowlands, as the army blows up the legacy of old ordnance, are a grim reminder of bloody battles fought across that country's soil in the Great War of 1914-1918 and in World War II which exploded just two decades later.

### Loss of Memory

But, if "history is the memory of man," as the masterful historian John Lukacs wrote, what happens when the participants, the eyewitnesses to a great epoch, die out?

In Britain alone, only 71 veterans of the First World War are still alive, compared to the 31,700 who still lived just 25 years ago. As that generation

fades away, their firsthand accounts of the history they created are taken to the grave, and a precious resource is lost. All we then have is the evidence they leave behind—medals and mementos, artifacts and diaries, the documented reports of newspapers, journals and government records of the time.

Historians sift the evidence and interpret the results, subject to the bias of a more recent politically correct, liberalized and feminized society. Then the revisionists emerge from the woodwork to weave their psychohistories around the heroes of the past in their efforts to destroy the validity of icons of a better age—an age when men of true valor felt it an honorable thing to put their life on the line for God, king and country.

Yes, we can still read the record of history when the last remaining old warriors of the Great War fade from the scene. But, without their firsthand example to observe, it is impossible for us to understand the *emotion*, the *culture* of the time, which led a valiant soldier such as the British Capt. Wilfred Percy of the East Surrey Regiment to kick a football over the top of his trench and urge his men to follow, up and over, into the face of withering enemy fire.

So it is, as these warriors of a bygone age disappear, few are left who can experience the feeling of *déjà vu*, of having been there before, as the world's Northern Hemisphere now

again begins to exhibit an attitude, a collective mood, tensions and prejudices akin to those of 80 years ago.

For the point is, though countless headstones attest to the carnage and slaughter of global warfare in vast cemeteries such as Ypres, France, these are but *reminders* to later generations that the two great world wars did actually happen. But the actual *memories* of what it was like, and of the prevailing conditions that primed the nations of the world for global warfare, are fast disappearing.

This is dangerous. Dangerous, in particular, for a society that is losing its grip on history, especially when it is led by men who evidence no deep appreciation of the lessons of history.

### Imagining the Unimaginable

To the masses at the time, the First World War seemed unimaginable. Nothing like it had ever occurred on such a scale, unleashing such terrifying firepower, reaping such massive loss of life, for so little achieved, in all of history. Thus those who experienced it, in so many instances, referred to it as “the war to end all wars.”

It didn't. If the First World War was unimaginable in its scale of destruction of life, property, environment and a way of life that had endured on the European continent for centuries, the Second World War was utterly incomprehensible.

The problem is, if it was incomprehensible to those who lived through that horrifying experience, “too big for the mind to grasp,” as *Weekly Standard* contributor David Gelernter described it, then how can the generation currently moving from college to the professions in Western society, its future leaders, even *begin* to understand it, assuming that they even have a desire to do so?

To the mind of the intuitive, objective analyst, something is happening in Western society that is all too familiar, when viewed through the prism of the history of the period between the two world wars. David Gelernter poses this view: “As the Second World War and its aftermath fade, they reveal a ‘new world order’ that is strangely familiar—amazingly like the Western world of the 1920s, with its love of self-determination and loathing of imperialism and war, its liberal Germany, shrunken Russia, and map of Europe crammed

with small states, with America's indifference to Europe and Europe's disdain for America, with Europe's casual, endemic anti-Semitism, her politically, financially, and masochistically rewarding fascination with Muslim states who despise her, and her undertone of self-hatred and guilt” (*Weekly Standard*, Sept. 23, 2002). To the student of geopolitics, this seems an apt description of prevailing conditions.

For a valid comparison between these two epochs—the time *between* the great world wars, and the times we are *now* in—we need first to grasp a historical overview of the 1920s and '30s.

### Versailles and Beyond

When all fell quiet on the Western Front at the armistice on the 11th hour of the 11th day in the 11th month of 1918, the Allies (Britain, France and the United States) dictated the terms of peace to the aggressor, Germany, within the text of the Treaty of Versailles. The treaty established a League of Nations, designed to prevent wars by recourse to international arbitration. It was in fact a treaty specifically with Germany. Separate treaties were signed between the Allies and Austria, Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey.

In their efforts to establish peace, the Western Allies, in the words of the



**ARMISTICE** The Allies dictate terms of peace to Germany at Versailles.

treaty, sought “to liberate captive nationalities, to reunite those branches of the same family, long arbitrarily divided, and to draw frontiers in broad accordance with racial and ethnic principles” (George Bohman, *The New Compendium of Modern History*). The stated goal was self-determination for national groups of common ethnic, racial and cultural affiliation.

The results proved disastrous, due largely to a remarkable change of heart by the victorious Allies. Not possessing a history of innate national aggression

(regardless of the claims of the revisionists, particularly in respect of the British Empire), the Allies soon revealed a tendency for heartrending guilt feelings over the penalties they imposed on the aggressors. They were particularly affected by cries of “foul” by the Germans for the reparations leveled on them to pay for their aggression during the war. At that time, German rationalism had already spread its infection throughout the education system of the West, preparing fertile ground for the liberal-socialist dogma that wormed its way into political thought in Britain, France and America.

The day of the bleeding-heart liberal had dawned. In Gelernter's words, “Horror-struck guilt and self-hatred blossomed into 1930s appeasement, the policy with which Britain and France approached Nazi Germany's increasingly outrageous violations of the Versailles treaty” (op. cit.).

### Appeasement

The appeasing of the aggressor by the Allies during the 1920s and '30s was to have results, both in Britain and on the Continent, quite foreign to the gung-ho approach that instigated World War I. Despite Winston Churchill's valiant attempts to rouse the British lion from its post-World War I slumber, the philosophy of appeasement swept through Britain, America and their Western allies like a debilitating disease.

Indeed, with the benefit of hindsight, rather than being a policy adopted by the Allies specifically directed toward Hitler, as Gelernter rightly points out, appeasement was then, and is even now, “an entire philosophical worldview that teaches the blood-guilt of Western man, the moral bankruptcy of the West, and the outrageousness of Western civilization's attempting to impose its values on anyone else” (ibid.).

Such was the general mood in Britain and France as the war clouds gathered yet again in Europe over the heads of marching Nazi storm troopers in the 1930s. By 1933, Churchill was decrying the influence of “a powerful section of our own intellectuals” imposing a “mood of unwarrantable self-abasement” on Britain. This was just the mood the Teutonic tyrant of middle Europe needed to weaken the moral fiber of Britain at that time. It would be an easy task to convert a

mood of self-abasement into one of collective, national defeatism.

But for the grace of God and one lone lion who stood for all the best that was British, such a mood may well have prevailed—and the enslavement of the people who once sang with conviction “Britons never, ever, ever will be slaves” assured. Thank God for the watchman Winston Churchill, “a believer in the supremacy of his race and his national destiny” (William Manchester, *The Last Lion*). Hardly a politically correct observation, but true nonetheless!

The modern manifestation of the self-abasing philosophy of those 1930s British intellectuals is the mind-numbing nonsense of today’s political correctness, which constrains nations of superior achievement from having a right pride in their most positive contributions to society. There exists, to quote Gelernter, a general “contempt for Western ideas, morality, religion and traditions that is so prominent among European intellectuals”—leading, in the face of an enemy, to “this frantic compulsion to do nothing” (op. cit.).

It is a fact that the concept of Western civilization’s bloodguilt, established in the aftermath of Versailles, promoted a philosophy of appeasement that still flourishes today. This has produced what Daniel Pipes, writing for the *New York Post*, describes as a “self-hating weakness” which is destined to “lead again to disaster, no less than it did leading up to World War II” (Jan. 28). Full well the words of the ancient prophecy are fulfilled, “And I will break the pride of your power ...” (Lev. 26:19).

### Economy

Midway through the hiatus between the two world wars came the great financial crash of the global depression.

It has been over 70 years since the world economy was struck such a devastating blow. Yet, ominous signs loom. The shedding of labor that accompanied the financial, industrial and economic adjustments following the ballooning of the 1980s “decade of greed” has become endemic. The high-tech era of the 1990s spawned the dot.com bubble, which burst two years ago. In the meantime, the Asian meltdown, the deflation of Japan’s economy, the dashing of the high hopes for a Latin American economic surge, followed by a dramatic slowdown in the industrial engine of

Europe—Germany—have brought on leaner times. Atop all this, the U.S. has just emerged from a year of great corporate scandal—the largest-ever bankruptcy, the greatest corporate failure, the greatest commercial fraud—and the nation is gearing for war.

Oil prices hike, stock markets wobble, gold begins to enjoy another heyday. The result is that in January the International Labor Office published its labor index showing world joblessness



**INTERWAR ECONOMY** Soup lines kept the unemployed afloat during the Depression.

at an all-time high—6.5 percent of the global labor force (BBC News, Jan. 24).

Alarm bells are beginning to ring. The London stock market posted its longest ever run of consecutive falls over 11 straight days in late January. The global airline industry is largely bankrupt. Tourism, under threat from international terrorism, has fallen dramatically. The major insurers reel from underwriting decades of disasters. Market analysts break with their upbeat spin to offer more serious analyses of the trends: “The effect of fear, uncertainty and shattered confidence hold the market in a vice-like grip of despair,” said David Buik, of spread betting firm Cantor. Sir Howard Davies, chairman of the Financial Services Authority, said the past year had seen “some of the most difficult conditions experienced in financial markets in living memory” (BBC News, Jan. 27). Corporate profit margins in the world’s greatest national economy, the U.S., are at a post-World War II low. Add to this the double-dip recessions in East Asia.

The world’s political and business elite are worried. At January’s World Economic Forum in Switzerland, speakers issued “dire forecasts about the state of the economy. The harmful impact of war, terrorism and rising oil prices were repeatedly stressed ...” (BBC News, Jan. 23).

The paradox is that with all of these negative harbingers of economic gloom hanging overhead, consumerism remains rampant in the English-speaking nations. “For most people, the object of life has ceased to be God or nation and has become personal consumption” (*Prospect*, December 2002).

It’s as though the mood of the “gay 20s,” an era of abandonment of restraint that followed in the wake of the Great War, and which was suddenly fractured by great economic depression, prevails. The West fiddles while its economies burn. The bubble economy may be pricked, but the leak is minimized as so much more energy is expended in the form of seemingly unlimited consumer credit to keep it inflated.

But leak it will, till enough pressure within finally brings on the burst with a bang. We are breaking laws of finance and economy for which a penalty will have to be paid, just as it was back in 1929. It is inevitable. “Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes” (Hag. 1:6).

### Anti-Jew, Anti-Brit, Anti-American

The period between the two world wars offers yet another parallel with present-day Europe. Anti-Semitism was a fashionable view in Europe during that time, even as it has risen to the surface over the past few years on that continent.

In a sweeping 21st-century mood which seems intent on burying the guilt of World War II’s major aggressor nation, Holocaust denial is becoming more than a weird tendency of a few warped minds. In tune with the massive unbalance in the pro-Palestinian reporting of the Middle East conflict, all sympathy for a peoples once threatened by genocide has gone out the window.

This is exacerbated further by some German academics, encouraged by left-leaning pseudo-academics from Britain’s cohort of revisionist historians, actually inferring that Churchill was guilty of war crimes against the Germans! That such utter tripe should even be published in Britain, let alone given airtime, is to the shame of that nation! The reality is that had not Churchill stood alone, as John Lukacs said, for those crucial “five days in Lon-

don,” such pseudo-historians would not have the freedom today to regurgitate their swill. Freedom of the press would have been ground into British soil by the Nazi bootheel 60 years ago!

Reviewing the emerging geopolitics of a post-Cold War, post-German unification, post-9/11 world, it seems that David Gelernter has a point. The very phrases he uses to describe the inter-war period apply aptly to prevailing conditions today!

As the early years of the 21st century progress, the reaction to the United States’ efforts to fill the shoes of global policeman reap charges of “imperialism.” Shades of the “loathing of imperialism” that prevailed between the world wars are again resurfacing. We see the “love of self-determination” that followed the demise of the Soviet Union, with a map of Europe now “crammed with small states.” We see a liberal Germany, uncomfortable in its post-World War I role, emerging as a sullen world political power. We see “America’s indifference to Europe and Europe’s disdain for America,” and its “casual, endemic anti-Semitism.” Given that the EU is the largest contributor of aid to the Palestinians, and Germany is Iraq’s most significant supplier of weaponry and weapons systems, once again we observe, in Gelernter’s terms, Europe’s “politically, financially, and masochistically rewarding fascination with Muslim states who despise her.”

And as we look closer at this emerging order of things, so much reminiscent of those two decades following the Great War, leading up to the Second World War, we see something else. Something startling, something surreal—something reminiscent of the time even before that first great world war.

Like that two-headed phoenix, looking east and west, rising from the ashes of Europe’s and the world’s greatest wars, we see, yet again, a Romanizing, federalizing empire of nation states, brittle as a mix of iron and clay, beginning to coalesce into the world’s greatest political, economic, military and religious power.

### Final Resurrection

Our longtime readers are aware that for 13 years, this magazine has striven to warn of the rise of an aggressive power in Europe. For over 50 years, our mentor in the genre of this unique style of

magazine, Herbert W. Armstrong, powerfully warned of this prospect in the magazine he founded, the *Plain Truth*. Now it is becoming a reality—and our warning must become stronger.

Behind closed doors, minds with a much greater appreciation of history than their British and American counterparts are creating a constitution that will re-establish the entity that led Europe for over 1,260 years: the “Holy” Roman Empire. What is being crafted in Brussels, in secrecy, by the European Convention, right now, is a constitutional document that will soon define the all-encompassing powers of this entity, in the modern guise of the EU.

And make no bones about it, *this is not* a democracy. It is anything but!

The latest evidence of the federalist, imperialist aims of the EU is revealed in the words of the initial draft clauses of the constitution, released February 6, which will govern this emerging colossus of the north. “The important sentence is article 9: ‘The Constitution and law adopted by the Union Institutions in exercising competences conferred on it by the Constitution shall have *primacy over the law of the member states.*’ Read it once more: This sentence marks the historic goodbye to the European nation-state and the hello to the European superstate” ([www.EUobserver.com](http://www.EUobserver.com), Feb. 9; emphasis mine).

Within the context of the draft text, Britain, the nation which 63 years ago stood alone against the prospect of the enslavement of Europe under the throes of Nazidom, will lose control of foreign policy and defense, and be stripped of its national sovereignty. What Hitler failed to achieve is simply being gained through political subterfuge by the technocrats of Brussels.

“Tim Kirkhope, an MEP and Tory justice spokesman, accused the presidium of flirting with ‘dictatorship’” (*Telegraph*, London, Feb. 7). Many have had such a reaction—so much so that some have predicted the demise of the idea of a federal Europe. “Europe’s political federalization might be at a dead end, but this does not mean that the EU has been for naught—or that its evolution is over” ([www.stratfor.com](http://www.stratfor.com), Feb. 7).

But that idea ignores prophetic reality! We can in all confidence predict that *it definitely is not over!* It is happening *exactly* according to biblical prophecy.

Referring to the final resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire in our time, the Prophet Daniel was inspired to write, “And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters’ clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay” (Dan. 2:41).

Right now we have a *crisis* in Europe! Voices of concern are being raised across the Continent at the realization that the presidium of the EU Convention has “lost any connection to the electorate in this world because what is already in the draft is far more than the electorates will accept in most countries” ([www.EUobserver.com](http://www.EUobserver.com), op. cit.).

### The Religious Connection

One of the most intense debates currently raging in Brussels has to do with the religious underpinnings of the EU. Here the question is how to reconcile East with West.

France, though a nominally Catholic country, is proud of its revolutionary heritage as a secular state. That nation, together with the libertine Nordic countries, has sought to keep church and state separate. Other nations, Germany in particular, seek a clear reference within the EU constitution to Europe’s historical connection with religion.

Rising to the occasion, “Pope John Paul II has launched an appeal for the inclusion of Christian roots in the future EU Constitution. Speaking before the prayer of the Angelus ... Pope Wojtyla said that the inclusion of Christian roots will not run counter to the secular nature of political structures. ... He made reference ... to Saints Cirillo and Metodio, born in the ninth century, who maintained their teaching links with both the West and the East. ‘I hope that their example will help the Christians of both West and East to find unity ...’” ([www.EUobserver.com](http://www.EUobserver.com), Feb. 17).

As Justinian found back in the sixth century, the only real glue that will join East with West in Europe is religion.

Yes, the mood in Europe *has* shifted. The Atlantic alliance is split asunder. The arrangement of convenience between Anglo-America and Europe will now only last as long as it takes the EU

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to build its own military strike force superior to that of Britain and America. It is clear that the combined factors of the drafting of European-based American troops to the Middle East and threats by Washington to close all U.S. bases in Germany soon will have Johnny come marching home from the Continent.

This pullback of the U.S. from 58 years of deployment in Germany, in particular, will be the stir to action which the "Fatherland" has needed to hike its defense budget and crank German industry into high gear to fill the armaments void. For that nation, this will have a dual benefit. It will not only place German and European security principally under a revived German war machine, it will give the German economy the much-needed boost it is sadly lacking to overcome its present "sick man of Europe" image.

Thus the cycle of history is set to repeat itself one more time.

A re-militarized, dominant Germany, linked with the Vatican via Rome's religion (in tandem with that of its wayward Eastern daughters), exerting federal rule from the North Sea to the shores of northern Africa, from Iberia to the Urals, will be set to lead that final resurrection of the old "Holy" Roman Empire (Rev. 13:1).

For the third and *final* time, the flat plains of the European low countries, its traditional battlefields, will be soaked with the blood of the dead. It is as sure as the unbroken Word of God!

Some of the greatest suffering will be borne by those who once understood these prophecies, but who are denied protection from the onslaught due to their rebellion against the God of all revelation: "And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations" (Rev. 13:7). Thankfully, many of those saints will repent under the pressure of that great tribulation and, though they lose their *physical lives* in martyrdom, refusing to bow their knee to the god of the great harlot church (Rev. 17:5-6), they will gain a fast hold on *eternal life* in the process.

But you need not be one who suffers under this great repetition of history, if you simply will learn the lesson of that history, repent of sin *now* and worship the true God who foretold it all, from the beginning. ◆

## ECONOMY IN TURMOIL



**HANDS TIED** A frustrated German stock trader watches the DAX plummet.

**It looks bad in Germany right now. But it won't remain that way. Here's how economic weakness will give rise to greater strength.**

BY JASON HENSLEY

**I**N JANUARY OF LAST YEAR, GERMAN Finance Minister Hans Eichel predicted the German economy would gain strength by the middle of 2002 at the latest. That optimistic prediction did not materialize.

A look inside the inner workings of the German economy shows that major structural reforms are needed to revitalize it. The country that was previously known as the economic engine of Europe is now commonly referred to as the "sick man of Europe."

Will Germany muster the strength to recover from its economic paralysis? The answer undoubtedly foretells much about Germany's, as well as Europe's, future.

### Economic Condition

Last November, the German government's independent council of eco-

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nomic advisers, the so-called five wise men, informed German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder that "Germany would register little or no growth for [the year 2002] and predicted an almost negligible increase for 2003. Germany, they said, was heading for recession in the first half of [2003]" (*Deutsche Welle*, Dec. 25, 2002).

German stocks did poorly in 2002, losing nearly 40 percent of their value in 12 months. The DAX, an index of Germany's 30 biggest blue chip stocks (a term that generally refers to any stock of high quality), has never before been in decline for so many consecutive years. While numerous fiscal forecasts have consistently called for a market turnaround, the results continue to be disappointing.

Statistics already show about 4 million jobless in Germany—almost 10 percent of the work force. That number is predicted to rise to 4.5 million this year. High unemployment has persisted in Germany since the unification of the ex-Soviet bloc Eastern Germany with the West. Germany's present level of unemployment is at a post-World War II high.

Corporate bankruptcy has significantly contributed to the high unemployment rate in Germany. In 2002, over 37,000 companies filed bankruptcy. This year 42,000 companies are expected to file for bankruptcy. These insolvencies have hurt banks and credit companies, many of which are also struggling to stay profitable. As corporate bankruptcies have increased, the number of personal bankruptcies has also reached a record high.

Germany's 2002 budget deficit surpassed the 3 percent allowed by the EU's Stability and Growth Pact (ironically, engineered in large part by Germany), leading Brussels to issue Germany a formal warning last November. This excessive deficit procedure is a humiliating blow for what was once the great economic powerhouse of Europe.

Now that Germany has been officially reprimanded for failing to keep its debt under control, it faces the possibility of fines if it does not come into compliance. The fines could be as high as 5 percent of its gross domestic product—as much as \$100 billion. Though fines have not yet been issued, the pact already threatens an initial \$10 billion penalty. Under the provisions of the

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pact, the fines would continue until the country's financial health is restored.

### Structural Problems

Under the EU's single-currency provisions, Germany cannot use many of the traditional economic measures to help rectify its problems, such as internally adjusting interest rates. Under the single currency, the power to determine interest rates is the responsibility of the European Central Bank (ECB). Although the ECB lowered rates by half a percent last December, Germany would have probably lowered them by much more if it still had the power to do so.

At best, however, lowering interest rates only alleviates the government cash flow problems temporarily. It does not address the heart of the problem. Germany's long-standing business and economic practices show that causes of unemployment, insolvencies and debt are primarily *structural*, not cyclical.

The labor market is now at the point where contributions from workers into the social security system do not cover expenditures. The overburdened welfare system is largely the result of the high unemployment and an aging population. Germany's generous welfare system, which discourages many from wholeheartedly seeking employment, only compounds the problem. In addition, many German youth are choosing to leave the country in search of work elsewhere.

The expensive healthcare and welfare systems, along with powerful labor unions that keep pay rates high, make Germany the most expensive country in Europe in which to operate a business. The Autumn 2002 *Wilson Quarterly* reported that with "a gross income of \$34,400 a year, the average German takes home just \$20,100. Moreover, that worker costs an employer almost \$50,000, when social security and insurance provisions are factored in. It's cheaper, complain officials from the state of Hessen, for a German bank to post executives to London and fly them back twice a week for meetings than to keep them in their native Frankfurt."

This situation is the reason that "Even German firms no longer invest in Germany: They go to America and Eastern Europe for cheaper, more adaptable labor and lower taxes" (*Management Today*, Nov. 12, 2002).



**POLITICAL HEADACHE** In the face of record economic woes, Schröder is quickly losing credibility among the German populace.

For business to become the driving force behind economic growth, drastic measures are needed to make the inflexible business environment a viable option for corporations. Chancellor Schröder, however, does not appear to be the man who will make this a reality.

A significant factor that has absorbed much of Germany's capital and makes its structural problems more noticeable is the high cost of German unification. Thirteen years ago, Chancellor Helmut Kohl sought to speed unification by exchanging West and East German deutschmarks at nearly a one-to-one ratio, despite the dissimilarities between the two economies. Initially this brought East Germans closer to the living standards of the West, but for the West it quickly made East German goods and services overpriced and its cheap labor no longer cheap.

East Germany also needed to be brought up to speed technologically. Much of its infrastructure was, and in many respects still is, archaic compared to the West; and its work force, on the whole, is far less skilled. To resolve the East-West disparity, Berlin poured more than \$100 billion into modernizing East Germany. An additional \$2.6 billion a year came from the EU structural fund, which helps develop lower-income regions.

Much more investment funding is still necessary to solidify and heal re-

unified Germany. Unfortunately for Germany, future EU structural funds are targeted for economies that need the money even more desperately—those of the countries set to join the EU next year.

To make matters worse, devastating rainstorms and floods repeatedly battered the country's economy in 2002 and early 2003. While trailing in the polls during the run-up to the election, Chancellor Schröder generously allocated emergency funds to affected regions, soaking up desperately needed cash.

### Political Decisions

In the national elections last September, Schröder's Social Democrats were able to hang on to the majority coalition largely because of an alliance with the Greens. But this coalition is now showing signs of increased strain. As the chancellor struggles to keep his coalition in power, he is tiptoeing around the major issues, putting forth solutions that only deal with surface issues and do not get to the crux of the problems.

This lack of political will has rendered him unable to resolve the country's worsening problems—even if he had the solutions.

Instead, Schröder's economic answers are counterproductive. Rather than taking the logical course of cutting spending and reducing taxes, he proposes tax increases—even on businesses, which will further discourage the business investment so necessary for economic growth. "The president of the Munich IFO Institute, Hans-Werner Sinn, said [tax increases] would be damaging to employment. 'Businesses already have great incentives to lay people off, because they are too expensive. And this just adds to that,' he said" (*Deutsche Welle*, op. cit.).

Not only do these and other proposals go against the traditional economic free market doctrine of how to promote growth, they violate one of Schröder's own campaign pledges—his promise not to raise taxes. But collecting money and driving down debt, no matter what the cost, seems to be the name of his game.

*Management Today* made this observation: "Schröder talked a lot during his first term about reforming all this [labor and taxation policies], but little happened. Even less will happen in his second term. One Berlin com-

mentator told me: Schröder's policy for the next four years will be to 'muddle through' in any way he can to keep his coalition in power" (op. cit.).

#### Implications for EU

Barring implementation of a whole range of economic reforms, Germany's economic situation will result in further problems for the EU. "The Eurozone cannot prosper as long as its dominant economy is in decline, dragging everybody down with it" (ibid.).

Indeed, the impact of Germany's economic woes is already being felt far beyond its borders—specifically in the areas of *investment* and *trade*. Europe's growth forecast for 2003 is expected to be 1.8 percent, down sharply from a prediction last April of 2.9 percent.

If economic conditions in Europe, especially Germany, continue to worsen, they will have an adverse effect on plans for European enlargement. The EU is trying desperately to come to grips with managing the euro, and this is about to get a lot more complicated as the EU expands. The participants of the European Monetary Union originally had far more stable economies and were considered First World nations. All of the potential EU member nations have far less stable economies and are comparatively underdeveloped, with weaker economic infrastructures.

Consider also that the euro has gained a reputation as an inflation maker; businesses have notoriously marked up their prices during conversion. Although a minor problem for existing members of the eurozone, these and other complications may prove to be major headaches for the 10 new EU candidates. The broad economic disparity that must be dealt with in integrating these economies is certain to increase the complexity of the entire single-currency system.

#### Opportunity for Change

Europe's single-currency system is in large part held together by the EU Growth and Stability Pact, which Romano Prodi, head of the European Commission, has denounced because of its inflexibility. For some years now, the governments of the larger EU national economies have been dissatisfied with the way the Stability Pact "prevents them from pumping life back into their economies

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through fiscal stimulus, especially when prospects for future growth are so bleak" (*International Herald Tribune*, Nov. 14, 2002).

It was Germany that pressured the EU into accepting the Stability and Growth Pact, which has now become the albatross around its own neck. However, for Germany it also provides the opportunity to justify desperately needed changes. Germany now finds itself forced into the position of being able to make reforms that were previously unthinkable.



Prodi

Ironically, these problems will ultimately work to Germany's advantage. In fact, given German pulling-power within the EU, and considering the fact that none of the nations awaiting accession to EU membership have a hope of performing within its requirements, it is entirely possible Germany may lobby hard for the suspension or modification of the pact. At the very least, it will have to be redrafted to establish more meaningful and flexible criteria for member nation economies to follow, otherwise it will prove the sham that Prodi had identified it as.

#### Solid Leadership

Reform is desperately needed in Germany if the "sick man of Europe" is to recover. However, the magnitude of the necessary structural changes will require a *strong personality*. History shows that the German people as a whole respond to strong leadership in a time of crisis and are able to accomplish much, because of their dynamic, industrious traits, given a strong leader.

The Bible clearly shows that there is a strong man coming who will provide

this leadership (Dan. 8:23-24).

What will it take for this strongman to come to power? Conditions most likely will be similar to what they were in the 1930s when *economic instability* and social disruption brought Adolf Hitler to power.

Daniel 11:21 tells us that this potent leader will be a clever and astute man who will deceitfully obtain his position through flatteries.

A December 26, 2002, article in the *Financial Times* (London) drew an insightful conclusion: "What is clear is that a succession of shocks has not been enough to turn round these two huge economies [Japan's and Germany's]. History tells us that when a big enough shock comes along, these countries can change astonishingly fast."

As economic conditions in Germany continue to worsen, and weak political leaders fail to make real progress, watch for the German people to demand a *strong, dominant leader* who will bring them to better times. Watch also for Europe to back a German strongman as he works to get the whole of the European economy moving again! Watch too for Germany to hike its defense budget, cranking the engines of industry into reviving the German war machine.

Despite what we currently see—a union led by a country with a stagnant economy—prophecy guarantees a strong economic recovery in Europe. The European Union, as the *Trumpet* consistently points out, is in the process of developing into an empire depicted as a great political and economic power with which world leaders consort, and "the merchants of the earth" do business (Rev. 18:1-3). This great economic power will have the ability to decide who is able to buy and sell, or who is able to conduct business (Rev. 13:16-17). It will have unprecedented power (v. 4).

The German economy will be the powerhouse of this European superpower that will dominate the globe for a brief time. Its dominance, however, will soon after be replaced by a Supreme Power, when Jesus Christ returns to Earth to implement lasting global economic, political and governmental reform (Dan. 2:34-35). ♦

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**WANING? NATO's symbol and members' flags outside its Brussels headquarters**

more prosperous and powerful new Western family, have demonstrated an independence of thought and an unwillingness to toe the Franco-German line. Germany and France are adamantly against war in Iraq while 18 other EU members and prospec-

◆ NATO

## Crumbling alliances

What has changed in the world to cause two primary institutions of the West—NATO and the UN—to sputter and stutter with incoherent goals, indecisive leadership and bickering politics of power? What threatens to logjam the decision-making process and render them inept at this crucial time in history, when unified thought and action is necessary to face new global threats? And who would have thought that the Iraqi problem could prove so revealing?

As German news source *Deutsche Welle* reported, “The issue of a looming war in Iraq continues to divide nations at every level of organization. The United Nations Security Council, the transatlantic relationship and now NATO are all split on the best way to resolve the crisis” (Feb. 10).

The *Asia Times* added, “[T]he current international crisis over Iraq’s disarmament appears to be threatening the global system of alliances Washington built in the post-World War II era” (Feb. 12).

The *players* in these institutions have changed. In the European Union, 10 potential new member nations, coming from Central and Eastern Europe, instead of paying the expected homage to their

U.S. plans. The EU, now deeply divided, faces an unstable future as it must strive to build unity among its disparate nations before it can be an effective world player.

The UN, recently challenged by U.S. President George Bush to prove its “relevance” as a world peacemaker by enforcing its own rules, is deeply split over whether to back the U.S.-initiated plan to militarily force Iraq’s Saddam Hussein to disarm. France and Germany reject the American proposal; they even—secretly—developed their own alternate plan which involves pouring more UN inspectors and troops into Iraq, turning the country into a de facto UN protectorate. President Vladimir Putin of Russia and Pope John Paul II are said to support this plan. This has infuriated the U.S. and split the UN Security Council even more deeply.

And NATO is still struggling after experiencing the worst crisis of its 54-year existence. Germany, France and Belgium, in opposition to the 16 other NATO member nations, openly rejected Turkey’s request for protection in the case of a war in Iraq. This refusal to support the most basic tenet of NATO’s constitution—of an institution which was created for the very purpose of collective defense—threatened to destroy what many consider to be the most successful Western alliance since World War II. The fact

that this issue was “resolved”—skirted—by turning to NATO’s Defense Planning Committee, from which Paris withdrew in 1966, has nonetheless left the Atlantic alliance badly discredited.

These Western institutions have been the cornerstones of security and stability since World War II. Each of them was formed and designed for the overall purpose of providing protection from international war and tyrants. Now they appear to be gradually crumbling.

Common to these crises is the deeper problem of major differences—major rifts—between the U.S. and a newly assertive Western Europe. Don’t expect these differences to subside any time soon. As the *Trumpet* has repeatedly written, Bible prophecy shows that these rifts will only get much wider as European power and confidence increases.

◆ GERMANY

## Agreeing on Iraq

History has always shown a strong connection between the German nation and a powerful Roman Catholic Church. The *Trumpet* has continually urged its readers to keep an eye on the relationship between Germany and the Vatican today. This relationship has been growing closer and closer year by year, but the current Iraqi crisis has spurred an even tighter friendship.

February 7, German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer visited Pope John Paul II. Fischer said, in a press conference about the visit, that the Germans “share with the Holy See a profound unease about the

humanitarian consequences for regional stability ...” ([www.zenit.org](http://www.zenit.org)).

Both Germany and the Vatican are outspoken in their opposition to a war in Iraq. Both are aggressively standing up to the most powerful nation in the world and denouncing its solution to the Iraqi crisis.

This is but a repeat of recent historical behavior by Germany in concert with the Vatican. In late 1991, Germany and the Vatican stood together on the issue of recognizing the breakaway states of Croatia and Slovenia. They stood up to the United States, the United Nations and the whole European community at the time. This is not much different from thumbing their nose at the world’s singular greatest power today.

The relationship between Germany and the Vatican historically created a religiously driven geopolitical entity that lasted for over 1,000 years, known as the Holy Roman Empire.

Reflecting the increasing revival of that old relationship, Foreign Minister Fischer said, of his most recent visit to the Roman patriarch, “I’m not the spokesperson for the Holy Father ... but with our deep worries and our deep skepticism, we are very close” (Reuters, Feb. 7; emphasis ours).

Yes, as Fischer said, Germany and the Vatican are “very close.” Why else would the foreign minister of Germany visit the pope to “ex-



**“VERY CLOSE” Germany’s Fischer meets with the pope in February.**



change opinions on the problems of the present moment”—as expressed by a Vatican spokesman ([www.zenit.org](http://www.zenit.org))—unless it was to develop *even closer* ties in their resistance to the stance of the American and British collective foreign policy?

On the surface, Fischer's visit may look like routine diplomacy. But, digging beneath the surface and understanding the *history* of these two powers, we must see that this visit was one of extreme importance. It takes gall to assert a stand against the U.S.—Europe's chief benefactor since World War II—at the very time when America needs every ally it can muster. The German-Vatican relationship is being solidified before our eyes! This has powerful implications for European foreign policy in the immediate future.

Watch for the Vatican and Germany to continue to support each other in many other major decisions to come. Look for their relationship to cement into a spiritual and cultural force which will propel Europe out of its present economic and political division into becoming a global force to be reckoned with.

#### ◆ GERMANY

## Taking over U.S. water

Clean water is one of the most vital and valuable substances on Earth—more precious than oil or gold. Wars have been fought over it. It is absolutely essential to keep it in steady, reliable supply. Yet, a recent acquisition in America has caused many to question what is happening to America's control over its own water.

On February 4, Associated Press explained, “A re-



**BIG DEAL** RWE, its headquarters building shown here, now owns a huge U.S. water company.

cently completed \$8.6 billion takeover of American Water Works by German-based industrial giant RWE has led to a backlash from a handful of cities across America. The deal covers more than 800 water systems serving 15 million people in 27 states and three Canadian provinces” (emphasis ours throughout).

Some people are concerned. “Few issues are as prickly as RWE's German heritage. ‘That really bothered a lot of people, especially older folks,’ said Kathryn Slater-Carter, a Montana resident since 1979. ‘Memories of World War II are still very strong’” (ibid.).

Germany is certainly strengthening its international gains. Yet, “RWE isn't the only foreigner buying into the U.S. water industry; French companies Vivendi Environment and Suez also have bought local water systems within the past few years” (ibid.). These three European water giants have, in fact, since 1990, “expanded into every region of the world, raising concerns that a handful of private companies could soon control a large chunk of the world's most vital resource” (*Charleston Gazette*, Feb. 12).

What is wrong with foreign ownership of a nation's vital resources? Looked at through the prism of history, this should send shivers up our spines! The problem is that a nation's friends and allies do not always *remain* its friends and allies. And the thought of the *consequences* of foreign ownership of water, should that friendly nation become an enemy, is chilling. Particularly when you consider that, in this case, that nation is Germany.

RWE has said it plans to continue to expand operations in the U.S. Watch for more corporate foreign ventures to be undertaken by a rising Germany and Europe.

#### ◆ ASIA

## The second front

Some have labeled international terrorism's “second front.” Yet, while tensions rise there, world attention is diverted to the Middle East, the squabbles between Europe and the U.S., the rift in NATO and the mind-boggling moribundity of the UN. Dissidents within the Far East show signs of taking full advantage of the West's preoccupation elsewhere.

The whole Southeast Asian region is showing signs of becoming the next global powder keg. Political, social, ethnic and religious turmoil is bubbling to the surface, with terrorist organizations exploiting this to the full. Al-Qaeda is well entrenched in the region and set to spark an Islamic backlash there, pending a U.S. strike against Iraq. It takes little in this region to start a riot or raise a militant demonstration or violent protest.

The two English-speaking

nations of Oceania—Australia and New Zealand—are quite disparate in culture and manners to their northern neighbors. Porous borders in East Timor and Papua New Guinea mean that leakage of terrorists from places such as Indonesia and the Philippines—in particular into Australia via its vast, hard-to-secure coastline—is a constant concern. With the continuing drift of refugees, many of whom are from Islamic countries, this all adds up to quite a headache for the land down under.

But there are other concerns, as well, for the West.

Much Western capital flowed into Southeast Asia prior to the region's economic meltdown in 1997. Western industrial infrastructure, trade and existing investment is being placed at greater risk as each month goes by with world attention diverted elsewhere.

Southeast Asia is simply a problem of global significance waiting to happen. Countries exhibiting signs of significant unrest form a crescent around the South China Sea, incorporating Cambodia, Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines. With Japan and North Korea now rattling their sabers at each other, and China intent on dominating East Asia, competitive alliances may form as Asia continues to forge a new order. Crucial to this will be the security of the vast waters surrounding the Indonesian archipelago, crossroads from the South China Sea to the Indian Ocean, vital for East-West trade.

There appears to be no doubt that the largely Anglo-American alliance against terror will soon be forced to open a second front in the Far East if it is to have any hope of containing not only the terrorist war, but even the prospect of hot war in East Asia.

# ARMING FOR ARMAGEDDON

How fear  
is fueling  
a new global arms race

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**WAR GAMES** (Top to bottom) U.S. military conducts a live fire exercise; Iraqi soldiers march; a convoy of tanks roll in India; fighter jets taxi on the runway during a military drill in Taiwan.

**O**UR WORLD IS GRIPPED BY FEAR. Though violence and wars have always stained man's history, fears of such have been exponentially heightened in the aftermath of recent and deadly terrorist attacks: September 11, 2001; the bombing of a nightclub in Bali; the bombing of a Russian government building in Chechnya. In this war on terrorism, no one can really know when or where the terrorists will strike. People in Israel and Sri Lanka live day to day never knowing whether a suicide bomber might attack nearby. Similar fears exist in parts of Northern Ireland and South America. The U.S. even has its own color-coded system to keep citizens on alert to when terrorist attacks might be more likely.

The world is responding to these fears. People are beginning to accept this new, more frighteningly dangerous world. They are becoming well-versed as to what to do in the case of a biological or chemical attack. Their nations are forming once-unlikely alliances, diplomatic and military—to create a bulwark against terrorists and other new enemies.

What's clear in the minds of many world leaders, however, is that they

need to have the FIREPOWER to deal with the venomous threats to global and regional stability. Nations are building up their militaries, filling their arsenals and modernizing their weapons, as the world hurtles toward greater instability.

Fear is the driving force.

It was the fear generated by the final nuclear blows of World War II on Japan that spawned the anxiety that spilled over into the arms race of the Cold War. But with the Cold War long over, a *new arms race* is emerging.

And this time, the terrorists themselves, and the rogue nations that sponsor terrorism, have increasingly powerful weapons. The world has never before had to deal with the amount of damage that can be done by one radical terrorist or one fanatical dictator at the helm of a small rogue nation. Poor, Third World cultures are entering the nuclear, chemical and biological arena. These once-minor nations trade arms among themselves: Links have been established, for example, between North Korea and Pakistan, North Korea and Yemen.

Truly, more than at any other time in history, the dramatic scene described in the book of Joel comes clearly into perspective: "Beat your

plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: *let the weak say, I am strong*" (Joel 3:10).

Notice that the prophecy describes two main points: First, a nation that possesses plowshares could turn those peaceful tools into awesome implements of war. This is describing an explosive growth in armaments. Second, the prophecy speaks of *weak nations* proclaiming themselves to be *strong*. The state of modern nations and the present new arms race parallels the prophecy of Joel exactly.

In this new age of proliferation, we see the world becoming an armed camp. Where is this heated race heading? How long must we live in fear? Most significantly: Is the new arms race leading to the END of the world?

### History of the Arms Race

The nature of arms developments changed dramatically in the decades after the demise of Napoleon's European ambitions. The costs and tremendous upheavals brought about by that struggle (1793-1815) caused European nations to seek peace through the Congress of Vienna. While that meeting settled how to divide the spoils of war among the victors, it did not put an end to armed conflict. If anything, it intensified national and regional border disputes.

This occurred just as the Industrial Revolution was beginning to change the face of arms production. By 1917, the production power of industry was magnified far beyond anything possible during the "gentleman wars" of the old Europe. In contrast to the limited capability of individual manpower, the potential of machinery driven by the steam engine was awesome.

The factory system, revolutionized by Henry Ford in the early 1900s, contributed to the ability to mass produce whatever was needed. Iron could now be hammered into war machinery by huge steam-driven hammers.

Soon military hardware began to come into abundant supply to settle personal ambitions and border disputes.

An arms race got into full swing as Germany also began to learn the lessons of mass production. In the years before 1914, German production multiplied to turn the nation into an industrial giant. Second only to Britain, Germany's war production figures far outstripped those

of even its larger European neighbors, Russia and France, and the specter of Imperial Germany came into being.

By early 1914, all the ingredients for a major European conflagration were in place, needing only a spark to ignite it. That spark came in June 1914 when Archduke Ferdinand and his wife Sophie, traveling in a motorcade, became the victims of two shots from a pistol fired by 19-year-old Gavrilo Princip. The First World War erupted in Europe, and the resulting loss of life brought about by the arms race of the time was staggering. In 1917, in the battle of Passchendaele alone, the British army sustained 245,000 casualties. Population losses from the war were horrendous. It is estimated that 8 million men died in actual fighting and over 20 million were wounded—many of whom were permanently disabled. And those figures do not take into consideration the civilian casualties and the huge loss of life from the resultant starvation and disease. Material costs for the First World War are impossible to calculate, and incomprehensible to imagine.

Following the war, though Germany had suffered terribly in that conflict, two circumstances had not changed. First, World War I ended with an *armistice*, not a *surrender*. In fact, when German troops returned home they were welcomed as victors. Second, Germany still retained the INDUSTRIAL POTENTIAL to be the greatest power in Europe.

Germany began preparing to re-enter the arms race in a way never before seen in history. By 1936, the economic recovery of Germany was spilling over into increased expenditure in the armament industries. The Reich began importing huge amounts of copper, iron ore, petroleum, rubber and other materials needed to feed the voracious industrial appetite of this renewed arms race.

By the late 1930s, Germany was back on top militarily. Its ambitions were again looking toward expansion eastward and westward. Hitler annexed Czechoslovakia in March 1939, and before long he began putting the pressure on Poland. When Russia and Germany entered the Molotov-Ribbentrop Non-Aggression Pact in August 1939, the fate of Poland was sealed. World War II in Europe was guaranteed.

In the East, there was Japan. For centuries, Japan had been ruled by feu-

dal warlords in a decentralized oligarchy. Its growth was restrained by lack of natural resources and by the vast mountainous terrain that dominated the land—a lack of industrial potential that continued until the years just before World War I. Still, Japan's victorious military campaigns in East Asia around the turn of the 20th century proved that the Japanese fighting spirit could inflict horrendous damage.

As the new century developed, Japan had begun to make the changes necessary to bring it into modern competition with other nations—militarily and otherwise. Then, in 1941, it launched a surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, bringing the Pacific into the greater scope of World War II. The inextinguishable warring spirit of the Japanese, who conquered vast portions of Asia to their west and southwest and eastward through the Pacific, ultimately led to the



**WAR SUPPLIES** Inside Krupp Gun Works, Essen, Germany, during World War I

greatest use of military force by any nation to date: the U.S. dropping nuclear bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

The world was introduced to a new, more gruesome and deadly force.

### Post-WWII Proliferation

After World War II, an exhausted world began to pick up the pieces of its shattered infrastructures. New peace initiatives were instituted; the United Nations was formed to replace the failed League of Nations. American aid, through the generous Marshall Plan, was provided to underpin the dangerously overstretched economies of Europe.

Paradoxically, Imperial Japan's World War II goal of ridding Asia of its Western colonial powers succeeded as Britain, France, Holland and Portugal handed over their Asian colonies to newly independent local administration.

By the mid-1960s, Europe, for the most part, had again been rebuilt. West Germany, although still divided

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from the East, was once again taking its place as a powerful nation. Japan had become the mightiest trading and maritime nation in all Asia.

The restraints put in place to guarantee world peace, however, were not working. The United Nations had already shown dangerous signs of ineffectiveness in solving world conflict.

The Cold War between the U.S. and Russia escalated the modern arms race to new heights. During the American-Soviet standoff, both sides built up elaborate space and missile programs. Neither nation saw any possibility of reducing its power to react because of basic mistrust.

Not only did Russia and America stay geared for war, but "Both sides, therefore, began a kind of war by proxy, winning allies, extending influence and keeping up pressure on each other by means of *arms sales*. By the late 1960s, arms sales had become an integral part of the foreign policies of both sides. From 1960 to 1980, worldwide military outlays grew from \$100 billion to more than \$500 billion a year" (*Plain Truth*, Jan. 1983; emphasis ours throughout).

When the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991 and the Cold War ended, so too ended the drive for the mutually assured destruction provided by nuclear weapons buildup. The U.S. hailed the end of the arms race as the promise of a new era of peace worldwide.

But is that what has happened? No—in fact it has been just the opposite.

## Post-Cold War Proliferation

In 2001, the world spent roughly \$840 BILLION on weapons and other military expenditures. We are in the midst of a full-scale, breakout arms race on a scale never before seen in history.

In fact, the Cold War's *end* had a lot to do with the arms buildup among weaker and/or rogue nations that followed. No longer was the world bipolar in its power distribution—with nations aligning with one superpower or the other. Now it was a multipolar world—where many nations *SHARED* leadership of the globe—or, as some have called it, a *uni-multipolar* world—where, while many nations shared this lead, one (the U.S.) was clearly the main superpower. In the post-Cold War arms race, each of these many contenders in the world order worked to build up its *OWN* power more avidly—essentially,

it was every nation for itself. Arms became necessary either to stimulate an economy or to handle internal, regional or even global threats.

Also consider that after the Soviet Union collapsed, more than 40,000 nuclear weapons, plus more than 1,000 tons of highly enriched uranium and 150 tons of plutonium, were left behind in former Soviet republics. Many of these weapons and devices disappeared from the ex-Soviet countries' inventories. The black market for powerful weapons, nuclear and otherwise, made it possible for nations that once had little weight on the world scene to become huge contenders.

## A New Era

Since World War II, wars of independence, guerrilla wars, civil wars and terrorist warfare have all combined to escalate the increasingly wide and often covert distribution of instruments of war around the globe.

And now we have now entered another new phase of global history: the post-9/11 age. This current time period, fraught with instability—with fears of nuclear terrorism, the prospect of war in Iraq, and an unstable, nuclear East Asia—has caused many countries to increase defense spending, build up their arsenals and increase arms trades.

The U.S., which has significantly increased its military spending since 9/11,

is gearing up for war with a rogue nation with weapons of mass destruction.

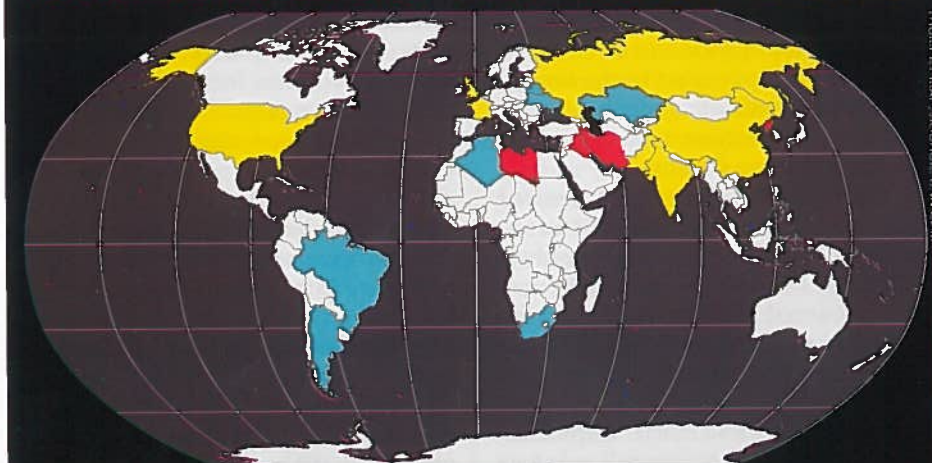
The European Union is pushing for its rapid reaction force to be able to deal with the growing threat of terrorism. France, Portugal and Hungary announced substantial increases in defense spending in 2002.

India, on edge about the Pakistanis, with whom it shares a disputed border, increased military spending 13 percent in 2002. Indo-Pakistan relations are particularly troublesome, since both nations have shaken their fists at each other on numerous occasions; now both have nuclear power—and the world wonders how many flare-ups it will take before the situation turns atomic.

Once-weak or minor nations, armed in part by Russia and China, are now capable of holding the world on the edge of its seat. Russia and China have been major suppliers of Iran's nuclear power program. Iran has also just announced plans to mine uranium and reprocess spent nuclear fuel, claiming that it is merely for energy production—a preposterous idea given the country's huge oil and gas reserves. Iran could only be using these commodities for a nuclear weapons program.

China, in addition to supplying other Middle Eastern and Asian nations with weapons, has significantly worked toward harnessing its own technological prowess and modernizing its army.

## NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROGRAMS WORLDWIDE



**Declared nuclear nations**  
Britain, China, France, India, Pakistan, Russia, United States

**Undeclared nuclear nations**  
Israel

**Suspected nuclear nations**  
Iran, Iraq, Libya, North Korea

**Nations that gave up**  
Algeria, Argentina, Belarus, Brazil, Kazakhstan, South Africa, Ukraine

Japan, which has the second largest navy in the world, spends more money on its military than any other nation other than the U.S. The one restriction placed on its military—its post-World War II constitution which forbids it from using its military—is becoming a mere historical curiosity. In fact, less than two months after 9/11, Japan brought its navy into action for the first time since World War II to support the U.S. war on terror. Now, it is said that Japan also could become a nuclear power in less than a year if it perceives North Korea as a big enough threat.

North Korea has the fifth-largest army in the world—not to mention that it has held the great U.S. hostage diplomatically by its brinkmanship over the past several months. Here is a country led by a maniacal dictator to whom power is more important than feeding his own people. He wants the bomb, and no Western power is going to tell him what to do—the U.S. especially.

Also fueling North Korea's drive for nukes is its *fear* of America and its arms buildup. Pyongyang sees what it calls "U.S. imperialists" throwing their weight around and says it must protect itself (37,000 U.S. troops stand guard at the North's border with the South). The ironic thing is, while the U.S. tries to prevent these types of nations from having such weapons in their arsenals for fear of global instability, these nations openly build up their military forces FOR FEAR OF U.S. DOMINANCE.

#### "Let the Weak Say, I Am Strong"

As nations of the world increase their weapon stockpiles (the West included), there comes the cry from Western nations to STOP the proliferation of weapons. Those nations being antagonized by terrorist organizations or states are trying to take the weapons out of the hands of the bad guys. Ulster Unionists in Ireland try to get the weapons out of the IRA's hands. The government in Nepal is trying to get the Maoist rebels to give up their guns. President Bush is bent on getting Iraq to get rid of its weapons of mass destruction.

Promoting nonproliferation among nations, however, is a difficult task. Harvard's Samuel Huntington wrote, "The West promotes nonproliferation as reflecting the interests of all nations in international order and stability. Other nations, however, see nonprolif-

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eration as serving the interests of Western hegemony" (*The Clash of Civilizations*). Huntington used the example of the two Koreas—the South not seeing the nuclear North as a threat the same way the U.S. did—and the India-Pakistan nuclear saber-rattling. "India and Pakistan each found the other's nuclear threat easier to accept than American proposals to cap, reduce or eliminate both threats."

The Cold War, he explains, was a case of buildup versus buildup. Now, the arms race is of a different nature: non-Western societies are working to acquire weapons of mass destruction, while the West is attempting to prevent them from doing so—a case of buildup versus hold-down, the outcome of which is somewhat predictable. The hold-down efforts may decelerate proliferation in these societies, but "they will not stop it," Huntington says. Proliferation benefits these nations—such as Saudi Arabia, Taiwan, Israel, South Korea, Egypt, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Malaysia and India—by giving them greater clout on the geopolitical scene. A U.S. Congressional Research Service report of August 6, 2002, stated that, "During 1998-2001, developing world nations accounted for 65.8 percent of all [arms transfer] agreements made worldwide."

Truly, as the Prophet Joel said, "Let the weak say, I am strong."

In fact, analysts use almost the same words Joel did to describe the arms buildup in typically weaker, smaller nations. "Terrorism historically is the weapon of the weak ..." wrote Huntington. "At some point, however, a few terrorists will be able to produce massive violence and massive destruction. Separately, terrorism and nuclear weapons are the weapons of the non-Western weak. If and when they are combined, THE NON-WESTERN WEAK WILL BE STRONG" (op. cit.).

Columnist Charles Krauthammer

wrote, "True, weapons of mass destruction are not new. What is new is that the knowledge required to make them is no longer esoteric. Anyone with a reasonable education in modern physics, chemistry or biology can brew them. Doomsday has been democratized" (*Washington Post*, Feb. 14).

Krauthammer continued, "We are in a race against time. Once such hostile states establish arsenals, we become self-deterred and they become invulnerable. North Korea may have already crossed that threshold. There is a real question whether we can win the race. Year One of the new era, 2002, passed rather peaceably. Year Two will not: 2003 could be as cataclysmic as 1914 or 1939. ...

"Can—and will—the civilized part of humanity disarm the barbarians who would use the ultimate knowledge for the ultimate destruction? Within months, we will have a good idea whether the answer is yes or no" (ibid.).

#### Where the Arms Race Is Heading

The significance of the new arms race—of weaker nations becoming the top arms importers, of the world's stability being so fragile that it depends on the restraint of nuclear-equipped madmen—can only be realized when seen in light of Bible prophecy.

The Bible indicates that major world conflicts will soon erupt involving three global powers, summarized in Daniel 11:40-45. First, the "king of the south," a group of Islamic nations, will clash with a "king of the north," a rising European power. The latter power will prevail, and also destroy and enslave America, Britain and other English-speaking countries. Then an Asian conglomerate—combining Russia, China, Japan and other Asian nations—will come against the northern European power.

The new arms race is propelling these blocs to unimaginable power!

The Bible speaks of the clashes between these powers causing millions of deaths. The attack of the Asian hordes against the European power will kill "the THIRD PART OF MEN" (Rev. 9:18). In fact, the above-quoted prophecy of Joel is actually referring to when both of these powers prepare to confront each other at Armageddon: "Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up:

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# Dragging Its Feet Over Europe

Despite having joined the European Community 30 years ago, Britain remains divided its role within modern Europe.



**MAKING HEADLINES** Newspapers in January 1973 proclaimed Britain's entrance into the EC.

BY STEPHEN M. HILL

**T**HE DILEMMA OF BRITAIN'S LEVEL OF involvement in the European Union feels like a present-day issue, and yet the United Kingdom has been dragging its feet over participation in the major issues affecting Europe for more than 30 years. Why? What has continually stopped Great Britain from finding a comfortable position in the EU bed after 30 years of tossing and turning?

The 30th anniversary of when Britain started its "fateful journey into Europe on New Year's Day 1973 seems to have passed largely unnoticed," according to the *Independent* of London, January 2.

To understand the continual emergence of Britain's estrangement toward, and strangeness within, the EU, one must go back to its day of entry in 1973 and before.

## Identity Crisis

Analysts too often ignore the history of Britain leading from empire to indecisive participant in the slow lane of the European club. During the 1950s and '60s, Establishment-bashing wreaked havoc on the moral fiber of the nation. By 1973, stripped of world dominions and beaten about from

within, Britain had already become a weakened world contender.

Education played a central role. Since the Second World War, educational opportunities had doubled and re-doubled, yet standards in schools plummeted in the essential areas of reading, writing and arithmetic. A plethora of new universities were established, offering grants to students with lower qualifications. They did help boost the ranks of the professional classes, but at the same time they encouraged radicalism and left-wing activism, which flowered into the full-flung hedonism of the '60s, bent on tearing down the Establishment and conservative values. Liberal activists and educators found their way into every walk of life—especially the media and education.

By 1973, Britain was much more confused and atomized than it had been during the war years. Liberal experimentation, the corruption of the family, the licentious misuse of sex, dishonor toward parents and rebellion against the Establishment—all the way up to the royal family—was rotting its way through the fabric of a Britain without an empire. And though the Marxism spawned in universities found no direct foothold in the parlia-

mentary system, ardent socialism molded the development of the trade union system and Labor Party politics. Whether the Conservatives under Harold Macmillan or Labor under Harold Wilson were in power, it was the pervasive, strident liberalism which had taken a hold on society that most dominated people's minds in the '60s.

On the political scene, under Wilson—serving as prime minister from 1964 to 1970 and 1974 to 1976—a welfare state, a national social security system and the seeds of an anti-monopolies commission were set up.

By 1973, the results of these and other social upheavals had clearly made visible inroads into the character of the nation.

Britain, bereft of empire and seriously undermined of moral fiber from within, was left with a serious identity crisis! Only 80 years earlier, Great Britain had been at the height of a world-girdling empire—with a greatness built on government, tradition and a God-fearing society. Now, as just a small, debilitated nation off the coasts of Europe, what inner resources could it draw on for the future? *Where should it go now?* As Britain entered the European Community, no one seemed to know the answer to that question.

The British electorate, plugged into the media, looked across the shores of its nation to a new identity evolving in Europe.

## A Dangerous Lie

It was in the 1960s that a fair proportion of the nation started asking whether it might be in Britain's interests to join what was then the European Economic Community, or the Common Market. The popular press jumped on the bandwagon to air the view that it was time for Britain to move on to a bright, modern future of free trade with Europe.

President Charles de Gaulle, political father to the French during and after World War II, opposed Britain's entry to the Common Market because he thought it might provide a back door into Europe for the United States.

Though Britain's first attempt to join in the '60s met with rejection, that was soon to change. When De Gaulle died, François Mitterand took hold of France's reins of power. In 1970, the British Conservative Edward Heath

won the British elections. Heath lost no time in inviting Mitterand for cruises in his yacht and impressed his French counterpart with his fluent command of French. The two leaders quickly struck up a close friendship. It now seemed more possible that Britain could join the Common Market.

Then a strange thing happened. In the light of its history and the prevailing importance of those traditions and institutions essential to its identity, Britain balked!

With the possibility more real than ever, many who had earlier been proponents of Britain's membership began to dither and doubt over whether joining really was such a good idea after all.

On the whole, the older generation and the fading Establishment dug in their heels. Making an economic pact with Europe would mean rubbing shoulders in the marketplace with the enemy of only a few short decades ago! That was just too much to contemplate! Plus, it would mean giving up *pounds, shillings* and *ounces*, and taking on the European decimal system.

In the early '70s, it seemed that the electorate was more or less divided down the middle over whether or not to join, with a slight majority falling on the side of those against joining. To tip the balance in favor of Britain joining, Edward Heath told one of the most dangerous lies a modern leader has ever told to the detriment of his country. He stated that by pacting with Europe, Britain would not lose its autonomy or the integrity of its fundamental institutions. A referendum was held, and the result was a marginal victory for the pro-European lobbyists. A green light was then shed on British politics to adopt decimalization and join Europe!

### Still Waffling

Alarming all the same, 30 years later the British electorate still has a split personality over Europe, this time leaning even more toward an anti-Europe outlook. Little has changed. The UK is still dragging its feet over basic issues—those most recently in the spotlight being whether or not to join the euro and the expansion of the Union.

While wanting to keep the door

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open to both European and U.S. trade options, Britain is like a doorstep to Europe that doesn't want to get too involved lest it get stepped on. Clearly, Britain's identity crisis is worse than ever!

Consequently, trying to keep a driving seat in Europe is becoming a tough task for Tony Blair, because more than half of Britain is still kicking up dust over central issues such as the euro.

Thirty years have passed since Heath pulled the wool over the British electorate's eyes with his falsehood about retaining institutional integrity. Some, who earlier were blind to the veracity of the longer term view taken by writers like Rodney Atkinson, have since changed sides.

A leaflet produced by Atkinson states that to Britain, the euro "means: the abolition of the pound, the abolition of the Bank of England, the abolition of HM Treasury, the abolition of British national government, the abolition of the sovereign Westminster Parliament. They will be replaced by: the euro, the European Central Bank in Frankfurt, the European Commission, an English regional assembly in Westminster" ([www.freenation.freeuk.com](http://www.freenation.freeuk.com)).

Surveys reveal the majority within the nation still question whether the price of being a fully fledged EU member might not be too high. Divided, confused and shorn of royal identity, the British public is caught in a cleft stick.

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Britain's leader, his party and the electorate itself are showing they want to go in all sorts of directions over every type of issue—a mark of the nation's sickness. Britain is an identity-searching nation, divided about its future.

A good case in point of Britain's division is the argument over whether to adopt the euro. The electorate is divided over the question! The Trade Unions are! Industry is! Tony Blair's own party is! Blair and the chancellor of the exchequer are at loggerheads over it!

After a survey last year showed 70 percent to be in the NO camp, Tony Blair indicated that "he was prepared to commit Britain to entry to the euro despite public opinion polls showing a majority against the single currency" (*Sunday Telegraph*, London, Sept. 29, 2002).

The unspoken truth is that Britain is even more torn to the heart today by the issue of adopting the euro than it was when German Chancellor Helmut Kohl officially presented the proposal a decade ago.

"The Treasury's work is taking place against the background of a rift between Gordon Brown, the chancellor, who is skeptical about the euro, and Tony Blair, who is still determined to hold a referendum on British entry during this Parliament. Government insiders say the split is now so serious that Mr. Blair has little idea of Mr. Brown's thinking on the euro or of which way the judgment ... will go" (*Telegraph*, London, Dec. 4, 2002).

Such profound division is not limited to the euro dispute, but is a symptom of Britain's confusion about where its real interests lie, its future identity and position within Europe.

The fact is, the EU has served as a backdrop for Britain's growing identity crises to be acted out. In a country which only a hundred years ago was the head of an empire on which the sun never set, it is hardly surprising that in the consciousness of many is the fear of losing the last remnant of national, institutional dignity.

### Predicted

For much of the 20th century, Herbert Armstrong wrote, based on the prophecies of the Bible, of a coming European Union that would oppose Russia, China, America and Britain. Mr. 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 in a European Union.

In his final book, *Mystery of the Ages*, Herbert Armstrong spoke of "a



HEATH

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union of 10 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.”

Indeed, the time is quickly coming when Britain will finally be tossed out of the EU bed.

Prior to Britain’s entry into the European Community, Mr. Armstrong warned unceasingly, through television, radio and print, of Britain’s impending seduction into economic and political cooperation with Europe. He warned them NOT to enter this 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 continual flirtation with this resurrected Holy Roman Empire has done much to weaken it economically, socially, politically and militarily.

The passage of time has proved Mr. Armstrong right. Britain now faces the consequences of its politically irresponsible actions over the past 40 years. Britain is no longer great. IT HAS LOST ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD—WHICH IS THE REAL REASON IT HAS LOST ITS IDENTITY! No nation on Earth should know its identity better than biblical Ephraim.

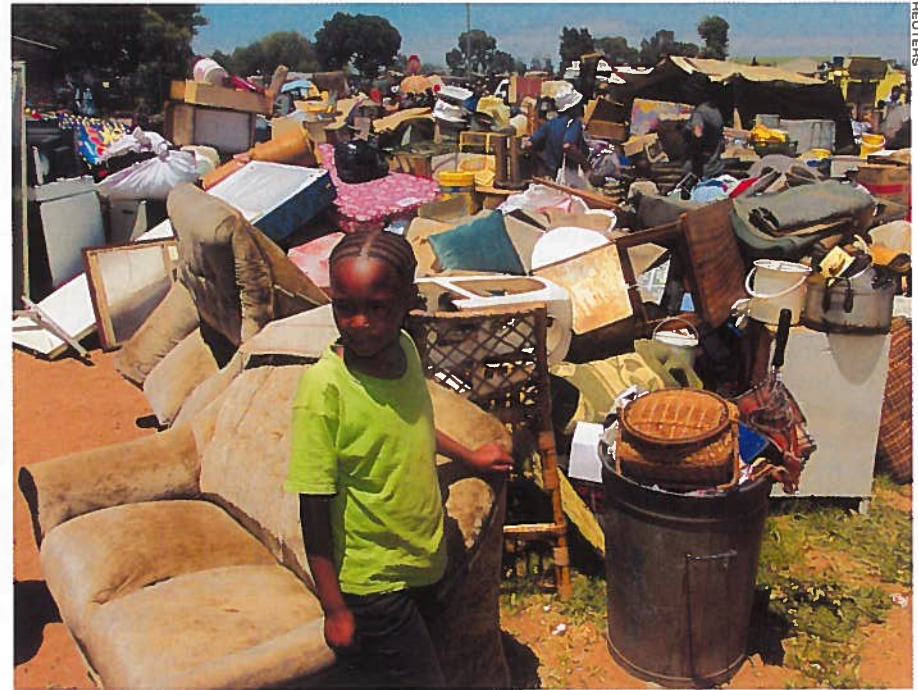
Having lost sight of God and the reason Britain was blessed so greatly—because of the obedience of its progenitor Abraham—it is no wonder this island nation is mixed up about its true identity. It is unquestionably why Britain is in such an embarrassing mess over its future role in Europe.

The Bible tells us that in this end time, Ephraim (Britain) will be like an “unturned cake” (Hos. 7:8). Britain may look good on the outside, while trying to mix with strangers—as it is doing at the moment in Europe—but being uncooked in the center, it lacks substance and will easily fall apart.

For solid proof of Britain’s biblical identity, order your free copy of *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. Read how Britain will continue to lose the little it has left, how its identity crisis will deepen, and how it is prophesied to end up captive to the Europe with which it presently flirts! ◆

# Failed Promises

The “New South Africa” 10 years on



**NO PLACE LIKE HOME** A child waits next to family belongings after 2,000 squatter families were evicted from makeshift homes in a town west of Johannesburg on January 7, 2002.

BY ANDREW HESSONG

IN 1990, BOWING TO AMERICAN AND world pressure, South African President F.W. de Klerk lifted the ban on the African National Congress (ANC) and, after 27 years, Nelson Mandela was released from prison—which he had been sentenced to for terrorist crimes.

The world looked with wonder at a man who emerged from a terrorist past speaking words of reconciliation and peace. In his election campaign in 1994, Mandela painted a vivid picture called the “New South Africa.”

In a pre-election speech in Manenberg in April 1994, Mandela told citizens that the community was in a crisis from neglect. He said there could be no peace where there was poverty, unemployment and armed gangs of youth with no hope of obtaining jobs; no peace where there was poor or inadequate housing, where the poorest were without jobs, food and housing. He said, “In order to

have peace, we must have a better life for all. People must live in hope instead of fear. There must be jobs and security. ... In order to have peace, immediate steps must be taken to deal with the violence that threatens your lives.”

Mandela went on to talk of the ANC’s plan to ensure that his promises would be met. He announced, “Our greatest responsibility after the election will be to turn this suffering country into a prosperous, peaceful and democratic society in which there will be jobs, peace and security for all.”

His plan to reform the nation was multifaceted. Five billion rand a year would be spent on housing to stamp out corruption in

the private sector and promote small business. A public works program would be enacted to build much-needed homes, schools, clinics and services. This alone would create 2.5 million jobs by 1999. A land-reform program was to be enacted to tackle rural poverty, land, hunger and unemployment.



MANDELA



The ANC said, "We are already setting our economy on a growth path for the first time in 10 years." And, "If we fail, we betray our mission and continue the damage apartheid has done to the whole region" ("Notes For Election Speech on Jobs," April 1994, [www.anc.org.za](http://www.anc.org.za); emphasis mine throughout).

The "New South Africa" has just entered its 10th year and, like all the other post-colonial regimes in Africa, famous for far-reaching promises, South Africa is well on its way to rife corruption, a holocaust of crime, anarchy and failure.

Clearly, the ANC *has betrayed its mission*.

#### Fallen Investment and HIV

Speaking of the 2.5 million jobs that were to spread new skills, create new homes, clinics and other buildings, the ANC said, "With these jobs our people will no longer need to beg, borrow or steal" (*ibid.*). These jobs that were to assist in curbing the violence and crime have not materialized. In fact, since 1995, unemployment has nearly doubled, going from 16 to almost 30 percent (*Cape Argus*, Jan. 27).

Further hindering the economy has been a fall in direct foreign investment. One major contributing factor is the scourge of AIDS. An estimated 20 percent of the work force is infected with HIV (*BBC News*, July 3, 2002). "AIDS is the single biggest factor affecting South African businesses and will remain so for the next decade," said Andrew Sykes, chief executive of NMG-Levy consultants (*ibid.*, Aug. 15, 2002). Large companies such as AngloGold have estimated that of their 40,000 workers, 30 percent are infected with HIV/AIDS.

Over the next decade, AIDS will devastate the South African work force. The nation has the highest number of HIV/AIDS cases in the world: about 4.7 million. ONE OUT OF EVERY NINE SOUTH AFRICANS HAS THE DISEASE.

This disastrous problem poses a very high risk for investors. So much so that Graham Terry, vice-president of the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants, said, "We need to give shareholders an idea of what impact the disease is having on their companies" (*ibid.*, July 3, 2002). The head of AIDS research at the Metropolitan Life insurance company said, "If you're investing your money, you



**OUT OF MOUTH OF BABES** A girl protests the rape of children—South Africa's latest crime trend.

want to know what a company is doing to manage that risk" (*ibid.*).

Lack of investment will further hamper the ANC's ability to create the massive amount of jobs it has promised over and over since 1994.

#### Crime Explosion

Foreign capital flight and lack of investment also stem from the astronomical crime rate of the "New South Africa." A drive through the nation's largest cities will readily make this apparent.

Across many South African cities, old and new properties alike are surrounded by walls trimmed with razor wire. Whole communities have closed off their entrance streets, fortified their outer walls and posted armed guards at their gated entrances. Inside, every individual property is equally well fortified. Most properties post signs that say intrusion will be met with armed response. One such community posted a sign outside that read, "Is there life after death? Come over this wall and find out!"

In a 1998 poll of 11,000 skilled or professional workers, 74 percent were considering leaving the country because of the enormous crime rate. In early 1999, to escape the crime, the Johannesburg Stock Exchange moved its location outside the city to the suburb Sandston, and other corporations moved their headquarters entirely out of the country to London ([www.cnn.com](http://www.cnn.com)).

Nearly 10 years have passed since Nelson Mandela promised to put a handle on crime in order to provide a "better life for all." To this day, the government's response seems to have been almost entirely empty promises.

The Home Affairs minister, Mango-

sthu Buthelezi, warned the nation in January that drastic action was needed to reverse the nation's trend toward anarchy. He told the nation they should face up to baby rapes, pervasive criminality and endemic lack of respect for the law. Buthelezi referred to two recent crimes as "evident symptoms of the climate of lawlessness, impunity and criminal arrogance which has turned all South Africans, irrespective of status, social position, race or creed, into actual or potential victims of crime." He went on to say, "Crime is

now rampant as ever and is fueled by the expectation of the impunity flowing from a judicial system which is just not performing" (*South Africa Press Association*, Jan. 22).

Last year, according to the *Mirror*, there were 58,000 reported rapes across South Africa—the RAPE CAPITAL of the world. This is made even more horrific by the shocking fact that 21,000 of that number were child rapes (Feb. 8). This grisly trend is being attributed in part to rapists attempting to avoid HIV/AIDS infection.

According to the child support group Childline, one in four girls faces the prospect of being raped before her 16th birthday; girls have a better chance of being raped than learning to read (*BBC News*, April 9, 2002). Statistics from the Child Protection Unit of the South African Police Service show that the number of child rapes in the "New South Africa" of 1998 were *double* those in 1994—just four years earlier! "The truth is that *South Africa is in the grip of a baby rape epidemic*. Barely a day passes without the reported rape of an infant under 1 year of age" (*Mirror*, *op. cit.*).

At the same time, the *perpetrators* of such crimes, increasingly, are children themselves. "In 2000, 43 percent of all cases of sexual assault reported to Childline nationally were committed by children under the age of 18," according to Childline's director, Joan van Niekerk (*Africa News*, Dec. 18, 2002).

To make things even worse, with the extremely high incidence of HIV/AIDS, a rape is often a death sentence.

The government is well aware of the problem. A recent parliamentary debate revealed that sexual violence

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against children has risen by a phenomenal 400 percent in the last decade (BBC News, April 9, 2002).

The November 2002 edition of *SA Crime Quarterly* stated that from March 2001 to March 2002, the police recorded about 840,000 violent crimes. The police and criminal justice system cannot deal with the sheer avalanche of crime. The chances of apprehension and prosecution are so slim that criminals act with impunity.

Unable to obtain justice, groups of black citizens have increasingly moved to enact their own mob justice. Criminals are apprehended by angry citizens who often beat, stone, whip and kill them. In one case, after severely beating two murderers, a group rolled a pickup truck over them and instructed the other community members to climb aboard and bounce the vehicle up and down.

In South Africa, violence begets violence!

### Political Corruption

For the ANC elite, however, it seems Mr. Mandela's dream has come true. The income of the richest 10 percent of blacks increased an average of 17 percent.

But for the vast majority who voted the ANC into power based on the "better life for all" propaganda, things have gotten far worse. The poorest 40 percent of black households saw a 21 percent drop in income (*Independent*, Nov. 4, 2002).

This past year, the ANC further frustrated the nation's poor as President Thabo Mbeki purchased a \$61 million dollar Boeing business jet. At the same time, Mbeki was telling the world his government could not afford to provide AIDS drugs for the epidemic sweeping his nation. One opposition spokesman stated, "The sheer vulgarity of the president's new jet and what it represents is absolutely appalling. South Africa needs jobs, houses and a comprehensive HIV/AIDS program—this new jet serves only to illustrate the deepening rift between the ANC elite and the South African people" (*Guardian*, London, Oct. 24, 2002).

The corruption of the ANC has become so obvious to the nation's citizen-

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ry that Mr. Mbeki had to acknowledge it during his speech at the opening of the 51st national conference of the African National Congress this past December. He publicly acknowledged and attacked careerists in the ANC who used money to buy votes and used the media to camouflage corrupt practices. He denounced the organizational practices used to capture positions of power and the use of "lies and gross falsifications to advance immoral purposes" (*Business Day*, South Africa, Dec. 17, 2002).

Illogically, he then turned and explained his cronies' current actions as being the result of "a legacy of the past ... that encompassed a period of 300 years of white minority rule, during which the dominant groups pursued the personal accumulation of wealth!" (*Times*, Dec. 17, 2002).

### Unfulfilled Promises

Mbeki knows that the homeless, poor, jobless and hungry will not sit and remain blind and dumb to the ANC's corruption forever. In December 2002, "an opinion poll found that a majority of

black people in South Africa believed that they had been better off under apartheid than they were now" (*Telegraph*, Dec. 22, 2002).

How long will it be before the population will come to collect on Mandela's and Mbeki's election promises? How long will the masses of South Africa wait till they receive the land, jobs, homes, telephone lines, running water and everything else Mandela promised? How long will the poor stand by and watch the ANC elite line their pockets?

As disillusionment replaces discontent, where can the poor of South Africa turn? The population is finding out that the hope it was given less than

a decade ago was a false hope. Where are the jobs, the housing, the food? Where is the security, the peace, the prosperity? The ANC has indeed *betrayed its proclaimed mission*.

Clearly, the ANC-dominated government can no more provide the answers to the country's problems than the white-minority government before it could. The crime, corruption, inequality and other deep-seated problems identified in apartheid-era South Africa have only grown worse.

### What Is the Answer?

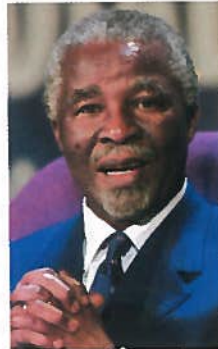
The desperate situation in South Africa is aptly described by God through the Prophet Isaiah: "Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths" (Isa. 59:7).

What is the solution? Will one of the liberation parties in South Africa provide the answers? If the people vote for a different political group, will anything change? Can the corruption be eradicated? "The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings .... [W]e wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, but we walk in darkness" (vv. 8-9).

Why? "For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us ... [i]n transgressing and lying against the Lord, and departing away from our God, *speaking oppression and revolt*, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood" (vv. 12-13).

Mankind does not have the answers. Experimentation with human government will continue to result in crime, corruption and inequality. There is only one government that can provide real answers. There is only one way of life that will produce peace, prosperity and equality. And that way is the way of God's law. "And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression ..." (v. 20; see Isa. 9:6-7; 32:17).

At this time our greatest responsibility is to turn individually to God in repentance so He can rule us. Soon Jesus Christ will return, establish God's government and—to borrow a few words from Nelson Mandela—provide a prosperous, peaceful society in which there will be jobs, peace, security and a better life for all. ◆



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Most religionists base their belief on faith alone.  
And, truth is, so do atheists! Can we really  
answer this fundamental question?

# Does God Exist?

BY MARK JENKINS

**F**OR MOST RELIGIOUS PEOPLE, THE fact that God exists is something to take on *faith* alone. To believe otherwise would be blasphemous. Most require no proof.

Surely scientists must find the religious argument absurd: Accept God's existence because of faith in God—a circular argument if ever there was one. Evolutionists dismiss this type of argument, and how can you blame them? For someone who doesn't already believe in the Almighty God, the idea that they should accept it on faith is preposterous!

Yet, a similar scenario exists among academic circles. Most scientists have accepted the idea that the universe formed by spontaneous generation. Unlike some creationists, they do seek concrete evidence of their claims, yet such proof cannot be found. After all, if the evolutionary theory were proven, it would no longer be called a mere theory. Since evolution is unproven,

scientists too must believe their theory with unseen evidence—what the Bible calls “faith” (Heb. 11:1).

Some of our greatest scientific minds are actually asking the religious of the world to dismiss their God and their faith for an unproven theory. The price for failing to comply is the label of being scientifically incompetent, if not altogether ignorant.

Obviously, neither of these two stances deserves our support.

But this fundamental question of supreme importance warrants serious attention and thought: *Does God exist?*

If you believe in God—or “Providence” or some “higher power”—and you base your belief on faith alone, I ask you to QUESTION it. After all, if you expect anyone to take seriously your claim that God exists, shouldn't you be able to offer concrete evidence and proof?

By the same token, if you do not believe in a Creator God, I ask you to consider His existence, not based on the notion of faith, not based on invalid claims, but based on evidence—

on rock-solid proof!

## Proven Before

Of course, as many of our readers will already know, this proof has been given before. Herbert Armstrong, author of the eye-opening booklet *Does God Exist?*, proved the existence of God many years ago after receiving a challenge himself.

“Herbert Armstrong, you are simply IGNORANT!” accused Hertha [Mrs. Armstrong's sister-in-law]. Her words stabbed deeply into what was left of my ego. ‘One is uneducated, and ignorant, unless he believes in evolution. All educated people now believe it’” (*Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong*, vol. 1).

Mr. Armstrong knew that there were only two possibilities—special creation or evolution—and was determined to prove which was correct. He realized that the two subjects must be studied together in order to reach a true, factual conclusion—yet, they rarely are! True evolutionists were almost exclusively “dyed in the wool” atheists, he quickly discovered. Though some creationists do try to reconcile the account in Genesis 1 and evolution, they simply aren't compatible.

Let you think that Mr. Armstrong's was simply another one-sided study into the origins of man, like so many before and since, think again. Actually, “very early in this study of evolution and of the Bible, actual *doubts* came into my mind as to the existence of God!” (ibid.). On the surface, the claims of evolutionists can appear convincing. They appear quite scientific. Yet they lack FACTS to support their claims.

Mr. Armstrong's study was long and thorough, and in the end his conclusion was clear. So let us examine the proof he offered in the booklet *Does God Exist?*

## Don't Assume

Mr. Armstrong summed up the proof that God exists this way: “CREATION IS THE PROOF OF GOD!” That does *not* mean that we simply look at the birds and the trees and look starry-eyed into the heavens, realizing from the mere existence of the world that there just has to be a God. The creation around you does provide *scientific* proof of its Creator, as we will show.

The evolutionists do not study this proof in that context, because their

purpose is to attempt to explain a creation with no Creator. They combine a myriad of theories of natural selection and mutations and spontaneous combustions that all have a ring of validity. Yet, they offer only unproven theories. When offering their speculations, they suppose, hypothesize and guess.

Rather than hypothesize, let us confine ourselves to the scientific *facts* at hand and prove that the Creator God DOES exist! As Mr. Armstrong did, let us do so by evaluating the creation and the laws of science.

## Proof That Matters

By studying radioactive elements, Mr. Armstrong learned that there had to have been a time when matter did not exist; that there has been no past eternity of matter. Every 1,590 years, for instance, half of the existing radioactive element uranium disintegrates into lead. Eventually, there will be no more uranium! If these elements had always existed, there would be NO uranium left today. Yet, uranium and other radioactive elements clearly still exist. Since these elements only exist for a set period of time, *we know that there was a time when there was no matter*. That means there was a time when matter *came into existence*.

The evolutionary theory postulates that radioactive elements come about gradually out of nothing. Try to wrap your mind around the concept of something coming from nothing—it isn't easy! Ironically, it takes a great deal of faith.

If, then, we know that radioactive elements do not come from nothing, that they in fact disintegrate over time, then we know that there must have been a "first cause," a "higher power," or super powerful Being of some kind that brought these elements into being.

## The Proof of Life

Something or someone brought matter into being. And yet, even if we do know that something brought about matter by special creation, where did LIFE on Earth come from? Many theories presented by scientists give possible scientific explanations that offer absolutely no proof, and, even worse, faulty evidence.

Now, however, we remind the reader of an irrefutable scientific law: the law of biogenesis—that *life* can only come from *life*! A rock can't come alive. Not

immediately; not in a billion years—it cannot happen. This law also states that living things can only produce more living things like themselves. In other words, horses don't give birth to elephants. This is quite a sticky point for evolutionists. But there are no exceptions to this rule.

Mr. Armstrong pointed out that "No fact of science stands more conclusively proved today. Life CANNOT come from dead matter" (*Does God Exist?*). Much as the law of gravity guarantees that everything is held down, the law of biogenesis tells us that life comes from life, and not from anything else. If a species becomes extinct, it doesn't spontaneously generate again—it's gone!

Of course, in recent years, some evolutionists have asserted that biogenesis is not a law, that it too is only an unproven theory. However, all the relevant scientific data, ALL of it, disproves that assertion. Evolution, on the other hand, does not even meet the qualifications for a theory (for proof, request our reprint article "There Is No Theory of Evolution").

Knowing that life only comes from life, you cannot account for life without a Lifegiver! This scientific law requires a living Creator!

Now we know two things: that something had to have created matter, and something had to have created life.

Yet, simple observation proves that life comes in many different forms. For example, it is not always intelligent. Plants do not think, as we do. Even animals do not have the reasoning power that mankind does. Can we prove the supreme intelligence of God as Creator?

## Man's Limited Creative Power

There is nothing in the physical universe superior to the human mind. Even the vast expanse of the heavens—with all its splendor, with the planets hurtling through space, with billions of stars in the cosmos, with nebulae, black holes and other cosmic phenomena—is inanimate. It cannot reason or think.

Despite man's intellectual superiority to the rest of creation, there is one thing that even he cannot do: He cannot produce anything superior to himself.

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That means there was a time when matter came into existence.

You might build a house, or a computer, or a car, but your intelligence and power of invention will always be superior to that which you created. It would surely be insulting to tell someone that he could make something superior in intelligence and ability to himself.

That is what evolutionists are asking us to believe—that something less intelligent and less sophisticated than man, produced man! It postulates that *unintelligence*—dumb, inanimate matter without purpose—brought about *intelligence*.

Alternatively, consider that the presence of the human mind is *proof* of a mind superior to our own—*proof* of a supremely intelligent God!

Consider, also, your own ability to create. Although mankind is able to reason, plan and design, we have no actual creative power. We can only "create" from *already created materials*. If you tried to create—really create—you would have to design, from scratch, all the forms of life on this planet. You also would have to design and create matter, all the way down to particles so small that they cannot be seen even through the most advanced microscopes.

Mr. Armstrong asked, "Is it rational, then, to believe that any power or force lacking even human intelligence could have planned, designed, created, formed, fashioned, shaped, put together and set in motion the awesome universe we behold? The First Great Cause who *created matter*, then, stands revealed as the SUPREME INTELLIGENCE and ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE!" (ibid.).

## The Watchmaker

Read this passage from *Does God Exist?* where Mr. Armstrong clearly shows the

intricacy of God's design and the absurdity of the evolutionary model:

"I needed an accurate watch with a very plain dial for timing broadcasts. The only kind that filled the need was a railroad watch. I have one—the very finest railroad watch made, a 23-jewel watch.

"But it does not keep perfect time. Once or twice a week I have to adjust it a second or two, if I want to be sure it is accurate to the second. I set it by the master clock of my city .... But even this clock does not keep perfect time. Once or twice a week it must be adjusted a second or two by the master clock of the nation, by telegraph, from the Naval Observatory, Washington, D.C. There at the Naval Observatory is the master clock of the U.S. But this great master clock of the United States is not perfect, either. It, too, must be adjusted and corrected occasionally.

"Yes, it is corrected by the MASTER CLOCK OF THE UNIVERSE—up in the skies—by astronomers! Up there in the heavens is the great master clock that NEVER makes a mistake—is *always ON TIME*—never off a fraction of a second—the heavenly bodies coursing through the skies!

"Now you, sir—my doubting friend! If I show you my fine precision 23-jewel railroad watch and tell you that it was not made in these factories after all—in fact, it was not designed, planned, put together, by any watchmaker at all—that it just sort of HAPPENED—that the iron ores just brought themselves up out of the ground, refined themselves, formed and shaped themselves into the delicate little cogs and wheels and other pieces; the silicon just came of its own accord out of the earth and turned itself into the glass crystal; the gold case just refined itself, shaped itself; the cogs and wheels and scores of little parts just assembled themselves together in that case, wound themselves up, and started themselves to running and keeping almost perfect time—well, if I should try to tell you anything like that, you'd tell me I'm crazy or a fool, would you not?

"Certainly! You *know* that the presence of that watch is RATIONAL AND POSITIVE PROOF of the existence of a watchmaker, or watchmakers, who thought it all out, planned it, formed it, shaped it, put it together and started it running.

"But then you, Mr. Skeptic—you

look up into the great vast sky at the MASTER CLOCK of the universe, which never misses a second—the perfect watch by which we must constantly set all our imperfect man-made watches—and you tell me, "That all just HAPPENED! There was no Great Watchmaker! No Master MIND thought out and *planned* that vast universe, brought it into being, set each star and planet in its own exact place, and started the myriad heavenly bodies coursing through space, each in its prescribed orbit, in its orderly precision. No, it just fashioned itself, put itself together, wound itself up, and started itself running. There was no Intelligence—no planning—NO CREATION—NO GOD!"

"Do you say that to me?"

"If you can, I answer that I do not respect your intelligence. And the God I acknowledge replies to you, 'None but the FOOL hath said in his heart, There is no God!' (Ps. 14:1; 53:1).

"If you can look about you, and observe how intelligently PLANNED and executed is everything in nature and in plant and animal life—everything we see except the bungling, botching, polluting of God's beautiful handiwork by the clumsy hand of God-ignoring-and-rejecting MAN—and then say you doubt the existence of an All-wise, All-knowing, All-powerful Creator GOD, then I do not have much faith either in your rational processes or your sincerity as a seeker of the TRUTH!"

#### Holding to Their Faith

Despite the proofs presented here, many will still hold to their "faith." It surely takes a tremendous amount of faith to believe that the entire physical universe sprang from nothing, that life came from non-life, that intelligence came from non-intelligence, and that the intricacy we see around us is not intricate at all—but random.

Consider God's explanation and the many proofs you have seen here: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Gen. 1:1).

Those who stubbornly refuse to accept the proof of the existence of the living God have probably stopped reading by this point. But their proof is coming. We are rapidly approaching the time when Jesus Christ will return to this Earth in the full, supreme power and glory of the Creator God; then they too will *know* that He is God! ◆

Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong" (Joel 3:9-10).

THAT IS WHERE THIS CURRENT ARMS RACE IS HEADING. If unstopped, these two powers would use their mighty weapons to obliterate all life from the planet (Matt. 24:21-22). But thankfully, they will not be permitted to do so, because "those days shall be shortened" (v. 22).

Jesus Christ will return with a new government, to END the age of man's destructive rule on the Earth. "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever" (Dan. 2:44).

Jesus Christ's return will usher in a new phenomenon—A RACE FOR PEACE! In fact, Christ's reign over the Earth will be characterized by the *reversal* of Joel's prophecy: "And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall BEAT THEIR SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES, and THEIR SPEARS INTO PRUNINGHOOKS: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, *neither shall they learn war any more*" (Isa. 2:4). Satan the devil—the diabolical spirit behind all arms races, in his quest to destroy human life—will be stopped! War colleges will cease to exist.

Industry will begin to burgeon under a new world government! Trillions of tons of war machinery—then reduced to so much scrap iron—will be gathered at "recycling points," broken up, melted down and forged into peaceful farm machinery.

The world will soon live according to a NEW way of life. Jesus Christ will set the standard for this way of living. You can live that way of life NOW. You can experience utopian peace in *your own life* starting TODAY! You can be free from the fear that grips this world. You can be protected from the horrors of the third round of global rearmament. You need to understand how to live *that way* for the good of your own life and the lives of your loved ones. Request our free book *The God Family Vision* and learn to live that way of life! ◆

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tion about using such devices against innocent people around the world.

"Iraq and terrorism go back decades. Baghdad trains Palestine Liberation Front members in small arms and explosives. Saddam uses the Arab Liberation Front to funnel money to the families of Palestinian suicide bombers in order to prolong the *intifada*. And it's no secret that Saddam's own intelligence service was involved in dozens of attacks or attempted assassinations in the 1990s."

Powell went on to tell the story of an al-Qaeda operative who is now detained. "This senior al-Qaeda terrorist was responsible for one of al-Qaeda's training camps in Afghanistan. His information comes firsthand from his personal involvement at senior levels of al-Qaeda. He says bin Laden and his top deputy in Afghanistan, deceased al-Qaeda leader Muhammad Atif, did not believe that al-Qaeda labs in Afghanistan were capable enough to manufacture these chemical or biological agents. They needed to go somewhere else. They had to look outside of Afghanistan for help. Where did they go? Where did they look? They went to Iraq. ... And UNLESS WE ACT, WE ARE CONFRONTING AN EVEN MORE FRIGHTENING FUTURE."

It defies imagination to think Saddam would not be connected to al-Qaeda! Look at his history.

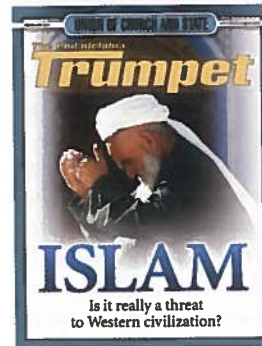
And let's not forget, America is the number-one terrorist target. We have already suffered mightily at their hands.

What will our *future* be like? Jesus Christ, the greatest Newscaster who ever lived, told us—almost 2,000 years ago.

Here is what He prophesied in your Bible: "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved ['saved alive,' Moffatt translation]; but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened" (Matt. 24:21-22).

So much bad news. But look what it is directly connected to—the best news this world has ever heard! Those days WILL BE shortened. The sooner we believe it, the better our future will be!

The big lesson we have failed to learn is that man cannot solve the chemical, biological and nuclear warfare problem. Only God can. When we learn this lesson and truly turn to God, we will solve this horrendous nightmare.



## Is Islam a Threat?

«Wonderfully produced materials with up-to-date topical material. Although I do not totally agree with all conclusions, I value your no-nonsense approach to present-day world events as relating to the Bible.»

Yorkshire, England

I AM A DEEP ADMIRER OF YOUR PUBLICATION called the *Trumpet*. I enjoy your biblical insight as well as your observational insight into our world and world events. I am deeply saddened and concerned about the status of America. Every informational outlet seems to be streamlining pornography, blasphemy, cursing, arrogance, pride and lust. Is this true freedom?

Chatsworth, Calif.

I WAS A SUBSCRIBER TO THE *PLAIN TRUTH* some years ago, until they changed. You guys remind me of the way the *Plain Truth* used to be. I don't agree with everything in your publication, but it is the best independent magazine that I see out there.

Washington, D.C.

THANK YOU FOR THE STARK REALITY YOU show us as you write articles about current events. When I read what really is going on in the world, it horrifies me. Thank you for the *Trumpet* magazine and also the booklets I have gotten from you.

Mott, Nev.

I MUST NOT FAIL TO COMMEND THE PUBLISHER and editor in chief, Gerald Flurry, for his good work—the way you let people know what is happening, what is to happen and what God wants us to do to avert it. I want you to start putting Africa in your magazine. This will go a long way in helping Africans know exactly what is happening to them. Hunger, war, poverty, disease and corruption are brothers and sisters to African countries. What are the causes, and what is God's message to Africans?

Lagos, Nigeria

## Dictator In Your Mind?

THANK YOU FOR THE ARTICLE "IS THERE A Dictator in Your Mind?" From this revealed knowledge and truth, I am seeing my emotions more and more under control.

North Island, New Zealand

THANK YOU FOR THE ARTICLE TITLED "Is There a Dictator in Your Mind?" written by Joel Hilliker. Thank God, for He knows what we need, and He works through His people who are willing to be vessels. I have truly gotten something from this article.

Dover, Del.

YOUR ARTICLES "SKIRTING THE LAW" AND "The Carbon Dating Game" show the insincerity of those scientists and researchers who are bent on misleading people to believe that cloning is without consequence and that carbon dating can be relied on. The Bible said, "Then God said, Let the land produce vegetation ... according to the various kinds. And God saw that it was good" (Gen. 1:24-25). But those men who were created do not believe it was good. That is why they are manipulating it. The same applies to animals. Certainly those GM plants—and those that have been cloned—cannot be after their kind.

Delta State, Nigeria

I CAN'T ACCURATELY DESCRIBE HOW MUCH I appreciate this magazine. All areas of concern for today's Christians are addressed. With the January issue, I was delighted and astonished by your brilliant insight of concepts: the first experiment; Eve in the Garden of Eden; and the significance of the Tower of Babel.

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# Diplomatic Hypocrisy

Why America encourages Israel to tolerate terrorism

**T**HE EVIL ACTS OF A FEW TERRORISTS ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001, caused a dramatic shift in American foreign policy. Since that day, America has spent untold billions of dollars in the pursuit of eliminating anti-American terrorists wherever they may be found, at home or abroad.

Despite this display of strength, however, a *weakening* of this nation is becoming more clearly detectable. And nowhere has this weakening surfaced so clearly as in the U.S.'s relationship with the small Middle Eastern nation of Israel.

Israel is by far America's strongest ally in the Middle East. In some ways Israel is more similar to the U.S. than Britain is. Even the language difference is minimal, as most Israelis speak fluent English.

Traditionally, America has been Israel's greatest supporter. Today, the U.S. continues to provide military and monetary support to assist Israel—but it comes with many strings attached. The U.S. is all too willing to tell Israel how to run its own terrorism problem. The Israeli government, while it may not be publicly stated, knows that the flow of financial and direct military aid could stop if it should ignore Washington's "suggestions," even when those suggestions may be detrimental to the welfare of Israel.

On occasion, America will take a stand for Israel, if it is determined that such a stand is either necessary for U.S. security or the stand will not offend too many other nations. Such was the case with a United Nations resolution against Israel last December—an Arab-supported expression of discontent for the killing of UN workers by Israeli soldiers during a fight with terrorists. The U.S. veto of this resolution has no real adverse effects on U.S. foreign policy.

In the day-to-day struggle against terrorism, however, America encourages tolerance and negotiation on the part of Israel—just the *opposite* of what the U.S. itself is doing.

A look at some of the terrorist attacks in Israel will help us to gain a perspective on what the Israelis are facing. Terrorists in Israel have placed fruit near elementary school playgrounds to entice Jewish children—fruit that is booby-trapped to explode if anyone should pick it up. Arab children have been trained to strap bombs to themselves and blow themselves up in crowded areas in Israel. During the first weekend of 2003, 23 people were killed and more than 100 injured as two murderers set off bombs attached to their own bodies in Tel Aviv.

America's response to such events has been essentially to ask Israel to "negotiate" with the people who manufactured the bombs and taught their own children to carry those bombs into malls and restaurants and detonate them while they themselves remained a safe distance away. These are the people Israel is "asked" to enter into agreements with so the U.S. can be seen as "reasonable" by other nations. If the U.S. were to tell Israel to hunt down and destroy such people—

which would be consistent with the U.S.'s own strategy—America's international standing may be soiled, and support for its own actions against terrorists would diminish. It seems American officials consider the support of other nations more important than Israel's right to protect its citizens.

The fact is, America's weaknesses are becoming more evident, even to its enemies. Notice what the Texas thinktank Stratfor Systems said about the issue: "Al-Qaeda persistently has argued that the United States is fundamentally weak. From Beirut in the 1980s to Desert Storm, Somalia and now the Afghan war, the United States, the argument goes, has failed to act decisively and conclusively. Unwilling to take casualties, Washington either has withdrawn under pressure or has refused to take decisive but costly steps to impose its will. Al-Qaeda has argued repeatedly that the United States should not be feared because, at root, it lacks the will to victory" (Dec. 11, 2002; emphasis mine).

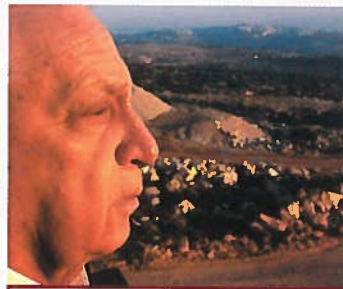
Al-Qaeda seems to be right. America's willingness to tell Israel to sit and tolerate murders within its own borders can only be interpreted as *weakness*. What other explanation is there?

History clearly teaches what happens when a nation negotiates with violent enemies. John F. Kennedy said in 1962, "The 1930s taught us a clear lesson: Aggressive conduct, if allowed to go unchecked and unchallenged, ultimately leads to war."

But the truth is that mankind, the U.S. in particular, has done a poor job of learning from the past. We allow ourselves to ignore the things that have happened in the past, and the reasons why they have happened, and fall into the same situations over and over again. We thereby force history to repeat itself. *Trumpet* Editor in Chief Gerald Flurry wrote in his booklet *Jerusalem in Prophecy* (request your free copy), "The DEADLY DELUSION that 'all problems can be solved by negotiation' is going to lead Israel and the U.S. to disaster! Such a philosophy destroys nations. NO GREAT NATION HAS EVER BEEN BUILT OR SUSTAINED BY SUCH A BELIEF! Any good history book should teach us that. Bible prophecy certainly does. IT IS A PHILOSOPHY BASED ON WEAKNESS. Any powerful nation that reasons from such weakness is plummeting to disaster!"

The posture of the U.S. toward Israel will soon cause Israel to seek support from other nations, especially the EU, and Germany in particular. This is already happening to some degree as the U.S. proves itself ineffective in protecting Israel. But this move toward Europe will lead to Israel's destruction. The friendship between Germany and Israel will lead to one of the biggest double-crosses in the history of man! (Ezek. 23:9, 22).

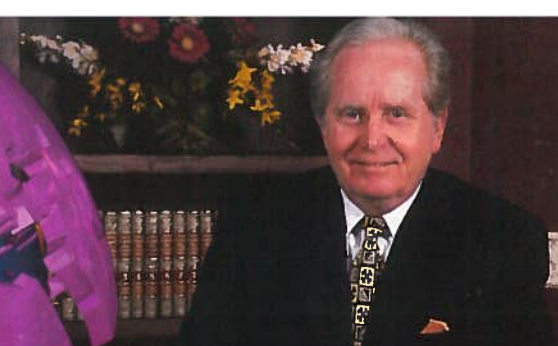
The current terrorism problem sheds light on its root cause: failure of Israel and the U.S. to rely on God and keep His commandments. The power of the U.S. will continue to decline, as prophesied in Leviticus 26. Sadly, that weakness will drive little Israel right into the arms of its worst enemy.



**ALONE** Sharon watches over the Israeli city of Jenin.

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