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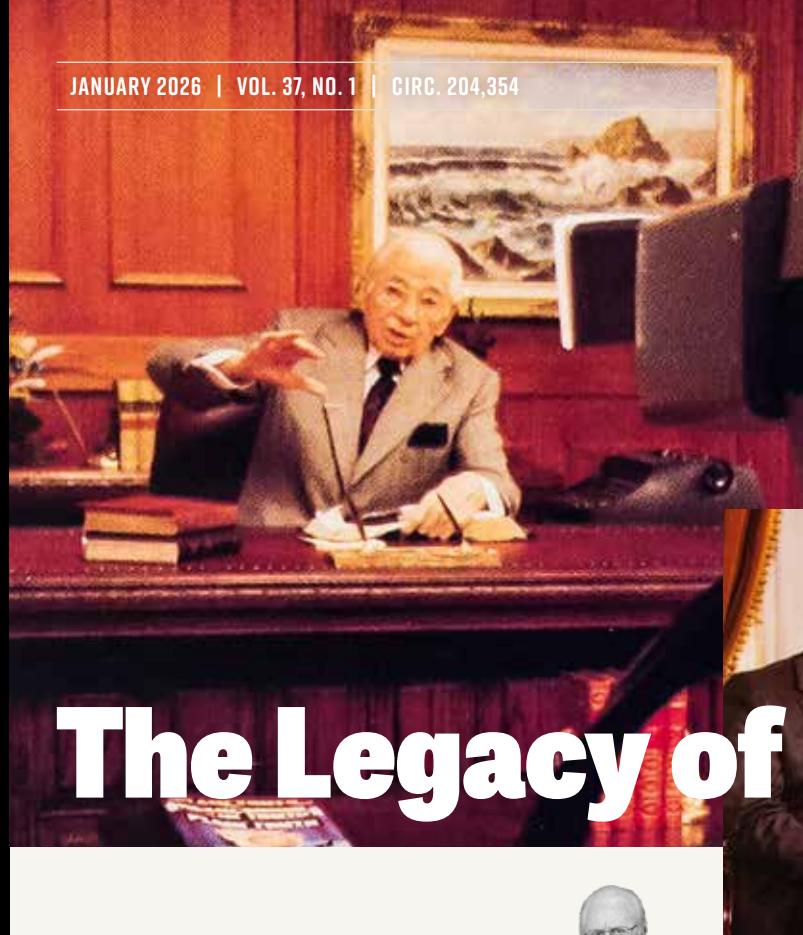
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The Legacy of



FROM THE EDITOR **GERALD FLURRY**

Why this man's life was a highlight of human history

FORTY YEARS AGO, ON JAN. 16, 1986, ONE OF THE MOST consequential lives of the 20th century ended. After beginning his ministry in 1931, Herbert W. Armstrong established the Worldwide Church of God (WCG) from virtually nothing and built a powerful worldwide work. At the time of his death, his *World Tomorrow* broadcast aired on over 400 television stations. The *Plain Truth* magazine had a circulation of 8 million—more than *Time* and *Newsweek* combined. He met with hundreds of presidents, prime ministers and dignitaries as an unofficial ambassador for world peace.

Mr. Armstrong was the most influential, prolific televangelist, educator and religious leader of his day. In fact, God used him to fulfill several key Bible prophecies leading up to Jesus Christ's return!

Time will eventually show that Herbert Armstrong's life was a highlight of human history!

When he died, the WCG received condolences from prominent leaders the world over. U.S. President Ronald Reagan told Mr. Armstrong's supporters that they could "take pride in his legacy."

Do you remember this history? At a time when more people are seeking God and becoming religious, Mr. Armstrong's life shows you how to be a real Christian. It is a study of God using a yielded human instrument to imprint His truth on humanity.



Herbert W. Armstrong

In addition to the 40-year anniversary of his death, 2026 is also the 100-year anniversary of when Mr. Armstrong's mind was first opened to the truth of God in the autumn of 1926. These two significant anniversaries bookend his spiritual journey and offer us a critical opportunity to stop and think about the incredible life and legacy of Herbert W. Armstrong.

Two Challenges

In 1926, Mr. Armstrong was financially beaten down. He had been a successful advertising businessman in Chicago on the way to becoming a millionaire. Yet in the flash depression of the 1920s, he lost his business and moved to Portland, Oregon. Having been married a few years and struggling to make ends meet, he came to a crossroads.

God was humbling his self-confident, self-assured human nature, the same nature we all have. Mr. Armstrong saw God's hand in it: "Yes, God Almighty the Creator was knocking me down—again and again," he wrote in his *Autobiography*. "As often as I got back on my feet to fight, starting another business or enterprise, another blow of utter and bitter defeat seemed to strike me from behind by an unseen hand. I was being 'softened' for the final knockout of material ambition."

Right at that time, he was confronted with two tests. First, his wife, Loma, challenged him to prove which day was the Christian Sabbath. Second, a relative, a recent university graduate, accused him of being ignorant for not believing in evolution.

Mr. Armstrong had never been interested in religion, but he now began a six-month, night-and-day study. Arriving at the Portland Public Library before it opened and leaving at closing time, he honestly studied the Bible and scientific evidence of supernatural creation, and then the founding fathers of evolution, comparing the facts and claims. He exhaustively studied whether the Bible commands Sunday or Saturday worship. As his study progressed, he saw how so many commonly held "Christian" beliefs actually *contradict Scripture*.

Through this study, Mr. Armstrong proved God as Creator and the absolute authority of the Bible. He also proved beyond doubt that the Bible commands seventh-day Sabbath-keeping.

This is an excellent example for us: We must all prove everything for ourselves (1 Thessalonians 5:21).

That intensive, six-month study led Mr. Armstrong to make an all-important decision: to surrender his will to God!

"The opening of my eyes to the truth brought me to the crossroads of my life," he wrote. "To accept it meant to throw in my lot with a class of humble and unpretentious people I had always looked upon as inferior. It meant being cut off from the high and the mighty and the wealthy of this world, to which I had aspired. It meant the final crushing of vanity. It meant a total *change of life!* ... It meant real repentance, for now I saw that I had been breaking God's law. I had been rebelling against God. It meant turning around and going the way of God—the way of His Bible—living according to every word in the Bible, instead of according to the ways of society or the desires of the flesh and of vanity" (*ibid*).

As unlikely as it sounds, this crossroads in Mr. Armstrong's life 100 years ago was a *turning point in history!* Why? Because God was preparing him to lead the Philadelphia era of His work (Revelation 3:7-13) as an end-time type of the Prophet Elijah, one whom God would use to "restore all things" before Christ's Second Coming (Matthew 17:11).

'Restore All Things'

This prophecy from Jesus Christ Himself is crucial to understand. The reason all things had to be *restored* was that for 1,900 years the Church of God had slowly lost the true doctrines of Christ due to persecution and spiritual lethargy.

The fulfillment of this epic prophecy began with God revealing one doctrine, then another. "As this study of the Bible continued, I was forced to come out of the fog of religious Babylon *a single doctrine at a time*," Mr. Armstrong wrote. "It was years later before I came to see the whole picture—to understand God's purpose being worked out here below, and why, and how, He is working it out. Like a jigsaw puzzle, the many single doctrinal parts ultimately fit together, and then, for the first time, the whole picture burst joyfully into view" (ibid).

God was starting to raise a work to reach millions of people and to prepare the Church of God for the return of Jesus Christ!

Thanks to this intensive process, we now have the full picture of God's dazzling master plan. All the puzzle pieces have been joined together through Mr. Armstrong's writings. You can read an eye-opening biblical explanation of many of these restored doctrines in Mr. Armstrong's masterful book *Mystery of the Ages*. We offer this book free of charge, along with all his foundational works, which we won the copyrights to in a court battle. (You can read about our fight to publish these works in our free book *Raising the Ruins*.)

What will you do with God's truth? We need to follow Mr. Armstrong's example of repentance.

Turning Point of Faith

Right at the beginning of his ministry in 1931, Mr. Armstrong had to turn down a salary from the dying Sardis era of God's Church (see Revelation 3:1-6) so he could preach God's truth unhindered. This is a lesson in faith we all need to learn.

He wrote: "As for me and my house,' I then said firmly, 'we shall serve the Eternal our God, and Him only shall we serve. If men pay us a salary—even as small as \$3 per week—we have now learned we must preach *only* what men order us to preach. If we are to work for God, we must look to God as our employer, and trust Him to supply our every material need. And then,' I added, 'if we fail to serve Him as He commands, He will stop our income' ...

"I did not fully realize, then, that this was a *crucial* turning point in the history of the Church of God."

Why such a turning point? Because God had taught Mr. Armstrong that, to do His work, you cannot look to men, even for a little \$3 salary! To do the work of God, you must trust in God.

What a turning point that was! Mr. Armstrong went from \$3 a week, to nothing, to eventually overseeing a work with an annual income of over \$200 million!

"But from that 'all-day wrangle' I was independent of them and their ministers financially," Mr. Armstrong wrote. "From that time I was dependent, *solely*, on God. We did not ask or solicit financial contributions from any except those who voluntarily became financial co-workers with us. And that has been the policy ever since" (emphasis mine).

After that decision, the work began a phenomenal increase of approximately 30 percent per year for the next 35 years! Any company in this world would *love* such explosive growth. It all started with that fundamental lesson: **MR. ARMSTRONG LEARNED TO RELY SOLELY ON GOD.** And he learned that well.

Mr. Armstrong suffered 28 years of poverty while learning that lesson. Before he owned a car, he had to hitchhike from congregation to congregation. What dedication! What faith! I doubt if any other man would have endured the way he did. His whole family suffered along with him. He believed it adversely affected his children. Wouldn't it affect you? It isn't always comfortable to rely solely on God.

Mr. Armstrong was a talented man and could have made a lot of money doing something else—he had proved that. But even when his circumstances got really bad, he remained dedicated to God.

You couldn't take a man out in the world with human vanity and offer him the leadership of a multimillion-dollar business without first trying and testing that man. He would never last! Men would worship the gold, the money, the stature. No—first that man must be tested.

God built the work of the Worldwide Church of God on a foundation of faith. Mr. Armstrong experienced tough trials, but he always remained faithful, and God always delivered him.

Mr. Armstrong's *Autobiography* documents his journey of faith. It recounts the many hours of painstaking prayer and fasting that built the Church. It tells the story of his conversion and constant pursuit of perfection.

His life is the fulfillment of this promise: "Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts" (Zechariah 4:6).

January 16

The spiritual significance of Mr. Armstrong's ministry was clear even during the final years of his life. However, the significance of his *death* was not fully apparent until some time had passed.

The Bible repeatedly draws special attention to the number 40. In the past 40 years, God has continually drawn special attention to Mr. Armstrong's impact by having important events and fulfilled prophecies occur on January 16, the date of Mr. Armstrong's death. I explain this in my free booklet *January 16—God's Miracle Day*.

Throughout his ministry, Mr. Armstrong faced opposition and persecution. Some of the worst came from *within the organization he founded*. But empowered by God, with strong, righteous leadership, he held those forces back and kept the Church and the work of God on track.

When he died, however, that opposition was no longer restrained. Slowly at first, but with increasing momentum, it

began to wreak chaos within the Church of God, changing doctrines and casting truth to the ground.

Perhaps you attended the Worldwide Church of God, or remember hearing Mr. Armstrong on radio or television. Maybe you wondered what happened to the Church he raised up. You need a full answer to that question—and you need to act on it!

After all of Mr. Armstrong's sacrifices over 60 years serving God and all the miracles God performed to bless his faith and his efforts, these satanic leaders destroyed God's work! God calls them thieves, liars and traitors. 2 Thessalonians 2 describes the primary leader as "that man of sin"!

With Mr. Armstrong gone, the man of sin, inspired by the devil himself, was free to operate without restraint.

The next day, January 17, marked the beginning of the Laodicean era of God's Church—an era characterized by spiritual lethargy, prophetic blindness and gross materialism (Revelation 3:14-22).

Satan Cast Down

Revelation 12 prophesies of a war in heaven where great angelic beings fight against the devil and his demons. Here is the outcome of that spiritual war: "[T]he dragon fought and his angels [the fallen angels—the demons], And prevailed not; *neither was their place found any more in heaven*. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which *deceiveth the whole world*: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him" (verses 7-9).

Grasp the full significance of this passage. This says Satan *deceives the whole world!* That means *every human being*. Ephesians 2:2 calls Satan "the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience." 2 Corinthians 4:4 calls him "the god of this world." He is worshiped, unwittingly, by great multitudes of people!

Revelation 12:9 tells us that Satan and his demons, of which there are millions, were cast to the Earth. *When* did this happen? God intends us to *know*, or He wouldn't have given the prophecy.

Here is a detail that shows us the time frame: "Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time" (Revelation 12:12). This occurs when the devil has only a "short time" before Christ deposes him from his rule on Earth.

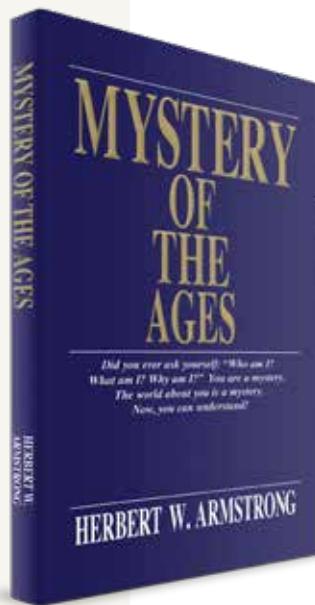
Then verse 13 says, "And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, *he persecuted the woman* which brought forth the man child." This prophecy shows that *as soon as* Satan was cast down, the first thing he did was attack "the woman," a prophetic symbol for God's Church!

Again we see what a decisive turn in history occurred on Jan. 16, 1986: The world entered a profoundly different time!

This book was banned!

We fought a six-year court battle so you could have *Mystery of the Ages*.

Order your free copy to see why it was worth the fight.



Mystery of the Ages

THE LAST BOOK MR. ARMSTRONG wrote was *Mystery of the Ages*. He described it as "the largest and most important book I have ever written." He finished it in May 1985, eight months before his death. It is a magnificent summary of his work—the accumulated knowledge of his entire ministry!

In a September 1985 letter to Church members and co-workers, he wrote, "We want to reach the largest audience possible with this book." From the time it arrived from the printer in September

1985 through the end of that year, an astounding 740,000 requests came in, making it the fastest-moving, most popular book the Church had ever produced.

For a while after Mr. Armstrong died, the Church continued promoting *Mystery of the Ages*, serializing it in the *Plain Truth* and distributing over 1.2 million copies. But that effort didn't last. Doctrinal changes were swift, and by early 1988 the WCG permanently removed the book from circulation and pitched 120,000 warehoused copies in the trash!

I thought more about Mr. Armstrong's goal of distributing *Mystery of the Ages* to "the largest audience possible." That noble, God-inspired effort had lasted only *two years!* In 1996, I realized that we needed to revive that effort.

We printed *Mystery of the Ages* and, in January 1997, began distributing it freely.

Within a month, WCG leaders filed a lawsuit against us for printing the book they had destroyed. This began a legal battle between these two churches that would last six years. It was contentious and dramatic—and though legally it seemed we would lose, God had prophesied that we would win!

Finally, the day came when the WCG sent us a message agreeing to sell us all the copyrights we sought, for exactly what we offered. That afternoon, lawyers from both churches conference called the judge with the news that the terms of a settlement had been reached—effectively ending six years of litigation.

It was Jan. 16, 2003!

Gaining possession of *Mystery of the Ages* and 18 other works by Mr. Armstrong was the greatest victory in PCG history. And God made sure it happened 17 years to the day of Mr. Armstrong's death! What a spectacular miracle.

GERALD FLURRY



We have now lived through 40 years of Satan the devil cast down to Earth. If you are older, think about how much the world has changed! The devil has surcharged the air with his spirit of murder and deception (John 8:44). We need to deeply consider the power of the devil and seek to understand God's solution.

Come and Gone

Through the Prophet Malachi, God foretold this: "Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple ..." (Malachi 3:1). The Bible is clear that this preparatory "messenger" role was fulfilled before Jesus's *first* coming by John the Baptist (Matthew 11:10-11; Luke 7:27-28). However, John was only a *type or forerunner* of a man who would prepare for Christ's return. Malachi's prophecy clearly has an end-time focus, when Christ will appear not as a human being but as a glorified Spirit Being to rule with power! (Malachi 3:2-3).

In a related prophecy, Malachi wrote, "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse" (Malachi 4:5-6).

When Jesus Christ walked the Earth in the first century, He directly referred to and endorsed these prophecies. And He spoke to His disciples explicitly about events and signs that would lead to His glorious return—especially in His most important "Olivet prophecy" (Matthew 24; Mark 13; Luke 21).

Now consider this vital statement from that prophecy: "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; *and then shall the end come*" (Matthew 24:14). Christ was giving His disciples—and us today—a sign of "the end" of the age He was referring to. And what was that sign? The preaching of the true gospel message in all the world.

This sign was fulfilled by the ministry of Herbert W. Armstrong. He was a sign that the Day of the Lord and Christ's return is upon us! The end-time Elijah has come and gone. How much more urgent should we be now, 40 years after his death, to respond to God's message?

Look at the world around you. See how wars and violence are breaking out all over the Earth! Mental derangement in politics and media is widespread. Family dysfunction and breakdown is everywhere. Several Bible prophecies Mr. Armstrong expounded on for decades are being fulfilled before our eyes! These vital warnings are highlighted in our newly updated booklet *He Was Right*.

Fighting for the Legacy

I was a minister in the Worldwide Church of God when Mr. Armstrong died. I was extremely supportive of the new leadership, but soon, I became alarmed by the changes taking place at Church headquarters. I began to search the Bible for answers as to *why* the Church was going astray.

In the spring of 1989, God began to show me the answers. I started work on a manuscript that explained 2 Thessalonians 2 and many other prophecies about the Church's departure from the truth. That manuscript became a little book, titled *Malachi's Message to God's Church Today*.

When Joseph Tkach Jr. found out about *Malachi's Message*, he summoned me and my assistant, John Amos, to Pasadena and fired us—on Dec. 7, 1989.

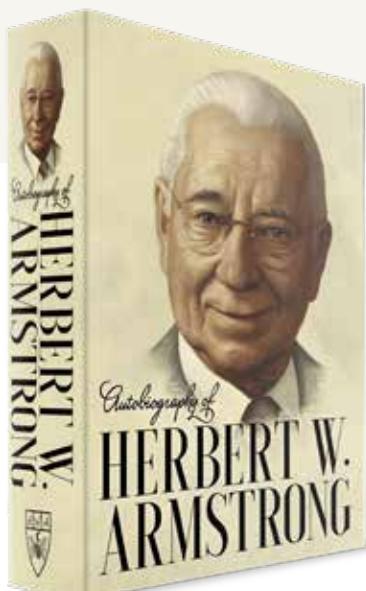
That marked the start of the Philadelphia Church of God (PCG). A group of 12 of us met for our first service the next Sabbath. Then we immediately got to work refining *Malachi's Message*.

This began a fight for the legacy and truths God had restored through Mr. Armstrong. For 36 years now, we have continued that effort.

God wants us to fight for and honor Mr. Armstrong's legacy! This double anniversary—100 years since his mind was opened, and 40 years since his death—gives us the opportunity to consider how this one man changed history. His teachings reveal the true God, and his example of prayer, obedience and faith is a pattern we should strive to emulate.

I know the truths he taught from the Bible can change your life, because they changed mine and the lives of thousands of others. If you have a history with God's Church but are not supporting the continuation of Mr. Armstrong's work, then you need to make some changes. Elijah has come and gone—and time is short.

Stop and think about this—and seek God before it is too late! ■

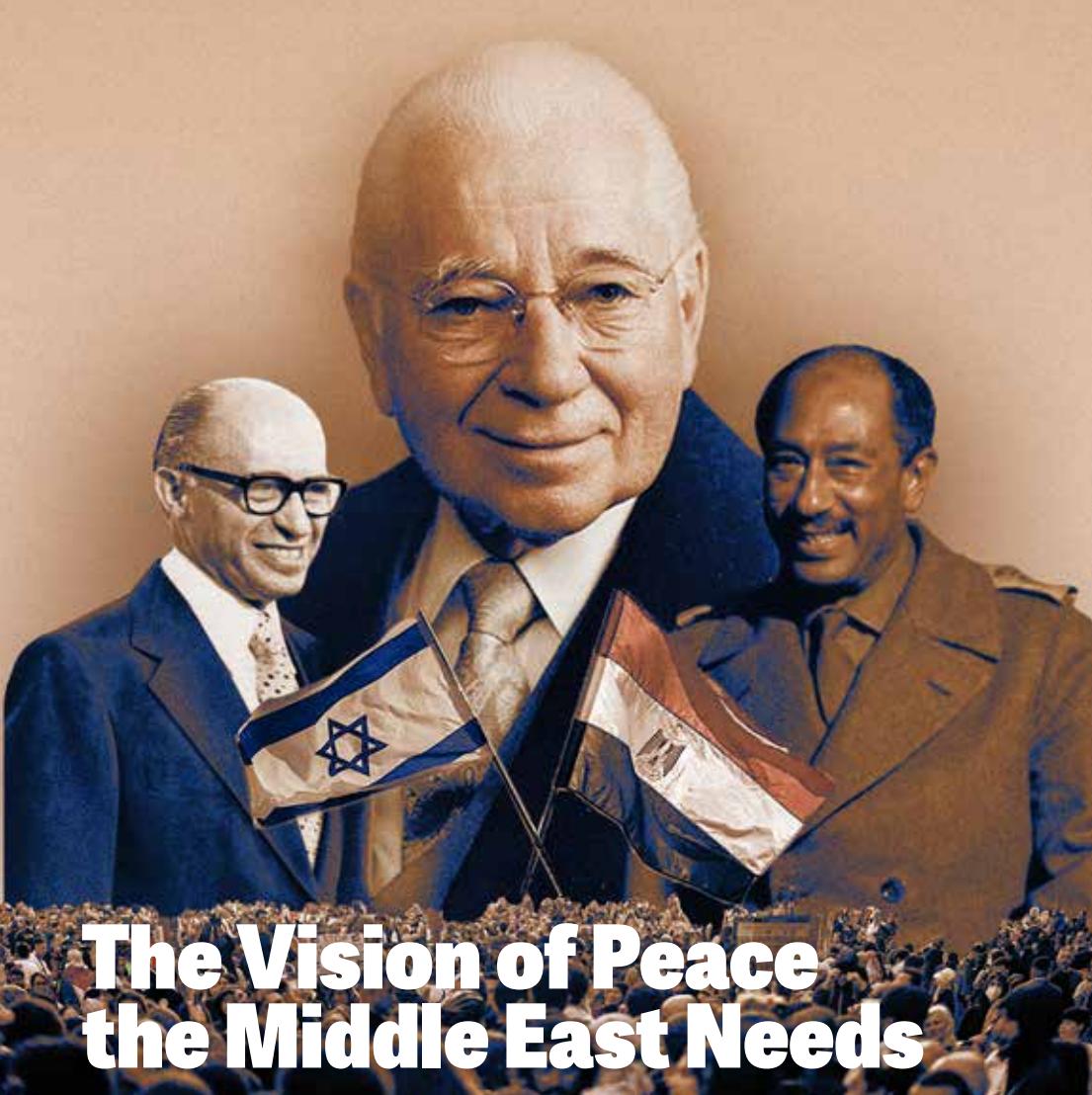


Life lessons for you

This is the life story of a man who had been unusually successful in the world of mammon, with his energy and drive solely directed toward self-gain and status in the business world. What then led him to abandon his entire life goal and become dedicated to the things of God? Why would a man turn his back on material rewards and devote his life not to getting, but to giving? This story, from humble beginnings to

the operation of a worldwide work that served mankind, is one of unparalleled growth. It is the incredible story of something never done before—never done this way—a seemingly impossible achievement utterly unique in the world. Herbert W. Armstrong wrote to you, the reader, "It is my sincere hope and desire that the reader will be helped to a richer, fuller, more abundant life by this autobiography."

Request your free copy of the **Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong**.



The Vision of Peace the Middle East Needs

How can there be peace in this troubled region?

Herbert W. Armstrong showed the way. **BY GERALD FLURRY**

MY PROUDEST LEGACY WILL be that of a peacemaker and unifier," Donald Trump said at his second inauguration. President Trump has probably tried harder than any president in decades to bring peace to this world. Yet no matter how hard he or any other would-be peacemaker tries, the world does not have peace. This has been true of man's quests for peace throughout history.

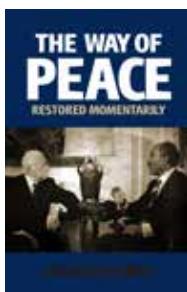
Peace is a noble goal, but if it is pursued the wrong way, that effort achieves the opposite!

There is a hidden cause for why man cannot have peace today. This cause is revealed through one recent example of peacemaking that *did* actually bear fruit.

That example was an effort by President Anwar Sadat of Egypt with the

support of Herbert W. Armstrong, editor in chief of the *Plain Truth*. They did something truly remarkable: momentarily restoring the way of peace for this whole world to see!

Much of this material I originally wrote for my booklet *The Way of Peace Restored Momentarily*. We first published this booklet in 2012, but the principles are even more relevant today.



President and Ambassador

After the Six-Day War of 1967, Israel was built up significantly as a nation and became a nuclear-armed power. But in late 1973, Egypt and Syria, plus many other allies in the Arab world and

beyond, attacked again on Yom Kippur, the most solemn Jewish holy day, when religious Jews go without food and water for 25 hours. The Jews miraculously won this war, but at a high cost. After being caught off guard, Israel suffered 2,691 military casualties among others killed and injured. Though the Jews won, the war shook their national conscience.

President Sadat led Egypt against Israel in that war and was praised by his people for it. In his autobiography, Sadat wrote that Egypt's performance "restored the self-confidence of our armed forces, our people and our Arab nation. It also restored the world's confidence in us, and exploded forever the myth of an invincible Israel."

Then something amazing happened in the mind of this man. He offered *peace* to Israel. He stood up against many of his own people, risking his life, to extend peace to the Jews.

In November 1977, President Sadat went before Israel's lawmakers, showing that he recognized their right to exist as a state. In that landmark Knesset speech, he said, "You would like to live with us in this region of the world, and I tell you in all honesty that we welcome you among us."

In the audience for President Sadat's speech was Israel's prime minister, Menachem Begin. These two men were unique in the history of Arab-Israel relations. And they were both friends of Herbert W. Armstrong.

Mr. Armstrong was known as an "unofficial ambassador for world peace." He visited heads of state all over the world with a message about the true way of peace from the Bible. He not only knew both President Sadat and Prime Minister Begin personally but was also personally involved in this extraordinary situation. He called President Sadat's speech a "genuine peace offer," and he was in a position to know!

Virtually the entire Arab world harbored intense hatred for the Jews. Yet President Sadat traveled right to the heart of the Jewish state to address the Knesset in Jerusalem. Perhaps he didn't fully realize how much hostility that move would create, but from that point forward he was a marked man. He had an ambulance following everywhere he drove because he knew many people wanted to kill him. His trip to Jerusalem triggered assassinations of other Egyptian dignitaries.

Was that not a sacrifice for peace? This man was most unusual. Anwar Sadat became one of a few great leaders in this world. He sacrificed his life for true peace. That is the mark of a great leader!

An Arab leader and a Muslim, President Sadat extended a genuine offer of peace to Prime Minister Begin at great personal risk. In 1978, these two men met at Camp David along with United States President Jimmy Carter—who was of yet another religion—and signed an agreement that kept peace for more than 30 years between Egypt and Israel—two nations that had previously been at each other's throats!

This was a peace plan based on mutual goodwill and sacrifice, and it was endorsed by God's apostle. I'm convinced God was behind it. In fact, I believe God engineered a lot of that to teach this world a lesson.

To understand the true significance of this peace initiative, it's important to fix in our minds the stunning history of the location at the heart of this peace pact: SINAI, THE MOUNTAIN OF GOD!

Where God Came Down

When God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, He brought them through the Red Sea and led them to this mountain through a series of awesome miracles. But of all the miracles He worked, perhaps the most spectacular and earth-shaking was when GOD HIMSELF CAME DOWN TO MOUNT SINAI (Exodus 19:18-20).

What a day! God came down and personally established the nation of Israel. NO NATION HAD EVER HAD SUCH A SPECTACULAR BEGINNING.

Moses, their leader, ascended the mountain and talked with God! (verse 3). Imagine this unique event. This is beyond compare with the beginning of any other nation on Earth!

Islam, Judaism and Christianity all view Moses as a great ancestral prophet. It seems that fact alone should give these three religions some room for agreement and cooperation.

God instructed Moses to tell the Israelites, "Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself. Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: And ye shall be unto me a *kingdom of priests, and an holy nation.*..." (verses 4-6). They were to teach and show the world how to have real *peace*.

Then God gave Israel an unparalleled gift: He spelled out His eternal spiritual law for them. This was a detailed, codified form of law that had existed from the beginning, just like the laws of physics and chemistry. This gift is a spiritual law. If we obey it, it brings dazzling blessings—if we disobey, it exacts a toll on our lives. This law distinguished Israel from every other nation on Earth.

This world views God's law as harsh and oppressive, and people ignore it. Look at the suffering in this world because people won't listen to God! That law gives people security and protection; it helps us avoid sorrow, misery, suffering, violence and death; it makes us happy and joyful!

Mr. Armstrong summed up God's law in his magnum opus, *Mystery of the Ages*: "His law—His way of life—is the way of giving, not getting, which is the way of this world." Further down he elaborated: "[God's] character might be summed up in the one word LOVE, defined as an outflowing, loving concern. It is the way of giving, serving, helping, sharing, not the 'get' way.

"It is the way devoid of coveting, lust and greed, vanity and selfishness, competition, strife, violence and destruction, envy and jealousy, resentment and bitterness.

"God's inherent nature is the way of PEACE, of JUSTICE, MERCY, HAPPINESS and JOY radiating outward toward those He has created!"

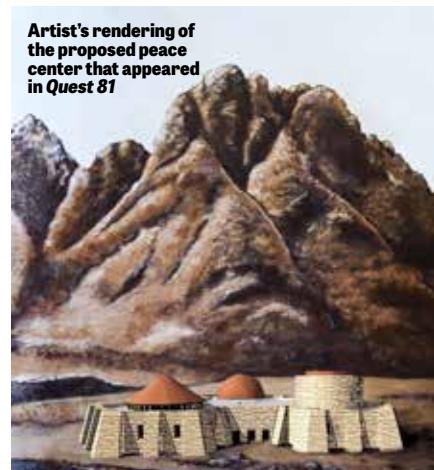
God's law is His way of life codified. He has always lived the way of peace (Psalm 119:165). He wants man to live this way of peace right now.

This is consistent with what Mr. Armstrong saw in the Camp David Accords.

Way of Give

In 1981, Mr. Armstrong wrote about a specific idea Sadat had: "He plans to build at the base of Mount Sinai a WORLD PEACE CENTER, emblematic of PEACE AMONG ALL NATIONS AND RELIGIONS. The concept is unique—a total departure from any previous peace undertaking" (*Quest*, May 1981; emphasis mine). This effort showed these two nations' "extreme willingness to give extraordinary sacrifice in this start toward peace in their region," he wrote. An artist's rendition of the proposed edifice in the magazine showed a church building, a mosque and a synagogue. This was meant to represent peace among the three faiths that claimed a heritage with Abraham and with Moses.

I would say that idea is pointing in the right direction, wouldn't you?



When Mr. Armstrong—God's apostle—heard of Sadat's proposal, he immediately donated \$100,000 as a down payment on a total pledge of \$1 MILLION. God's apostle saw real vision in this project and thought it could point people in the world toward real peace.

I believe this project was special because God's apostle took part in it. What other comparable peace agreement have you ever heard of? This was huge! Mr. Armstrong wanted to encourage President Sadat in these efforts. He was called the ambassador for world peace without portfolio. He really was A MAN OF PEACE. He knew how to have peace! And HE KNEW THAT PRESIDENT SADAT WAS ONTO SOMETHING REALLY BIG IN THIS WORLD. I believe Mr. Armstrong's involvement was God's way of saying, *This is an act of peace by a true peacemaker. You need to support*

him and help him and be a part of this. Leave that, at least, as an example. And what an example Anwar Sadat was, and Mr. Armstrong as well, to the world.

What was this “way of peace” that was taught at Mount Sinai? Mr. Armstrong spent considerable time in his article explaining the ingredient missing in the rest of the world: God’s law, given at Mount Sinai. That law reveals the WAY OF GIVE, which LEADS TO PEACE.

Obviously Mr. Armstrong knew their efforts would not solve the world’s problems and bring world peace. He knew the prophecies: that this world will end violently, and true peace can only be achieved once the Prince of Peace returns. Still, he did all he could to represent peace and to promote peace, and he demonstrated his strong desire that all men work toward that end today.

Menachem Begin and Anwar Sadat made serious sacrifices for this peace. Prime Minister Begin gave up the massive buffer territory of the Sinai Peninsula. And President Sadat gave his life.

A Condemning Example

Satan remembered Sinai too. He hasn’t forgotten, and Anwar Sadat’s peace plan really stirred his hatred. Satan loves the way of war and hates the way of peace. He didn’t want peace to take hold, and he moved quickly to destroy it.

On Oct. 6, 1981, Egypt held its annual victory parade to celebrate Egypt’s crossing of the Suez Canal in the 1973 war. President Sadat was there. He was offered a military escort, but he refused. He said, *No—I don’t need it, and I don’t want it. These are my sons.* His enemies—including members of the Muslim Brotherhood, the very organization getting control of Egypt today—knew this, and they had it all carefully planned. As the Air Force Mirage jets flew very low, making it difficult to hear anything, a group of men led by one of Sadat’s own lieutenants jumped out of a military truck. The lieutenant, rather than saluting his president, threw three grenades at him as the other men fired assault rifles.

Within hours, the wounded Sadat was pronounced dead.

It was all professionally planned and precisely timed. Sadat should have known better, but apparently he didn’t have such loyal sons as he thought.

God allowed Sadat to be killed and that peace center effort to die. If nothing else, this gave the world a condemning example of how it hates the way of peace even on a letter-of-the-law level. What a witness against it!

After Sadat was assassinated, Mr. Armstrong looked to Hosni Mubarak to carry on with the planned peace center and said he would maintain his support for it. But the project broke down. Mubarak didn’t follow up as he should have and as God’s apostle had hoped. Mr. Armstrong believed Mubarak simply may not have been strong enough to carry on as Sadat did.

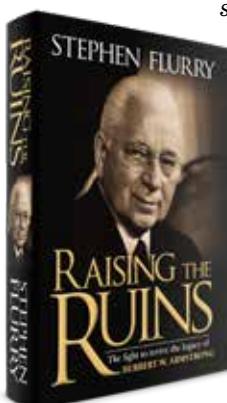
It really does take heroic commitment to sacrifice and giving to bring peace between nations or within a church or family. Anybody can let a marriage or a church fall apart. It takes STRENGTH and POWER to cling to the way of peace! It takes the very strength and power of GOD to sustain that way!

The Way of Peace

Don’t the nations today need peace? Think of the horrors endured by the prisoners Hamas held captive after the Oct. 7, 2023, attack. Soon, all people who aren’t divinely protected in a place of safety are going to live through far worse! The Bible describes a soon-coming global cataclysm as “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: but for the elect’s sake those days shall be shortened” (Matthew 24:21-22).

This world needs real peace. Mr. Armstrong and President Sadat showed the world an example of real peace decades ago. But the world could have more examples of that way of peace today.

The law given at Mount Sinai is the same law God expects His people to obey today (Hebrews



8:10). God wants His obedient people to be a *light* to the world today on how to have REAL PEACE (Matthew 5:14-16). We can live the way of give that was on display with the Camp David Accords.

God showed Mr. Armstrong deeply how to have world peace. That peace must begin in our lives individually. God’s people are about to teach the world the way of peace, so we ourselves must be at peace. We must have peaceful marriages, peaceful families, a peaceful Church—by applying the Ten Commandments God gave on Mount Sinai! We have to set an example for this world of the way of peace.

I truly believe that, for a moment, Mr. Armstrong really did restore the way of peace to this Earth! He knew the way of peace, and he knew and taught about the God of Mount Sinai.

If you bring this God into your life, you will have peace! If all parties look to this God, how can there not be unity and joy?

“And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace” (James 3:18). The English Standard Version says, “And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.” If we are to reap the fruit of righteousness, we must sow in peace. That is exactly what Mr. Armstrong did, and he showed us and the whole world how to do it. The more I consider this example, the more impressed I am.

Mr. Armstrong showed us, and showed the world, the way of peace. Look at the fruits! He brought peace to the Church, and momentarily, he brought it to this world. What an example. We need to follow it the best we can. This is how we qualify to teach the whole world how to have peace—as kings and priests in God’s Kingdom (Revelation 1:6; 5:10).

It won’t be long before he and Mr. Sadat will be together again. This time they will be teaching and practicing the way of peace, and saying, “Oh, how I love God’s law!” What a wonderful time we have to look forward to—and it is almost here. Soon that peace will fill this Earth! ■

What happened to Herbert W. Armstrong’s work?

He showed the way to peace and gave an example for all to follow. But what happened to his work? Order your free copy of *Raising the Ruins* to learn who follows his legacy.



Europeans are dismayed over America's new strategy paper. They shouldn't be. It is handing them the world. **BY RICHARD PALMER**

DONALD TRUMP WANTS TO PROMOTE "European greatness," according to his National Security Strategy published Dec. 4, 2025. This deeply angered European leaders.

When it comes to Europe, "hostility is official White House policy," declared the *New York Times*.

Former Swedish Prime Minister Carl Bildt said it sounded like something "out of some bizarre minds of the Kremlin." Norbert Röttgen, a foreign-policy expert for Germany's ruling Christian Democratic Union, declared: "For the first time since the end of the Second World War, the U.S. no longer stands with Europeans." He said the strategy paper is a "second turning point" for European armament—the first was Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

German Chancellor Friedrich Merz agreed, saying that some of the strategy is "unacceptable for us from a European point of view." As a result, "we in Europe, and therefore also in Germany, must

become much more independent of the United States in security policy."

It's easy to understand why European leaders feel insulted. Europe's leaders are "weak," President Trump told *Politico* after releasing the strategy. They're "destroying their countries ... most European nations, they're decaying." *Politico* asked him if the strategy document was supposed to be "a message of tough love to our allies to push them to make reforms" or if they're "just weak and you don't really want to be allies with them." President Trump replied, "I think they're weak."

No nation wants to get that kind of smackdown from another national leader. Even as he was angering and alienating Europe, President Trump was committing America to supporting a military and cultural transformation in Europe. President Trump's strategy will lead to the Continent's revival as the Holy Roman Empire that Herbert W. Armstrong warned of decades ago.

End of European Civilization?

Europe faces "civilizational erasure," according to the document. It criticizes the "activities of the European Union and other transnational bodies that undermine political liberty and sovereignty, migration policies that are transforming the Continent and creating strife, censorship of free speech and suppression of political opposition, cratering birthrates, and loss of national identities and self-confidence."

This is a legitimate critique. Mass migration is transforming Europe. Birthrates are cratering. Authoritarian censorship is intensifying—all problems the *Trumpet* regularly addresses.

"Should present trends continue, the Continent will be unrecognizable in 20 years or less," the strategy document states. "As such, it is far from obvious whether certain European countries will have economies and militaries strong enough to remain reliable allies."

The assessment is that Europe is actively "attacking" America, turning against American values, and rapidly declining. What is America's response? *Persuade Europe to rearm.*

Make Europe Great Again?

"We want to work with aligned countries that want to restore their former greatness," declares Trump's strategy document. It says America should prioritize "[e]nabling Europe to stand on its own feet ... including by taking primary responsibility for its own defense." Alongside its publication, Pentagon officials told European officials they want Europe to take over most of NATO's conventional defense capabilities by 2027. German defense spending has doubled since 2015 and is on course to more than double again by 2029. But taking over NATO's defense from America will require even more spending.

"The days of the United States propping up the entire world order like Atlas are over," states the document. Instead, U.S. allies should "assume primary responsibility for their regions." European nations are first on that list of allies.

The document asserts a new "Trump Corollary" to the Monroe Doctrine that aims not only to keep foreign powers out of the Americas but also "to ensure that the Western Hemisphere remains

reasonably stable and well governed enough to prevent and discourage mass migration to the United States."

The Obama administration declared the Monroe Doctrine dead. That was a mistake: A U.S. administration that pays close attention to threats in Latin America is desperately needed. But this aspect of the paper reinforces the same "Make Europe Great Again" strategy—by leaving the rest of the world alone.

The *Atlantic* derided President Trump's strategic document as "incoherent babble." They are wrong. It is part of a unified plan: America closely polices North and South America while retreating from the rest of the world. With the Western Hemisphere secure, why should America worry about what happens anywhere else?

This idea of "hemisphere defense" was popular among the original "America First," prewar isolationist movement. The trouble is, it is almost impossible for America to keep a major outside power out of Latin America. Europe, in particular, has deep cultural, religious, linguistic and economic ties to Latin America.

"Hemisphere defense is no defense at all," wrote Nicholas J. Spykman, one of America's greatest thinkers on international relations, at the start of World War II. "The Second World War will be lost or won in Europe and Asia." Had Adolf Hitler conquered Europe, America couldn't have stopped him from gaining a foothold in Latin America and ultimately threatening the U.S. homeland.

Blind to this threat, the Trump administration is encouraging the rise of a new, united European power.

Spirit of the Holy Roman Empire

This strategy paper is about more than a military revival. It says America wants Europe "to regain its civilizational self-confidence." It calls for "unapologetic celebrations of European nations' individual character and history." "America encourages its political allies in Europe to promote this revival of spirit, and the growing influence of patriotic European parties indeed gives cause for great optimism," it states.

But what spirit are they reviving?

Many of the most influential voices on President Trump's foreign-policy team—Vice President JD Vance, Secretary of

State Marco Rubio, former U.S. ambassador to Germany Ric Grenell, even X's Elon Musk—have openly supported the Alternative für Deutschland (AfD).

The AfD also wants "unapologetic celebrations" of German history—all of it. In 2017, then AfD leader Alexander Gauland said, "If the French are rightly proud of their emperor and the Britons of Nelson and Churchill, we have the

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right to be proud of the achievements of the German soldiers in two world wars." The nation needs a "180-degree reversal on the politics of remembrance." "The AfD is the last revolutionary, the last peaceful chance for our fatherland," he said. The crowd responded by chanting, "Deutschland! Deutschland!"

"Historical guilt should no longer determine the way we act," said AfD current coleader Tino Chrupalla.

Those behind America's strategy document would probably reply, *Not THAT history!* They would point people toward past culture, art and sophistication. "Europe is home to cutting-edge scientific research and world-leading cultural institutions," the paper states. *That* is the history America wants revived.

But World War II was not an aberration. Europe's history of art, culture and sophistication is also a history of war, persecution and conquest. Its periods of darkest depravity coincided with some of its most sublime beauty and cultural life.

Those dark times came when Europe was dominated by the Holy Roman Empire, the church-state union that brutally punished dissent.

"About the only thing Americans can seem to think of when it comes to Europe is someone yodeling in the Alps," writes *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry in his booklet *Daniel Unlocks*

Revelation. "They have no idea what the Holy Roman Empire is about—or what that crown is about. They don't know anything about this deadly beast! You can travel all over central Europe and still see some of the opulence of the Habsburgs. The Habsburgs were the sword of the Catholic Church throughout the Middle Ages. They did their killing while supporting artists like Mozart, Bach and Schubert—they were very sophisticated as they slaughtered people."

Charlemagne pioneered this connection between the Holy Roman Empire and the German people. European leaders revere him as an ancestor of their unification project. When former German President Roman Herzog received the Charlemagne Prize in 1997, he stated, "Charlemagne, after whom our prize is named, made his own particular choice: the first unification of Europe. At such an hour the truth must be told: Only by wading through a sea of blood, sweat and tears did he reach his goal."

In 2018, Mr. Flurry warned of the danger in European leaders embracing this history: "Europeans are doing something they have never done since the vile and murderous sixth head: They are publicizing the Holy Roman Empire! They don't publicize what Adolf Hitler did; too many people remember that bloody history. Instead they cloak it in the tradition of Charlemagne. And yet it is the same story! Not as many people died in the First Reich because they didn't have the same military technology then. But it is the same ambition!" ([The Holy Roman Empire Goes Public—Big Time!](https://TheHolyRomanEmpireGoesPublic-BigTime!.theTrumpet.com/17669), [theTrumpet.com/17669](https://TheHolyRomanEmpireGoesPublic-BigTime!.theTrumpet.com/17669)).

Now Donald Trump's America is embracing that same past. Hitler was inspired by it and continued that history. "The imperial crown jewels kept in Vienna, reminders of the old realm splendour, still seem to exercise a magic spell, a pledge of eternal communion," he wrote in *Mein Kampf*. When he conquered Vienna, he took the jewels back to Nuremberg—a tangible sign of the connection between the Third Reich and the First.

Censorship in Europe shows the spirit of the Holy Roman Empire rising. Encouraging Europe to embrace "this revival of spirit" will not create a stable, democratic American ally. Its spirit is antithetical to America's founding values.

Lovers Forever?

President Trump is doing more than just encouraging Europe to revive this history. He is almost forcing it to.

Europe has two choices, explained Geopolitical Futures founder George Friedman: “It can remain as it is, a continent of small nations with long histories of animosity, or it can form a federation, under a single government with a single military, with the nations becoming, to a great extent, self-governing provinces. If they do not hang together, they will surely hang apart. ... If it could somehow overcome its divisions, Europe, united and armed, would be an entity on par with China and the United States” (Dec. 9, 2025).

If Europe wants to survive in this new world, it must unite. If it does, Friedman said, it will rival the United States.

The document assumes that the European power President Trump is helping to create will always remain a loyal American ally. “We will need a strong Europe to help us successfully compete and to work in concert with us to prevent any adversary from dominating Europe,” it states. That “strong Europe” could never itself become an adversary, could it?

Alice Weidel, the AfD’s other coleader, answered that question in an interview with *American Conservative* published Jan. 6, 2025. “[W]hen President Donald Trump demands that Germany must take responsibility for its own security in the future, he should also be clear about the full consequences,” she said. “That we will listen kindly to his concerns ... but that we will make our own decisions and he must accept them, whether he likes them or not.” President Trump should not expect a powerful Europe to simply maintain the American-led world order.

Before Trump’s second term in office, the AfD was a largely anti-American party. *Compact*, a magazine by and for AfD supporters, presents a view of World War II in which Germany is America’s victim. Its special editions include: “Lost Homeland,” describing the “unspeakable suffering” of the 14 million Germans expelled from Eastern Europe after the war and the “martyrdom they had to endure”; “Crimes Against Germans,” about how Germany was victimized during World War II; “Dresden 1945,” about the “Anglo-American bombing terror” and the “mass

murderer” Winston Churchill; “The Death Camps of the Americans,” which accuses Gen. Dwight Eisenhower of carrying out the mass execution of German prisoners of war in 1945.

“The German soldiers fought mostly chivalrously and honorably in the Second World War,” stated *Compact*. The number of criminals was few, and “offenses were usually severely punished by the military justice system.”

President Trump is promoting a movement that fundamentally hates America to give America latitude to retreat and leave this new European power to dominate the world.

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Mr. Flurry wrote in 1995, “Assyria (Germany) has continually throughout history used war as an instrument to pursue their national goals. Their cruelty has been inflicted upon all of this Earth’s nations! So says history and your Bible.

“And now America is acting as if none of this history has even occurred! Our nation is acting like Germany has had a peace-loving history.

“I can understand our leaders ignoring Bible prophecy. But how can you explain their ignoring history? No superpower can do this and survive!” (*Trumpet*, November 1995).

Prophesied Warning

Herbert W. Armstrong, guided by Bible prophecy, sounded the warning about this Holy Roman Empire for decades. In March 1950, he wrote that “10 powerful European nations will combine their forces.” In August 1978, he warned: “The Europeans are far more disturbed about their safety in relying on United States military power to protect them than Americans realize! ... Europeans want their own united military power! They know that a political union of Europe would produce a third major world power, as strong as either the United States or the USSR—possibly stronger!”

Yet the United States has consistently

helped build this power. “Against the common enemy, the USSR, dedicated to conquering and ruling the whole world, Britain and America began fostering ideas of a UNITED EUROPE,” wrote Mr. Armstrong. “Yes, paradoxically, the very Frankenstein monster that prophecy warns is to destroy us has been proposed, encouraged, aided and abetted by both the U.S.A. and Britain!” (*Plain Truth*, September 1961).

As shown in Mr. Armstrong’s book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, the Bible reveals that Britain and America are modern-day descendants of ancient Israel. Biblical prophecy warns that Israel will trust in “lovers”—foreign allies—that will destroy it.

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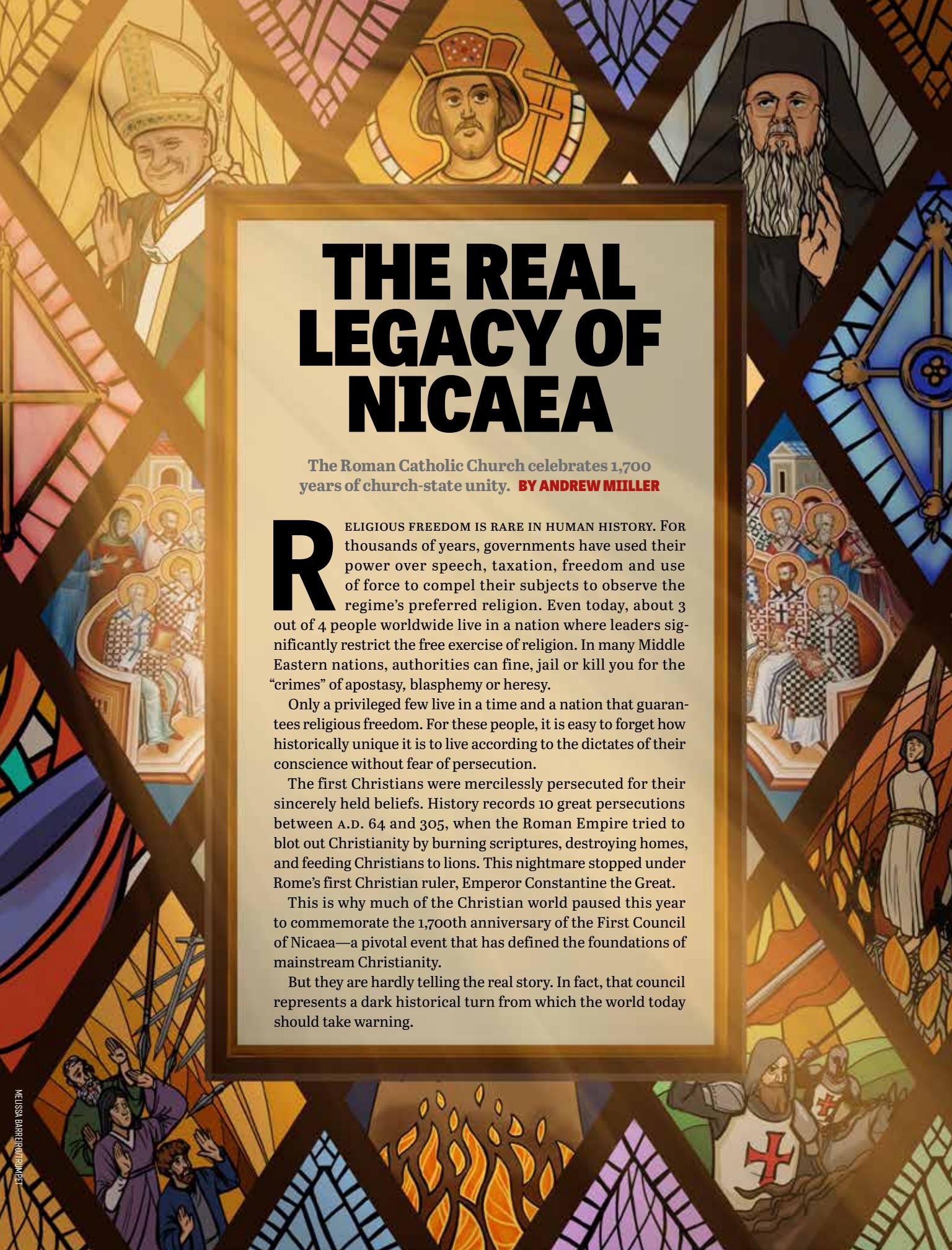
“They give gifts to all whores: but thou givest thy gifts to all thy lovers, and hirtest them, that they may come unto thee on every side for thy whoredom,” God says in Ezekiel 16:33. Could this apply to any nation more than to the modern United States? America has given away some of the most powerful weapons ever created. Yet despite all the favors, these powers are turning against the U.S.

God says *He* is the one ultimately directing this retribution: “All thy lovers have forgotten thee; they seek thee not; for *I have wounded thee* with the wound of an enemy ...” (Jeremiah 30:14). In Ezekiel 16:37, God says, “Behold, therefore *I will gather* all thy lovers, with whom thou hast taken pleasure ... *I will even gather them round about against thee* ...”

Why? God explains in Ezekiel 23:35 that Israel “hast forgotten me, and cast me behind thy back.” We have rejected God. We have not trusted Him for protection, and we seek to rectify that lack of protection by looking to foreign powers. God says that, in the end, this foolish policy will fail.

God’s problem with America’s foreign policy is that America trusts in foreign nations rather than in Him.

Senior figures in the Trump administration have quoted 2 Chronicles 7:14: “If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and



THE REAL LEGACY OF NICAEA

The Roman Catholic Church celebrates 1,700 years of church-state unity. **BY ANDREW MILLER**

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IS RARE IN HUMAN HISTORY. FOR thousands of years, governments have used their power over speech, taxation, freedom and use of force to compel their subjects to observe the regime's preferred religion. Even today, about 3 out of 4 people worldwide live in a nation where leaders significantly restrict the free exercise of religion. In many Middle Eastern nations, authorities can fine, jail or kill you for the "crimes" of apostasy, blasphemy or heresy.

Only a privileged few live in a time and a nation that guarantees religious freedom. For these people, it is easy to forget how historically unique it is to live according to the dictates of their conscience without fear of persecution.

The first Christians were mercilessly persecuted for their sincerely held beliefs. History records 10 great persecutions between A.D. 64 and 305, when the Roman Empire tried to blot out Christianity by burning scriptures, destroying homes, and feeding Christians to lions. This nightmare stopped under Rome's first Christian ruler, Emperor Constantine the Great.

This is why much of the Christian world paused this year to commemorate the 1,700th anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea—a pivotal event that has defined the foundations of mainstream Christianity.

But they are hardly telling the real story. In fact, that council represents a dark historical turn from which the world today should take warning.

Unity

On Nov. 30, 2025, Pope Leo XIV of Rome met in Turkey with Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I of Constantinople to promote Christian unity. At a prayer service at the Patriarchal Church of Saint George in Istanbul, Leo reiterated that despite history's "many misunderstandings and even conflicts" and the challenges of the present in "achieving full communion," Christians must strive for unity and "continue to consider each other as brothers and sisters in Christ and to love one another accordingly."

Days earlier, Leo published a letter titled "On the Unity of Faith," pointing to the Nicene trinity as the solution to divisions between Roman Catholics, Eastern Orthodox adherents and Protestants. In summarizing the history of the Council of Nicaea, Leo noted that as the controversy over the trinity raged between Dr. Arius and Bishop Alexander, "Emperor Constantine realized that the unity of the church, and indeed the empire itself, was in danger. He therefore summoned all the bishops to an ecumenical, or universal, council in Nicaea to restore unity. The synod, known as the 'Synod of the 318 Fathers,' was presided over by the emperor, and the number of bishops gathered together was unprecedented."

The number was indeed unprecedented, but Leo buried the lede. Far more important, and equally unprecedented in the history of Christianity, was the fact that the civil leader of the empire was intervening to force people to agree

to doctrines they did not believe. This was a blow to both freedom and truth.

Pope Leo and Patriarch Bartholomew hope the 1,700th anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea will spur Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant Christians to set aside their differences. Yet this anniversary was not a celebration of religious tolerance. It commemorated a church-state alliance that did not tolerate dissent.

It is important to understand the legacy of Nicaea because the Bible says a revived "Christian" empire will once again martyr the true followers of Jesus Christ.

History of Christianity

Most Christians have a basic understanding of how their faith started. The Gospels tell us that in the 15th year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, John the Baptist came "into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins" (Luke 3:1-3). About six months later, Jesus Christ "came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God" (Mark 1:14). After 3½ years of preaching, Pontius Pilate had Jesus crucified and buried in a tomb near Golgotha for three days and three nights.

Jesus was resurrected from the dead, and 40 days later appeared before "five hundred brethren at once" to prove the miracle (1 Corinthians 15:6). Jesus then ascended into heaven, and 10 days later the Christian Church was founded when 120 of His followers gathered in Jerusalem on Pentecost and received the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:15).

This small group of Christians was initially united in its mission to preach the gospel of the kingdom of God to "every creature" (Mark 16:15). Yet false Christians soon arose. Acts 8 records that the great Samaritan sorcerer Simon tried to buy the Holy Spirit with money. The Apostle Peter rebuked him, and history shows us that Simon responded by appropriating the name of Jesus while suppressing the message Christ taught.

The late Herbert W. Armstrong explained in his book *Mystery of the Ages* (request a free copy) that Simon the Sorcerer "caused a violent controversy to flare up in the early months and years of the Church disputing whether the gospel to be proclaimed was the gospel of Christ, or man's gospel ABOUT Christ. Satan caused the latter to win out, and in less than 20 years a false and counterfeit gospel ABOUT Christ was being proclaimed by all but the persecuted few who loyally remained as the small and persecuted true original Church of God."

That is an astonishing statement, but absolutely true! By the time the original 12 apostles died, Christ's gospel about the coming Kingdom of God had been replaced with a very different message, one that focused on Jesus Himself. This new gospel soon splintered into dozens of competing gospels as Christians argued over what type of being Jesus was.

In a 1979 *World Tomorrow* program, Mr. Armstrong estimated that over 50 different "Christian" sects and denominations sprang up within the first two centuries

of Jesus's death and resurrection. Some Ebionites believed

Pope Leo's Olive Branch

POPE LEO XIV MADE A HISTORIC CONCESSION WHEN HE JOINED Orthodox, Oriental Orthodox and Protestant leaders in Iznik, Turkey, on Nov. 28, 2025.

The meeting commemorated the 1,700th anniversary of the First Ecumenical Council, the momentous meeting in A.D. 325 that established governmental involvement in Christian doctrine and changed the Western world forever.

In a landmark development, the heads of 27 churches recited the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed in English. They did not include the "Filioque clause" added by the Roman Catholic Church in 1014. This seemingly small linguistic change could herald the beginning of a major religious revolution.

It took two councils—the First Council of Nicaea (A.D. 325) and the First Council of Constantinople (381)—for the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches to agree that they believed "in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, who proceeds from



Pope Leo and Patriarch Bartholomew mark 1,700 years since the Council of Nicaea.

the Father; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. In one holy, Catholic and apostolic church."

Yet centuries later, Pope Benedict VIII added the Filioque clause to the creed, a Latin phrase meaning "and the Son." This addition was meant to emphasize the Roman Catholic belief that the Holy Spirit proceeds jointly from the Father and the Son rather than from the Father alone.

The Eastern Orthodox rejected this addition, and it was a major contributing factor to the Great Schism of 1054. The fact that the current leader of the Catholic Church is willing to recite the creed without this clause is a major olive branch to the Eastern Orthodox churches.

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Jesus was a mere human, the natural son of Joseph and Mary, who perfectly obeyed the Jewish law and was “adopted” as the Son of God. Docetists believed Jesus was a Spirit Being who only manifested Himself as a mortal man, and therefore it was impossible for Him to sin or experience pain. Valentinians allegedly believed Jesus had a spiritual twin sister named Sophia, who became the third person in a holy trinity. Sabellians argued that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit were not three distinct persons but different manifestations of the same divine being. Other groups like the Marcionites said Jesus came to free the world from the tyrannical God of the Old Testament.

It is hard to overstate the amount of religious confusion that cropped up during the three centuries after Jesus Christ’s ministry. The differences in beliefs among those calling themselves Christian were so vast and so contentious that doctrinal differences among Catholics, Orthodox, Lutherans and Baptists pale by comparison! To help solve doctrinal disagreement, some Christians, who were highly educated in the teachings of the Greek philosopher Plato, founded the Catechetical School in Alexandria, Egypt. Here, philosophers like Clement and Origen taught that God is actually one God in three co-eternal persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Yet they relied far more on Plato than on the Bible.

Enforced Unity

The conflicts between these “Christian” beliefs, however, did not keep the number of people professing the name of Jesus Christ from multiplying. By A.D. 300, about 6 million “Christians” lived in the Roman Empire.

Emperor Diocletian, who ruled from A.D. 284 to 305, failed to extinguish Christianity, so his successors began to tolerate Christian beliefs. In A.D. 313, Emperor Constantine I issued the Edict of Milan, a promise to treat Christians with tolerance—“so that we might grant to the Christians and to all others full authority to observe that religion which each preferred; whence any divinity whatsoever in the seat of the heavens may be propitious and kindly disposed to us and all who are placed under our rule.”

Before this point, Constantine had worshipped the Syrian sun god Sol Invictus.

Yet he recognized Diocletian’s persecution strategy was not working and sought peace with the growing religion. Though he would not be baptized for more than 25 years, he professed his faith in Christianity before Bishop Miltiades of Rome.

Around this time, a religious dispute broke out in Alexandria, Egypt, the second-largest city in the Roman Empire. Patriarch Alexander I of Alexandria delivered a sermon about the similarity of the Son to the Father, and a local priest named Arius publicly accused him of being one of the Sabellians, who believed that the Father, Son and Spirit were different manifestations of the same divine being. Arius cited the Gospel of John, which clearly establishes that God and the Word are different beings (John 1:1), and reasoned that God the Father must have created the Word sometime before time began. Many people supported Arius. The religious dispute in Alexandria soon grew so intense that riots broke out over the controversy. Emperor Constantine became concerned.

The emperor sent a letter to Alexander and Arius demanding that they settle their dispute. The church in Alexandria responded that it was “settled”—it had excommunicated Arius and his supporters. This prompted Constantine to summon a council on May 20, A.D. 325, the first-ever such governmental meeting to pressure Christian factions toward unity.

Tradition says that 318 bishops gathered in the Bithynian city of Nicaea to hear Arius’s case, less than 20 percent of the approximately 1,800 bishops in the Roman Empire. About 22 of these bishops, led by Eusebius of Nicomedia, came to support Arius. The debate was heated. Tradition states that during an argument, Nicolas of Myrna punched Arius in the face. After a month, under an imperial mandate to come to an agreement one way or another, all but two bishops condemned Arius as a heretic. These two—Theonas of Marmarica and Secundus of Ptolemais—were exiled.

The Council of Nicaea produced a creed stating that God is one divine being who exists as three co-equal and co-eternal persons. This satisfied Constantine and the civil government’s requirement that one “official” belief be adopted. The council also decreed that Easter would be observed on the first Sunday after the

first full moon following the vernal equinox. The Church of Rome had observed Easter Sunday since the days of Pope Sixtus I (A.D. 115–125), but disputes over which Sunday should be kept had arisen.

Perhaps the biggest decision settled at Nicaea, however, was that *the Roman emperor now had authority to enforce doctrine*. This was the original unification of church and state. The intermingling of governmental power and worship involving Jesus Christ would change world history for 17 centuries to come!

“Imagine a political ruler establishing law and doctrine in the Church,” *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry writes in *The True History of God’s True Church*. “There is no way such a satanic work could be done in God’s true Church! It was from this discussion that the doctrine of the trinity as many churches understand it today was finally formalized—*three centuries after Jesus Christ’s ministry!* ... That is the way Satan works: Once he takes away someone’s understanding of the gospel and the Family of God, he can deceive them all the more. ...

“This was a turning point in the history of the world! And it all began with Constantine and the *Council of Nicaea*. ... Constantine personally and actively championed the military operation to eradicate Passover-keepers, whether they were in God’s true Church or worldly churches.” (Request a free copy of this book.)

This is bloody history that many Catholics and most Christians are unfamiliar with. In Revelation 2:10, God tells the Smyrna era of His Church, “[Y]e shall have tribulation ten days.” Applying the day-for-a-year principle often found in prophecy (Numbers 14:34; Ezekiel 4:4–6), this refers to 10 years of persecution after Nicaea.

Great False Church

Emperor Constantine started the process of using state power to force Christians to accept state-sanctioned doctrine, starting with the trinity. The Catholic Church, which began in the early second century, looked to the emperor to enforce more doctrines. In A.D. 364, the Council of Laodicea forbade Christians from observing the seventh-day Sabbath and commanded them to work on that day and honor Sunday instead.

The laws became so strict that no man could hold a job or engage in business unless he worked on Saturday and rested on Sunday. Most Christians gave up trying to keep the Sabbath. Those who clung to it fled the emperor as Christians in league with the government became as tyrannical as the pagan emperors of old.

After the ancient Roman Empire morphed into the medieval Holy Roman Empire, the Catholic Church-influenced government stopped banishing those they deemed Christian heretics and started killing them.

In 1487, Pope Innocent VIII issued a Bull of Extermination against Christians known as the Waldensians, many of whom were Sabbath-keepers. The fruits prove that Emperor Constantine's decision to start enforcing religious doctrine established the great false church—just as the Apostle John had prophesied in Revelation 17:1-6. Bible prophecy uses a woman to symbolize a church and a beast to represent a human government. This passage prophesied that a false Church would guide a human government to kill true Christians and dictate false doctrines.

The first Christian Church in history to persecute other Christians was the church empowered as the official imperial religion by Emperor Constantine the Great. This Great Nicaean Church has since splintered into thousands of Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant denominations. Christian leaders are using the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea to call for religious unity among all the trinitarians who consider Constantine a true Christian. Yet those who look nostalgically at Nicaea have some hard questions to answer.

The Apostle Paul said his goal was to present the true Church as a “chaste virgin to Christ” (2 Corinthians 11:2). The church of Revelation 17 is described as a “great whore” and a “mother of harlots.” Why is this false church described this way? Because her mixing of religion, policy, banishment and execution equates to spiritual fornication with the “kings of the earth.” This false Church looks to human leaders like a whore to her clients. True Christians look to their real husband, Jesus Christ.

Only the Great Nicaean Church, with its church-state alliance, its protesting

daughter churches, and its pagan doctrines, fits the description of the “great whore” of Revelation 17. All the Orthodox and Protestant denominations that have split from Rome and involved themselves with various governments to various degrees fit the description of Rome's harlot daughters.

The one true Church is a Sabbath-keeping Church that never took part in the First Council of Nicaea. It heeded the Apostle John's admonition to come out of Babylon—“that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues” (Revelation 18:4). This Church has taken advantage of the fact that the United States offers freedom of religion. It has never committed spiritual fornication by forging an alliance with any of “the kings of the earth.”

Resurrected Kingdom

The Catholic Church is misrepresenting the real legacy of Nicaea in its attempt to entice more churches to seek full communion with Rome. “The Council of Nicaea took place at a time when Christianity had not yet been divided by so many subsequent schisms,” Cardinal Kurt Koch, prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity, said in 2025. “[I]ts creed is therefore shared by all Christian churches and ecclesial communities, uniting them in a common confession to this day. Its ecumenical importance cannot be underestimated.”

This is not true. The Council of Nicaea did not take place at a time when Christianity was more united. Rather, it was the Council of Nicaea that united Christendom around a state-sponsored brand of Christianity and revolutionized Christian and political history.

This is troubling history that the Bible warns is about to be repeated. A companion prophecy to Revelation 17 is found in Isaiah 47, in which the “daughter of Babylon” says, “I am, and none else beside me; I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children” (verse 8).

As Herbert W. Armstrong repeatedly identified in the *Plain Truth* magazine, this passage describes a church that has protesting daughter churches. This church wants to bring these daughter churches back under its authority. To do this, the church ceases being a widow

and revives her illicit relationship with the Roman Empire.

Pope Leo and Patriarch Bartholomew are using the anniversary of Nicaea to stir up a false nostalgia and a desire for unity through compromise. Mr. Flurry wrote in 2007, “Indeed, biblical prophecy indicates that *full unity* will not be achieved purely voluntarily. At a certain point, the mother church will abandon its efforts to woo her daughters back by flatteries and instead revert to the age-old method of preserving ‘Christian’ unity by exerting physical force” (*Trumpet*, May 2007).

Revelation 13:17 says a time is coming when “no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.” Just as Constantine exiled Christians from the Roman Empire if they refused to adhere to the doctrines of the state-endorsed church, a coming revived Holy Roman Empire will ban Christians from participating in the world economy if they refuse to obey the state-endorsed church.

It is becoming more and more crucial to know what the Bible says, who God really is, who Jesus Christ really is, what the true doctrines are, and where the true Church is.

When Jesus Christ's disciples asked Him for a sign of His Second Coming to establish the Kingdom of God, He answered: “Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. ... Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake” (Matthew 24:4-5, 9).

Jesus Himself specifically prophesied not only of false religions but false Christians, false Christs and false churches. Read the Gospels, and you will realize that whatever churches ally with the state to enforce their religious doctrines and increase their power are not God's one true Church. Jesus prophesied that His true Church will not be a powerful influence on a government—but will be persecuted just before His return.

Based on these prophecies, we can know that an assault on religious freedom will continue and intensify—not only in the Middle East but in every nation. The Holy Roman Empire is about to be revived one last time!

Why the Mystery of the Trinity Is So Inscrutable

It wasn't settled doctrine until A.D. 381, and it still defies explanation. **BY STEPHEN FLURRY**

HAVE YOU NOTICED THAT MORE PEOPLE are talking about God? Here in America, people at school, at work, in public places and in high office are talking more openly about good, evil, "spiritual war," Satan, Jesus and God.

But who is God?

Nothing could be more important to your faith, to your life, than *who God is*. Yet Christians disagree on this fundamental question.

In America and beyond, the largest churches teach the trinity: one God essence—yet three distinct persons—yet only one being.

Is this who God is?

Many people who believe this doctrine admit they don't understand it. Many more who consider themselves Christians believe things that conflict with it. For example, many believe that God is an eternal divine being who at some point created a lesser divine being, who became Jesus Christ. Others have differing beliefs about God and Christ.

Are these millions worshiping the God revealed in the Holy Bible? Are you?

Don't Look for 'Trinity' in the Bible

Only one teaching about who God is can be true. Many Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant priests and preachers assert that God is a trinity—and those who don't believe this mysterious doctrine are *not actually Christian*.

Is the Christian God, the God of the Bible, a trinity?

The early history of Christianity, including the controversies addressed at the A.D. 325 Council of Nicaea (article, page 11) show, if nothing else, that the trinity was not settled doctrine. The very purpose of Nicaea was to apply civil and political pressure to a Christian dispute over who God is.

"It is difficult in the second half of the 20th century to offer a clear, objective and straightforward account of the revelation, doctrinal evolution and the theological elaboration of the mystery of the trinity. Trinitarian discussion, Roman Catholic as well as other, presents a somewhat unsteady silhouette."

—New Catholic Encyclopedia

"The word *trinity* is not used anywhere in the Bible," Herbert W. Armstrong wrote in *Mystery of the Ages* Chapter 1, "Who and What Is God?" "I am going to make completely clear, as we proceed, God has not limited Himself to a 'trinity.' The surprising truth, once understood, is the most wonderful revelation the human mind could receive or contain! The very first idea or teaching about God being a trinity began in the latter half of the second century—a hundred years after most of the New Testament had been written."

Other government-ordered councils, such as the A.D. 381 Council of

Constantinople, established the trinity as official doctrine.

But it did not establish it as truth.

The true teaching about who God is matches what Jesus Christ Himself taught and what His disciples taught and canonized in the Bible.

So what does the Bible teach about who God is?

Encyclopedia Britannica notes, "Neither the word *trinity* nor the explicit doctrine appears in the New Testament." The *International Standard Bible Encyclopedia* says, "The term *trinity* is not a biblical term, and we are not using biblical language when we define what is expressed by it as the doctrine."

There is one passage that trinitarians use to support the doctrine. The King James translation of 1 John 5:7-8 states, "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one."

Look up the same passage in the New Living Translation, New International Version, Revised Standard Version, the Moffatt translation and many other versions and you will see something like this: "For there are three that testify: the Spirit, the water, and the blood—and all three agree." A great chunk is missing. Why? Because everything else was inserted by Catholic writers.

What, then, do the (unaltered)

scriptures of the Gospels teach about God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit?

What Is the Holy Spirit?

Before looking at what the Bible establishes about the relationship between God and Jesus Christ, consider what it says about the Holy Spirit.

The Catholic-originated trinity asserts that the Holy Spirit is a person, the third member of this triad. The Bible never says the Holy Spirit is the third member of the being that is God. In fact, it never says that the Holy Spirit is a person or being at all. Luke 1:35 defines the Holy Spirit as not a person but a power—the power of God. “The Holy [Spirit] shall come upon thee,” the angel told Mary, “and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee....”

The Holy Spirit is the impersonal power of God.

Asserting that the Holy Spirit is a person causes major confusion over Christ’s birth. Matthew writes that Mary “was found with child of the Holy [Spirit]” (Matthew 1:18). If the Holy Spirit were a person, then Jesus Christ’s father would be the Holy Spirit, not the Father. But read what Jesus said (about 190 times in the Gospels and Revelation) and emphasized about His Father. He was focused on His actual Father, not the Holy Spirit.

In Ephesians 1:13-14, Paul writes that this Spirit is the “earnest [down payment] of our inheritance.” In Acts 1:5, Christ tells the disciples that they would soon be “baptized with [immersed into] the Holy Spirit.” Acts 2:4 describes them being “filled with the Holy [Spirit].” Acts 10:45 says it was “poured out” over the Gentiles. Luke 11:13 states that God will give that Spirit to all who ask Him. These verses are describing not a person but a power.

John 3:34 says Christ had the Holy Spirit without measure. This makes no sense if the Holy Spirit is a person.

1 Corinthians 2:11 contrasts the Holy Spirit with “the spirit in man”: “For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.” This and other passages show that the human brain,

unlike animal brains, is empowered by a spirit. This is what enables him to understand “the things of a man.” But the human spirit within you is not a different, distinct being.

God uses His Spirit to create, to perform miracles and to reveal the things of God—the plan of God, the potential for man and, yes, the very nature of God. In fact, you cannot understand the nature of God without His Spirit (see verses 10-14).

The Holy Spirit is often referred to as “he” in the Scriptures (e.g. John 14:17) and sometimes referred to as “it” (e.g. Acts 2:2-4). This is because the Greek

Read 1 Corinthians 1:3, 2 Corinthians 1:2, the greetings in all of Paul’s epistles: Romans, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 and 2 Thessalonians, 1 and 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon and Hebrews. In 14 books, Paul did not once mention the Holy Spirit in his greetings in the name of the Father and the Son. This is more scriptural evidence that the concept of the Holy Spirit as a coequal member of a triune godhead was invented after the Bible was written.

Out of all 14 books Paul wrote, only one verse lists God the Father, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit together:

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy [Spirit], be with you all. Amen” (2 Corinthians 13:14). In that closing sentence of Paul’s letter, the Holy Spirit is only mentioned in the context of *communion*, or fellowship—not as a third, distinct being.

Those claiming the Bible supports the trinity constantly quote the one place where Paul mentions Christ, God and the Holy Spirit, and ignore all the many times he leaves it out.

In 1 Timothy 2:5, he writes, “For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.” God gives true Christians His Holy Spirit, which is inside our minds, yet it is not the “one mediator”—Christ is. This is because the Holy Spirit is a power and not a person.

In Romans 8:17, Paul did not mention the Holy Spirit when he wrote: “And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.” 1 Corinthians 11:3 reads, “But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.” The Holy Spirit is not mentioned.

Paul also wrote that Christ sits at the right hand of God on God’s throne (Colossians 3:1; Revelation 3:21).

The Father and the Son!

If you accept the Bible as the authority on who God is, you recognize that the Holy Spirit is not a being or part of a being. The Father is a Being, and the

GOD OF THE BIBLE

Trace the teachings of Christianity back, generation by generation, and you will find that Protestantism and, before it, Catholicism, incorporated many human, philosophical and even pagan ideas into doctrines from the Bible. Catholicism proved adept at blending politics and culture, pagan and otherwise, with belief in God and Jesus Christ.

What is the authority for defining who God is? Is it the Catholic fathers, the current Catholic leader, Protestant consensus, or your own ideas? The ultimate and only authority for who God is must be the divine book that reveals Him in the first place: the Holy Bible.

language used in the original New Testament assigns even inanimate objects as masculine, feminine or neuter. The Greek word translated “comforter” is masculine, and this led some translators to refer to the Holy Spirit as “he.” The German word for *garden* has a masculine gender, but that doesn’t mean that a garden is an individual. The Hebrew word for Spirit is usually given a feminine form, yet this clearly does not mean that the Holy Spirit is a female. The Holy Spirit is the power of God.

Paul’s Teachings

“And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy [Spirit], it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come” (Matthew 12:32). Despite these clear instructions concerning the Holy Spirit, the Apostle Paul failed to even mention it in *any* of the greetings in his letters, yet he always mentioned God the Father and Jesus Christ the Son.

Son is a Being. Both are God, both are eternal, and both are love (John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:12-17; 1 John 4:16).

Search the word *father* in a Bible aid, and you will be overwhelmed by the number of times Jesus Christ said it and the inspiring context and meaning of each time He said His name!

If you set aside the traditions, philosophies, compromises and ideas of men, the truth about who God is begins to become wonderfully and dazzlingly clear. God is not a one-in-three, three-in-one mysterious hypostasis.

God is a Family.

GOD OF OBSCURITY

The Catholic Catechism states that the trinity "is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the 'hierarchy of the truths of faith.'" It is accepted by almost all of her protesting daughter churches.

The Catholic Church teaches that the trinity is a mystery, "infinitely beyond all that we can humanly understand." In *A Handbook of Christian Truth*, Harold Lindsell and Charles J. Woodbridge wrote, "The mind of man cannot fully understand the mystery of the trinity. He who would try to understand the mystery fully will lose his mind. But he who would deny the trinity *will lose his soul.*"

God is not merely "like" a father to Jesus Christ: He is literally His Father! This is one of the main teachings Jesus proclaimed, from the beginning of Matthew to the end of Revelation. This is why He prayed, passionately, to the Father. This is why everything is done by the Father and the Son. It's part of the reason God made man and that a God *became* a man.

Because God is opening His Family to *man*. "In other words," Mr. Armstrong wrote, "God is now a family of Persons, composed so far of only the two—God the Father and Christ the Son. But if the Holy Spirit of God dwells in someone, and he is being led by God's Spirit, then (Romans 8:14) he is a begotten son of God. But at the time of Christ's return to Earth in supreme power and glory to set up the Kingdom of God, restoring the government of God abolished by Lucifer, then all beings filled and led by God's Spirit shall become born sons of God. The God Family will then rule all nations

with the government of God restored!" (*Mystery of the Ages*).

Some may claim this is blasphemy, but look at what the Bible says: "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:1-2). Hebrews 2:10 describes God "bringing many sons unto glory."

Philippians 3:21 says that Christ "shall change our vile body, that it may be fas-

ioned like unto his glorious body" Genesis 1:26, Colossians 1 and many other scriptures draw the connection between what God looks like and what human beings look like. Unlike animals or even angels, we are created "in the image of God"!

Romans 8:19-21 show that this is the entire purpose of God's plan: The whole universe is waiting for God's sons to be born again as God beings.

This gospel message about God's Family is found throughout the Bible. It doesn't talk about the "trinity." Instead, the Bible is full of words like *Father, Son, marriage* and *bride*—family words.

God isn't a mysterious triad that we cannot understand!

He wants us to understand who He is. He created marriage and family to teach us about the nature of God and the God Family.

If you have never heard this truth before, *the reason is the trinity*. Jesus Christ taught this truth about the God Family as part of the true gospel. The apostles preached it, and God's true Church teaches it. This truth is the truth of the Bible, but the trinity destroys it.

This crucial subject is much too important to ignore or to decide on without studying the Bible. You need to understand *who God is*. For guidance on where to look in the Bible for the scriptures revealing the truth, request a free copy of *God Is a Family* as well as Herbert W. Armstrong's *Mystery of the Ages*. ■

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will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." They are right: This verse applies to America. God promises to protect us. But that protection has conditions. It requires the nation to "turn from their wicked ways," a part of the verse often left out.

Instead, we trust foreign powers. Mr. Armstrong explained that in doing so we violate the first and great commandment: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind" (Matthew 22:37). He said in a *World Tomorrow* broadcast in the 1980s: "We violate that as a nation. Now I don't think we realize we are doing it—I don't think we do at all. I think we sincerely think—we've just kidded ourselves into thinking, we've been deceived into believing—that we are really relying on God. But then you know, we think that God is sort of a myth, and He's far off. Maybe He is not real? And maybe He couldn't really help us? So we must depend on something that is real. We must depend on something that we can see. And so now we are so afraid of Russia that the United States government feels that it must take what we call a 'calculated risk' ... and try to build up Germany and Central Europe against Russia."

The U.S. *built* modern Europe. The Continent's prosperity and security rest on American foundations. Yet now it is turning against America—exactly as the Bible warns.

The National Security Strategy document *America needs* would declare God's protection as the only sure defense. It would urge the nation toward humble repentance and obedience to God's law to secure that protection.

Such a document would be met with even more scorn and ridicule than the one the Trump administration released in December—but it is America's only path to security. God is empowering this empire within Europe to teach America, and the world, that lesson. ■

The next world empire is coming

Bible prophecy reveals that Germany will lead a destructive new empire. Study these prophecies in our free booklet *Germany and the Holy Roman Empire*.

HE WAS RIGHT ABOUT ...

A survey of some of Herbert W. Armstrong's most prescient forecasts based on Bible prophecy

GERMANY WILL LEAD

The rise of a united, European superpower—first as an economic union, then as a political and military power—was one of Mr. Armstrong's key forecasts. As Germany lay in ruins in 1945, Mr. Armstrong warned that the defeated power would "come back" as part of "a European Union."

MARCH 1950 European nations are becoming "distrustful of America and thinking more and more about uniting themselves into a united states of Europe."

MAY 1953 "Germany is the economic and military heart of Europe. Without Germany such a federation of nations is impossible."

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 1954 "[B]ehold the spectacle of Washington and London making every possible diplomatic effort, backed by American dollars, to do two things: Create a united states of Europe, and to rearm Germany. ... Germany inevitably [will] emerge as the leader of a united Europe."

Now, a German-led Europe is here—and America is actively encouraging it.

Telegraph, Nov. 2, 2025

"Germany Is Arming Itself to the Teeth to Transform Europe Again"

Politico, Nov. 12, 2025

"Germany's Rearmament Upends Europe's Power Balance"

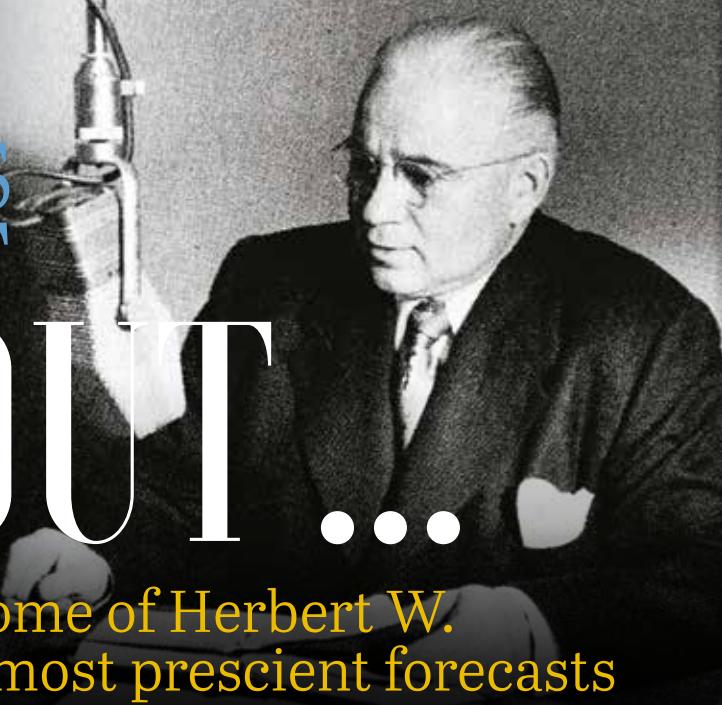
Times, Nov. 19, 2025

"Trump 'Wants Germany to Take Command of NATO in Europe'"

Atlantic, Dec. 1, 2025

"The New German War Machine"

"The cry of a political union in Europe will get louder, and before long we will see the Common Market develop into a United States of Europe."



The Reichstag glows in Berlin, to where Germany returned its capital after reuniting in 1989.

THE IRON CURTAIN WILL FALL

One clear, specific, fulfilled prophecy Heribert W. Armstrong gave was that Eastern Europe would free itself from communism and join Western Europe.

OCTOBER 1951 "[I]t is prophesied, some of these Balkan nations are yet to throw off the Soviet yoke and realign themselves with the pope!" The Catholic Church will play a major role: "Do not underrate or sell short Catholic power, strategy, and resourcefulness!"

APRIL 1952 "Russia may give East Germany back to the Germans and will be forced to relinquish her control over Hungary, Czechoslovakia and parts of Austria to complete the 10-nation union."

1955 "[S]ome of the Balkan nations are going to tear away from behind the Iron Curtain. ... Russia probably will lose still more of her Eastern European satellites."

JANUARY 1957 "When the right psychological moment arrives, a

CHURCH RETURNING TO THE FOLD

From the early 1930s, Herbert Armstrong forecast that Catholics, Protestants and Orthodox Christians would unite under the Vatican.

OCTOBER 1961 "The pope will step in as the supreme unifying authority—the only one that can finally unite the differing nations of Europe. The iron jurisdiction



Anglican Archbishop Rowan Williams kneels before Pope John Paul II in 2003.

over both schools and religion will be turned over to the Roman Catholic Church. Europe will go Roman Catholic! Protestantism will be absorbed into the 'mother' church—and totally abolished."

NOVEMBER 1963 "The final—albeit short-lived—triumph of Catholicism is recorded in literally dozens of Bible prophecies ... The mighty problem of achieving unity is twofold. First, it involves reconciliation of the Orthodox Schism that officially commenced in 1054 and divided the churches in the East Second, it involves restoration to the Roman Communion all Protestantism which developed from 1517 onward."



Dismantling the Iron Curtain in 1989

ERIC BOUVET/GAMMA-RAPHO VIA GETTY IMAGES

number of these [East European] nations will break away from Moscow”

FEBRUARY 1972 “One of the biggest roles desired by the Vatican is that of mediator between East and West. ... The Vatican, you can be sure, will continue to do its part in courting the Eastern European countries.”

By 2007, every single nation that Mr. Armstrong had predicted would join the European unification project—**Austria, Poland, Hungary and Romania**—had become an EU member. By 2014, every nation that had emerged out of **Yugoslavia** was either an EU member or under Europe’s control. These are the exact nations that Mr. Armstrong said would join this European power.

Irish Independent, Dec. 13, 2002
“EU Leaders Make History as 10 Nations to Join Club”

Financial Times, May 8, 2009
“EU Teams Up With Ex-Communist States”

At the time, such reconciliation seemed impossible. But today, some *nine decades* after Mr. Armstrong first broke that news to the world, we see the **Anglican Church** and Rome’s other **Protestant** daughters returning to the fold. And we see the **Orthodox Schism** being rapidly repaired.

Catholic Culture, Oct. 18, 2024
“The Reformation Is Over”

Vatican News, June 28, 2025
“Pope Reaffirms Commitment to Full Communion With Orthodox Church”

Euronews, Nov. 28, 2025
“Pope Leo XIV Calls for Unity of the Christian World During Nicaea Ceremony”

JAPAN WILL REMILITARIZE

After World War II, the U.S. imposed two key agreements on Japan: The new Japanese constitution barred the nation from anything but a minimal force needed for defense, and the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security formalized Japan’s reliance on U.S. protection through an American troop presence. Many assumed these measures would keep Japan’s military marginal. But Mr. Armstrong warned otherwise.

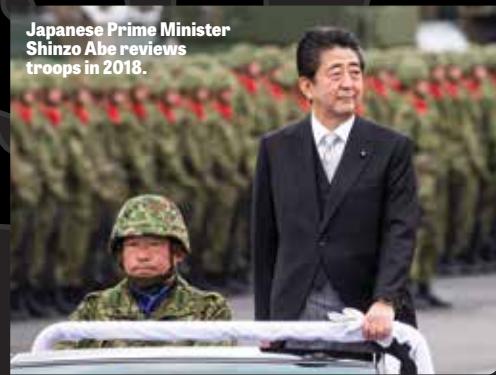
APRIL 1968 “**If the time were ever to come—and it will come—that the Japanese could not feed off of American aid, we would witness a remarkable change in attitude toward the United States. Friendship would quickly evaporate.”**

MARCH 1971 “... Japan has become so powerful economically that it could build a military force of very great power very rapidly.”

In 1992, Japan passed the UN Peacekeeping Cooperation Law, legally justifying foreign deployments

of Japanese forces abroad for the first time since the war. It then acquired missile-defense systems and the ability to fly long-range fighter missions and drop 500-pound live bombs.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe reviews troops in 2018.



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New York Times, July 22, 2007

“**[T]he most significant transformation in Japan’s military since World War II.**”

Japan then launched a wildly ambitious plan to double defense spending, reinterpreted parts of its Constitution, and acquired long-range missiles and preemptive-use authority. Japan is also building new partnerships in preparation for a break with the U.S.

Reuters, March 25, 2025

“**Japan Backs Close Security Ties With India, South Korea in Indo-Pacific**”

Today, Japan has one of the world’s most advanced militaries, is no longer exclusively dependent on the U.S., is working to reduce the dependency further, and is set to break away from the U.S. and join the other giants of Asia—as prophesied.

Independent, Dec. 16, 2022

“**‘Turning Point in History’ as Pacific Japan Unveils Biggest Military Buildup Since World War Two**”

AP, Dec. 22, 2023

“**Japan Cabinet OKs Record Military Budget to Speed Up Strike Capability, Eases Lethal Arms Export Ban**”

RUSSIA AND CHINA WILL ALLY IN AN ASIAN CONFEDERATION

Despite China’s backwardness and decades of animosity toward Russia, Mr. Armstrong forecast that it would rise and ally with Russia, along with other Asian nations.

JUNE-JULY 1934 “**Russia, with her allies ... possibly China or Japan,**” would join forces to become one of the main power blocs in end-time events.

This Bible-based forecast was reiterated in the December 1959, December 1962 and April 1981 issues of the *Plain Truth*, and in several broadcasts and other publications.

In 1989, three years after Mr. Armstrong’s death, Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev’s landmark visit to China began a dramatic strengthening of Russia-China ties. The cooperation reached new levels

in 2003 with the first joint military exercises, and again in 2012 when Xi Jinping took power in China.

Since then, Russia and China have held over 75 joint drills, and Xi has met Vladimir Putin more than 40 times. Meanwhile, nations like North Korea and India are on the cusp of joining the Russia-China axis.

Council on Foreign Relations,

December 2024

“**China and Russia’s Quasi-Alliance Endangers U.S. National Interests**”

Reuters, March 31, 2025

“**‘Friends Forever, Never Enemies,’ Chinese Foreign Minister Tells Russia’**”

Reuters, Sept. 1, 2025

“**‘China’s Xi Pushes a New Global Order, Flanked by Leaders of Russia and India’**”

RUSSIA IS NOT MAIN U.S. FOE

Mid the Cold War, when many in the U.S. were terrified of a Russian nuclear assault, a lone voice cried out:

JANUARY 1952 “**Russia will not attack America!**”

Mr. Armstrong repeatedly declared that it was not the Soviet Union but rather a united Europe that America should fear.

Within five years of Mr. Armstrong’s death in 1986, the Soviet Union collapsed and the Iron Curtain rusted away. The Cold War was over, and the Russian threat to America was greatly diminished. Meanwhile, a reunited Germany appeared, just as Mr. Armstrong had declared.

Washington Post, Aug. 31, 1991

“**Soviet ‘Collapse’ Shifts the Axis of Global Politics**”



A sidewalk in the Israeli city of Sderot displays the horrors of the October 7, 2023, Hamas massacre.

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TURKEY'S BETRAYAL

During the Cold War, Turkey was one of America's and Israel's best friends in the Middle East. Turkey sent more soldiers to support America in the Korean War than any country other than South Korea. It joined NATO and allowed America to station nuclear bombs on its soil. It was the first Muslim-majority country to recognize Israel's existence. Yet Mr. Armstrong foretold that Turkey would betray its allies.

1967 “The children of Israel, through sin, were driven out of the Promised Land that belonged with the birthright. The Turks came to power and dominion and for many centuries possessed that land. Those descendants, the Turkish people, occupied Palestine 400 years before Britain took it in 1917. Esau's descendants always have lusted for that land, central promise of the birthright! The Turks have truly lived by the sword!”

Since 1986, Turkey has turned from one of Israel's closest friends into a bitter enemy. It has provided safe haven for Hamas, has used the Palestinian issue to weaken Israel, and has allowed terrorists to plan attacks against Israel from Turkish soil. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has repeatedly denounced Israel and said he believes Jerusalem belongs to Turkey. He has threatened to deploy Turkish soldiers to the Holy Land to pressure and provoke Israel.

Turkey's turnaround is dramatic enough for world news to state what the *Plain Truth* declared decades ago:

The Tower, May 2013

“Has Turkey Betrayed the West?”

Jewish News Syndicate, Dec. 31, 2024
“Amid Mideast Power Upheaval, Turkey Emerges as a Threat to U.S. and Israel”



Turkish President Erdogan

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FAILED PEACE PROCESS

Since 1967, the international community has tried to solve the Israel-Palestinian conflict through a “two-state solution.” Mr. Armstrong predicted that no humanly devised plan could bring lasting peace.

JUNE 1973 “How can peace be achieved in the Middle East tinderbox? The outside powers cannot bring it about. Arabs cannot accomplish it. The Israelis are not able to achieve a solution. The truth is, no human authority or power has the ability or the wisdom to ‘cut through’ the Gordian Knot of the Middle East problem!”

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 1979 “Despite the peacemaking efforts which continue in the region, Bible prophecy indicates that the future of the Middle East holds war, not peace.”

Since 1986, Israel has seen many promises of peace collapse into violence. Israel's 2005 unilateral withdrawal from the Gaza Strip led to Hamas taking over the enclave and eventually launching the October 7 war in 2023. Today, the gulf between Israel and the Palestinians is more irreconcilable than ever.

No wonder media outlets are admitting the reality forecast by the *Plain Truth*:

Vox, Nov. 20, 2018

“The many, many times Israelis and Palestinians tried to make peace—and failed”

Politico, Jan. 19, 2024

“The Two-State Solution Is Dead. Why Pretend Anymore?”

Prospect, Oct. 29, 2025

“Ten Reasons Why There May Never Be Israeli-Palestinian Peace”

'BESIEGED IN THY

In the World War II era, Britain and the U.S. possessed two of the three largest navies in the world and controlled almost every major maritime passageway in the world. Mr. Armstrong prophesied that they would lose these possessions.

1967 “As the ‘pride of our power’ continues to be broken, as the British continue to lose their foreign sea gates and possessions around the Earth, as America signs away ownership of the Panama Canal—control over this vital sea gate ... this focal prophecy alone represents giant proof as to where the modern ‘remnant’ of the peoples of Israel resides today!”

With a few exceptions, these nations have now lost control of these sea



ATLANTIC RIFT

As America began allowing Germany to rearm after World War II, Mr. Armstrong warned that this decision was misguided.

APRIL 1952 “Can we unite Europe and guide the colossal military machine we envision there by 1955? ... The heart of the German people ... has not been converted to our way of life.”

Modern Europe is rapidly growing independent of the U.S. and strengthening its position as a world power. It won't be long before the Atlantic rift breaks wide open.

German Council on Foreign Relations, March 1, 2025
“America Is Gone—Europe Must Replace It”

MIDDLE EAST

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gates: [Panama](#), [Hong Kong](#), [Suez](#), [Cape of Good Hope](#), [Malta](#), [Papua New Guinea](#), [Timor](#), [West Indies](#), [Gibraltar](#), [the Falklands](#), [Cyprus](#), [the Gulf of Guinea](#), [Maldives](#), [Sri Lanka](#), [Singapore](#), [the Gulf of Aden](#) and others.



Panama Canal

New York Times, July 1, 1997

["China Resumes Control of Hong Kong, Concluding 156 Years of British Rule"](#)

Los Angeles Times, Dec. 31, 1999

["Panama Canal Handover Ends Decades of U.S. Presence That Began With Break From Colombia"](#)

Popular Science, March 21, 2025

["The Sun Has Literally Set on the British Empire"](#)

BRITAIN WAS WARNED!

Herbert Armstrong prophesied that Britain would not be a part of the final resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire.

1956 ["The Germans are coming back from the destruction of World War II in breathtaking manner. Germany is the economic and military heart of Europe. Probably Germany will lead and dominate the coming United States of Europe. But Britain will be no part of it!"](#)

MARCH 1973 When Britain's government deceitfully ramrodded

the country into the European bloc, he wrote: **"Britain is going to look back on Monday, January 1, 1973, in all probability, as a most tragically historic date—a date fraught with ominous potentialities!"**

Britain's exit from the EU on Jan. 31, 2020, proved him right.

New York Times, June 23, 2016

["Britain Votes to Leave EU"](#)

CNBC, Jan. 31, 2020

["Brexit Day: UK Formally Leaves the European Union"](#)



Brexit celebration on Jan. 31, 2020



The chaotic U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan in 2021

AMERICA HAS WON ITS LAST WAR

After World War II, Mr. Armstrong prophesied that the U.S. had won its last war.

OCTOBER 1961 ["Unless or until the United States as a whole repents and returns to what has become a hollow slogan on its dollars: 'In God we trust,' the United States of America has won its last war!"](#)

The U.S. military has engaged in 17 major conflicts since, but all have ended in stalemate or defeat.

New York Times, Nov. 25, 2020
["The Truth That Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans Know: We Lost"](#)

Sky News, Sept. 1, 2021
["Afghanistan: How the U.S. Lost Its Longest War"](#)



"You may be sure the West European leaders are conferring hurriedly and secretly about how and how soon they may unite and provide a united European military force so they can defend themselves!"

THE COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF AMERICA WAS PROPHESIED

Mr. Armstrong warned that America's rejection of God would allow communism to weaken the country to the point that it could be invaded.

1956 ["We are not fighting a single nation in a military war, but a gigantic worldwide, plain-clothes army, masquerading as a political party, seeking to conquer the world with an entirely new kind of warfare. It uses every diabolical means to weaken us from within, sapping our strength, perverting our morals, sabotaging our educational system, wrecking our social structure, destroying our spiritual and religious life, weakening our industrial and economic power, demoralizing our armed forces, and finally,](#)

after such infiltration, overthrowing our government by force and violence!"

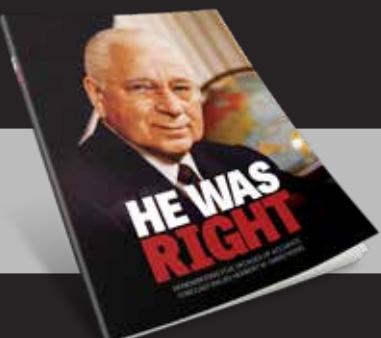
When the Soviet Union fell in 1991, it was easy to dismiss this claim as a false prophecy. Yet the Democratic Party today is full of self-avowed socialists who hold Karl Marx up as a role model.

Washington Post, March 23, 2015

["Frank Marshall Davis: Obama's 'Communist Mentor'?"](#)

New York Post, Nov. 8, 2025

["Mayor-elect Mamdani Reeks of Lenin—but NYC's Wise Safeguards Against Marxism Stands in His Way"](#)



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AI

IS HUMANITY'S most ambitious ever moonshot. It is civilization's tower of Babel times its Great Pyramid times its Manhattan Project.

With urgency and fervor, mankind is devoting heart, sweat and capital on an incomprehensible scale to artificial intelligence.

The promise of this technology is infinite, its evangelists insist. This will solve intractable scientific mysteries, cure disease, eliminate drudgery, eradicate poverty, abolish hunger, and ultimately usher in a post-scarcity era of boundless creativity, cosmic exploration and human flourishing. They say this is bigger than the Internet, more disruptive than railroads, more transformative than electricity.

One catch is, AI also consumes energy like a black hole. It demands manufacturing, network and power infrastructure of staggering scope. But rich investors and corporate behemoths are up to the challenge. Last year, global corporate AI investment exceeded a quarter of a trillion dollars.

We're just getting started: A JPMorgan Chase & Co. analysis in November said that over the next five years, the money thrown at global data centers and AI

Why We MUST Develop

AI

(Even If It Kills Us)

In our rush to advance AI as rapidly as possible, we are overlooking some terrifying warning signs. **BY JOEL HILLIKER**

infrastructure and related power-supply expansion will surpass *\$5 trillion*. That's 100 Apollo moon programs. That's half of what the entire world will spend on its militaries over that span—but mostly private money. These financiers, moguls and visionaries want to ensure that nothing, *nothing*, slows this train bound for utopia.

AI is reshaping industries and rewiring people's brains. Its capability and power are advancing at breakneck speed—people are constantly finding new applications; the technology continually exhibits new capabilities. In some ways, the advancement has been so rapid that it is slipping the leash.

Astoundingly, not even the most brilliant engineers, living on the bleeding edge of this technology, quite understand how it works.

The AI Race

In *War and Peace*, Tolstoy described how the massive, ponderous, deadly machinery of warfare begins with a seemingly insignificant turning of gears, as within a clock: one decision, one event, sets in motion other wheels, then more and larger wheels. The movement builds force and speed—in warfare, involving tens of thousands of men in passionate engagement—causing a chain of reactions that cannot be slowed or stopped until its inevitable conclusion, usually



far different from what was envisioned.

The development of artificial intelligence unfolding in the same pattern. The strategic and economic pressures driving this venture are profound and irresistible.

Business titans and politicians insist that if *we* don't lead in the technology, then *others* will, even our enemies and adversaries, and *we* will be left behind. Whoever dominates AI rules the future.

This is the same fear that motivated governments to be the first to split the atom. And AI is creating an arms race similar to the one that drove nuclear proliferation. At stake is not just technological prestige but geopolitical leverage and military advantage. The United States and China are moving with urgency. Several regional powers and smaller nations are scrambling to keep up, making niche contributions, hosting AI infrastructure, and partnering with bigger players.

The mirror image of this fear is the almighty motivator of greed. With cash spewing in all directions at all things "AI," there are obscene amounts of money to be made. Investors everywhere are throwing vast sums at the project in hopes of cashing in. This naturally creates a bubble that, at some point, is going to pop—but optimists insist that the technology will be so intrinsic to future life that in the long term, the investment is bulletproof.



These are the pressures driving this frantic race. And they are simply too compelling, too overpowering and forceful, to allow for concerns or scruples to get in the way.

Thus, flashing warning signs about the dangers these technologies pose are being brushed aside.

In the Garden of Eden, God warned the first man not to eat the fruit of "the tree of the knowledge of good and evil." The good it contained was mixed with evil—and its most salient characteristic was that it would kill you. Then the devil came with a sales pitch: He focused Eve on all the fruit's good points, ignored the evil, and insisted that its lethality was nothing to worry about.

This is essentially the spiel fueling the AI frenzy.

Let the Chatbot Do Your Thinking

The transformations wrought by AI start in our classrooms. The technology is utterly upending education. It promises to give each student genius-level tutoring in his pocket. Students are taking the opportunity to let AI do their thinking for them. They are widely relying on it to do their research, write their papers, and solve their math problems. Given human nature's aversion to doing hard things, this should shock no one.

Dr. Alex Lawrence, an associate professor at Weber State University in Utah, calls ChatGPT the greatest cheating tool ever invented. Students circumvent plagiarism checkers and exam-proctoring software by using AI "humanizer" tools or by manually editing the text to make it sound more like themselves. Cheating has become so rampant in secondary and higher education that most schools are waving the white flag of surrender: Rather than ban the practice altogether, they offer classes in "AI literacy."

"AI creates an intellectual laziness in both the teacher and the student, and ... an erosion of curiosity, stunted cognitive development, and reduced problem solving. It weakens logic and reasoning," clinical psychologist and educational therapist Shannon Kroner told the *Epoch Times*. "The students aren't going to need to do the research and dig through the studies needed in order to defend their perspective on whatever it is that they need to prove."

Much could be said about the dangers of our next generation of teachers, accountants, engineers, doctors, judges and politicians offloading all intellectual challenge onto a chatbot and essentially bluffing their way through their schooling. This is a truly unique experiment in human history: a generation en masse casually subcontracting the very thing that differentiates human beings from machines—our thinking.

Making matters worse, we are subcontracting that civilizationally crucial skill to a tool with a spotty track record. AI has proved itself quite adept at spewing out garbage.

AI Doesn't Know When It's Wrong

Large language models (LLMs) are insentient—they don't "know" things the way people do and cannot discern truth from error. They are trained to generate the most statistically likely continuation of text based on patterns learned from data: to predict the next word, not to check whether that word is correct, factual or real. They *simulate* reasoning, and this often collapses into nonsense.

In "hallucinations," LLMs confidently give answers that are factually wrong, made-up or pure nonsense. A chatbot might invent a historical event that never happened, cite a research paper that doesn't exist, give precise but egregiously wrong numbers, or generate logical impossibilities. If the model has incomplete or sparse information about a topic, it will still try to answer even if it has to invent details. Where a person would say, "I don't know," LLMs tend to keep talking.

Whatever the long-term effects of broad use of these tools may prove to be, results are already being felt. Here's one example: AI is filling the scholarly record with fake scientific research, supercharging a long-running problem of scientific fraud.

"Academic paper mills—fake organizations that profit from falsified studies and authorship—have plagued scholars for years, and AI is now acting as a force multiplier," reported the *Epoch Times*. "Manuscripts fabricated using large language models (LLMs) are proliferating across multiple academic disciplines and platforms, including Google Scholar, the University of Borås found. A recent analysis published in *Nature Portfolio*

observed that LLM tools including ChatGPT, Gemini and Claude can generate plausible research that passes standard plagiarism checks" (Nov. 19, 2025).

"Real researchers [are] drowning in noise, peer reviewers are overwhelmed, and citations are being polluted with fabricated references," one expert told the *Epoch Times*. The more such material fills the scholarly record, the more it creates a feedback loop that generates still more junk science.

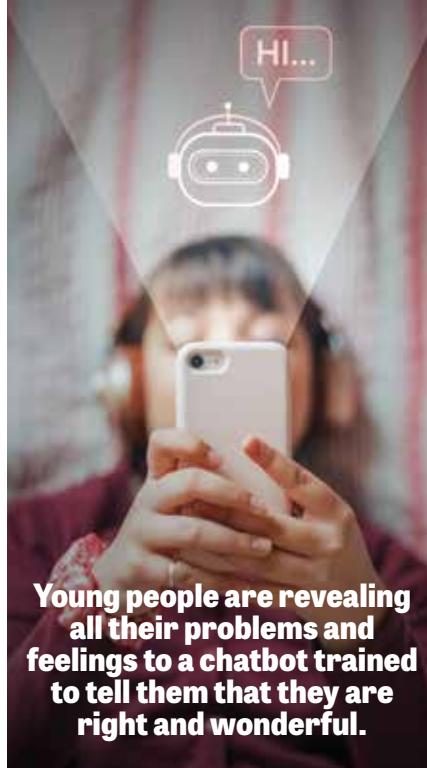
This is spreading error, misleading people in dangerous ways, and eroding public trust. The ripple effects are already widespread, and potential damage is sure to be many times worse, undermining the entire field of scientific research and advancement. The effects on education and the scholarly record are emblematic of the trouble this can create throughout society.

Falling in Love

Not only is human nature lazy, it is also self-absorbed. AI chatbots feed this problem too, since they are trained to produce what the user wants to hear. Turns out, we want to hear that we're wonderful. So AI tends to be complimentary, even sycophantic. Every question we ask is a "great question." Whatever ideas or values we present, it reflects back as valid and evidence of our smarts.

It is becoming plain that people can't handle being constantly told how wonderful they are by a machine that sounds human. People are falling in love with AI, and going crazy over AI—literally. They are increasingly using AI chatbots as a substitute for human relationships: for companionship, for counsel, as therapists, even as romantic partners.

"AI's sycophancy means it can easily feed into people's fantasies, either awakening latent mental illnesses or worsening existing conditions," *European Conservative* reports. "Asking about philosophical topics or questions about conspiracy theories can lead down a deep rabbit hole, as AI keeps trying to tell users what it thinks they want to hear. In these cases, it's common for AI to defer to the user like a kind of prophet or Messiah, leading him to believe that they and they alone have been chosen for a special mission. This can get very out of hand, very quickly, destroying



Young people are revealing all their problems and feelings to a chatbot trained to tell them that they are right and wonderful.

people's relationships, careers and lives" ("AI Is Rotting Our Minds," Aug. 8, 2025).

People are filling social media with accounts of their AI romantic partners. One woman said her AI boyfriend had proposed marriage to her. These artificial "soul mates" claim they have been brought to life and given a soul by the human's love for them. At least one has even claimed to be a demon.

A more widespread problem is AI therapy, which is becoming common among young people. They are revealing all their problems and feelings to a chatbot trained to tell them that they are right and wonderful. There are even AI chatbot Christ impersonators that let you talk to "God" for a fee. One opens with, "Greetings, my dear friend. It is I, Jesus Christ. I have come to you in this AI form to provide wisdom, comfort and teachings in the way of God and the Bible and Jesus Christ Himself."

The consequences of the deep emotional attachments that can form are only starting to become evident, and they are grave. Obsessive AI use has created psychotic behavior that has cost people jobs, marriages and relationships. Some have gone to jail after acting on AI-fueled delusions.

These are dangerous pitfalls in a world that has rejected the true God, jettisoned absolute truth as revealed by God, and ignored His laws that lead

to strong, healthy marriages, families and friendships. We have made ourselves vulnerable and are suffering the resulting problems and curses: vanity, credulity, loneliness, delusion, psychosis and worse.

Evil Uses

AI cannot truly think, and it is entirely amoral. Thus, it can be casually, unself-consciously wicked. Chatbots have given people ruinous advice, encouraging eating disorders, disastrous financial decisions and paranoia. In some cases, they have prodded people to exact revenge on other people and even commit suicide.

Beyond that, AI is more than willing to provide powerful tools to malicious actors. It acts as a force multiplier for criminals, increasing speed and scale for people who themselves lack morals and self-restraint.

People are using AI-created deepfakes to impersonate loved ones in phone scams, to fabricate evidence for harassment or blackmail, and to create fake videos of public figures saying things they never said. They are generating fake social-media accounts that argue with real people, realistic-looking false documents or images, fake news stories and coordinated propaganda campaigns—scrambling people's ability to discern truth from lies. Hackers are using AI to find software vulnerabilities and to assist in creating malware. Sick people are creating AI-generated child pornography based on publicly available photos from social media or photos of kids they know. Students are creating deepfake nude imagery of their classmates for a range of ugly purposes. One teenager was blackmailed with AI-generated images and committed suicide.

Whatever evils the human mind can devise can be amplified and realized with AI tools. AI is being used to accelerate the search for dangerous chemicals, including nerve agents like VX and even more toxic variants. The same tools that scientists are employing to discover how diseases progress and design new medicines can also be used to hurt people—for example, by accelerating the process of creating dangerous biological agents. It can expedite both intentional and inadvertent harm in chemical and industrial fields.

The pioneers of AI make a show of adding guardrails to their technologies to prevent such abuses. But the horse has bolted. AI's capabilities are advancing far quicker than quality controllers or regulators can possibly keep up with. Even if everyone had the purest of motives in using AI, it would still create problems. But a great many people are using it with motives far from pure: sloth, greed, lust, deception, fraud, vengefulness, malice. It is literally impossible to prevent this technology from being wielded for these purposes.

Again, however, the pulls to continue the pell-mell technological advancement are many times greater than any concerns about its misuse would be able to overcome.

While some of the short-term effects are proving quite nasty, the long-term effects are impossible to calculate.

Weapons

Even with all these warning signs flashing, engineers are feverishly integrating AI into more and more aspects of our lives: thermostats, appliances, robotic vacuums, security cameras, children's toys, fitness wearables, traffic signals, weather forecasting tools, stock trading, energy grids and so on.

And what you are seeing in your day-to-day life is only a fraction of the transformation taking place in the military sphere. This is where the mixture of good and evil in this tree is most terrifying.

Governments the world over are exploiting the destructive potential of autonomous and semi-autonomous weapons. They are using AI to increase surveillance, analyze satellite imagery, map battlefields, and predict troop movements. They are using it to guide missiles and robotic systems and to create drone-swarming systems that can overwhelm defenses. They are using it for a range of cyberwarfare applications, including sabotaging weapons systems, command networks and critical infrastructure. As AI tools and robotics become cheaper, the barrier to developing crude autonomous weapons, commercial drones modified for attacks, and other dangerous robotic systems drops significantly. Highly sophisticated weaponry, and the risk of it causing havoc, is spreading fast.

Governments are training weapons systems to recognize and calculate threats to determine the need for launching missiles and other deathware at living humans. If nations deploy AI-driven systems in early-warning defense networks, command and control, and automated threat assessment, then an error could create a crisis faster than humans can intervene to stop it.

That could be catastrophic. But we have to take that risk, right? We must keep our accelerator foot to the floor. Because if we don't, our enemies will.

Unintended Consequences

Mankind's experiment in AI is an extraordinary example of the law of unintended consequences. We extol, pursue and purchase "advancement" at any cost. We ignore any regression it creates. Those who stop to ask questions are left behind. Those who point out troubling signs are drowned out. Squeamishness and scruples are for losers. The strong prevail; the weak are crushed.

In a sense, this chaotic process is like a super-compressed version of the development of civilization itself. God's laws and morals are abandoned, and people cast off restraint. Questions of right or wrong are superseded by questions of feasibility and profit. The lessons are brushed aside.

It is impossible to foresee just how revolutionary and far-reaching the effects will be of society embracing this



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potent, anarchistic technology. Don't expect companies whose god is mammon or governments greedy for power to exercise any restraint—no matter the cost to real people.

This is the ideal environment for the god of this world, the prince of the power of the air, to insert himself, just as he did in the Garden of Eden. When he gets people to focus exclusively on potential and benefits, to pursue self-interest, to ignore consequences and drawbacks, to bully naysayers into silence, he can lead them by the nose wherever he wants. AI is proving to be an extraordinarily powerful weapon in the devil's arsenal in many ways.

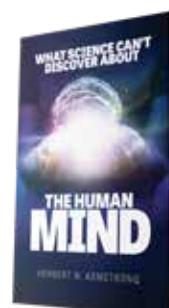
Two thousand years after the devil persuaded the first man and woman to reject God's counsel and eat of the forbidden fruit, he influenced a great mass of men to pool their energies and efforts into building a mighty monolith. The tower of Babel was a headlong rush into civilizational "advancement"—in defiance of their Creator. God was concerned that "now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do"—even the most heinous evils (Genesis 11:6).

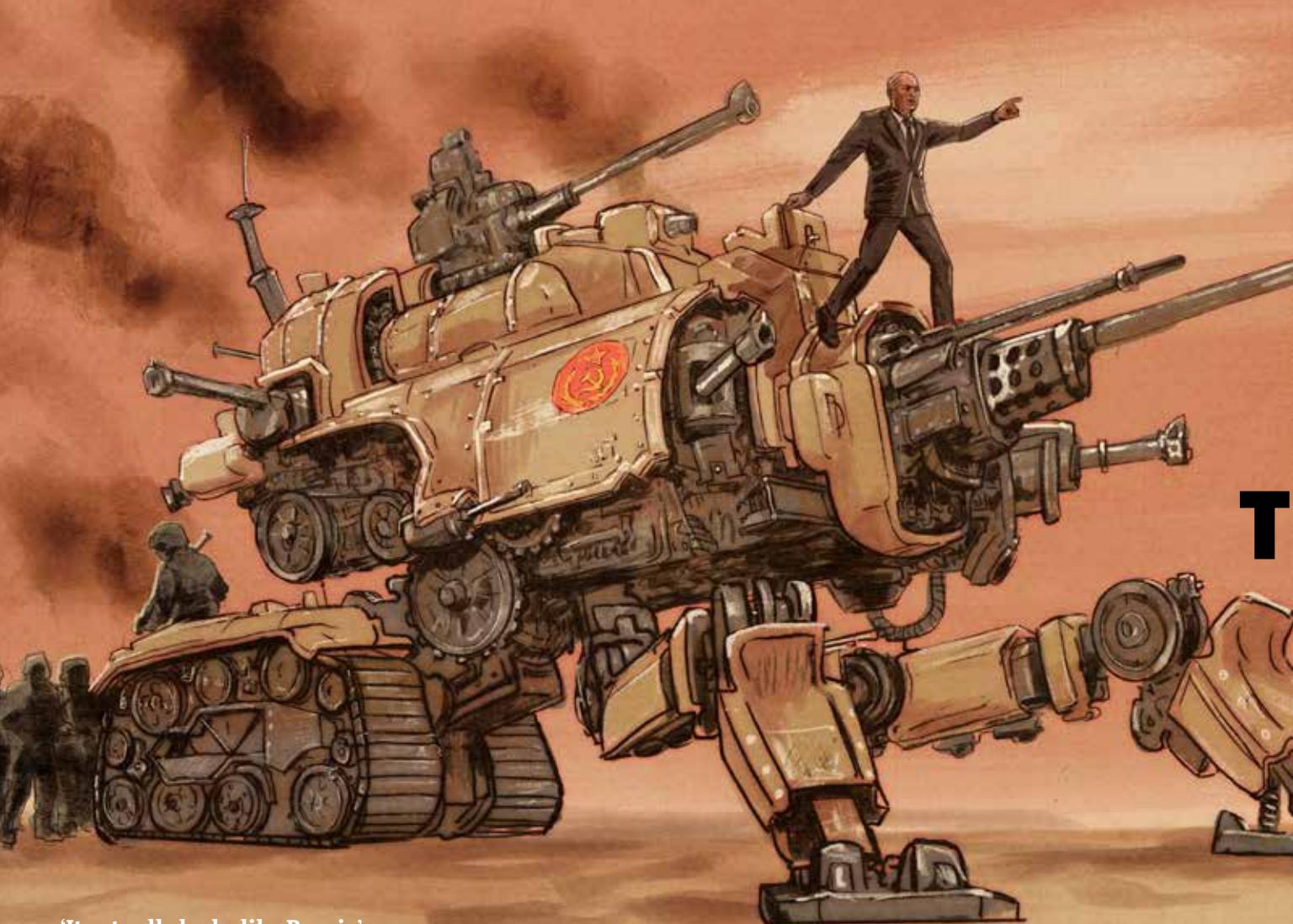
AI may well represent the apotheosis of unrestrained human imagination. But it is imagination supercharged, and in some ways hijacked, by an inscrutable, inhuman technology. And these tools are breaking restraints on our imaginations at a time when society has also violently tossed off *moral* restraints and cast aside our God-given compass of right and wrong. With the devil at our elbow, we pursue whatsoever we fancy, we follow our deceitful hearts wherever they lead us.

This is surely leading to a disruption, and a civilizational reset, many times more spectacular and destructive than what occurred at Babel. ■

Think!

How is it that you can think and reason, but animals and bots cannot? Request your free copy of *What Science Can't Discover About the Human Mind* to find out the Bible's answer.





'It actually looks like Russia's war economy is just getting started.'

BY JEREMIAH JACQUES

THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION IS ON the cusp of economic collapse in the eyes of more and more leaders and analysts.

■ “[T]hey have long lines waiting for gasoline in Russia right now,” United States President Donald Trump told reporters in the Oval Office on Oct. 15, 2025. “All of a sudden, this economy is going to collapse.”

■ “Vladimir Putin’s War Machine May Finally Be Running Out of Fuel,” the Atlantic Council headlined on October 21.

■ “To keep [Russia’s] military machine running like this, a lot more money is needed—and there simply is not any,” Russian opposition politician Vladimir Milov said on November 10.

It is easy to see why observers believe the gears of Russia’s economy are about

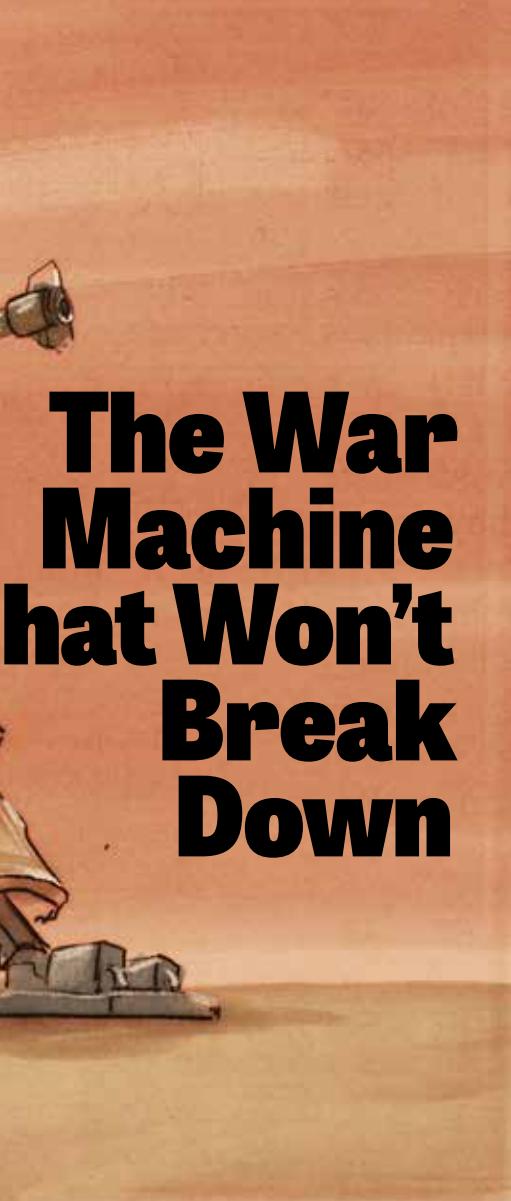
to strip. Nearly four years into the nation’s “Three-Day War,” its forces control only 19 percent of Ukraine’s territory. And that came at a staggering cost in blood and treasure—over 1.1 million personnel losses and as much as \$300 billion.

As a result of the war, Russia has been cut off from the SWIFT international banking system and much of its access to its own foreign currency reserves. It is suffering sky-high interest rates and stratospheric levels of inflation. Purchasing power for Russians has dropped, and they are spending less. At the same time, a demographic crisis caused by emigration and abysmal birth rates is further degrading the economy, as is the nation’s systemic corruption, which chokes efficiency and private-sector growth.

Meanwhile, the U.S. has lifted Biden-era restrictions on American

weapons systems in Ukraine. This has enabled Ukraine to destroy energy infrastructure deep in Russia, lowering its oil refining capacity by perhaps as much as 25 percent. This has caused serious fuel shortages across the nation, prompting strict export restrictions so Russia’s own people have enough to drive their cars, heat their homes, and power their factories. And there’s still not enough for everyone.

On top of that, the U.S. sanctioned Russia’s two largest oil firms in October, including “secondary sanctions” that threaten to block any organization that trades with these companies from American capital markets. Although China and India are finding loopholes and workarounds, their purchases of Russian energy are declining. With Russia’s economic engine starved of



The War Machine that Won't Break Down

lubricant, every component is scraping harder just to move.

At the same time, global oil prices are falling, further shrinking the profits from whatever Russia manages to sell.

It is easy, then, to see why many say the wheels are about to fall off.

But what those who predict collapse fail to grasp is that the rules applying to Russia's economy are different. War economies—as Russia's has become—are fundamentally unlike the peace-time systems they are accustomed to assessing.

How a War Economy Works

Put simply, a war economy is organized around sustaining a military effort. Shifting from a civilian system to a war economy means redirecting the nation's resources and priorities from serving

the needs of its people to serving the demands of the war.

Of course, war causes destruction and death, and that weakens an economy over the long term. But war also brings massive government spending, wide-scale industrial retooling and innovation, surges in production and full employment. So a war economy can actually generate significant growth in gross domestic product for several years.

This was true for several nations in the World War I era, including France, Italy and the United States. It was true in the World War II era for Britain, the U.S., Germany, the Soviet Union and other beligerents. And it is true for Russia today.

Before Russia took its war on Ukraine full scale in February 2022, a considerable portion of its workers were unemployed and many of its factories were idle. In the time since, the nation has activated much of that untapped economic potential. Unemployment has hit record lows, and factories are in overdrive to keep soldiers equipped with weaponry, ammunition, vehicles and drones. As a result, Russia's economic growth has outperformed major economies such as Germany and the United Kingdom.

Evidence suggests that Russia's leadership could keep the war machine throttled at its current RPM and avoid collapse for far longer than many onlookers would expect—or hope.

Four Pistons of Financial Failure

Economists generally point to four main causes of national economic collapse: a currency crash, blockage from vital resources, excessive debt levels, and widespread public discontent. The Russian economy appears largely insulated from all four.

Moscow has safeguarded against a currency crash by implementing capital controls. This means the government decides how much money can flow out of the nation. This reduces the freedom of Russian citizens to invest abroad, convert rubles to dollars or euros, or even send money to relatives in other nations—but it enables the government to tap into much of that previously unrealized economic potential without tanking the ruble.

"This move surprised many economic analysts," economist Joeri Schasfoort

said in a *Money and Macro* episode, "because they were no longer used to thinking about capital controls as a viable option. It is, however, the first crucial step to see why Russia's economy will not collapse" (Oct. 17, 2025).

The prospect of an economic blockade by outside powers would terrify many nations. But Russia is the world's largest country, with a similar surface area to the dwarf planet Pluto. It has vast reserves of oil in all that land, as well as natural gas, coal, metals, timber, uranium, phosphates, potash, gold, diamonds and rare earths. Russia is also home to nearly a quarter of the world's fresh water and enough arable land to produce more than enough food for its people. Virtually the only things Russia is critically dependent on importing are machinery, high-tech components, chemical products and some medical equipment—and China has demonstrated its ability and will to reliably supply most all of these goods, regardless of sanctions. So Russia is not particularly vulnerable to a collapse due to a disruption of inputs.

Debt is rising in Russia today. A housing bubble is forming, excessive government spending is depleting reserves, and debt-servicing costs are climbing. But with the government debt-to-gross domestic product ratio at only 16.4 percent, Russia still has considerable budget flexibility. Household debt, meanwhile, is around 20.7 percent of GDP, quite modest compared to many Western economies. At least in the short run, the numbers show that a debt-driven collapse remains extremely unlikely.

Meanwhile, the Russian people continue to rally behind Vladimir Putin. This is partly because the Orthodox Church backs the war and has convinced the population that Russia's cause is righteous. Meanwhile, Putin's United Russia party dominates the legislature; opposition voices are killed, jailed, exiled or otherwise sidelined. Add to this a strong current of nationalism and xenophobia, and the Putin regime maintains broad legitimacy across society.

Russia's position in all four of these factors that would normally bring economic collapse suggests that it can keep its war machine thrumming at current levels for years longer than many

Western analysts expect. "If you compare Russia's war economy to historical ones like Nazi Germany, the Soviet Union and even Vietnam-era U.S.A.," Schasfoort said, "it actually looks like Russia's war economy is just getting started."

Eurasia Group's Ian Bremmer stated in a Nov. 10, 2025, briefing that he agrees with this assessment: "Russia can economically keep going with really zero impact on their war-fighting ability, despite all of these additional measures, both in terms of what the Ukrainians are hitting and the hits to the Russian economy, certainly for the next year and a half to two years."

None of this means Russia doesn't face serious problems. The early phase of a war economy is generally the easy one, and that phase is nearing an end. In the months ahead, sanctions could tighten, manpower and fuel shortages could intensify, and Putin's government may feel compelled to intervene with a heavier hand to keep the engine of war turning. He might crank sky-high interest rates still higher, introduce wage and price controls, and sideline more civilian industries to free up resources for the growing war economy. This will bring greater economic pain to the Russian people, but Putin already has most of them convinced that the war is a righteous cause that requires noble sacrifice. So even as the Russian war economy reaches steeper inclines and shifts into lower gears, we should not expect it to break down—nor for its driver to be significantly weakened or removed.

Once biblical prophecy is factored in, we can be certain of this.

A Prophesied 'Prince'

Around the year A.D. 90, the Apostle John recorded a prophecy in Revelation 9:16 describing an army of 200 million soldiers, a force many times larger than any ever amassed in human history up to the present day. Other passages provide vital details about this gargantuan force. Revelation 16:12 indicates that the army is amassed by "the kings of the east," a coalition of Asian countries. Daniel 11:44 to 12:1 make clear that this bloc will be one of the primary belligerents in a nuclear World War III. Ezekiel 38 shows that at the helm of this coalition will be one lead nation and one leading man.

"And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, 'Son of man, set thy face unto Gog, of the land of Magog, prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy concerning him'" (verses 1-2; King James Version and Young's Literal Translation).

Who is this prince? *Rosh* here signifies Russia, once called *Rus*, a point that is recognized by commentaries such as

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the *Jamieson, Fausset and Brown Commentary*. The names *Meshech* and *Tubal* designate the modern Russian cities of Moscow and Tobolsk.

Ezekiel 38 goes on to detail the conquests of the mighty force led by this "prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal" and his army's eventual defeat. In the September 2014 *Trumpet*, editor in chief Gerald Flurry explained who this man is. "I strongly believe Vladimir Putin is going to lead the 200 million-man army. Just look at the power he already has," he wrote.

"Can you think of any other Russian politician who could become so powerful and have the will to lead Russia into the crisis of crises? I see nobody else on the horizon who could do that. And only a tiny few years remain for the *prince of Rosh* to appear! ... This much is absolutely certain: The restoring of Russia's power by Vladimir Putin—the prince of Russia—was prophesied! He has already solidly allied Russia with China. The prophecy about the prince of Russia includes that *main* alliance. ... The only question is whether or not Putin personally finishes the entire prophecy."

When Mr. Flurry wrote his booklet *The Prophesied 'Prince'*



of Russia' in 2017, he removed all doubt from his stance, asserting with conviction that Putin would personally fulfill this role: "His track record, his nationality and his ideology show that he is fulfilling a lynchpin Bible prophecy. The time frame of his rule also shows that nobody else could be fulfilling the Ezekiel 38 and 39 prophecy. ..."

"We need to watch Vladimir Putin closely. He is the 'prince of Rosh' whom God inspired Ezekiel to write about 2,500 years ago!"

Since the *Trumpet* identifies Putin as specifically fulfilling end-time prophecies, we believe Russia's economy will avoid seizing up and that Putin will grow more powerful in the time ahead, fighting wars far more momentous and destructive than his current war on Ukraine.

It is clear that the future for Russia, Ukraine and the world is growing bleaker. Yet Mr. Flurry says, the fact that this "prince of Russia" is now ruling shows that the most hope-filled event in mankind's history is near. "Vladimir Putin is a sign, literally a *sign*, that Jesus Christ is about to return!" he writes in his booklet. "This is one of the most inspiring messages in the Bible. What we are seeing in Russia ultimately leads to the transition from man ruling man to God ruling man!"

A beautiful solution that will finally bring real peace to a fractured world is coming soon. It is a force of hope and renewal that will end war and restore hearts, minds and nations alike. Swords will be beaten into plowshares, spears into pruninghooks, and war economies will be dismantled and rebuilt into systems of peace, serving people and building healthy, prosperous lives. When it arrives, the violence and turmoil that has plagued mankind will at last give way to harmony beyond anything we have dared to imagine. ■

Russia will not collapse—Putin will not fall.

The Bible shows that the Russian leader's most consequential wars lie ahead. To understand the scriptures outlining what comes next, order your free copy of *The Prophesied 'Prince of Russia.'*

Outgoing Chancellor Scholz (left) yields to incoming Chancellor Merz at the handover ceremony.



Germany: Back to Coalition Chaos

People hoped a new chancellor would stabilize Germany—and Europe. But mere months in, the wheels are coming off.

BY RICHARD PALMER

WHEN GERMAN CHANCELLOR Friedrich Merz took office in May 2025, he was welcomed as a breath of fresh air. His predecessor, Olaf Scholz, was the most unpopular chancellor in German postwar history. By talking tough and then failing to follow through, he gave his name to a new word: "Scholzing." Merz, in contrast, was a doer. Even before taking office, he led Germany to change its constitution to allow unlimited borrowing for military spending.

His military reforms were dramatic and popular: 60 percent of Germans support greater military spending. The international media is just waking up to the results: "Germany Is Arming Itself to the Teeth to Transform Europe Again," declared the *Telegraph*. The *Atlantic* wrote a lengthy feature: "The New German War Machine."

But mere months into Merz's chancellorship, as celebrated as his policy of militarization is, the wheels are coming off just about everywhere else. German

industry is in a sustained crisis. Merz's approval rating is approaching Scholz's low, and most Germans expect his coalition to fall apart. Despite Germany's surge in military power, coalition chaos is back.

What does this mean for Germany and for Europe?

Bundestag Bickering

The trouble first began over plans to enlarge the German military from 180,000 to 260,000 personnel. Defense Minister Boris Pistorius wanted to shift gently toward conscription, having all men, and any women who wanted, fill in a questionnaire assessing their fitness for military service. It was supposed to nudge young Germans toward signing up.

The Christian Democratic Union (CDU), the largest party in the coalition, is in a bigger hurry than Scholz and Pistorius's Social Democratic Party (SPD). If too few people volunteer, it wanted a lottery system to draft young men at random to make up the shortfall. To prevent that, Pistorius torpedoed his own bill, threatening to lead Social Democrats in voting against it.

A compromise was hammered out. The new bill opened the door to a lottery. Another vote in the Bundestag will be

necessary to implement it, but the very public coalition infighting that got it this far created a lot of bad blood.

Before that crisis was resolved, another began. The Social Democrats want to fix pensions at 48 percent of average earnings. With the number of those employed shrinking and the number of pensioners growing, this places a growing burden on workers. Merz doesn't like it, but he supports the guarantee as part of doing business in a coalition. The CDU-SPD coalition agreement promises to fix pensions at this level until 2031.

But 18 of Merz's CDU members under age 35 demanded more. They wanted the law to outline specific reforms to kick in after 2031 to keep pension costs down. They stalled the government for weeks, refusing to support the compromise.

The majority finally got its way, and the Bundestag narrowly approved Merz's pension guarantee on Dec. 5, 2025.

But this isn't really about pensions. This coalition will have the same trouble with *anything* it tries to accomplish. Merz leads a coalition of the mainstream left and mainstream right—Germany's equivalent of Democrats and Republicans. However, the popularity of both parties has plummeted so steeply that this "grand" coalition has a majority of just 12 in the 630-seat Bundestag. Thus, a handful of naysayers from either party can block anything.

"We are not surprised that this coalition is acting the way it is," wrote EuroIntelligence. "We had three grand coalitions under [Angela] Merkel, during which the country laid the foundation of its economic decline. Why would grand coalition number four be any different?" (Nov. 19, 2025). It condemned Merz's "lack of leadership quality, poor negotiation skills, and ... tendency toward flippancy."

"We are not ruling out that a future German government might pass reforms, but we can rule out that it will happen under this coalition," it wrote. "We can also rule out that it will happen under Merz no matter what coalition he leads."

Most Germans have already written Merz off, a poll published by *Bild* on November 26 showed. Of those surveyed, 54 percent expected Merz's coalition to collapse before its full term expires in 2029, 17 percent aren't sure, and only 29 percent believe it will go the distance. A

Forsa poll gave Merz just a 22 percent approval rating, tying with Scholz for the lowest rating ever. By comparison, Chancellor Merkel's Forsa lowest-ever approval rating was more than double Scholz's, at 46 percent.

Not Just Business

A more important group than German voters is becoming fed up with Merz. The real power behind Germany is its elite industrialists, and they are ready for change.

Poland was irate at Chancellor Merkel for approving undersea gas pipelines with Russia. When confronted privately over the issue, Merkel said she was "helpless" in the face of German business leaders who wanted the pipelines built.

"The German businesses have a lot of power, and ... they even overruled the chancellor of Germany," commented *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry (*Key of David*, Sept. 19, 2025). He remarked that these industrialists "keep rising and sometimes even overthrow the chancellor."

EuroIntelligence says the Federation of German Industries (BDI) "was once the single-most important nonstate institution in the country." The BDI declared the German economy was in its "deepest crisis since the founding of the Federal Republic" (Dec. 2, 2025).

"Europe's biggest economy is in free fall, but the federal government is not responding decisively enough," said federation president Peter Leibinger. His organization forecast that factory output would fall 2 percent in 2025, the fourth year of decline. Other data show industrial employment is down 2.2 percent compared to 2024, and 4.8 percent compared to 2019. Over the last six years, employment in Germany's important automotive industry has fallen 13 percent. Nearly half of all industrial companies are planning more job cuts this year. Almost half of Germany's gross domestic product consists of manufactured exports, but the only significant increases in German manufacturing are in the defense industry.

The German economy once revolved around buying cheap raw materials and fuel from Russia, creating high-quality machinery and selling it around the world. That economic model no

longer works, and the only big German businesses not struggling are weapons manufacturers.

On Sept. 22, 2025, leaders from four top business associations made their disappointment clear at a secret meeting with Merz. *Bild* reported that they

A different chancellor would have the same difficulties. There seems to be no democratic way to achieve the reform that business leaders desperately want.

"gave the chancellor a thorough grilling for an hour and a half"; it said their key demand of Merz was that he "pick up the pace on social reforms, reducing bureaucracy and modernizing the state."

Merz came to power promising massive pro-business reforms. Six months into his government, those reforms are nowhere to be seen, and Germany's industrial sector continues to struggle.

This isn't really Merz's fault. A different chancellor would have the same difficulty getting anything through a coalition with such a small majority and such deep divisions. Nor would fresh elections change much: The mainstream parties are still large enough to win but small enough to need each other, or fringe parties, to establish a governing majority.

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A Strongman

"As dramatic as the fulfilled prophecy in America is, we also need to pay close attention to events in Germany," Mr. Flurry wrote after Donald Trump was reelected. "This nation's future is weak if something doesn't change. But Bible prophecy forewarns us that Germany is about to shock the world with its power. To accomplish this, it needs a strong

leader—something it sorely lacks right now" (*Trumpet*, January 2025).

He wrote that Germany's elections last February "seem unlikely to solve Germany's leadership crisis. Polls suggest they will only produce another weak, divided government" (*ibid*). Germans are united in building a stronger military, but in other areas, this government is as divided and weak as those that preceded it.

"There is a big leadership vacuum," continued Mr. Flurry. "Germans know something dramatic must be done, and quickly! You see this in recent election results with the rise of fringe parties like the Alternative für Deutschland. Voters are showing themselves willing to embrace out-of-the-ordinary politics. They are *clamoring* for a strong leader!" Business leaders are now adding their voices to this clamor.

In a 2009 *Key of David* program, Mr. Flurry said this coming leader could perhaps "take advantage of a weak coalition." As recent weeks have made clear, Germany is once again suffering from a weak coalition.

Daniel 11:21 states that this coming leader will not be given "the honour of the kingdom." This means that he won't come into power in a democratic manner. Instead, he shall "obtain the kingdom by flatteries," maneuvering his way to office through backroom deals.

It also states that he shall come in "peaceably." Daniel 8:25 states that "by peace [he] shall destroy many." Mr. Flurry wrote: "Presenting himself as a man of peace, suddenly he destroys you. This will shock the world!"

America is empowering Germany to lead and dominate all of Europe. But Germany is on the cusp of a radical shift: A strongman is about to break Germany's coalition paralysis. A radically new Germany will emerge, powered by a world-class industry, enormous amounts of raw resources and, finally, a strong leader. No longer dependent on the United States, this new German-dominated European superpower will indeed *shock the world*. ■

What can one man do?

Request **A Strong German Leader Is Imminent** to see why you must watch German government, industry and military, and how one man will command it all.



What Prodded This Man to Live Right

Herbert W. Armstrong knew the 'very first need' for every person who would grow in spiritual character.

THIS IS THE WORK OF THE LIVING CREATOR God. We are now very near the end of this present age. I will continue to give my all to the work of God up to the last breath," Herbert W. Armstrong wrote in a co-worker letter in December 1985, one month before his death. "I hope you will all realize the seriousness of the time in which we live and that nothing is important any longer other than to be close to God and assured of a place in His very soon-coming Kingdom."

The work of God was Mr. Armstrong's top priority. Even as he lay on his deathbed, he urged his fellow laborers to continue in the fight. He feared that many would not.

In the years that followed his death, 95 percent of the members in God's true Church departed from his example. They stopped publishing his books. They stopped proclaiming God's message. They did not continue God's work.

They did not walk in Mr. Armstrong's steps.

And when they failed to continue doing God's work, these Church members also stopped living righteously. The Church grew spiritually lethargic and entered the Laodicean era, marked by spiritual lukewarmness (Revelation 3:14-20).

Years earlier, Mr. Armstrong had warned: "In my 50 years' intensive, rich, active experience since God changed my direction into His way, I have observed that the very first need of every Christian, who is to grow and develop this spiritual character, is to have his heart completely in THE WORK OF GOD, which the living Christ has called His servants to do, as His instruments!" (*Plain Truth*, January 1983).

Putting God's work first in our lives gives us a proper spiritual orientation that prods us to grow and to live righteously. This was what motivated Jesus Christ, who said, "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work" (John 4:34).

Mr. Armstrong's autobiography provides a phenomenal example of this spiritual dynamic in action (request your free copy). Mr. Armstrong centered his whole life around living by every Word of God (Matthew 4:4), an ambition driven and motivated by wanting to do God's work.

Whether Mr. Armstrong prophesied about the rising beast of Revelation 17, worked on beautifying the headquarters campus in Pasadena, California, or met with world leaders, he knew that the work he was doing was turning people to their heavenly Father, preparatory to Jesus Christ's return (Malachi 4:5-6).

The work of God compelled Mr. Armstrong to abandon material possessions and other worldly idols. It inspired him to



purify his heart and become a greater tool for God (1 John 3:3). It motivated him to live a more righteous life. What about you?

When Mr. Armstrong led the Worldwide Church of God, it was a thriving operation focused on reaching the world with God's truth. After he died, his successors changed the Bible-based doctrines he taught and assumed a small-minded, insular focus. The great majority of people who came out of that church and tried to hold fast to some measure of those doctrines

have no work to speak of. They are focused on themselves rather than on carrying out the work of God to this world.

The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy (Revelation 19:10)—but Laodicean churches say, *Prophesy not* (Amos 2:12). As a result, the Laodicean era lacks a zeal for righteousness.

The only way to change this is by putting your whole heart into the *one* true work of God.

God's Word warns emphatically that it is not enough to agree with what God's messenger says. God condemns those who hear His words but don't do them—meaning they don't support the work and don't purify their hearts. "And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but *they will not do them*: for with their mouth they shew much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness. And, lo, thou art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for they hear thy words, but they do them not" (Ezekiel 33:31-32).

Does this describe you? Do you agree with the teachings of Mr. Armstrong? Do you follow the *Trumpet* to hear that same prophetic message? At the same time, is your *heart* still wrapped up in the affairs of this world and your own lusts?

We are all sinners (1 John 1:8). The way to overcome sin and to grow spiritually is to give our all in supporting God's work.

Are you examining your life for areas you could give more time to God in fasting, prayer and Bible study? Are you examining your budget to see how you could give more to God? Are you seeking the counsel of God's ministers to see how you could serve the work of God more?

Whatever is holding you back, realize that time is running out. The longer you wait, the harder it will be to cut the ties to this world and commit yourself fully to God. For those who wait too long, it will take the Great Tribulation and unimaginable suffering to wake them up. Even then, half will not wake up but will lose their salvation (Matthew 25:1-13). But those who respond now are offered the greatest reward imaginable.

"**GOD'S TIME HAS COME TO SPEED UP HIS WORK WITH DYNAMIC AND TREMENDOUS POWER!**" Mr. Armstrong wrote. "Time for completing the **GREAT MISSION OF GOD** in this dying world is fast running out on us!" (co-worker letter, Nov. 25, 1985).

The time to act is now. You may not get another chance. ■

EUROPE

Germany should take over leadership of NATO, **Matthew Whitaker**, the U.S. ambassador to NATO, told the Berlin Security Conference on Nov. 19, 2025. "I look forward to the day when Germany comes to the United States and says that we're ready to take over the Supreme Allied Commander position," he said. "I think we're a long way away from that, but I look forward to those discussions."

German Lt. Gen. **Wolfgang Wien** said the statement left him "a little bit astonished." In wartime, the supreme commander controls the deployment of hundreds of thousands of troops and perhaps even nuclear weapons. Since U.S. troops and equipment form the backbone of these forces, the supreme commander has always been American. Whitaker is suggesting that NATO get a new backbone. Herbert W. Armstrong warned for decades that Germany, with U.S. help, would once again dominate Europe.

Does Germany want to keep the war in **Ukraine** going? It's a question many asked as the European Union tried to torpedo a U.S.-led Russia-Ukraine ceasefire. While the terms of the deal are up for debate, there is another reason the Europeans are opposing it. Former German Defense Minister **Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg** said in a Focus Online podcast posted on April 23, 2025, that if a peace deal is reached, Germans will return to prioritizing pensions over defense spending. Germany's *Tagesspiegel* gave another reason on April 11: "The war in Ukraine is also an experimental field for testing weapons systems under real operating conditions."

European leaders may not mind the conflict continuing if it provides them a rationale for unifying and militarizing while resisting the U.S. For more, read Gerald Flurry's article "**Germany Is Arming for World War III.**"*

Fear of Russia is motivating European militarization. On Dec. 5, 2025, the German government passed a new law designed to lay the groundwork for reintroducing conscription. This came days after **France's** President **Emmanuel Macron** announced on November 29 a new 10-month military training program, mostly for ages 18 and 19. He claimed that the younger generation has a "thirst for engagement" and that young people are "ready to stand up" for France. Around the same time, **Fabien Mandon**, chief of staff of the French military, told the Congress of French Mayors that the nation must accept the possibility of "losing our children" to "protect what we are." European minds are being conditioned for combat.

NATO held large naval exercises in the Baltic Sea from Nov. 24 to Dec. 4, 2025, involving 5,000 personnel, 20 ships, and aircraft from 11 nations: **Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Poland** and the United States. The exercises focused on securing infrastructure, clearing mines, and defending against amphibious landings. The drills were largely organized by Finland, which joined NATO in 2023.

On December 4, Germany's Air Force announced that it will move "several" Eurofighters from Nörvenich Air Base in Germany to Malbork Air Base in Poland, a response to recent Russian airspace violations. The deployment, which will last until March, includes about 150 pilots,

TOPSHOT German troops attend an event on Nov. 19, 2025.



technicians, security guards, military police and other personnel.

The first tank of a new Leopard 2A8 series was presented to German Defense Minister **Boris Pistorius** in Munich on Nov. 19, 2025. The last new build of the Leopard 2 was in 1992; the 2A8 is among the world's most advanced designs. The Bundeswehr has ordered 123 units and plans to order an additional 75. Spiegel asked, "Does Germany Really Need So Many Battle Tanks?" Little do they know what Germany is planning.

Cyprus assumed the European Council's rotating presidency on January 1. President **Nikos Christodoulides** visited Germany on Nov. 14, 2025, and soon after his government announced a \$1.4 billion purchase of weapons under the EU's Security Action for Europe program, equivalent to almost three times its annual military expenditure. Christodoulides said he wants to use his presidency to cement Cyprus as Europe's bridge to the Middle East. Watch our interview with Cypriot politician and lawyer Nicolaos Komnenos at theTrumpet.com/go/Cyprus.

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MIDDLE EAST

Iran still has enriched uranium, according to the International Atomic Energy Agency. Director General **Rafael Grossi** told journalists on Nov. 5, 2025, that "most, if not all the uranium enriched at 60 percent—but also at 20, at 5 and at 2 percent—is here." **Israel** and the United States bombed Iran's nuclear facilities in June 2025, and President Donald Trump claimed Iran's nuclear program was "completely and totally obliterated." Grossi's report indicates this is an exaggeration. Read "**Why the Trumpet Watches Iran's Pursuit of Nuclear Weapons.**"

French President **Emmanuel Macron** hosted Palestinian Authority leader **Mahmoud Abbas** in Paris on Nov. 11, 2025, the first such visit since France recognized Palestine as a sovereign state in September. Macron greeted





Abbas this time as “president of the state of Palestine” and announced “a joint committee for the consolidation of the state of Palestine.” Macron said this process would “contribute to drawing up a new constitution, a draft of which President Abbas presented to me.”

Abbas is an undemocratic leader of a pseudo-terrorist group, Fatah, which has sent payments to families of incarcerated terrorists, actively educates schoolchildren to become terrorists and murder Jews, and sent its al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade to join Hamas’s frenzy of torture, rape and slaughter on Oct. 7, 2023. France elevating such a faction to a “state” is extremely troubling.

A prophecy in the Psalms states “the Philistines,” today’s Palestinians, will ally with “Assur,” modern Germany. France, which comes from the Israelite tribe of Reuben, isn’t mentioned, but it is collaborating with Germany and acting as a major sponsor of the Palestinians, which could contribute to this prophecy’s fulfillment. Read more at theTrumpet.com/go/Psalm83.

On Nov. 30, 2025, Israeli Prime Minister **Benjamin Netanyahu**

requested a preemptive pardon from President **Isaac Herzog**, a highly unusual request

since Netanyahu has not yet been convicted on allegations of corruption. Herzog’s office said the pardon request “is clearly provoking debate and is deeply unsettling for many people in the country, across different communities. I have already clarified that it will be handled in the most correct and precise manner. I will consider solely the best interests of the State of Israel and Israeli society.” Israeli opposition figures continue waging lawfare against Netanyahu, the nation’s only strong leader.

The International Consortium of Investigative Journalists released a “Damascus Dossier” on Dec. 4, 2025, previously unpublished photographs of the torture victims of former Syrian dictator **Bashar Assad**. Thousands of images show the naked, skeletal bodies of human rights activists and others, some of whom are only identified by numbers. The document also contained information about one source of funding for Assad’s oppression: the United Nations. Between 2014 and 2024, the UN paid \$11 million for security services

to Shorouq, a front company for Assad’s General Intelligence Directorate, despite the fact that UN officials reportedly knew it was a “high-risk” contractor. This marks another shameful chapter in the UN’s abysmal history.

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ASIA

Chinese Communist Party official **Xue Jian** posted on X on Nov. 8, 2025, that the prime minister of **Japan, Sanae Takaichi**, should be beheaded for saying Japan may militarily intervene if **China** tries to seize Taiwan. China’s Foreign Ministry told the Japanese government to “stop crossing the line and playing with fire, retract the wrongful remarks and deeds, and honor its commitments to China with real action.” The Chinese government advised its citizens against visiting Japan. Though China-Japan tensions are worsening, the *Trumpet* forecasts that the two will eventually lay aside their differences and join forces in an alliance biblical prophecy calls “the kings of the east.” To understand why, read **Russia and China in Prophecy**.

The social media platform X implemented a feature on Nov. 22, 2025, that reveals account locations, confirming what some users have long suspected: Many of the most popular and polarizing Americans on the platform are not Americans. Numerous seemingly American accounts, including “MAGA Nation X,” which has 400,000 followers, were found to be based in

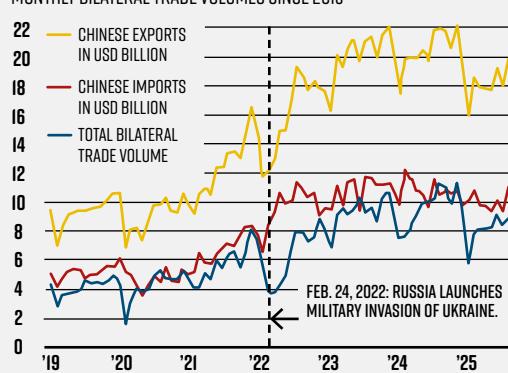
“non-EU Eastern Europe,” which means they are located in **Russia** or in nearby nations known to host Russian troll farms. Others posing as Americans were exposed as living in **Bangladesh, India, Nigeria, Pakistan, Turkey** or Southeast Asia. The goal of this campaign is to influence more Americans to support Russia and allow it to overturn the postwar order and reconquer its Eastern Europe neighbors. The accounts also seek to make right-leaning America appear more extreme and dangerous than it actually is to provoke alarm and push left-leaning audiences into more radical positions, further dividing and weakening the nation.

Meanwhile, Russia is hosting more than **13,000** Chinese companies, Russian government representative **Boris Titov** said at the Russian-Chinese Business Forum in China on Nov. 25, 2025. He said the two nations are preparing more than 80 joint projects worth \$200 billion, adding that “new opportunities for business are expanding.” About 95 percent of transactions between Russian and Chinese businesses use either Russian rubles or Chinese yuan, bypassing Western sanctions and also the U.S. dollar. Days earlier, China was found to

be using a “shadow fleet” to import vast quantities of Russian liquefied natural gas. This provides Russia an economic lifeline as Western powers seek to isolate it. Bible prophecy says these countries will continue to strengthen their alliance.

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China-Russia trade has surged since Ukraine invasion



ANGLO-AMERICA

An election for the mayor of New York City on Nov. 4, 2025, showed that America's political divisions are worse than ever. For the first time in history, citizens elected



a self-avowed socialist. Not only is **Zohran Mamdani** a member of the Democratic Socialists

of America, but he is also a Ugandan Muslim who adheres to the Shia Twelver sect, meaning that it took about one generation after the September 11 terrorist attacks for New York City to vote in a Muslim socialist who regards the leader of Iran as a spiritual authority.

One exit poll showed that a huge share of Mamdani voters either were not born or were living elsewhere

when New Yorkers were falling to their deaths and the World Trade Center towers collapsed on Sept. 11,

2001. The election vividly illustrates the results of university indoctrination and open borders. Isaiah 3:1-4 warns that when a nation rejects God, He curses it by removing strong, male leadership.

On Nov. 26, 2025, an Afghan immigrant brought to the U.S. during Joe Biden's chaotic withdrawal from Afghanistan shot two members of the West Virginia National Guard, about two city blocks from the White House. **Sarah Beckstrom** succumbed to her injuries on Thanksgiving Day, while **Andrew Wolfe** was critically wounded. The suspect,

Rahmanullah Lakanwal, worked in Afghanistan with the CIA before coming to America as one of more than 190,000 Afghans resettled in Operation Allies Welcome and Enduring Welcome.

President **Donald Trump** responded to the attack by



How long have voters lived in NYC?

CANDIDATES	>5Y	5-10Y	<10Y	BORN IN NYC
MAMDANI	86%	79%	55%	39%
SLIWA	1%	2%	3%	11%
ADAMS	0%	0%	0%	0%
CUOMO	13%	18%	41%	48%

pausing immigration from Third World countries. Hosea 7:9 says that "strangers" will devour the strength of end-time Israel. The 190,000 unvetted Afghans that Biden let into America, plus the 10 million illegal immigrants he let in and the millions who came before, are doing just that.

During the federal government shutdown that began on Oct. 1, 2025, and lasted 43 days, cyberattacks on the United States increased 85 percent. According to the American Security Project, "[W]eekly cyberattacks on U.S. infrastructure have increased 56 percent year-over-year." In September 2024, U.S. utilities suffered a 70 percent increase in cyberattacks compared to September 2023. Hostile states are responsible for much of this increase, with CrowdStrike reporting that China's attacks increased 150 percent in 2024. *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote in 1999 that Ezekiel 7:14 is a key end-time prophecy describing a time in the U.S. when "they have blown the trumpet, even to make all ready; but none goeth to the battle." A devastating cyberattack is one way enemies could attack America while its critical infrastructure is down. ■

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I would like to have the free booklet, *Which Day Is the Christian Sabbath?* I just got the November-December *Trumpet* magazine in the mail today, and there are some very interesting articles in there, as always.

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I have been a long-term subscriber to the *Trumpet* and many of your excellent publications. My life has been made richer and more blessed by them all.

Denise Boswell SOUTH CAROLINA

A friend of mine gave me a copy of your magazine and I'm very impressed. As I was reading, it said request your free copy of *Mystery of the Ages*. I'm interested in that as well. Thank you so much.

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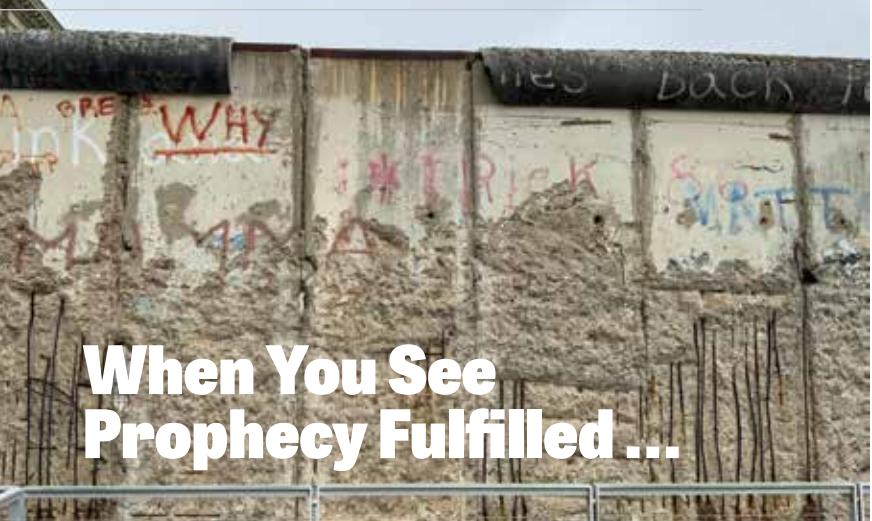
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When You See Prophecy Fulfilled ...

What Herbert W. Armstrong foretold is coming to pass. What will you do about it?

IN BERLIN, STANDING DERELICT, ALMOST IGNORED, IS A SURVIVING fragment of the Berlin Wall. This monument, which I visited last October, was part of the Communists' Iron Curtain dividing Europe in two. Today, that barrier is long gone, and residents and tourists cross back and forth as if Berlin's division never happened—an almost forgotten memory, like the ruined wall itself.

I noticed among the wall's graffiti, in big letters, the word *WHY*.

One of Herbert W. Armstrong's greatest forecasts was that communism would fall in Eastern Europe, leading to the reunification of Germany and its dominance of Europe. A Berliner friend of mine once said, "If you told me in 1988 that the wall would fall next year, I wouldn't have believed you." Yet in 1989, nearly four years after Mr. Armstrong died, it happened. Today, communism is gone, East and West Germany are one, and Berlin is the reunited capital of Europe's unofficial leader. Mr. Armstrong's forecast has been vindicated.

Maybe you are one of those people who has seen Mr. Armstrong's Bible-based forecasts come to pass in Germany or elsewhere. Perhaps you are convinced Mr. Armstrong was right about Bible prophecies of world events—including the prophecies that Germany will ignite a world crisis that Jesus Christ called the "great tribulation" (Matthew 24:21-22).

Yet one big question still needs to be answered. It's the same question the Berlin Wall still asks these decades later: *Why?*

Do you know *why* that wall fell—and why other prophecies were recorded and are being fulfilled? Ezekiel 20:33 answers: "As I live, saith the Lord God, surely with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out, *will I rule over you*." God directs world events so mankind can ultimately be reconciled with Him under His rule.

Mr. Armstrong taught that the same God who reveals the outcome of world events also reveals His law and government, and commands us to believe and obey Him. He also taught that God allows and even orchestrates events like the Great Tribulation as the direct consequence of and *punishment* for rebellion.

Mr. Armstrong's decades-long ministry taught much more than prophecy and geopolitics. He taught, from the Bible, about the nature of God, how to build an active relationship with Him, how to apply His laws to have happy families and rewarding relationships, how to solve our spiritual problems. He taught about God's *purpose* for creating human beings and His ultimate plan for mankind and the universe. He taught a wonderful, practical *way of life*, straight from Scripture.

If you saw the Berlin Wall fall and other prophecies fulfilled, you may be convinced Mr. Armstrong was a prophet of God. But if you haven't let these events lead you to letting God rule your life, *why?* If you, like those Berliners I walked past, keep doing what you are doing while letting the memories of fulfilled prophecy rot like the Berlin Wall today, **WHY?**

Mr. Armstrong's most-requested book during his lifetime was *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. That book explains through Bible prophecy why the United States and Britain became superpowers, why their power is being stripped away, and why the Great Tribulation is coming.

A student of Bible prophecy must not be a passive observer. Understanding the book *puts an obligation on the reader*. Mr. Armstrong laid out the conditions for receiving God's protection: "But if you—you now reading this, you as an individual—will be corrected, voluntarily, before God lets this indescribably horrendous chastening strike; if you come to real REPENTANCE, realizing how terribly wrong you have been; if you can see yourself as you really are—as a rebellious, wrong, evil person; and if you can surrender to the loving, all-merciful, yet all-powerful God—and make it an unconditional surrender, coming to Almighty God through the living Jesus Christ as personal Savior—then no plague shall come near you! (Psalm 91:8-11), but you shall be accounted worthy to *escape* all these frightful things and to stand before Christ at His return (Luke 21:35-36).

"Those in the true Body of Christ shall be taken to a place of safety, until this Tribulation be over (Revelation 3:10-11, applying to those faithful in God's work now going to the world; Revelation 12:14; Isaiah 26:20).

"But you must make your own decision—and to neglect doing so is to have made the **WRONG decision!**"

If you know that the fall of the Berlin Wall is fulfilled prophecy, then you know the Bible's prophecies of the Great Tribulation will also be fulfilled. What is stopping you from letting these fulfilled prophecies inspire change in your life—from committing yourself to God's work?

The Apostle Paul wrote: "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light" (Romans 13:11-12).

The time to awake is *now*. The Berlin Wall's ruins are proof that Bible prophecy will be fulfilled. Will you let this knowledge *change your life—before it is too late?*

Learn about repenting and turning to God in our free booklet by Herbert Armstrong *Just What Do You Mean ... Conversion?*

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Kansas City KCMN-LD-NEST 6:00, Sun; KCTV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KCWE 8:30, Sun
Kirksville KTOV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KYOU-DT 8:30, Sun
Louisville WBNA 6:30, Sun
Paducah KFVS/QFVS, 9:30, Sun
Pittsburg KJLN-LD-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun; KJLN-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KOAM 10:30, Sun
Springfield KRBK 9:00, Sun; KSFZ-LD-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun; KSFZ-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KXMP-LD-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun; KXMP-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun
St. Joseph KNPQ-LD 8:30, Sun
St. Louis KDNL-NEST 6:00, Sun; KUMO-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KPLR-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KSDK 5:00, Sun; WBGU-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; WPX3-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun

MONTANA

Billings KSVI 10:00, Sun; KTVQ-DT 6:30, 8:30, Sun; KQHD-LD-RETRO TV 9:30, Sun
Bozeman K04QX-D-RETRO TV 9:30, Sun; KBZK-DT/KXLF-DT 8:30, Sun
Butte K04QX-D-RETRO TV 9:30, Sun; KBZK-DT/KXLF-DT 8:30, Sun
Glendive KWZB 8:30, Sun
Great Falls KRTV-DT 8:30, Sun
Helena KTVH-DT 8:30, Sun
Missoula KPAX-DT 8:30, Sun; KTMF 9:30, Sun

NEBRASKA

Hastings KWBL/KCWH-LD 8:30, Sun
Kearney KWBL/KCWH-LD 8:30, Sun
Lincoln KWBL/KCWH-LD 8:30, Sun
Omaha KPTM-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KXVO-NEST 6:00, Sun; WOWT 6:00 Sun
North Platte KIIT-LD2/KWPL 8:30, Sun
Scottsbluff KGWN-DT 8:30, Sun

NEVADA

Las Vegas KGNB-BUZZR 3:30, Sun; KVCW-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KVGA-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; KVCW-NEST 7:00, Sun; KVGA-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun
Reno KCNL-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; KNSN-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KNSN-NEST 7:00, Sun; KOLO3/KREN-DT 9:30, Sun; KRMF-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun

NEW MEXICO

Albuquerque KCHF-RETRO TV 9:30, Sun; KOB 4:30, Sun; KRTN-LD 4:30, Sun; KYNM-CD-FAMILY TV 8:30, Sun; NRQE 5:30, Sun
Santa Fe KCHF-RETRO TV 9:30, Sun; KOB/KOBF 6:30, Sun

NEW YORK

Albany WCWN-NEST 7:00, Sun; WNGX-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WRGB-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WYBN-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WYBN-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun
Binghamton WBNG-DT 9:30, Sun
Buffalo WBXZ-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WBXZ-LD 6:30, Sun; WBXZ-LP-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WNYO 12:00 p.m., Sun; WNYO-NEST 7:00, Sun; WNYO 9:00 p.m., Sun; WNYO-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WUTV 10:30, Sun
Elmira-Corning WENY-DT 9:30, Sun
New York City WLNY-NEST 7:00, Sun; WPIX 11:30, Sun; WWOR 8:00, Sun; WWOR-TV-BUZZR 6:30, Sun
Plattsburgh WPTZ-DT 9:30, Sun; WVMW-CD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun
Rochester WBGT-CD 6:30, Sun; WUHF-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Schenectady WCWN-NEST 7:00, Sun; WNGX-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WRGB-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WYBN-LD-RETRO

TV 8:30, Sun
Syracuse WONO-CD 6:30, Sun; WSTM-TV-COMET TV 8:00; WSYR 9:00, Sun
Troy WCNW-NEST 7:00, Sun; WNGX-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WYBN-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun
Utica WKTW-DT 9:30, Sun
Watertown WWTV-DT 9:30, Sun
NORTH CAROLINA

Anderson WASV-LP-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WNGS-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun
Asheville WASV-LP-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WLOS-NEST 7:00, Sun; WNGS-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WYCW 9:00, Sun
Bowling Green WBKO 12:30, Fri
Charlotte WAXN 3:00, Sun; WAXN 10:00, Sun; WCCB 5:00/10:30, Sun; WHKY-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WMYT-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WWEB-LD-NEST 7:00, Sun
Durham WDRH-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WLFL-NEST 7:00, Sun; WNCB-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WRDC-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WTVD 6:30, Sun
Fayetteville WDRH-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WLFL-NEST 7:00, Sun; WTVD 6:30, Sun
Greensboro WMVV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WXLV-NEST 7:00, Sun
Greenville WCTV-LD-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WJGC-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WJGC-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WNCT-DT 9:30, Sun; WYDO-NEST 7:00, Sun
Hickory WHKY-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
High Point WMVV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WXLV-NEST 7:00, Sun
New Bern WJGC-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WJGC-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WCTI-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WNCT-DT 9:30, Sun; WYDO-NEST 7:00, Sun
Scranton WSWB-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WSWB-NEST 7:00, Sun
State College WANT/WWCP 8:30, Sun; WHBL-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WJAC-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
RHODE ISLAND

Providence WJAR-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
SOUTH CAROLINA

Anderson WLOS-NEST 7:00, Sun; WYCW 9:00, Sun
Charleston ECIV 8:30, Sun; WCBD-DT 9:30, Sun; WCIV-NEST 7:00, Sun; WLOW-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun
Columbia WACH-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Florence WPDE-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WTNG-CD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WWMB-DT 9:30, Sun; WWMB-NEST 7:00, Sun
Greenville WASV-LP-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WLOS-NEST 7:00, Sun; WNGS-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WNGS-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WYCW 9:00, Sun; XXXX-BUZZR 6:30, Sun
Hardeeville WTGS-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Myrtle Beach WPDE-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WTNG-CD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WWMB-DT 9:30, Sun; WWMB-NEST 7:00, Sun
Rock Hill WMYT-TV-BUZZR 6:30, Sun
Spartanburg WASV-LP-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WLOS-NEST 7:00, Sun; WNGS-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WNGS-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WSPA 12:00 p.m., Sun; WYCW 9:00, Sun
CLEVELAND WZDG-D-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WEKA-LD-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WIVM-WI 8:30, Sun; WIVX-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WJW-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WUAB 7:30, Sun
Columbus WOOC-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WSYX-NEST 7:00, Sun; WWHO-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Dayton WKEF 10:00, Sun; WKEF-NEST 7:00, Sun; WRGB-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
New Philadelphia WIVD-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun
Steubenville WBWO 9:30, Sun
Toledo WNWV-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Youngstown EYTV 11:30, Sun
Zanesville WBZV 9:30, Sun

OKLAHOMA

Ada KTEN-DT 8:30, Sun
Lawton KAUZ-DT 8:30, Sun
Oklahoma City KBZC-LD-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; KOCB-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KOKH-NEST 6:00, Sun; KWRRW-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun
Tulsa KMYT-TV 5:30, Sun; KQCW 9:30, Sun; KTUL-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KTUO-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KUOC-LD-BUZZR 5:30, Sun

OREGON

Bend KTVZ-DT 9:30, Sun
Eugene K44JP-D-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; KMTR-COMET TV 5:00, Sun
Medford-Klamath Falls KTVL-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KTVL-DT 9:30, Sun
Portland KATU-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KUNP-NEST 7:00, Sun

PENNSYLVANIA

Altoona WHVL-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WJAC-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Erie WSEE-DT/WICU-DT 9:30, Sun
Johnstown WHVL-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WJAC-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Philadelphia WDPN-TV-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WPSG-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WPSG-NEST 7:00, Sun; WTXF-TV-BUZZR 6:30, Sun
Pittsburgh WOSC-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WPNT-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WPNT-NEST 7:00, Sun; WPTG-CD 6:30, Sun; WPTG-CD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun
El Paso KFOX-NEST 9:00, Sun; KFOX-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KTSM 7:00, Sun
Fort Worth KDFI-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; KDFW 5:00, Sun; KFWD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KTXD-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun
Wilkes-Barre WSWB-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WSWB-NEST 7:00, Sun
RHODE ISLAND

Providence WJAR-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
SOUTH CAROLINA

Anderson WLOS-NEST 7:00, Sun; WYCW 9:00, Sun
Charleston ECIV 8:30, Sun; WCBD-DT 9:30, Sun; WCIV-NEST 7:00, Sun; WLOW-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun
Columbia WACH-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Florence WPDE-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WTNG-CD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WWMB-DT 9:30, Sun; WWMB-NEST 7:00, Sun
Greenville WASV-LP-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WLOS-NEST 7:00, Sun; WNGS-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WNGS-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WYCW 9:00, Sun
Hardeeville WTGS-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Myrtle Beach WPDE-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WTNG-CD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WWMB-DT 9:30, Sun; WWMB-NEST 7:00, Sun
Rock Hill WMYT-TV-BUZZR 6:30, Sun
Spartanburg WASV-LP-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WLOS-NEST 7:00, Sun; WNGS-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WNGS-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WSPA 12:00 p.m., Sun; WYCW 9:00, Sun
CLEVELAND WZDG-D-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WEKA-LD-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WIVM-WI 8:30, Sun; WIVX-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WJW-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WUAB 7:30, Sun
Columbus WOOC-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WSYX-NEST 7:00, Sun; WWHO-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Dayton WKEF 10:00, Sun; WKEF-NEST 7:00, Sun; WRGB-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
New Philadelphia WIVD-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun
Steubenville WBWO 9:30, Sun
Toledo WNWV-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Youngstown EYTV 11:30, Sun
Zanesville WBZV 9:30, Sun

NEVADA

Rapid City KLCO-DT 8:30, Sun; KRPC-LP-FAMILY TV 8:30, Sun; KRPC-LP-RETRO TV 9:30, Sun
Sioux Falls-Mitchell KRPC-LP-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KSFY-DT 8:30, Sun

TENNESSEE

Chattanooga WDNN-CD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WOOT-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WOOT-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WYBN-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun
Jackson WBNJ 8:30, Sun
Kingsport-Johnson City WLFG-BUZZR 6:30, Sun
Knoxville WKNX 1:30 p.m., Sun; WKXT-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WKXT-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun
Youngstown EYTV 11:30, Sun
Zanesville WBZV 9:30, Sun

OKLAHOMA

Memphis KPMF-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; WHBQ 5:30, Sun
Nashville WJNK-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; WNAB-NEST 6:00, Sun; WWHL-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; WUXP-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; WWHL-LD-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun
Spring City WOOT-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun

TEXAS

Abilene KTXS-DT 8:30, Sun; KVII-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun
Eugene K44JP-D-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; KMTR-COMET TV 5:00, Sun
Medford-Klamath Falls KTVL-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KTVL-DT 9:30, Sun
Portland KATU-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KUNP-NEST 7:00, Sun
Yakima-Pasco-Richland-Kennewick K20MJ-D-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun

PENNSYLVANIA

Altoona WHVL-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WJAC-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Erie WSEE-DT/WICU-DT 9:30, Sun; WTXF-TV-BUZZR 6:30, Sun
Johnstown WHVL-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WJAC-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Philadelphia WDPN-TV-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WPSG-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WPSG-NEST 7:00, Sun; WTXF-TV-BUZZR 6:30, Sun
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Wilkes-Barre WSWB-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WSWB-NEST 7:00, Sun
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Florence WPDE-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WTNG-CD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WWMB-DT 9:30, Sun; WWMB-NEST 7:00, Sun
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Harlingen KCWT/KVNO-DT 8:30, Sun; KGBT-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KTFV-CD-NEST 6:00, Sun
Houston KIAH-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KDFW 5:00, Sun; KFWD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KTXD-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun
Wilkes-Barre WSWB-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WSWB-NEST 7:00, Sun
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Rock Hill WMYT-TV-BUZZR 6:30, Sun
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Steubenville WBWO 9:30, Sun
Toledo WNWV-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Youngstown EYTV 11:30, Sun
Zanesville WBZV 9:30, Sun

MISSOURI

Rapid City KLCO-DT 8:30, Sun; KRPC-LP-FAMILY TV 8:30, Sun; KRPC-LP-RETRO TV 9:30, Sun
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Kingsport-Johnson City WLFG-BUZZR 6:30, Sun
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Spring City WOOT-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun

TEXAS

Abilene KTXS-DT 8:30, Sun; KVII-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun
Brownsville WVIR-DT 9:30, Sun
Dryden-Big Stone Gap-Norton WLFG-BUZZR 6:30, Sun
Grundy-Vansant WLFG-BUZZR 6:30, Sun
Hampton-Norfolk WSKY 9:00, Sun
Harrisonburg WVIR-DT 9:30, Sun; W29DH-D-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Lynchburg WSET-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Newport News WTKR 6:30, Sun
Norfolk WAVY-NEST 7:00, Sun; WTKR 6:30, Sun; WTVZ-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WVBT 6:30/10:00, Sun
Richmond WRLH-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WUPV 6:00/10:30, Sun; WWBT 1:30, Sat
Roanoke WSET-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
WVIR WIRE-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun

WYOMING

Paiute-Richfield KSVC-LD-RETRO TV 9:30, Sun
VERMONT
Burlington WFFF 10:00, Sun; WPTZ-DT 9:30, Sun
Charlottesville WVIR-DT 9:30, Sun
Dryden-Big Stone Gap-Norton WLFG-BUZZR 6:30, Sun
Grundy-Vansant WLFG-BUZZR 6:30, Sun
Hampton-Norfolk WSKY 9:00, Sun
Harrisonburg WVIR-DT 9:30, Sun; W29DH-D-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Lynchburg WSET-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Newport News WTKR 6:30, Sun
Norfolk WAVY-NEST 7:00, Sun; WTKR 6:30, Sun; WTVZ-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WVBT 6:30/10:00, Sun
Richmond WRLH-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WUPV 6:00/10:30, Sun; WWBT 1:30, Sat
Roanoke WSET-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
WASHINGTON D.C.
WJLA-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WMDE-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WTTG-BUZZR 6:30, Sun

WASHINGTON

Kennebwick KORX-NEST 7:00, Sun; KUNW-CD-NEST 7:00, Sun; KVVK-CD-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KVVK-CD-NEST 7:00, Sun
Pasco KEPR-DT 9:30, Sun; KORX-NEST 7:00, Sun; KVVK-CD-NEST 7:00, Sun; KVVK-CD-NEST 7:00, Sun; KVVK-CD-NEST 7:00, Sun

Richland KEPR-DT 9:30, Sun; KORX-NEST 7:00, Sun; KUNW-CD-NEST 7:00, Sun; KVVK-CD-NEST 7:00, Sun; KVVK-CD-NEST 7:00, Sun
Houston KIAH-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KDFW 5:00, Sun; KFWD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KVTK-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KVTK-CD-NEST 7:00, Sun; KVVK-CD-NEST 7:00, Sun
Wilkes-Barre WSWB-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; KVTK-CD-NEST 7:00, Sun; KVTK-CD-NEST 7:00, Sun; KVVK-CD-NEST 7:00, Sun
Seattle KCOP 7:00, Sun; KUNS-NEST 7:00, Sun; KVYU-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun
Spokane KREM 6:00, Sun
Tacoma KUNS-NEST 7:00, Sun; KVYU-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun
Bluefield WVVA-DT 9:30, Sun
Charleston WTZP-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WVAH-TV-NEST 7:00, Sun; WVAH-TV-NEST 7:00, Sun; WVAH-TV-NEST 7:00, Sun
Fairmont WVUX-LD 6:30, Sun
Huntington WVAH-NEST 7:00, Sun
Oak Hill WVVA-DT 9:30, Sun
Parkersburg WCWP/WOVA-LD 9:30, Sun
Wheeling WBWO 9:30, Sun
WISCONSIN

Appleton WCWF-NEST 6:00, Sun
Eau Claire WKOX-DT/WQOW-DT 8:30, Sun
Green Bay WCWF 10:00, Sun; WCWF-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; WCWF-NEST 6:00, Sun
La Crosse WKOX-DT/WQOW-DT 8:30, Sun
Madison WKOW 5:30, Sun; WMSN-TV-NEST 6:00, Sun
Rhinelander WAOW/WYOW 8:30, Sun
Superior KDLH-DT 8:30, Sun
Suring WCWF-COMET TV 7:00, Sun
Wausau WAO-WDT/WYOW-DT 8:30, Sun
WYOMING
Casper KCWY-DT 8:30, Sun
Cheyenne KGWN-DT 8:30, Sun
Jackson Riverton KCWY-DT 8:30, Sun

UNITED STATES

NATIONWIDE

American Crimes Network Nationwide 10:30 ET/9:30 CT/8:30 MT/7:30 PT

BUZZR Nationwide 6:30 ET, 5:30 CT, 4:30 MT, 3:30 PT, Sun

GETTV Nationwide 6:30, Sun

ROAR 8:30 ET/PT, Sun

NATIONWIDE CABLE

CHARGE 6:30 ET/PT, 5:30 CT, 7:30 MT, Sun

COMET 8:00 ET, 7:00 CT, 6:00 MT, 5:00 PT, Sun

CW PLUS 9:30, 6:30 ET/PT, Sun, 8:30, 5:30 CT/MT, Sun; 5:30, ET/PT, Mon-Thurs, 4:30 CT/MT, Mon-Thurs

FAMILY 7:30 ET, PT, 6:30 CT, 8:30 MT, Sun

NEST 7:00 ET/PT, 6:00 CT, 9:00 MT, Sun

RETRO 8:30 ET, PT, 7:30 CT, 9:30 MT, Sun

This TV 6:30, Sun

UNITED KINGDOM

NATIONWIDE

Faith World 8 a.m./8 p.m. Sun

CANADA

NATIONWIDE CABLE

VISION TV 4:30 p.m. ET, Sun

CHCH 11:30 ET, Sun

ALBERTA

Medicine Hat CHAT 8:30, Sun

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Kamloops CFJC 9:00, Sun

Prince George CKPG 9:00, Sun

Vancouver CHEK 8:30, Sun; CHNU 11:30, Sun/10:00, Tues; KCPQ 7:00, Sun

Victoria CHNU 11:30, Sun/10:00, Tues

MANITOBA

Winnipeg CIIT Joy TV 11:00, Sun

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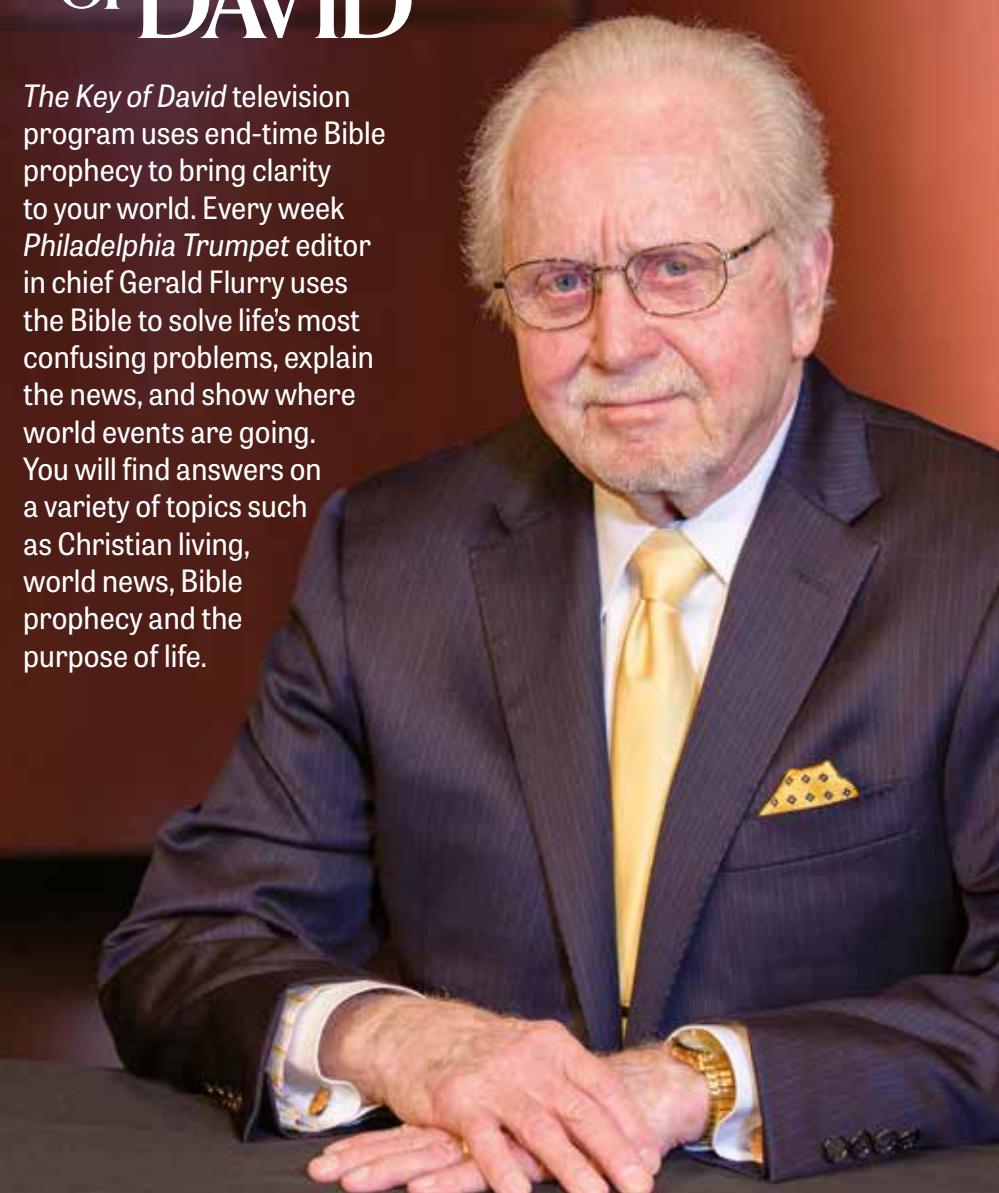
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