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A photograph of Pope Francis in his white papal attire, including a zucchetto. He is leaning forward and touching a blue wall with his right hand. The wall is covered in graffiti, including the word 'LOVE' and a small flag. The background is slightly out of focus, showing more of the wall and some architectural elements.

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Photo: Pope Francis and Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas (left) meet in Bethlehem on May 25.

Cover Photo: Pope Francis prays at Israel's security wall in Bethlehem on May 25. (TAUFIQ KHALIL/AFP/GETTY IMAGES)





The Dark Side of the Pope's Visit to Jerusalem

Politicians and the media were mesmerized by Pope Francis's peaceful-looking gestures. Almost nobody recognized the extremely provocative nature of his trip! **BY GERALD FLURRY**

ONE OF THE MOST PROPHETIC EVENTS OF 2014 HAPPENED in late May. It was Pope Francis's visit to Jerusalem, May 24 through 26. The news media failed to recognize its significance. Though most people are *unaware* of it, this visit was extremely momentous. It shed light on the future of Europe and of the world, and showed us where we are in Bible prophecy.

The pope's visit took place amid some very disturbing acts of anti-Semitism in Europe. The day he arrived, four people, two of them Jews, were shot to death in a museum in Brussels. Hours later, two brothers were beaten badly as they left a synagogue in Paris. And these attacks came just after European Parliament elections, when Europeans alarmed people by electing many far-right members and even some neo-Nazis.

Some commentators talked about these elections in terms of the Fourth Reich. In Germany, the neo-Nazi National Democratic Party won 1 percent of the vote and will send a man who called Adolf Hitler "a great man" to the European Parliament. France elected the daughter of a convicted Holocaust denier and racist, even though many feel that she thinks very much like her father.

Israeli Knesset member Dov Lipman warned, "Make no mistake about it. There is a direct connection between the way European leaders speak about Israel and the rise in anti-Semitism."

On May 26, the World Jewish Congress released this statement about Europe's rising political extremism as revealed in the election results: "The future of European Jewry is at stake." You can read more about this trend in our article on page 7.

During his visit to Israel, the pope addressed the murders and said he was sorry that things like this are happening. The *Times of Israel* also said he also discussed the elections. Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman said these events are happening because of noxious anti-Jewish sentiments and statements spreading all over Europe. Many Jewish leaders are expressing shock and rage because of this trend in Europe.

People looking only at the surface would view the pope's visit as a sign of his support of Israel. But if you look closely at what the pope said and did in Jerusalem, you can see how, in reality,

he is much more closely connected with the anti-Jewish attitudes simmering in Europe!

What Is the Vatican?

Here is something Herbert W. Armstrong wrote in an October 1951 *Plain Truth* article titled, "The Pope Plans to Move the Vatican." I hope you'll read it closely because it is profound. Under the subhead "The Great Unrecognized Dictatorship," the article said, "How many have realized these staggering facts: The oldest political dictatorship on Earth is the Vatican! The Roman Catho-

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HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG

lic Church is far more than a religion. It is also politically a *world power*. ... And how many people know that the real objective of the Catholic political power is precisely the same as the goals of communism and fascism—to gain dominance, control and rule over the whole world! ... Of course it is generally known that most nations send ambassadors to the Vatican, and papal ambassadors are established in most world capitals. But it has not been generally grasped that this Roman system is much more than a church—it is a STATE, called in the *Encyclopedia Britannica* an Ecclesiastical World Empire—it is a political dictatorship—it is a world power whose influence in many respects outweighs that of any nation on Earth" (emphasis mine throughout).

The Vatican is a dictatorship. It is literally a *state*, with political interests, foreign policy, sovereign independence, recognition under international law, official

relations, diplomatic immunity, administrative departments, ambassadors, a central bank, a capital, a very centralized government—and a man who dictates.

How many people really understand that? How many *Catholics* understand that? The Vatican governs 1.2 billion Catholics around the world, and it influences millions of other people, as well as national governments.

“I’M NOT HERE SAYING ANYTHING ABOUT, OR AGAINST, CATHOLIC PEOPLE, EITHER IN THE UNITED STATES OR ELSEWHERE,” Mr. Armstrong continued. “NOR AM I HERE SAYING ANYTHING ABOUT THE CATHOLIC RELIGION, save that it is pagan, cloaking the original Chaldean mysteries in the garb of Christianity, falsely so labeled, and deceiving its own adherents, who are quite often sincere and devout, with its sense-appealing pomp, ceremony, mysticism and superstition.

“But what I am here concerned with is Catholic *political power*—the papacy as a world power, a dictatorship, bent on conquering and ruling the world!”

Where does the Vatican have its strongest power? Europe. And that is where the perfect storm of anti-Jewish sentiment is brewing.

What the Pope Did in Jerusalem

The pope did not fly straight to Israel for his visit to the Middle East. Instead, he flew to Jordan on May 24. He spent most of the next day in the Palestinian territories. It is significant that he visited the Palestinians *first*. And it was there that he made the most eye-catching and significant move of his visit to the Holy Land.

In between scheduled engagements, the pope ordered his motorcade to make an unexpected stop in Bethlehem. He got out of his popemobile and made his way to a section of Israel’s security wall. This is an often-photographed section of THE WALL WITH HEAVY GRAFFITI THAT COMPARES PALESTINIAN BETHLEHEM TO THE JEWISH WARSAW GHETTO. Near a spot where someone had very recently sprayed “FREE PALESTINE,” the pope touched the wall and began to pray. Of course, cameras were everywhere capturing that moment.

Why would the pope want to have a photo op there? These are images that will be shown from now on when people talk about the Jews and the Palestinians. This man took the eyes of the world and put them on this wall with “Free Palestine” graffiti.

The Jews had invited Pope Francis to Jerusalem. They were hoping he would use his power of symbolism to create a big photo op at their holiest site, the Wailing Wall. But it was this security wall outside Bethlehem that got all the publicity.

Why is this wall, which the Palestinians and the pope hate so much, even there? Britain’s liberal *Guardian* newspaper described it this way: “Built by Israel as a so-called security fence . . . [i]t has become an emblem of the Israeli occupation.” *So-called?* The government built this fence to limit the ability of Palestinian weapons smugglers and suicide bombers to travel into Jewish population centers! Palestinians and everyone else are still free to move about—they just have to pass through a checkpoint so Israelis have a better chance to stop someone from walking onto a bus full of innocent people and *blowing them up!*

“Reasonable people disagree about the contribution the security fence makes to the security of the Israelis,” Caroline Glick wrote in the *Jerusalem Post* on May

28. “But no one can reasonably doubt that it was built to protect Israelis from Palestinian terrorist murderers. And Francis ought to know this. Francis’s decision to hold a photo op at the security barrier was an act of EXTREME HOSTILITY against Israel and the Jewish people.” That is exactly right! Yet almost nobody criticized Francis for this provocative act.

Why would the *Guardian* and other news media label it a “so-called security fence”? What is its purpose, if not security? Well, it must be there to just pen those poor Palestinians in—like Nazis penning the Jews in the ghettos! Forget the fact that Palestinians are *repeatedly attacking* unarmed Jewish citizens.

And why call it “an emblem of the Israeli occupation”? What do they mean *occupation*? The Arabs came at the Jews and tried to *destroy* them in 1967. Israel fought back and conquered some of their land—but to the *Guardian*, the Israelis are “occupiers.”

“Surrounded by Palestinian children,” the *Guardian* wrote, “Francis’s progress towards the concrete barrier was followed carefully by photographers and television cameras as well as Israeli soldiers revealed in silhouette at the window of a nearby watchtower. ‘I know all about this,’ he is reported to have told one Palestinian official.” The Vatican spokesman said the pope planned this move the day before. I wouldn’t doubt that he planned it long before that.

THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH RELIGION, WITH CATHOLIC DOCTRINE OR THE CATHOLIC PEOPLE. BUT IT HAS EVERYTHING TO DO WITH POLITICAL DICTATORSHIP! The pope knows how to use symbolism, and this is the symbol he created to show the world. It did not happen by accident! He created a photo op at that place for all it symbolized—a “symbol of division,” the *Guardian* calls it. That implies that it is a symbol of the Nazi spirit, with the Jews as Nazis.

The fact is, the pope *wanted* the world to see this image. *Forget about what happened in World War II*, he is saying. Isn’t he implying that the Jews are the Nazis today? Many people will think so. Look around Europe: Many Europeans are starting to believe that about the Jews!

Prime Minister Netanyahu was troubled by the stop. “According to the prime minister’s office, Netanyahu said he ‘explained to the pope that building the security fence prevented many more victims [of] Palestinian terror, which continues today,’” the *Washington Post* reported. “A VATICAN SPOKESMAN CONCEDED THAT ‘SOME HAD DIFFICULTY UNDERSTANDING HIS ACT AT THE WALL YESTERDAY’” (May 26).

Francis clearly favors the Arabs, and he is projecting a distorted view of the Jews in the Middle East.

What Else Did Francis Do in Jerusalem?

On his trip to Bethlehem with Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas, the pope made a prepared statement referring to “the state of Palestine,” and to Abbas’s office as the “presidential palace.” He also called Mahmoud Abbas “a man of peace and a peacemaker.”

Abbas is chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization and head of the Fatah political party. He recently created a Palestinian unity government with Hamas, a *recognized terrorist organization*. Hamas is undisputedly engaged in terrorism against Jews as a *way of life!* Yet the pope apparently sees no problem with Abbas allying with this bloody group—calling him “a man of peace and a peacemaker.”

DURING SUNDAY MASS ON HIS TRIP, Pope Francis prayed with Fouad Twal, a Palestinian archbishop who serves as the Catholic Church's Latin patriarch of Jerusalem. "In his sermon, Twal accused Israelis of being the present-day version of Christ-killers by referring to the Palestinians as walking in the footsteps of the divine child, and likening the Israelis to King Herod. In his words, 'We are not yet done with the present-day Herods who fear peace more than war, and who are prepared to continue killing'" (Glick, op. cit.).

What did the pope do after hearing these violent and outrageous words? Not only did he *not* condemn them, he added to them! "Who are we as we stand before the child Jesus? Who are we standing as we are before today's children?" the pope asked. "Are we like Mary and Joseph, who welcomed Jesus and cared for Him with the love of a father and a mother? Or are we like Herod, who wanted to eliminate Him?"

Apparently the pope really believes the Jews are "present-day Herods ... who are prepared to continue killing"!

And remember, THIS WAS AT A SUNDAY MASS! Most in the media and politicians must think it's all right for the world's most visible religious leader to make such vile statements!

At best this is gutter politics!

On top of that, "Francis embraced the Palestinian mufti of Jerusalem, Sheikh Muhammad Hussein. Departing from his scripted remarks which called for the pope to refer to the mufti and his associates as 'dear friends,' Francis called them his 'dear brothers'" (ibid).

Who is this Sheikh Muhammad Hussein? "In 2012 Hussein said it was the destiny of Muslims to kill Jews, who he claims are sub-human beasts, and the enemies of Allah. He has also praised suicide bombers and said their souls tell us to follow in their path. Francis didn't condemn him" (ibid). Such people are the pope's "dear brothers"?

The pope—whom so many millions view as a peaceful, religious man—didn't condemn any of this when he was right there among these people so full of hate. He only increased their stature. Is he really looking for peace?

HOW COULD A MAN WITH NORMAL HUMAN AFFECTION COZY UP TO PEOPLE WHOSE GREATEST PASSION IS TO WIPE THE JEWS OFF OF THE MAP? That is what a political dictator with fearsome power can do. Everyone, including the Jews, is too intimidated to speak out against the pope and the Vatican.

Why aren't more journalists digging into the truth? Ninety-nine percent of them don't even get into these questions!

The pope's words and actions on this Jerusalem visit are a dark sign for the future of Europe and the world.



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Fraudulent Gestures

The pope knows how to keep the media on his side though. He used his mastery of symbolism to divert criticism. Later in his visit, he prayed at the Wailing Wall, put a wreath at the grave of the founder of Zionism, and visited a memorial to victims of Palestinian terrorist attacks (but only after the Israelis requested that he add this unscheduled event to his itinerary to try to counterbalance what he had done in Bethlehem).

Pope Francis also spent 45 minutes at the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial, where there were six Holocaust survivors. One by one he took the hands of these elderly people and kissed them.

Israelis applauded the pope for these gestures—even though he had *just* visited the wall that slows Palestinians down from trying to *destroy the Jews!* Even though he praised Palestinian leaders who have proclaimed that they do not want peace, and do not recognize Israel's right to even exist. He called Palestinians, who are working toward another Jewish holocaust, "dear brothers"! Where is the goodness and the love of God in that?

Here is what Francis wrote in the Yad Vashem guest book: "With shame for what man, who was created in the image of God, was able to do. With shame for the fact that man made himself the owner of evil. With shame that man made himself into God and sacrificed his brothers. Never again!! Never again!! Francis."

He also said, "Never again, Lord, never again. Here we are, Lord, shamed by what man created in your own image and likeness was capable of doing."

Francis blamed the Holocaust on "man." But the real culprit was *the Nazis*. The Nazis were responsible for

the deaths of 6 million Jews and 60 million people total in World War II. And THERE IS A MOUNTAIN OF EVIDENCE SHOWING THAT THE VATICAN WAS COMPLICIT IN THAT COLOSSAL HOLOCAUST!

One Catholic author received access to Vatican records, and he was shocked at what he found and how anti-Semitic and hateful the Vatican was toward the Jews. It has been absolutely *proved* that even after the Nazis committed all these horrific crimes and then lost World War II, it was the *Vatican* that helped almost all of the Nazi officers escape through the “ratlines.” For example, Adolf Eichmann, who probably killed more Jews for Adolf Hitler in World War II than any other man, escaped to the pope’s home country of Argentina! And he did it with help from the Vatican. (We have an e-book you can download for free, proving this critical point.)

How could the pope go into Israel and not *hang his head in shame* for this history? Why didn’t he specify that the *Vatican helped the movement that did such evil*? Why didn’t he lament and repent of what *his church* did to cause that shame? He and the leaders of his church have never repented of what it did!

FOR THE POPE TO KISS THE HANDS OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS CAN ONLY BE VIEWED AS A FRAUD! It was a symbol designed to keep people from focusing on the evil that church has been involved in.

Caroline Glick wrote, “Francis stridently condemned the anti-Jewish attacks in Brussels and Paris. And during his ceremonial visits to Yad Vashem, the Wailing Wall, and the Terror Victims Memorial, he said similarly appropriate things. *But all his statements ring hollow and false in light of his actions*” (op. cit.).

This is one of the greatest journalists in the Jewish state today, and perhaps one of the best in the world. She sees through what the pope did and is not afraid to speak out about it. She concluded by saying: “Israelis and Jews around the world need to be aware of what is happening. FRANCIS IS LEADING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN A DISTRESSINGLY ANTI-JEWISH DIRECTION.”

This is really what should make headlines around the world! But none of the media picked it up. This world doesn’t want the truth.

Treatment of Israeli Officials

How did this man who carefully designed and stage-managed all of his symbolic moves in the Holy Land treat the prime minister of Israel? The *Economist* on May 28 characterized the pope’s demeanor as “standoffish.”

“In one of his blander pronouncements during the papal visit, Netanyahu mentioned on Monday that Jesus spoke Hebrew,” Glick wrote. “There was nothing incorrect about Netanyahu’s statement. Jesus was, after all, an Israeli Jew. But Francis couldn’t take the truth, so he indelicately interrupted his host, interjecting, ‘Aramaic!’ Netanyahu was probably flustered. True at the time, educated Jews spoke and wrote in Aramaic, and Jesus was educated, but the language of the people was Hebrew, and Jesus preached to the people in Hebrew. Netanyahu responded, ‘He spoke Aramaic, but He knew Hebrew’” (op. cit.).

Netanyahu ought to have reacted more strongly. But this is the *pope*—you just don’t do that to a dictator of his stature!

“Reuters’ write-up of the incident tried to explain away the pope’s rudeness and historical revisionism, asserting, ‘Modern-day discourse about Jesus is complicated and often political,’” Glick continued. “The report went on to delicately mention, ‘Palestinians sometimes describe

NINE FACTS About t

1) THE POPE VISITED MUSLIMS FIRST

In a visit full of symbolism, Francis flew to Jordan and then Palestinian areas before flying to Tel Aviv and finally Jerusalem.

2) THE POPE DEEMED THE PALESTINIANS A STATE

The official itinerary for day two of Francis’s visit refers to the Palestinian Authority office in Bethlehem as “the presidential palace.” Francis also pointedly mentioned “the State of Palestine.”

3) THE POPE CALLED MAHMOUD ABBAS A ‘MAN OF PEACE’

Francis also referred to Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas as a “man of peace and a peacemaker.” Abbas recently formed a unity government with the terrorist organization Hamas.

4) THE POPE CREATED A PHOTO OP AT A SECURITY WALL

Francis unexpectedly halted his motorcade at an Israeli security wall near Bethlehem so he could pray near recent Palestinian graffiti accusing Israel of apartheid and of creating a Nazi Warsaw-like ghetto.

Jesus as Palestinian. Israelis object to that.

“Israelis ‘object to that’ because IT IS A LIE.”

After discussing some success the pope has had with befriending Middle East leaders, the Associated Press reported, “The atmosphere was starkly different in Francis’s one-on-one with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who has expressed anger with politicians who have reached out to Abbas at a time when the Palestinian leader is reconciling with the Islamic militant group Hamas. Israel considers Hamas, which controls the Gaza Strip, a terrorist group” (May 26). I would think so, since Hamas lobbs missiles at Israeli cities time and time again.

The *Washington Post* wrote, “The pontiff had said his visit would be ‘strictly religious,’ but it was not. Francis on Sunday secured a promise from Israeli President Shimon Peres, and Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas, to meet with him at the Vatican next month to pray together and talk peace” (op. cit.). Francis’s invitation was unexpected, and everybody was buzzing about it. Both Peres and Abbas were eager to pray with the pope.

“‘The humility in your nature and the power in your spirit, raised a spiritual elation and a thirst for peace,’ Peres told him in a ceremony in the garden of the presidential residence. But the pope’s gesture seemed to send a powerful message to the region’s leaders not to give up, weeks after the latest round of peace talks collapsed” (Associated Press, op. cit.). The peace process has been a *disaster* for the Jews! Biblical prophecy describes it as a bleeding wound (Hosea 5:13—you can see proof of this in my free booklet *Jerusalem in Prophecy*). A prayer meeting with the pope will keep that wound flowing with blood.

Francis does not have a normal sense of repentance or even shame for what his state did. He is hostile toward the Jews. Where does that hostility come from? Why is he siding with people who want to put the Jews through *another* Holocaust? Why does he call those people his brothers?

The Pope's Visit to Jerusalem

5) THE POPE PRAYED WITH FOUAD TWAL

At Sunday mass under Palestinian flags, Francis prayed with a Palestinian archbishop who compared Palestinians to the child Jesus and said Israelis are “present-day Herods.” The pope continued the Herod theme in his own speech.

6) THE POPE CALLED A PRAYER PEACE SUMMIT

After mass, Francis made a surprise invitation to Abbas and Israeli President Shimon Peres to pray for peace at the Vatican, inserting himself into Middle East peace diplomacy.

7) THE POPE CALLED MUSLIM AUTHORITIES ‘DEAR BROTHERS’

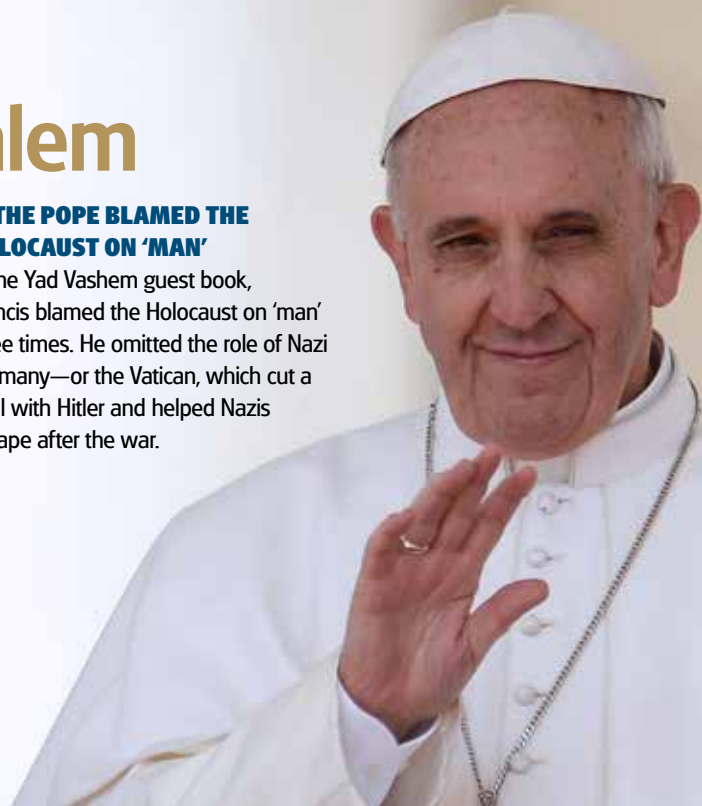
On the third day of his trip, Francis departed from his script to call Muslim authorities not his ‘dear friends’ but his ‘dear brothers.’

8) THE POPE MET MUHAMMAD AHMAD HUSSEIN

One of those ‘dear brothers’ of Francis was the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, who has approved of suicide bombings, called for Jews to be killed and incited riots.

9) THE POPE BLAMED THE HOLOCAUST ON ‘MAN’

In the Yad Vashem guest book, Francis blamed the Holocaust on ‘man’ three times. He omitted the role of Nazi Germany—or the Vatican, which cut a deal with Hitler and helped Nazis escape after the war.



Remember History

Symbolism—like the pope’s photo op in Bethlehem, or his warm gestures toward Abbas, Twal and Hussein—is one of the Vatican’s greatest tools. Why? BECAUSE OF PEOPLE’S IGNORANCE. If people had the perceptiveness of Caroline Glick, for example—or if they just *remembered history*—there is no way the pope could get away with promoting Palestinian propaganda! Outside of terrorists and others who want to murder Jews, everyone else would scoff and jeer!

Look back in history. The fact remains that in the Middle Ages the Catholic Church killed about 50 million people in an Inquisition. That is the extreme to which it will go to increase its power. And it will do everything it can to blot out that history.

Look at the horrors the Vatican-guided “Holy” Roman Empire has committed throughout the ages. The Bible literally gives you a picture of it. God is the greatest and most masterful user of symbols, and He depicts the Holy Roman Empire very appropriately: as a *beast*—a great monster like you’ve never seen before! A political-military beast guided by a political-religious beast. That Holy Roman Empire is about to burst on the world scene, led by Germany and the Vatican.

This beast is *ridden* and *guided* by a woman. “With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication” (Revelation 17:2). God uses these symbols to describe an entity that has intoxicating power over people around the world because it has had relations with the political leaders of many nations. In the Bible, God uses a woman to represent *a church*. This woman is very powerful. “[A]nd I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: And upon her forehead was a name

written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH” (verses 3-5).

The Bible is not silent about such a great and unique political power like the Catholic Church. Daniel 7:8 records a vision God gave that describes the history of the Roman Empire and how it became the “Holy” Roman Empire: “I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little

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horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things” (Daniel 7:8). This little horn—a great false church—plucked up the Heruli, the Vandals and the Ostrogoths from ruling Rome. Then it proceeded to dominate multiple resurrections of the Roman Empire over a matter of *centuries*—all the way down to today!

God prophesied that this church-state combine would be resurrected *seven times*: “And there are SEVEN KINGS: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space” (Revelation 17:10). When that verse was revealed to Mr. Armstrong around World War II, five resurrections had come and gone; the sixth was on the scene. NOW, THE LAST ONE IS UPON US!

Historically speaking, since A.D. 554 this empire, through its secular agents, has *routinely* KILLED PEOPLE who don’t submit to its power, shedding more blood than any other church could even begin to do! WHY? NOT BECAUSE OF



EMBRACE

Pope Francis kisses Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas during a meeting at the Vatican on June 8.

modern nations of Israel.

God gives us one more symbol though—one of hope. “And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars” (Revelation 12:1). Who is *this*? This is not a world-political-power church. This is God’s *true* Church. He says His people are clothed with the sun and have the moon as their footstool and a crown of 12 stars. That means they have all the power of God, the Creator of the universe, behind them. He gives *this* Church unstoppable power—if it obeys Him and exposes what Satan is doing. God’s true Church declares God’s warning about the abject evils our nations are committing that are bringing them down. It also declares His warning about the Holy Roman Empire that is going to leave us in its bloody trail. (For more information, request our free booklet *Germany and the Holy Roman Empire*.)

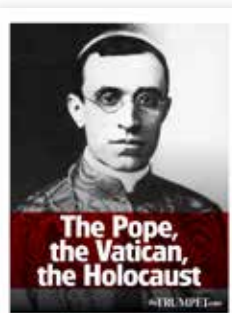
“And she being with child cried, tra-
vailing in birth, and pained to be deliv-
ered” (verse 2). This is the Church Christ
was born into. Verse 3 reveals “another
wonder in heaven; and behold a great red
dragon, having seven heads and ten horns,

and seven crowns upon his heads” (verse 3). Satan is the head of every single one of the resurrections of the Holy Roman Empire, which worshiped him.

Verse 5 says that Christ is “to rule *all nations* with a rod of iron.” God is going to rule the *world!* THAT IS WHERE THESE EPIC AND CATASTROPHIC EVENTS ARE LEADING!

“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” (verse 12). This is terrible news: Satan has been cast down to Earth and is stirring up abominations and horrible sins inside the modern nations of Israel and around the world. He is stirring up his political-religious dictator. He is stirring up his beast power.

But he only has a *short time*—because Jesus Christ is coming to conquer that dictator and that beast and all of mankind and the devil, and He will rule all nations with a rod of iron! ■



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ITS DOCTRINES OR ITS PEOPLE—BUT BECAUSE IT HAD POLITICAL DICTATORS WHO WERE OUT TO CONTROL THE WORLD! Yet it has never repented of that evil. And according to prophecy, the seventh and final resurrection of that empire will be the very worst! Even as it talks about peace, that Holy Roman Empire is coming again!

Was this trip to Jerusalem about the Catholic people the pope rules over? Was it about the Catholic religion? No, it was about a political dictator who wants to rule the world.

Another Church

Revelation 6:9-11 also talk about a time coming in the near future when this beast will kill God’s own people. This dictator will *kill* people who refuse to follow him and who follow God instead.

This beastly power is at work, and it is going to guide the destruction of the Jewish nation, which gives it such honor today. And it is going to destroy the rest of the modern descendants of Israel, particularly the United States and Britain.

Why would God let this evil empire do this? God says He actually puts it in their minds—*because of Israel’s abominations* (Revelation 17:17). God says the modern nations of Israel (the English-speaking nations, primarily), which had a history with Him, are committing such abominations that they must be punished! And He will use this beastly power to do just that.

Ezekiel 16 uses the symbol of a prostitute to represent our sinnedrenched nations. Our nations are so full of sin that God sends this destroying machine of church and state to wreak the worst suffering and destruction ever on the



What 79 Million Europeans Think of Jews

And how this is affecting European politics—again. **BY RICHARD PALMER**

FOR THOSE WHO LIVE IN ENGLISH-SPEAKING NATIONS, anti-Semitism is something rarely seen outside of history class. Perhaps they see it sometimes—from a raving drunk on a train, or in some nut’s online comment—but they’re not used to it. They think of anti-Semitism as a historical phenomenon. They know it was a problem 100 years ago, and marvel that so many ordinary people got caught up in what seems like a bizarre conspiracy theory. To them, though, it is a problem for the historian, not for the modern man.

But such thinking is wrong. And it leads to a dangerous complacency. Even in Europe, with a wealth level and society similar to that in Britain and America, the reality is very different. There, anti-Semitism is a modern problem. Radical Islam is the most obvious cause, but it is certainly not the only one.

Terrorist and Other Attacks

On May 24 in Brussels, Europe experienced one of its most violent anti-Semitic attacks in recent years. A man walked into the Jewish Museum of Belgium, pulled out an AK-47 and shot four people dead. The suspected murderer was arrested six days later. He is 29-year-old Mehdi Nemmouche, a French-born Muslim who allegedly just returned from Syria after fighting with the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant terrorist group.

Such attacks may be rare, but the beatings, intimidations and verbal abuses of Jews are so common that they don’t reach headlines.

The scale of the problem can be seen in the steady increase of Jews moving to Israel. In 2012, fewer than 2,000 Jews emigrated from France to Israel. In 2013, it was more than 3,000. Between January and March this year, nearly 1,500 left. Ariel Kandel, the head of the Jewish Agency’s French chapter, said, “If the current rhythm continues, there will be more than 5,000 French people leaving for Israel, something that has never happened since its creation in 1948.”

Kandel blamed the increase in part on Europe’s

worsening economic situation—but even more on a “climate of anti-Semitism.”

More Than a Muslim Problem

The worst of these attacks come from radical Muslims. But they occur within *societies* in which minorities are allowed to develop such a murderous hatred for Jews without being confronted. After the Belgium attack, Stephen Pollard, editor of the *Jewish Chronicle*, wrote, “The real shock of the murder of four Jews at a Brussels museum on Saturday is ... that it hasn’t happened long before” (May 27).

He warned: “For years the authorities have operated a de facto tolerance of Islamist groups on the basis that anti-terror forces will leave them alone if they leave Belgium alone. This has been toxic. The British authorities are often criticized for refusing to take seriously Islamist hate speakers, but the Belgians give these groups near-free rein to spread their poison.”

As Pollard pointed out, this takes at the very least a radical unconcern for the welfare of Jews from Belgian authorities.

“I worked in Brussels between 2001 and 2008 and found it one of the most openly racist, anti-Semitic places I have come across,” wrote Pollard. “A few months into my time there, I was out for a meal with a friend, who looks Jewish. I was asked by the waiter (who clearly didn’t think I also did) what ‘the Jew girl’ wanted. When I said that both Jews would now leave, he replied they’d only have served one Jew, anyway, not two.”

Statistics back up Pollard’s anecdotal evidence. The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) published the results of a global survey of over 50,000 adults in over 100 different countries on May 13. The study concluded that 26 percent of the adult population of the *world* harbors anti-Semitic attitudes. That’s more than a billion adults worldwide. But in the English-speaking world, half that—13 percent—have these attitudes. In



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the United States, it is 9 percent; the United Kingdom, 8 percent.

In Europe, however, the rate is 24 percent. In Belgium and Germany, it is 27 percent. In France, it's 37 percent.

The ADL measured anti-Semitism by giving 11 anti-Jewish stereotypes (see a list of these statements on the bottom of this page). Those who said that at least six of the statements were "probably true" were classed as harboring anti-Semitic attitudes. That's a robust test. It is debatable whether harboring just one of these views makes someone anti-Semitic. But it's hard to imagine someone could agree with six of them without being anti-Semitic.

These statistics also prove conclusively that anti-Semitism is not simply a Muslim problem. Between 5 and 10 percent of France's population is Muslim. So if every single French Muslim was anti-Semitic (a supposition that certainly is not true), Muslims would still account for less than a third of the total number of French anti-Semites.

In fact, the ADL study concluded that 29 percent of Muslims in Western Europe are anti-Semitic—a rate only slightly higher than that of the general population. The study found that in Eastern Europe, Muslims are, on the whole, less anti-Semitic than the average person. Only 20 percent of them have anti-Semitic attitudes, compared to an overall prevalence of 34 percent.

European Elections

Further proof that Europe's anti-Semitism goes beyond its Muslim community came in the European parliamentary elections in May. Voters gave surprising victories to a number of extreme parties that are anti-Semitic.

The French vote was the most dramatic. For the first time, the far-right (as it is usually referred to—though far-left would be more accurate) National Front came in first in a national election, winning 25 percent of the vote. In 2009, it held three seats in the European Parliament. It now has 24. This election also marked the worst performance ever by President François Hollande's French Socialist Party, which won only 14 percent.

"It is hard to overstate the momentousness of what has just happened in France," wrote the BBC's Paris correspondent Hugh Schofield. "A party that just two or three years ago was regarded as not just contemptible, but untouchable, has won a national election" (May 26).

National Front founder Jean-Marie Le Pen is an extremist who was convicted for Holocaust denial. His daughter, Marine Le Pen, has tried to rebrand the party. But, as United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP) leader Nigel Farage put it, "anti-Semitism and general prejudice remains in the DNA of the

party." Supporters of Le Pen the elder have not left the party, and his daughter's changes seem to be more style than substance.

Evidence of this fact came early this year when the National Front won the leadership of several French towns. The party announced that Jewish and Muslim schoolchildren would not be offered an alternative meal if pork was served—they must either eat the pork or go without. That incident sums up the National Front. Its members are not Nazis, but they're not very friendly toward Jews either. It is also reminiscent of the 1930s, when restaurants banned Jews by refusing entry to those with "dietary requirements."

Nazis in Parliament

Meanwhile, actual Nazis will be taking up seats in the European Parliament. In Germany, the neo-Nazi National Democratic Party (NPD) won a seat in the European Parliament for the first time. The seat will go to Udo Voigt, who has called Hitler a "great man," encouraged voters to rise up in "armed combat," and demanded that "German lands" taken after World War II be returned.

The success of the NPD does not come because of any surge in popularity—it received only 1 percent of the vote—but instead because the German Constitutional Court recently changed Germany's EU election laws. Previously, parties had to win at least 3 percent of the vote to get a seat in the European Parliament. Now there is no threshold.

Greece is the other country sending neo-Nazis to the European Parliament. There, the Golden Dawn party won 10 percent of the vote, making it Greece's third-most popular party. Six of its leaders are currently in jail, and 18 of its politicians are under investigation and could face criminal charges. The Anti-Defamation League's poll found Greece to be the most anti-Semitic country in Europe, where a shocking 69 percent harbor anti-Semitic views. Here, 53 percent agreed that "Jews don't care what happens to anyone but their own kind," and 38 percent agreed that "Jews are responsible for most of the world's wars."



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Cause for Jews' Concern

In Austria, the far-right Freedom Party won just under 20 percent of the vote in the European Parliament elections. The strength of Austria's far right in earlier elections caused an Israeli foreign official to warn: "We are very concerned over the rise to power of people who promote hatred of foreigners and Holocaust denial, and befriend neo-Nazis. We see it as a disturbing development and are following the matter very closely."

In Hungary, Jobbik was the second-most popular party, with

The Anti-Defamation League measures anti-Semitism by the following stereotypes:

Jews are more loyal to Israel than to [this country/the countries they live in].

- Probably True
- Probably False

Jews have too much power in the business world.

- Probably True
- Probably False

Jews have too much power in international financial markets.

- Probably True
- Probably False

Jews don't care about what happens to anyone but their own kind.

- Probably True
- Probably False

Jews have too much control over global affairs.

- Probably True
- Probably False

more than 14 percent of the vote. This was, in fact, a step back—it won 20 percent in Hungary’s parliamentary elections on April 6. The party denies that anti-Semitism is part of its platform; however, it seems to be prevalent among its top members. In 2012, Jobbik’s deputy parliamentary leader, Márton Gyöngyösi, said that Israel’s brief conflict with Hamas in Gaza meant that it is “timely to tally up people of Jewish ancestry who live here, especially in the Hungarian Parliament and the Hungarian government, who, indeed, pose a national security risk to Hungary.”

Last year, the party publicly railed against the World Jewish Congress in Budapest, saying it was protesting against “a Jewish attempt to buy up Hungary.”

These are only the extreme parties. Other, more mainstream ones have tried to outlaw circumcision or prevent Jews from killing their animals in the manner prescribed by the Old Testament. Still others promote a distorted view of Israel—painting the Jews as modern-day Nazis and terrorist groups like Hamas as innocent victims.

Israeli and Jewish organizations are concerned. Efraim Zuroff, the Israel director of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, warned that these elections could be “the beginning of a new and very dangerous era in which openly fascist and anti-Semitic parties might attain entry into government coalitions, which would significantly change the current constellation of political power in such a way that could seriously jeopardize the future of European Jewish communities.”

The head of the Central Board of Greek Jewish Communities, Benjamin Albalas, said, “A great number of European citizens seem to have forgotten what happened during the Holocaust and World War II. Racism and anti-Semitism are again hitting Europe.”

It is important to note that these criticisms do not apply to all the non-mainstream parties who made large gains in the European Parliament election. Some, for example, have tried to tarnish Britain’s UKIP with the same brush as these other parties. That is wrong. There is no evidence that anti-Semitism is more prevalent in UKIP than in Britain’s other major parties.

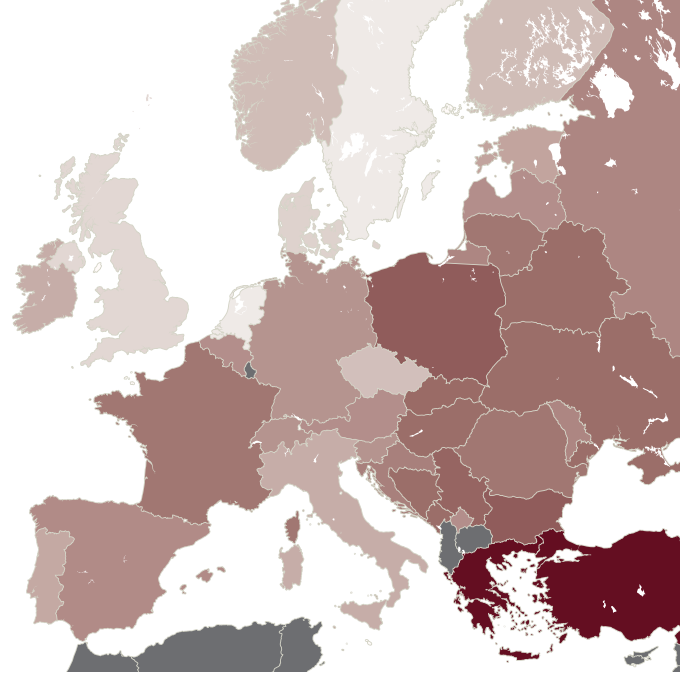
The Danger for Israel

The irony is that in the short term, the rise of these extreme parties will probably benefit Europe’s Jews. These groups are already pushing Europe’s mainstream parties to crack down on radical Islam—the source of the most violent anti-Semitic attacks.

And all of these parties are forced to hide their anti-Semitism. They get accused of making anti-Semitism cartoons or jokes—not of saying that they want to gas all the Jews. Public anti-Semitism is considered beyond the pale, though the ADL’s study indicates that in private, it is much more common.

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70%



Is anti-Semitism extinct?

Percentage of population deemed anti-Semitic by the Anti-Defamation League

But this does not mean European Jews have no reason for concern.

These anti-Semitic parties have been sprouting up in the countries that have been hit the worst by Europe’s economic crisis. In Greece, brand-new or previously insignificant parties now play major roles. The neo-Nazi Golden Dawn does shockingly well. Meanwhile, the Panhellenic Socialist Movement, which has dominated Greek politics since the 1970s, wins only 8 percent of the vote. Its support has collapsed completely since Greece received its disastrous bailouts.

In the 2009 European Parliament elections, Spain’s top two parties, the Popular Party and the Socialist Party, won over 80 percent of the vote. This time, the two parties received less than 50 percent. The upstart left-wing Podemos party—meaning “we can”—formed only two months earlier, yet managed to win 8 percent of the vote.

It’s an atmosphere reminiscent of the 1930s, when extreme parties started receiving small but significant shares of the vote. This made it hard for the major parties to form a government, forcing them to create messy, ineffective left-right coalitions. As you would expect, these coalitions were useless, meaning more voters drifted to the extreme groups.

The political crisis of the 1930s was caused by an economic

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People hate Jews because of the way Jews behave.

- Probably True
- Probably False

Jews think they are better than other people.

- Probably True
- Probably False

Jews have too much control over the United States government.

- Probably True
- Probably False

Jews have too much control over the global media.

- Probably True
- Probably False

Jews still talk too much about what happened to them in the Holocaust.

- Probably True
- Probably False

Jews are responsible for most of the world’s wars.

- Probably True
- Probably False



Build a Tougher Teen

BY DENNIS LEAP

IS YOUR TEEN MORE STRESSED OUT than you are?

If he or she is a typical American teen, the answer could well be yes. America's teens are as stressed out as adults, some even more so. That is the finding of what experts believe to be the most comprehensive national look at stress among teens ever: the American Psychological Association's first-ever survey of teen stress, published in February. The survey results are alarming.

According to the APA survey, teens believe that a healthy level of stress is 3.9 on a 10-point scale. Low stress levels would be one, two or three points. During the school year, however, teens report that their stress level is way up at a 5.8. That is higher than adults' average reported stress level, 5.1.

10 Even more startling, more than one in 10 teens say that they experience stress at extreme

levels over the summer: 13 percent rated their summer stress levels as an 8, 9 or 10. And during the school year, that number shoots up to 27 percent—more than one in four.

What is worse, teens believe their stress level is rising. Only 16 percent report that it has declined in the past year, while 31 percent said it increased, and 34 percent believe it will rise in the coming year. As an older friend of mine often said to me, "That's a good sign of a bad sign."

Parents: Be Concerned

These statistics should concern all parents and adults who work with teens! Health experts have well-documented proof that chronic stress adversely impacts the mental and physical health of adults. The same is true for teens. However, the majority of the teens surveyed are unaware of the toll stress can take. Stress is a leading cause

of cardiovascular disease, depression, exhaustion and weak immune systems that cannot fight off severe viral infections.

If our teens are *stressed out* in their youth, how will they handle the strain of the sure-to-come adulthood stressors such as jobs, finances, marriage and raising families?

You need to help your teen get a grip on stress. Using excerpts from the survey, here are several things you can do to help your teen better handle stress.

Understand this first of all: Many parents make it their goal to eliminate *all* stress for their children. This is not good! Stress—the positive, meeting-a-challenge kind of stress, called eustress—is often necessary to make teens stronger, more confident and more capable, as long as it comes in the right amount. Using positive stress to grow is actually therapeutic for a teen. It is the negative (distress) stressors such as delinquency, divorce, drug and alcohol abuse that we need to work to prevent in our children's lives.

Analyze Your Approach to Education

School is the most commonly mentioned source of stress for teens. In the survey, 83 percent of the teens list school as a "somewhat" or "significant" source of stress.

Without talking to each individual teen surveyed, it is not easy to understand what teens actually mean. "I'm not sure it would be the clinical definition of stress. I think they get stressed because someone puts a demand on them and they don't want to do it," Michael Bradley, a psychologist who specializes in teens, told *USA Today*. In a similar vein, clinical psychologist Jonathan Abramowitz told *USA Today*, "It is hard to know if all the negative effects teens report are really based on stress. It is hard enough for anyone to really explain why [teens] do certain things, like procrastinating. Give a kid any excuse—it may or may not have anything to do with stress." So a teen stating that school is a significant source of stress *may* be just an excuse to get out of doing hard schoolwork.

However, child psychologist Kristen Race, whose Mindful Life foundation helps adults, children and teens learn to control stress, believes that teens are honest when responding to confidential surveys. So we should not just gloss over what teens are saying.

Consider this: How do you and your teen's school administrators approach your child's education?

"I'm being pressured on all sides to get A's so I can get into a good college, but I'm a B-average student. The A students get letters from the principals saying how proud they are that they keep such a high standard of excellence. All I get is a 'you don't try hard enough' from my teachers," writes Matt Leher in the book *Pressure*, a collection of teen articles about how stress affects them. Matt's article in the book is titled, "Forced to Face College."

Matt also gets pressure from his parents. "I know you've been working really hard this quarter, but you need to step it up if you expect to get into a good college," retorts his mother when seeing his report card. It is likely that this type of discussion is repeated often in a majority of homes with teens in high school. This is likely what many teens are referring to when they say that school is somewhat of a significant source of stress.

In his article, Matt discusses his love of music and his desire to be a music journalist. "I get all panicky about getting into a 'good college' when I am not even sure that's the right fit for me. What others might consider a good college might not fit in with my plans for the future," he writes.

Parents, principals and teachers can put extreme pressure on teens to drive themselves to get into a top college or university. Yet many educators and parents blind themselves to the serious dangers to students lurking on the campuses of the top colleges and universities. Theft, physical and sexual assault, drug and alcohol abuse and mass shootings have become regular occurrences. For recent news on this subject, read "Elliot Rodger and the Recurring Nightmare of Mass Murder" (theTrumpet.com/go/11807).

Education Should Build Character First

Most educators and parents don't acknowledge the toxic nature of modern education.

Back in 1955, Herbert W. Armstrong wrote, "The trend in modern education has been a dangerous drift into materialism and collectivism. Colleges and universities have grown so large that regimented assembly-line processes have replaced individualized instruction. The student has lost his identity. Development of personality and initiative is largely sacrificed"

(*Plain Truth*, April 1955). Mr. Armstrong founded Ambassador College, which had two campuses in the United States and one in England, in order to reverse this trend in education.

"This is the mass production machine age. The industrial world today demands highly specialized technological, scientific and professional training along purely materialistic lines," Mr. Armstrong passionately continued. "Emphasis is upon vocational training for financial rewards in preferred fields. The development of the *man himself*, his character, right sense of values, knowledge of the real PURPOSE of life, and the spiritual laws that govern it, is neglected. Modern education commits the crime of developing the machine, but failing to develop the MAN." These trends have intensified severely in the decades since he wrote those words.

Ambassador College, a relatively small liberal arts college, graduated high-caliber students rich in character, productivity and strong work ethic. Major corporations sought after Ambassador graduates.

The truth is that attending top colleges or universities does not mean that your teen will be a success. It is a fact that many very successful people today never graduated from a top college or university. Examples include Steve Jobs, co-founder of Apple; Michael Dell, founder and CEO of Dell computers; and Bill Gates of Microsoft fame. Likewise famed architect Frank Lloyd Wright; Henry Ford, founder of the Ford Motor Company; and billionaires John D. Rockefeller and Richard Branson. Even Presidents Abraham Lincoln and Andrew Jackson never went to college.

As a parent, it is far better for you to ensure that your child strives to develop the character and discipline of obtaining a well-rounded education. Most major corporations worth their salt are more interested in young people who have proven character and demonstrated know-how to work and accomplish tough things rather than a loaded transcript from a top university.

In a speech titled "The Strenuous Life," America's 26th president and widely considered one of our greatest, Theodore Roosevelt, said this: "I am no advocate of senseless and excessive cramming in studies, but a boy [and girl] should work, and should work hard at his lessons—in the first place, for the sake of what he will learn, and

in the next place, for the sake of the effect upon his own character of resolutely settling down to learn it. Shiftlessness, slackness, indifference in studying, are almost certain to mean inability to get on in other walks of life." I can think of no better advice for parents concerning education.

Roosevelt's autobiography shows that he lived what he taught. Being a frail child, he used positive stress to overcome life-threatening asthma. He worked hard to gain an extensive education, yet he was home-schooled. He became a great leader on the battlefield, and he met the challenges and pressures of not only personal tragedy, but also the extreme strain brought on by political life. It was his sterling character that made Roosevelt the man he was.

Avoid Parental Permissiveness

It is interesting that 13 percent of the teens surveyed rated their summer stress levels as an 8, 9 or 10, even though 83 percent of teens said school was a "somewhat or significant" source of stress. What could cause a teen's stress level to elevate significantly when not in school? Could it be that during summer break, teens have little or no contact with much-needed authority in their lives?

Here is a paradox worth thinking about. While parents will apply extreme pressure on their teens to do well with academics, few will admonish, correct, discipline, set

Do you realize that parental permissiveness is actually a negative stress in a teen's life?

limits, or even say "no" to their teens. Do you realize that parental permissiveness is actually a negative stress in a teen's life?

One critical mistake a majority of parents with teens make is assuming that their child's emotions and ability to reason correctly have grown up with their bodies. This is a grave fallacy. Your dashing 6-foot, 5-inch 16-year-old son is still a child emotionally and mentally. The same is true of your beautiful 5-foot, 2-inch teenage daughter.

Some—if not most—parents are reluctant to say *no* to anything today. Parents have been fed the false doctrine that if you establish standards for behavior, enforce rules and set limits for teens, you will severely repress them or destroy their creativity. Nothing could be further from the truth. Standards, rules, limits and punishment for infractions teach children self-discipline. In every field of endeavor, truly successful people—even creative ones—are highly self-disciplined.

All children—especially teens forced to live in an environment without standards, rules and limits—are living in a high-stress situation. Standards, rules and limits that are consistently enforced provide children, including teens, the sense of safety, security and sense of well-being necessary for good physical and mental health. Teens need a lot of guidance, direction and teaching, which helps develop effective reasoning skills.

Clean Living Reduces Stress

One area in particular where teens need parental guidance, direction and correction is human sexuality. Parental permissiveness and a relentless media culture have encouraged rampant sexual promiscuity in America. Sexual promiscuity is wrecking the vigor of teens. We are

doing tremendous harm to our children by allowing this situation to continue.

Parents and adults must look at this situation honestly. How bad is sexual promiscuity among teens?

Teen contraction of sexually transmitted diseases is at the epidemic level. Early in 2014, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention published that adolescents ages 15 to 24 account for nearly half of the 20 million new cases of STDs each year. For example, Chlamydia rates are highest among teens in this age bracket. This number shows that four in 10 sexually active teen girls have had an STD that can cause infertility and even *death*. Males make up more than two thirds of HIV diagnoses among 13-to-19-year-olds. These serious health crises bring extreme *and unnecessary* stress into the lives of mere children.

The solution is not buying a condom and then teaching your child how to use it. Teaching your child to live a *clean* moral life is *the* solution that works.

Most people today, even the so-called religious, hold great contempt for the Ten Commandments. Yet these laws, carefully thought out by an all-wise and loving Creator, protect the vitality and success of human life. Each of the Ten Commandments, when followed faithfully, produces

what Jesus Christ called the “abundant life,” (John 10:10). Living a fully fleshed-out moral life brings great confidence and reduces stress in the life of teens *and adults*.

Build a Tougher Teen

Are you too embarrassed to teach your teen “You shall not commit adultery”? (Exodus 20:14; English Standard Version). The Seventh Commandment also warns against fornication in all of its forms. God designed this commandment to not only protect the institution of family, but also to protect the health of teens. The facts about the destructiveness of living a loose sexual life are many and well known. It is time humanity listens. Teaching your child the self-discipline of sexual abstinence until marriage is one of the most important things you can do for your child. Actually, by doing so, you may save his or her life.

Parents and all adults who work with teens must be careful not to overindulge them. While all teens need to know how to enjoy the pleasures in life, that pleasure should remain age-appropriate. Exploring the outdoors, participating in sports, playing a musical instrument, singing, producing works of art and developing the craft of writing are examples of the type of activities teens should devote their attention to. However, there are times we should put our teens under stress to ensure they grow in their education and moral character, and develop the ability to solve problems and meet the challenges of life. We are wasting the wealth inherent in teenage life if we allow teens to have “the easy way.” The future of our world depends on them.

“A mere life of ease is not in the end a very satisfactory life, and above all, it is a life which ultimately unfits those who follow it for serious work in the world,” Theodore Roosevelt said. “In the last analysis a healthy state can exist only when the men and women who make it up lead clean, vigorous, healthy lives; when the children are so trained that they shall endeavor, not to shirk difficulties, but to overcome them; not to seek ease, but to know how to wrest triumph from toil and risk.”

Let’s use this advice from a teen who learned to use stress to accomplish great things in life. Let’s build tougher teens who can do the same!

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THE WAR TO END ALL WARS

British troops enter the trenches
near Ypres in October 1917.

The War Over World War I

Who started the First World War? As the world commemorates the 100th anniversary of the war, the answer to this question is more important than ever. **BY RICHARD PALMER**

JUST LIKE THE WAR ITSELF, THIS STORY begins with an assassination. The target was Kurt Eisner, the radical socialist prime minister of Bavaria.

Eisner saw his death coming. Just months earlier, he told a friend, “By making this speech, I have probably signed my death warrant.”

His crime? Eisner had leaked official German documents proving, at least in his mind, that Germany was responsible for starting World War I. He declared Germany’s guilt to the world and promised that he had more incriminating material to reveal.

These declarations had already killed his political career. On Feb. 21, 1919, Eisner was on his way to Bavaria’s parliament to resign.

He didn’t make it. Standing in a doorway was Count Anton von Arco-Valley, a young aristocrat and officer in the Bavarian Army. Once Eisner walked by, Arco-Valley stepped out behind him and put two bullets in the back of his head.

There are conflicting accounts of Arco-Valley’s motivation. Some reports state that he had just been rejected from the Thule Society, a German far-right group, because he had Jewish blood. In murdering the Jewish Eisner, who was

discrediting Germany before the world, Arco-Valley was trying to prove himself.

But other accounts talk of a wider conspiracy. The night before, the *New York Times* reported, the Bavarian Life Guards Regiment held a party in their club rooms. “Champagne flowed freely,” it wrote, but the real purpose of the party was “to designate the officer who was to shoot Eisner” (Feb. 26, 1919). Attendees rolled dice, and Arco-Valley was chosen.

Either way, the assassination made Arco-Valley immensely popular, gaining the praise of many on the right, and the admiration of the young Joseph Goebbels. Arco-Valley was shot by Eisner’s companions, but recovered in the hospital. Just under a year later, he was put on trial. Here, even the state prosecutor praised him, saying, “If the whole German youth were imbued with such a glowing enthusiasm, we could face the future with confidence.”

Nonetheless, in 1920, Arco-Valley was found guilty and sentenced to death. But the next day, the sentence was changed to imprisonment. And so, three years later, in November 1923, he occupied one of the most comfortable rooms in Landsberg Prison, when he was moved out to a new

cell to make way for another Austrian-born far-right agitator—named Adolf Hitler. Arco-Valley was released in 1925 and completely pardoned in 1927.

Meanwhile, the German judiciary that had treated both Arco-Valley and Hitler with such leniency continued the work that Arco-Valley started. In 1922, Felix Fechenbach, Eisner’s secretary, was brought to a rigged trial, along with a couple of newspaper journalists he was working with. He and his associates were found guilty of high treason for leaking German war documents to the press. The trial was such an obvious miscarriage of justice that the Reichstag gave Fechenbach early parole; but, unlike Arco-Valley, he was never cleared or pardoned. In 1933, he became one of the first targets of the new Nazi regime and was shot while being transferred to the Dachau concentration camp.

A Violent Controversy

It is no exaggeration, then, to say there is a violent controversy over the question of who started World War I. There are few other historical questions that people are willing to kill and die for. A century after the war

began, Britain's top leaders are writing columns in national newspapers arguing over why the nation fought the war and who started it. Germany has publicly agonized over its role for decades. No other question of history gets the attention of world leaders the way this one does.

Why? It is a conflict that defined the century. Winston Churchill saw the two world wars as one conflict separated by a 20-year truce. Even historians with differing views see that the two are intimately connected. World War I was the crisis that founded the modern world.

It is also a crisis that can be twisted to teach almost any lesson. Britain's political parties argued over the war to advance their own more modern agendas. The Labor Party used it as part of its class warfare, painting the war as a needless waste of life—a conflict where Britain's ignorant and uncaring upper classes sent hundreds of thousands of working-class

boys to their deaths for no good reason. On the other hand, the governing Conservative Party would rather make the war's centenary about a patriotic celebration of a just war.

But in Germany, the conflict over the war is more foundational. It has everything to do with Germany's status in the world. If World War I was not Germany's fault, then the world—and Germany itself—has little to fear from renewed German power. In that case, the rise of Hitler was an aberration, and Germany's violent conquests of World War II were a departure from a relatively blameless past.

But if Germany *is* to blame for World War I, a different pattern emerges. Under this interpretation of history, the state of Germany was born in the violence of the Austro-Prussian and Franco-Prussian wars. Then Germany went on to start two world wars—the bloodiest conflicts the world has known—before being forcibly divided.

Only in the last few years has a unified Germany been allowed to wield serious power and begin to think about using its military. If Germany is guilty of starting these wars, then the world has *much* to fear from a newly assertive Germany.

German historian Immanuel Geiss firmly believed in Germany's guilt for World War I. He said Germany must "make do with the status of lesser powers in Europe" and forget about "all patriotic dreams of a German Reich." Based upon this interpretation of German war guilt, Geiss warned that "any attempt to circumvent these political consequences, to squeeze past them, would inevitably lead to a third phase of German power politics, hence leading to a third world war initiated, once again, by Germany" (Spiegel Online, February 14).

This is why this question has taken on such importance in Germany

Revealed: Germany's Secret Army

"THE NAZIS WENT UNDERGROUND," *PLAIN TRUTH* EDITOR IN chief Herbert W. Armstrong wrote in November 1949. In "Under Cover in Europe," he described an "organized underground army" of "military experts, bankers, industrialists, scientists, artists, educators, clergymen—many of them men of influence and valuable contacts in foreign countries." Mr. Armstrong said these men planned to secretly rebuild German power after their defeat in World War II.

Sixty years later, that sounds pretty far-fetched. Everyone knows there was no "secret German Army."

But over the past couple of years, more and more evidence has seeped out of the German government—evidence revealing a post-war underground Nazi movement. We've learned that Germany's finance ministry and foreign ministry were thoroughly infiltrated by former Nazis. We've discovered that its intelligence service let men like Adolf Eichmann get away.

Then this May brought the most shocking revelation yet: There literally was a secret Nazi army.

According to papers released by Germany's intelligence agency, this army could have fielded 40,000 men in the event of war. It had 2,000 officers—including lieutenants and major generals from Hitler's army.

Germany's *Spiegel* news magazine analyzed the papers and determined that this army had high-level government connections and possibly an even wider Nazi network.

An Influential Network

The group began in 1949. Officers who had served in the German Army during the war were worried about how the nation could defend itself if the Soviets invaded.

Although the Allies outlawed all "military-like" forces under penalty of life imprisonment, these officers decided to build the nation a secret army.

This army faded from the scene in the mid-1950s, when Germany established an official army, the Bundeswehr. But many of those who had led this secret army went on to hold prominent positions in the new force. The army's organizer, Albert Schnez, a colonel in Hitler's army, became a lieutenant general in the Bundeswehr and inspector of the army. He also was closely associated with German Defense Minister Franz Josef Strauss.

Spiegel reports, "Statements by Schnez quoted in the documents suggest that the project to build a clandestine army was also supported by Hans Speidel ... and Adolf Heusinger." Speidel became the NATO supreme commander of the Allied army in Central Europe, and Heusinger was the first inspector general of the Bundeswehr.

Another key figure was Anton Grassler, a general in World War II who became an inspector general at the German interior ministry in the 1950s. Using this position, he made sure that the secret army could access the equipment and munitions of the German Police tactical units in an emergency.

In fact, *Spiegel* reveals that this secret army's connections went right to the top. In 1951, Schnez met with Reinhard Gehlen, the head of Germany's intelligence service. The intelligence service reported that there had "long been relations of a friendly nature" between the two men.

Gehlen passed on information about the group to German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer—who allowed the army to



right now. It's not just the centenary. As discussed in the *Trumpet's* April edition, Germany's top leaders are calling for the nation to assume a greater role in the world—even a greater *military* role (theTrumpet.com/go/11396).

This makes German war guilt a modern concern. Can the nation trust itself once again with world power? Germany's feelings on this question are changing rapidly.

History can be a powerful teacher—but only if we learn the right lessons. In this case, airbrushing the history could have disastrous results. Is Germany an innocent country marred by the hatred of Adolf Hitler and his followers—or is it a nation repeatedly guilty of starting wars?

A History of History

The irony is that most of the rest of the world has already cleared Germany of the blame. The one country where historians have consistently pinned the blame on Germany is Germany itself. Meanwhile, schoolchildren in Britain and America are

taught that World War I was a big accident.

But this shift in perception about war guilt was a long, painful process for Germany. The Treaty of Versailles, which followed World War I, infamously put the blame of the war on Germany, forcing the nation to restrict its military and pay compensation to the victors. Germans bitterly resented this view of the war. Many felt Germany was the victim, unfairly scapegoated for the crisis. Challenging this view got Kurt Eisner shot.

Even after World War II, this remained the prevailing opinion—until German history professor Fritz Fischer dropped a bombshell on Germany's sense of history and identity.

In 1961, Fischer published *Grasping for World Power: The War Aims of Imperial Germany*. The book was later published in English, slightly abridged, as *Germany's Aims in the First World War*. The war was no accident and Germany was no victim, he asserted. Instead, Germany had “a substantial share of the historical

responsibility for the outbreak of the general war.” The German elites behind the war, he argued, were the same elites who orchestrated Hitler's rise to power. Germany pursued the same racist goals and expansion of power in both world wars, he concluded.

These were incendiary accusations. But Fischer backed them up with proof after proof after proof.

And so the controversy turned violent again. Fischer's publisher's office was firebombed. The German Foreign Office tried to stop Fischer from traveling to America for a lecture series. Franz Josef Strauss, one of Germany's most influential conservative politicians, denounced Fischer's views in the parliament, and called on the government to do all it could to “combat and eradicate the habitual, negligent and deliberate distortions of German history and Germany's image today.”

But Fischer won the battle. His research was so compelling that

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continue. The chancellery asked Gehlen to “look after and to monitor the group.”

Spiegel says the papers indicate that Adenauer informed the leader of Germany's left-wing Social Democratic Party, as well as the Americans about the existence of the army.

If that is indeed the case, America did nothing to uphold its law against “military-like” forces. But this is not too surprising. In 1950, American and German officials had talked about setting up this kind of force themselves—“gathering members of former German elite divisions in the event of a catastrophe, arming and then assigning them to Allied defense troops.”

Tip of the Iceberg

The documents analyzed by *Spiegel* indicate that Schnez's secret army could be only the tip of the iceberg. Even for that group, little has been recorded. Schnez took his secrets to his grave. None of his secret army's documents or paperwork have ever been found. The only information about it comes from Gehlen's secret service documents, which presumably only include information that Schnez willingly told the government. Even this limited information is surprisingly inadequate: The documents don't even reveal when—or if ever—the organization was wound down.

And Schnez's army was not the only such group. America funded a couple of far-right groups, the League of German Youth and Technischer Dienst (Technical Service), which Schnez worked with. “Schnez, it seems, had no qualms whatsoever associating himself *with* former Nazis,” *Spiegel* noted.

Some of the groups Schnez interacted with we still know very little about. *Spiegel* reports that it received access to U.S. documents which show that Schnez held talks with SS war hero Otto

Skorzeny. The documents state that Skorzeny was setting up a similar army, but give few details about it.

In fact, German intelligence was more worried about Skorzeny's group than Schnez's. As the authorities tried to decide whether to confront Skorzeny, the secret service suggested consulting “the SS”—saying that the Nazi organization “is a factor and we should sound out opinions in detail there before making a decision.”

“Apparently networks of old and former Nazis still exercised considerable influence during the 1950s,” *Spiegel* reported.

The Greatest Intelligence Service

This Nazi underground that Mr. Armstrong wrote about *did* exist. Yet he was writing about it while it was completely under wraps and the scant evidence on it was locked away inside German and American safes. And he was writing about it decades before we are finding out. How could he know?

Mr. Armstrong did not have spies at the German chancellery, microphones in the White House or any other secret sources of information. Instead, he carefully watched world news, and he evaluated it according to the prophecy in your Bible! These prophecies gave him insight no one else had. It meant he could foresee a development that even the German secret service didn't fully document.

Much of Mr. Armstrong's forecasting was proven accurate within his own lifetime. But since his death in 1986, events are proving right all the more.

The *Trumpet* follows his same formula of news watching guided by Bible prophecy. It is a formula that works, and you can prove it. For a comprehensive review of Mr. Armstrong's analysis, request our free booklet *He Was Right*. **RICHARD PALMER**



The Rise of

These nations have ancient histories of animosity and mistrust toward each other. But a common cause is bringing them together. **BY JEREMIAH JACQUES**

TOGETHER, THEY COMPRISE well over one third of the world's population. They are responsible for a third of the world's energy production. They make up over a fifth of the world's standing army, and almost a fifth of total global exports.

Individually, Russia, China and India tend to be dismissed by America and other Western nations as second- and third-rate

powers. Together, however, they have the potential to be the fiercest force on Earth.

And recent headlines—including human history's biggest election and its largest-ever business transaction—show that these nations are increasingly joining forces, uniting, acting as one. The ramifications for the global order are immense.

Russian-Chinese Cooperation

"This is a major change," said Vasily Kashin, a senior research fellow at the Moscow-based Center for Analysis of Strategies and Technologies, who spoke to the *Trumpet* on June 7. The change he refers to is the sudden intensification in cooperation between Russia and China. It is so "major" that it is taking many Western officials and analysts by surprise.

Evidence of the change became undeniable during Russian President Vladimir Putin's visit to China in late May. There, he and Chinese President Xi Jinping signed a natural gas deal worth \$400 billion—the largest business transaction in human history. That same week, as if to punctuate the historic deal with an italicized exclamation mark, the navies of Russia and China conducted a massive joint drill in the East China Sea, sending a clear deterrence message to the United States. At the same time, Moscow announced that, within a year, bilateral trade between Russia and China will reach \$100 billion annually—considerably earlier than anticipated. Within the same week, Russia and China vetoed a key draft United Nations resolution sending Syria

Russia-China collaboration since the Cold War

1989 Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev visits China to restore ties and give new impetus to settling demarcation lines that had been disputed for centuries.

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1991 Russia and China sign an official border agreement.

1991-1997 China spends \$6 billion on Russian armaments.

April 1997 China, Russia, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan sign an accord on troop reduction and security-building measures along the 4,700-mile border between the former Soviet Union and China.

November 1997 Russian President Boris Yeltsin and his Chinese counterpart sign a formal declaration putting an end to variances over the implementation of the 1991 border agreement.

1998 A joint venture to design and build a nuclear power plant in China begins.



analysts are predicting the two could enter into a formal alliance, or something quite near it. Whether the close strategic cooperation culminates in a formal, anti-Western alliance or not, the significance of this trend cannot be overstated.

The seismic nature of this shift can be measured by just how much it has caught most analysts and officials off guard. Historically, the cultural dissonance between Russia and China, their conflicting interests in Central Asia, and their long history of mutual suspicion and animosity made many believe such alignment impossible (“From Contempt to Camaraderie,” page 18). Nevertheless, it is happening.

The Elephant Enters the Tango

While Russia and China are at the heart of the congealing Asian axis, another deeply significant aspect is the decision of India to lean toward it, and away from the cooperation with the United States that has defined Delhi’s foreign policy for decades.

On May 12, following five weeks of voting and 800 million ballots cast, the largest election in the history of mankind came to an end. Its result was a landslide victory for Indian Hindu nationalist Narendra Modi. The massive win gave Modi something no ruler of India has had for over 30 years: an absolute majority in the lower house of parliament. This awarded him powers his predecessors could only have dreamed of. And indications are that he is already using those powers to steer India away from the U.S. and nearer to Russia, China and other Asian states.

Part of the reason for this realignment dates back to 2005, when America revoked Modi’s visa on grounds that he had played a role in one of India’s bloodiest episodes of religious violence. Modi responded to the Western snub by looking east. Ever since, he has been making friends and forging alliances with China, Russia, Japan and other Asian countries.



VLADIMIR PUTIN RUSSIA

- 61-year-old KGB-trained strongman
- Officially ruled Russia from 2000 to 2008, and again from 2012 to present
- During the 2008-to-2012 interim, maintained de facto rule via his puppet, Dmitry Medvedev
- In 2005, famously called the Soviet Union’s collapse “the greatest geopolitical catastrophe of the [20th] century”; has labored ever since to rebuild it
- Invaded pro-Moscow states in the ex-Soviet nation of Georgia in August 2008; result: Russian control over those states
- Annexed Ukraine’s Crimean Peninsula in March 2014 after Ukraine contemplated a turn toward the West; pro-Russia turmoil has engulfed parts of Ukraine’s east ever since
- Looked east after Western powers sanctioned Russia for aggression against Ukraine

to the International Criminal Court for war crimes.

All of this came just weeks after China (along with India) stunned the West by revealing that it supported Putin’s illegal takeover of the Crimean Peninsula.

These are not everyday geopolitical events, but MILESTONE OCCURRENCES. And they are sending geopolitical fissures radiating all over the globe, redirecting global energy flows, reorienting strategic alignments, and even redrawing national borders.

“It would be no exaggeration if I said that the cooperation between our two countries is at its highest level in history,” Putin said on May 20. It is difficult to argue with that statement.

In this climate of unprecedented cooperation between Russia and China, some

The *South China Morning Post* explained that his win represented a bane to the U.S. and a boon for Eastern powers: “Over the years, China and Modi have invested heavily in each other and forged a bond that could have far-reaching ramifications not only for Sino-Indian relations, but also for the U.S. ‘Asia pivot’ strategy at a time when territorial disputes in the South China Sea are taking a violent turn. ... Modi is also known to have an Eastern bias, with Asian nationalism forming the core of his worldview. Apart from China, that also draws him closer to Japan and Singapore, with whose leaders he has struck up a similar rapport. ... Modi’s unimpeachable conservative background and open admiration for China has in the past raised hopes of him becoming a sort of Indian Richard Nixon” (May 16).

Nixon is not the only world leader Modi has been compared to. The *Diplomat* called him “India’s Shinzo Abe”

1999 The two nations contract to train Chinese servicemen in Russia’s military schools.

2001 Russia and China sign a “friendship cooperation” treaty.

2008 Moscow and Beijing sign an agreement that ends their border dispute.

2005-2014 The two hold numerous joint military drills—regarded by many as the emergence of a military bloc that could eventually rival NATO.

April 2014 Western powers sanction Russia for its aggression against Ukraine, then Moscow makes a sharp pivot to Asia—primarily to China.

May 2014 Putin says Russia and China have “never had such trusted relations.” Russia and China sign a \$400 billion gas pipeline deal—the largest natural gas deal ever.

June 2014 Russia, China announce the creation of a new ratings agency to challenge the U.S.-based ratings system.

because some of his nationalistic leanings mirror those of the Japanese prime minister. The *Economic Times* said many Chinese officials who have dealt with Modi “compare him to their present boss, Xi Jinping.” OneIndia News skipped to the chase, likening Modi to Asia’s big man himself; he is “India’s Putin,” the publication wrote. His heavy-handed leadership “may revive India as Putin did in Russia,” it said, “[because] Modi has similar Putin-like capability to metamorphose India into an economic and military powerhouse through a series of tough measures and steps which would help India leverage and unleash its real potential” (May 6).

Welcome, Comrade!

At the heart of the warming ties between Russia, China and India has been increasing fear of and contempt for the West, especially for a world order steered by the U.S. The sanctions Western powers have slapped on Russia have had a catalytic effect on Asian bonding.

Modi—with a worldview chiseled primarily by Asian nationalism—joins Putin, Xi and other Asian strongman leaders who have been rising to power (or consolidating power) as disdain for America intensifies and as America’s global influence fades. Modi’s fellow strongmen eagerly welcome him as the newest participant in their shared goal of ending America’s global hegemony, and shifting global power from Occident to Orient.

After his election was announced, China’s state-run *Global Times* wrote: “This has caused worries from the West. ... The U.S. is particularly upset with the enhanced strategic cooperation among China, Russia and India” (May 5).

China and India continue to bicker over such issues as border disputes, bilateral trade imbalance and Beijing’s alliance with India’s Pakistani nemesis. But under Modi, these tensions will likely abate. This fall, President Xi is scheduled to visit Modi, which is expected to hasten the trend.

Russia, too, welcomes the ascension to power of its longtime Indian friend. Just after the election results were announced, Putin said he hopes he and Modi will push Russia-India ties to “new heights.” Modi replied on Twitter, saying, “I thank President Putin for his good wishes. Looking forward



From Contempt

RUSSIA’S VIEW OF CHINA

BEFORE THE COLD WAR

Despite the fact that three quarters of Russian territory lies in Asia, Russia has historically considered itself a European entity. In 1867, Czar Alexander II sold off Russia’s most easterly turf—modern-day Alaska—for the disdainful price of 2 cents per acre; Joseph Stalin viewed Russia’s east as a place fit only for the gulags. It was only in 2008 that Moscow finally bothered linking itself via highways to its unfashionable eastern regions. If Russians viewed the eastern terrain of *their own* nation with condescension, the feeling was sharply more acute when they directed their gaze toward China.

COLD WAR

At the end of World War II, industrialized Russia looked down superciliously on a China that was still agrarian—an economy run by peasant farmers. But when the Chinese chose to “lean” toward the Soviet Union in their quest to industrialize, the Russians welcomed it and gave China copious amounts of aid. In the late 1950s, however, strains in the Sino-Soviet alliance began to emerge over security, and ideology. In 1969, the strains culminated in bloody armed clashes at their border. Throughout the 1970s and early ‘80s, the Soviet-China relationship remained fraught with tensions.

POST-USSR

After the Soviet Union’s demise in 1991, Russia was reeling from the grievous post-imperial adjustment. During that sensitive time, the leadership of the new Russian Federation received something unexpected from the Chinese, who until then had been their enemy: respect and even the reverence owed to a global power. Throughout the 1990s, each time Russia opposed Western military actions and voted against UN Security Council resolutions (in places like Kosovo and Iraq), Moscow knew it could count on quiet support from Beijing in the form of an abstention vote.

2000-PRESENT

Given this history, Russia esteemed itself the superior of the two countries. But in the 2000s, Russia’s exports to China shifted, becoming mostly energy, metals, timber and other commodities instead of the high-tech machinery the Russians would prefer to be known for. Bobo Lo, a Russia specialist at Chatham House, explains that this reality made the Kremlin squirm: “It’s quite hard being a raw materials appendage to a country you felt superior to for the better part of the past 300 years.” For this reason, Putin’s recent decision to throw his arm around Xi’s shoulder after Crimea caught many unawares.

to making our relations with Russia even stronger in the years to come.”

India has a near-alliance with Moscow since the early 1970s, and has for much of that time been the number one market for Russian weaponry. In April this year, just after Putin’s annexation of Crimea, India announced plans to build a \$30 billion oil pipeline with Russia that runs through China’s restive Xinjiang province. If successful, the pipeline will be the most expensive in the world. “The recent unease in both the U.S. and Europe over Russian President Vladimir Putin’s ... annexation of Crimea has only added to Moscow’s efforts

to diversify its markets beyond Europe,” said John Daly, CEO of U.S.-Central Asia Biofuels Ltd., after the announcement.

Under Modi, the already robust Russo-Indian relationship could effloresce into something stunning.

Europe Watches Warily

Although Washington is doing its best to ignore Asia’s coalescence, European leaders see it clearly. They understand that Russia is re-orienting itself away from Europe and recognize that the unprecedented cooperation among Asian powerhouses is creating a new balance of power in the global

to Camaraderie

CHINA'S VIEW OF RUSSIA



The Great Wall of China was the greatest military defense project in human history. It contains enough earth and stone to create a barrier one meter thick and five feet high all the way around Earth's equator. For centuries, hordes of invaders crashed against its bulwarks like waves on the seashore, and much of it still stands as testimony of the fact that for millennia, the Chinese prioritized protecting themselves from invaders—especially from the north. Chinese unease with Russia in particular sharpened after the treaties of 1858 and 1860 awarded czarist Russia ownership of a million square miles of previously disputed land. For decades the Chinese said those treaties were unfair.

For a time after the war, the Chinese considered attempting to balance their walk toward industrialization equally between Moscow and Washington; but by 1949, Mao Zedong said China had no choice but to “lean to one side”—the Soviet side. He accepted large amounts of economic and technological assistance from the Soviets to fuel China's development. In the 1960s, Mao severed ties with Moscow and called for an overthrow of “Soviet revisionism.” For the duration of the Cold War, China looked at the Soviet Union's brand of communism as watered down and inferior to the Chinese model.

When the Soviet Union collapsed, the Chinese were relieved at the end of the “threat from the north.” Yet, perceiving Moscow's sensitivity, the Chinese refrained from public celebration. Leaders carefully avoided heaping any additional humiliation onto Russia, and instead gave it the respect due to a global power. In so doing, China won itself a strategic partner—but one to which China was the junior partner. Just as large sections of the ancient Great Wall had crumbled by this time, so too had China's closed-mindedness toward its northern neighbor. Beijing seemed to accept that a working relationship with Moscow was necessary in an overall strategy to reclaim China's “rightful place in the world.”

From the mid-1990s to the early 2000s, China was content to play little brother to Russia, but in the last decade, it has assumed a more assertive posture, boldly voting in sync with the Kremlin's anti-Western line in the United Nations. In modern China's view, Russia has gone from mentor to rival to strategic partner. Then, just in March of this year, Russia became China's *true comrade*—with a chance for alliance.

system. Many of them also see that Putin's desire to rebuild a Russian empire poses a great potential threat to their own nations. This is what provoked Poland's prime minister at the end of May to say, “The world stands on the brink of conflict.”

The Europeans—especially Eastern Europeans—can see the danger in Russia's expansionism because it is their neighbor, and they fear that one of their nations may be the next item on the bear's menu. In a recent interview with the *Trumpet*, Žygimantas Pavilionis, Lithuania's ambassador to the U.S., voiced a viewpoint shared by many Europeans:

“We have to draw the line before the Russians move tanks on top of it,” he said. “If we do nothing today, we will regret it.”

Mr. Pavilionis and a growing number of Europeans see an intensifying need to withstand Russia. And many of them see that the nations of Europe won't receive adequate help from America, and that they instead need to unite and work together.

Russia's recent moves, according to Mr. Pavilionis, are prompting Europe to do exactly that: “Paradoxically, Putin made a big strategic mistake in invading Ukraine: It united Europe very much. It made us think more strategically, and



XI JINPING CHINA

■ 61-year-old son of a revolutionary hero ■ President of China and the Communist Party head since 2012 ■ Expected to lead China until 2022 ■ Has rapidly amassed a level of individual power not seen among Chinese leaders in decades ■ Urges his countrymen to realize the “China Dream,” restoring Chinese glory and returning the nation to its “rightful place in the world” ■ Revealed expansionist stripes by establishing an illegal air defense zone in the South China Sea, and steadily ramping up aggression toward neighbor nations ■ Said in March 2013 that “Strong high-level Chinese-Russian ties ... guarantee world peace”; has labored to build those ties ever since



NARENDRA MODI INDIA

■ 63-year-old prime minister of world's second-most populous nation ■ Commands world's fourth-mightiest military ■ Hardline Hindu nationalist leading India's Bharatiya Janata Party ■ After U.S. revoked his visa in 2005 for his role in one of India's bloodiest episodes of religious violence, he began looking east, forging closer alliances with Russia, Japan, China and other Asian countries ■ Visited Russia, China, Singapore and Japan multiple times during his tenure as chief minister ■ Hosted Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi in June ■ Will receive visit by Chinese President Xi Jinping in the fall

made us consider things that we would not have a few years ago. ... After what happened, and after seeing people die in the streets of Kiev in pursuit of freedom, we said Europe must enlarge and cooperate.”

At present, the European Union still moves at roughly the speed of molasses. But it is feeling the seismic shifts underway, and will respond. This response will be a sustained drive to unite Europe in order to check the rising Asian bloc.

Did Anyone See It Coming?

News of game-changing cooperation between Russia and China

has become so commonplace in recent months that only the largest events—such as Beijing’s support of Putin’s landgrab in Ukraine—now receive much attention in the Western presses. Most anyone with a finger resting even gently on the pulse of current events can feel the Russo-Chinese relationship rapidly congealing.

But *one certain analyst* predicted this development from a long way off—before almost any evidence existed.

Even during those early Cold War years, when the only interaction between the Russian bear and the Chinese dragon was bickering about which shade of red was the correct one for communism, this lone pundit said the two would lay aside their differences and enter a phase of close cooperation.

Even after the severe tensions of the 1960s culminated in bloody war,

prompting Moscow and Beijing to sever relations, this maverick forecaster clung tenaciously to his prediction.

And even after it became clear that the two Asian giants were stuck in decades of tired rivalry to see which would triumph in achieving the one “true” communism, this commentator’s forecasts *only became bolder*.

The analyst was Herbert W. Armstrong. “Russia’s program ... calls first for the seizure of Asia,” Mr. Armstrong’s *Plain Truth* magazine wrote back in December of 1959. It went on to say that China would voluntarily join a Russia-led Asian bloc as a step toward its long-term goals: “[C]hina’s ... constant dream for centuries has been ultimate world conquest! ... *China knows, however, that in this highly industrialized age she can accomplish this dream only as an ally of Russia.* ... China

is now ready to begin devouring the rest of Asia with Russia’s secret military backing.”

That was just one of dozens of statements Mr. Armstrong and his newsmagazine made from 1934 until his death in 1986, predicting that Russia and China would lay aside their differences to form a coalition.

At the time of Mr. Armstrong’s death in 1986, Moscow and Beijing’s relationship remained cool, but events since then—and especially just since Russia annexed Crimea—have proven that Mr. Armstrong’s unpopular and seemingly impossible forecast was actually *spot on*.

How could he have predicted the modern reality with such stunning accuracy? Because his primary intelligence source was one totally unlike that of other forecasters. It was the sure word of Bible prophecy. His reliance on Scripture enabled him to see truths others were blind to and to predict events from afar which are now coming to pass.

For a fascinating study of the specifics of his predictions about Asia and of the biblical passages that informed his astounding forecast, download a free copy of our new e-book *The Kings of the East*. ■

Rise of the East

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Asian Camaraderie a Detriment to America

TO HEAR THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION DISCUSS THE BURGEONING Russia-China-India cooperation, you might think it is a long-anticipated, natural phenomenon that poses no real risk to America. But you would be wrong.

Forbes explains: “A Russia-China alliance would, of course, be an absolute disaster for the United States, pretty much the only grouping of countries that would be genuinely interested in and capable of challenging its position of global leadership. Preventing the emergence of a Russia-China alliance ought to be at the very top of the list of U.S. foreign-policy priorities, but ... no one seems to be paying any attention” (May 20).

Realistic analysts are paying attention, and they offer views diametrically opposite those presented by Washington policymakers. “We may well be getting a glimpse of the future of geopolitics—two autocracies in common cause against liberal principles,” said Stephen Sestanovich, a former American diplomat now at Columbia University.

Sestanovich also explained a truth that seems to perpetually elude Western leaders: “This may be self-defeating for both of them, but that doesn’t mean it’ll go away,” he said.

Many naive Westerners seem incapable of imagining a scenario in which Russia or China would take the illogical step of causing economic harm to themselves. They therefore believe the economic interdependent

relationship between Moscow/Beijing and Washington will survive the present Ukraine turbulence.

But such a view does not factor in human nature. Human nature can be illogical; the nature of conflict and war often defies basic logic. Nations knowingly inflict harm on themselves as a necessary byproduct of injuring their enemies.

These optimistic Western policymakers believe the leaders in Russia, China and India value geopolitical comfort more than they value a chance at undermining America’s global power. But millennia of mankind’s bloody history prove that this is not always so. Nations routinely place their own wellbeing at risk and willingly endure suffering in order to harm enemies.

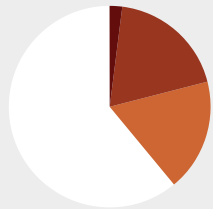
Evidence of this truth is especially clear in the behavior Moscow and Beijing are displaying toward the U.S. dollar.

Nails in the Coffin of the Dollar

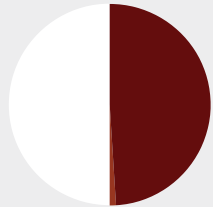
On May 20, Russia’s second-largest financial institution, VTB, and the Bank of China formally agreed to bypass the dollar and instead pay each other in their domestic currencies. The deal was signed in the presence of Xi and Putin, who called it a “new historic landmark” in the \$100 billion of annual trade between the two powerhouse countries.

The agreement came alongside separate reports saying Russia is dumping record amounts of U.S. treasury holdings. Between

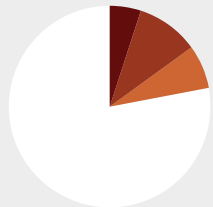
Where will a 200 million-man army come from?



POPULATION
 World: 7.24 billion
 Russia: 144 million
 China: 1.36 billion
 India: 1.24 billion



NUCLEAR WEAPONS
 World: 17,300
 Russia: 8,500
 China: 250
 India: 110



MILITARY AND PARAMILITARY PERSONNEL
 World: 77.86 million
 Russia: 3.25 million
 China: 7.05 million
 India: 4.8 million



China-Russia gas deal

The mammoth new gas deal signed by Russia and China will send gas through the Eastern or the Power of Siberia pipelines. This will carry 60 billion cubic meters of gas a year to Russia's far east, where a branch line will deliver 38 billion cubic meters each year into China.

- Operating pipelines
- Operating supply routes
- Pipeline under construction
- Proposed pipeline
- ⊠ Gas field
- ⊠ Projected processing plant

October 2013 and March 2014, Moscow's holdings of American treasuries fell by \$50 billion—*almost a third of the total*. Over half of that was sold in March, just after Western nations imposed sanctions on Russia.

Then, on May 22, China announced that it has halted dollar transactions with most Afghan commercial banks.

Moscow and Beijing have long desired to break the dominance of the U.S. greenback in international trade. And as weak as Washington's punitive response to Russia's aggression in Ukraine was, it was enough to inject new vigor into that desire.

Michael Klare, professor of peace and world security studies at Hampshire College, said, "China sees the dominance of the dollar in international trade transactions as a remnant of American global dominance, which they hope to overthrow in the years ahead. This is a small step in that direction."

Moscow and Beijing aim to help each other while simultaneously harming their common enemy, the U.S. They also realize that U.S. debt is around \$175 trillion and leaders in Washington have been unable to stem debt growth.

Grim Horizon

Last year, when signs of a Russia-China convergence were multiplying, two acclaimed diplomatic scholars said the development

was dangerous. They cautioned the West against dismissing the "possibility of a global realignment set in motion by China and Russia, [both of] which feel threatened by ... having to function in the world's Western-made system."

Dmitry Simes of the Center for the National Interest and Leslie Gelb of the nonpartisan Council on Foreign Relations continued: "Today, Moscow and Beijing have room for maneuver and a foundation for mutual cooperation that could damage American interests."

What would the outcome be, Simes and Gelb asked, if Russia and China gave Iran "security guarantees or promised to rebuild its nuclear infrastructure after a U.S. or Israeli attack?" What would happen if Beijing provided support to guerrillas in the Philippines, or if Moscow encouraged separatism among Russian-speaking minorities in the Baltic states? "If U.S. relations with Russia and China sour," they said, "these nightmares can't be excluded."

The bitterness Putin and Xi harbor over America's global hegemony runs deep. They view Washington as morally bankrupt and in rapid decline, and believe U.S. prosperity will soon dry up. Despite substantial short-term damage to their own economies, Russia and China will pull free from the American economy. And that pull may hammer the final nail into the greenback's coffin.

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Germany's unwilling academic establishment was forced to accept it. Fischer's arguments appeared across the German press. Fischer himself defended his research on television.

In 1964, German historians gathered to debate Fischer's thesis in Berlin. "During this debate, the essentials of the case for German war guilt were established beyond doubt, and in time accepted even by most of his critics," wrote historian Paul Johnson. Because of Fischer's work, "it is impossible to maintain today ... that World War I was all a ghastly mistake, unintended by any of the parties," wrote Philip Bobbitt, another historian. *The Encyclopaedia of Historians and Historical Writings* called Fischer arguably "the most important German historian of the 20th century," concluding that "his findings have stood the test of time and succeeded in showing that both the Keiser Reich and the Third Reich were dominated by capitalist elites who shared the same anti-Western, racist and imperialist consciousness."

Fischer's school of thought has remained the consensus in Germany for 50 years. It made a splash in the West too.

Now, however, those waves have receded. Once again, the view of the war as a big accident is the prevailing one.

But not in Germany itself. Only now is Germany's historical establishment starting to change its mind over war guilt.

At the forefront of this change is a new book, *The Sleepwalkers—How Europe Went to War in 1914*, by Christopher Clark, an Australian who teaches history at Cambridge University.

Sleepwalking to War

Clark's book has been hailed around the world. It has received rave reviews from just about every literary magazine. It is now considered *the* book on the war's origin.

Clark does not agree with Fischer. The German historian states that the nation "took the risks of war with open eyes." Clark concludes that "the protagonists of 1914 were sleepwalkers."

Clark's book is having the biggest impact in Germany—mainly because the rest of the world has already accepted his opinion that the world stumbled blindly into war.

Now, in Germany, Clark's book, having been translated into German, is replacing Fischer's thesis of German guilt.

German historian Herfried Munkler is having a similar impact with his lengthy volume *Der Grosse Krieg* (*The Great War*), which also argues against German war guilt. *Die Welt* described the works of these others, and more, as a "long ... paradigm shift," hailing "the enormous success of the book by Christopher Clark." *Süddeutsche Zeitung* called *The Sleepwalkers* "a total stunner," saying that "the most important overall result of this examination of the history of the First World War ... is probably that you can actually say goodbye to the virtually sacrosanct theory that the superpower ambitions of Germany primarily pushed Europe into the abyss" (Nov. 20, 2012).

The reign of Fischer is over. Germany is deciding, for the first time since the 1960s, that it was not to blame for World War I.

Given all this praise, you would have thought that Clark has comprehensively demolished Fischer's ideas. But he has not. His book does not even confront them. Clark completely ignores Fischer's most damning evidence. On the rare occasions that Clark does acknowledge another point of view, he often ignores the most convincing proofs that support it. Instead, he tears into secondary pieces of evidence of little importance, while giving his reader the impression that they are the foundation of his opponents' opinions and that he has destroyed them. In these brief debates with unnamed critics, the logical fallacy of straw men abound. Clark refutes arguments that Fischer and others who believe that Germany is guilty for the war have never made.

This makes the book appear to be a *tour de force*—a complete routing of any alternative view, when really it is little more than a rehashing of outdated arguments, freshened up with some high-quality research and engaging narrative.

To be fair to Clark, he did not set out to refute Fischer, and so is under no obligation to disprove every one of the German historian's arguments. He even makes a half-hearted effort to avoid conflict with Fischer: Rather than arguing that Germany is not to blame, he maintains that the question of guilt is irrelevant and unimportant. It is really the global press and historians that are making claims for

Clark's book that it simply does not fulfil.

Nonetheless, it leaves Germany and the world with a dangerously incomplete view.

Clark even admits that "at no point did the French or the Russian strategist involved plan to launch a war of aggression against the central powers." Then he has to spend several pages making excuses for Germany's clear plans to launch a war of aggression. Ultimately, even with all his reasons and excuses, Clark cannot get away from that basic fact: France, Russia and Britain did not launch a war of aggression—but Germany did.

Startling Omissions

Clark argues that Germany's role in the war was the same as Russia's, France's or Britain's—that it was a nation afraid of its enemies plotting against it and therefore searching for a way to ensure the war would be started in the most favorable way possible.

As Germany decides whether to become a major power once again, it is embracing a distorted view of its own history.

Clark neglects to mention that Germany's fears revolved around racial policies that sound more like something out of World War II. German Kaiser Wilhelm II wrote that "no further conference can smooth" the "Germanic people's fight for their existence against Russo-Gallia." Why? "It is not a question of high politics, but one of race," he wrote. This view was not confined to the famously eccentric Kaiser. It was shared by the whole ruling class. Chief of German Staff Helmuth Moltke, for example, wrote that "a European war is bound to come sooner or later, and then it will, in the last resort, be a struggle between Teuton and Slav. It is the duty of all states who uphold the banner of German spiritual culture to prepare for this conflict."

These theories of racial destiny and social Darwinism that would continue on into Hitler's Germany are ignored in Clark's book. So too is Germany's express desire to carve out a "Mitteleuropa," a

Central European empire of puppet states economically dependent on Germany. This empire became the primary goal of Germany in World War I. Its leaders hoped this empire would make the German Empire the premiere world power. The Kaiser even talked about a “United States of Europe.” But the key to this empire, as German Chancellor Theobald von Bethmann-Hollweg said, was a European war.

Clark’s baffling omissions continue when it comes to the immediate cause of the war. After Serbian terrorists assassinated Archduke Franz Ferdinand, Austria’s response became the critical question. In the end, Austria sent a series of harsh demands to Serbia in an infamous ultimatum and refused to be satisfied by the Serbs meeting it part-way. Austria declared war, and the rest, as they say, is history.

Clark’s account of this time paints Germany as a mere bystander—only watching while Austria presented its harsh demands. Fischer, on the other hand, quotes German authorities pushing Austria to war—warning the country that Germany would end its alliance with Austria if the latter did not begin a conflict. Germany’s ambassador to Austria told the Austrians that the German emperor “stated most emphatically that Berlin expected the [Austro-Hungarian] monarchy to act against Serbia, and that Germany would not understand it if ... the present opportunity were allowed to go by ... without a blow struck.”

And so, at Germany’s insistence, Austria prepared a hard ultimatum for Serbia. At this point, Clark writes that “the Germans were no better informed of the precise contents of the forthcoming Austrian ultimatum than their Entente opponents.” Interpreted narrowly, this statement is true. Germany did not receive the final text of the ultimatum until July 22—a day before it was presented to Serbia—so it did not know the *precise* contents. But the overall impression this sentence gives is entirely false. Germany knew what the general content would be: a list of demands calculated to appear as reasonable as possible while being completely unacceptable to Serbia. Fischer quoted a wealth of documents showing that Germany knew what was going on. Clark side-steps all of this with a strictly true statement that gives a very misleading impression.

As Austria geared up for war, Britain proposed a negotiated solution. Clark

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refers to Germany passing this offer of mediation along to Austria as evidence of Germany’s peaceful intentions. He does not quote the telegram Germany sent to Austria along with Britain’s proposals, which stated that “the German government ... is ... decidedly opposed to consideration” of Britain’s offer. The telegram explained that Germany was only passing it on to try and make Germany appear a peacemaker in an effort to keep Britain out of the war. But rather than pushing for peace, Germany deliberately sabotaged Britain’s efforts, delaying, for example, so that a crucial message would arrive too late for Austria to do anything about it.

These are just some of the omissions in a book that, according to the *Suddeutsche Zeitung*, is a “watertight” refutation of Germany’s war guilt (Nov. 12, 2012).

Learning From History

So now, as Germany publicly debates whether to become a major power once again, it is embracing a distorted view of its own history. The warning that history gives is thus muted.

Meanwhile, the West no longer views Germany’s past as dangerous. It is more enthusiastic about German military power than the Germans themselves are.

When Fischer first advanced his thesis in the 1960s, *Spiegel* newsmagazine endorsed his conclusions and wrote, “A mine has been placed against the good conscience of the Germans.”

Today, this history, regardless of the blame placed on Germany, does not have the same impact on the German conscience. Nonetheless, it makes the intellectual case that Germany can safely move on from its period of abasement after World War II.

But the rapturous reception of Clark’s book, and others like it, is also an effect, rather than a cause. It is a symptom of

the German intellectual class’s willingness to move on. Thirty, 20 or perhaps even 10 years ago, these books would not have received the applause they are getting today.

One man who never demonstrated any uncertainty as to the causes of World War I was Winston Churchill. He plays a minor role in Clark’s book as a junior member of a clique of British “Germanophobes.” (Clark seems to deliberately cast him in an unflattering light.)

But it was Churchill’s understanding of history, especially this history, that meant he alone saw the rise of the Nazi menace in Germany during the 1930s. The rest of the world drew the wrong conclusions from history, so it did not hear the warning.

Within Germany and without, the same thing is happening again. Today, Churchill’s simple black-and-white view of the war is very much out of fashion. It is far more intellectual to view World War I as a complicated event with no simple lessons.

The *Trumpet* often gives warnings of world events based on the Bible. But history alone also gives a powerful warning to today’s world. Instead of heeding it, most of the intellectual world has twisted it into the shape that is most intellectually satisfying.

The history of Germany, France and Central Europe does indeed give a powerful warning to us today. The European Union is combining in a way very similar to the “Mitteleuropa” about which German elites of World War I dreamed. A correct understanding of history warns us to beware this rising Central European power.

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Here's How to Pray

The Philadelphia Trumpet, in conjunction with the Herbert W. Armstrong College Bible Correspondence Course, presents this brief excursion into the fascinating study of the Bible. Simply turn to and read in your Bible each verse given in answer to the questions. You will be amazed at the new understanding gained from this short study!

THE GOD WHO SITS AT THE CONTROLS OF THE universe is a *living*, ACTIVE God. He controls all power, energies and forces. He sits on a magnificent throne overlooking a dazzling glassy sea that gleams like crystal. Surrounding Him on lesser thrones are 24 impressive spirit beings wearing crowns of gold who serve as His counselors. Around His throne are four more spirit beings of even greater office, power and brilliance. And at His right hand is the living JESUS CHRIST. Out from God's throne proceed flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder—and *angelic messengers* going to and from Earth (Revelation 4).

Do you know this God? Do you PRAY to this God? You should! Because as great and powerful as the true God is, He *delights* in the person who seeks to know Him and talk to Him in prayer (Proverbs 15:8).

One of the hardest things for many people to learn is how to pray effectively. But you *can* come to communicate with the all-powerful God of the universe!

The Purpose of Prayer

1. Does God command us to pray? Luke 18:1; 21:36. Does He *expect* to hear from us? Matthew 6:5; Luke 11:2. Note the words “*when you pray.*”

2. *Why* does God command us to pray? Does the Apostle Paul show that no one is righteous of himself? Romans 3:10. Is the human mind, without God's Spirit, OPPOSED to God? Romans 8:7-9. What about the heart, which the Bible uses to represent the basic motives and intentions of the mind? Jeremiah 17:9.

3. Who is ultimately responsible for inspiring human nature and *all* the evil in the world? 2 Corinthians 4:4; Ephesians 2:2. Has he indeed deceived the *whole* world? Revelation 12:9.

Satan broadcasts evil moods, attitudes and impulses to human minds, but he has no power to *force* anyone to think or do wrong. Though no one is compelled to respond to and obey Satan's impulses, the unsuspecting *automatically* do so without realizing what is taking place in their minds. Humans have thus *acquired* Satan's nature, which we call “human nature.”

4. Do Christians who are aware of Satan's influence still stumble and commit sin because of weakness or temptation? 1 John 1:8; Romans 7:15-24.

5. How can mere humans possibly overcome the power of Satan and the pulls of the flesh? Romans 7:25; Philippians 4:13. *How* does Christ strengthen us? Philippians 1:19.

The Holy Spirit is the power of God, which Jesus Christ supplies to true Christians. It enables Christ to

live in us (Galatians 2:20) and gives us the strength to overcome. However, we must *ask* the Father, in prayer, for that help (Luke 11:13).

6. How crucial is the Holy Spirit in a true Christian's life? Romans 8:13-14.

Eternal life is unattainable without the Holy Spirit working in our lives! And it must be replenished *daily*.

Daily prayer is essential for salvation, for without God's help, none of us can overcome the downward pulls of our human nature that lead to sin. Only those who *overcome* sin and develop the righteous character of God through the power of God's Spirit may become sons of God (Revelation 21:7). Without active and effective prayer, therefore, we can never be born into God's Family. That is why God *commands* us to pray! Prayer is not an optional religious exercise. It is a core need that affects your eternal destiny!

God Wants to Know You

God talks to us through His written Word, the Holy Bible, and we can talk to Him through prayer. Prayer is *our* part of a *two-way conversation with God!* This allows us to get to know God as He comes to know us.

1. Does God want us to seek Him and make our requests known? Isaiah 55:6-7; Matthew 7:7; Philippians 4:6.

God wants us to tell Him, as we would a parent or close friend, how we feel and what we think. We do this through heartfelt prayer. Prayer is personal, private, sincere communication with our Creator.

2. Does God hear and delight in the prayers of those who seek to please Him and do His will? Psalm 34:17; Proverbs 15:8; 1 Peter 3:12.

3. Can God know our needs even before we tell Him? Matthew 6:8. Will He give us those things we ask for? Matthew 21:22; 1 John 3:22; 5:14-15.

God knows what is good for us. He will supply our every need if we ask according to His will, and if we believe and obey His laws.

How We Should Pray

One of Jesus's students asked Him to teach the disciples how to pray (Luke 11:1). Christ gave His disciples a prayer outline after which to pattern their own prayers. These instructions are found in Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:2-4.

1. Did Jesus tell His disciples to pray in a private place or a public place? Matthew 6:5-6. What time of day did He pray? Mark 1:35. What was Jesus's physical position when He prayed? Luke 22:41.

It is important to pray in a private place. Make an effort to kneel down on both knees when you pray—this shows God that you respect Him. Also, set aside a regular time to pray. For many people, morning is best, before the distractions of the day begin.

2. Did Christ tell His disciples to repeat His sample prayer over and over, or did He tell them to pray in a similar way—“after this manner”? Matthew 6:9. Did He previously tell them not to repeatedly recite the exact same prayer? Verse 7.

Jesus did not call this the “Lord’s Prayer” as many do today. He didn’t want His disciples to memorize and repeat this passage when they prayed. Nor did He want them to pray only for themselves. (The words “I,” “me” or “my” don’t appear once in these verses.) Christ was outlining the unselfish, correct approach to God in prayer and the basic things we should ask for.

3. Notice how Jesus began His example of a complete prayer. To whom did He say we should pray? Verse 9.

Jesus came to reveal the Father (John 1:18), and He always addressed the Father in His prayers. When you speak to the Father in prayer, you have a personal audience with the Supreme Ruler of all things! Most people would treasure a private meeting with a king or prime minister or president. How much greater is the privilege of coming before the Father’s throne daily!

4. Are we to honor, or “hallow,” the Father’s name when we pray? Matthew 6:9, last four words. Did King David, a man after God’s own heart (Acts 13:22), approach God in an attitude of praise, worship and adoration? Psalm 18:1-3; 104:33.

When we begin our prayers, we should not only address and think of God as our Father, but also honor and praise His great name, His magnificent office, His sterling character and His outgoing love toward mankind. We should thank Him for our existence, for our family and for our material possessions.

5. How did Jesus continue His model prayer? Matthew 6:10, first sentence.

When we pray “Your kingdom come,” we are asking for and looking forward to the time when God’s family government will be established on Earth through the return of Jesus Christ as “King of kings and Lord of lords” (Revelation 19:16). We yearn for the time when the devil will be restrained from influencing humanity for 1,000 years (Revelation 20:1-3). We earnestly desire the “restoration of all things” (Acts 3:19-21), a time of peace, happiness and prosperity for everyone.

6. What did Jesus say in the second part of Matthew 6:10?

In this section of your prayers, ask God to help you understand and surrender to His will. Ask God to show you how to live His way. Ask God to direct every aspect of His end-time Work.

7. What is the next request of Jesus’s sample prayer? Verse 11.

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Although not put first, this request is necessary. We need to ask God to supply our daily needs: adequate food, clothing, shelter and other necessities. Christ set the example of praying for others’ needs as well (John 17:20). We ought to do the same.

8. Should we also ask forgiveness for our sins? Matthew 6:12. (The word *debts* refers to sins.)

All of us sin in one way or another. We need to recognize and repent of our habitual sins and ask our merciful Father to forgive us (Psalm 86:5) and to help us overcome those sins.

We must also learn to forgive others (Matthew 6:14-15). God will forgive us only if we are willing to forgive others. We should ask God to help us be merciful, especially to those who may have offended us in some way (Luke 6:28).

9. What is the last request of Jesus’s model prayer? Matthew 6:13, first sentence. This statement is better translated: “Bring us not into sore trial, but deliver us from the evil one [Satan].”

We should pray daily and fervently that God would not allow us to be brought unnecessarily into severe trial or temptation, and that He would help us to reject wrong desires and do His will.

10. Before concluding our prayers, in whose name should we acknowledge that we are praying? John 16:23, second sentence.

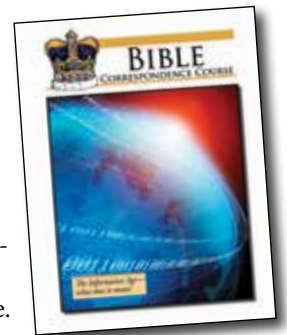
All our requests should be made in Jesus’s name. We can rightfully ask God for things “in Jesus’s name” when we know it is His will—that His authority stands behind our requests!

Christ’s inspired prayer outline in Matthew 6 ends with praise and adoration, just as it began (verse 13). This refocuses us on the character and office of the true God who rules over His creation. Finally, as Jesus shows by this example prayer, we are to conclude with the word *amen*, which simply means, “Be it so.”

11. How often should we pray? Psalm 55:16-17; Daniel 6:10; 1 Thessalonians 5:17.

Both David and Daniel prayed at least three times a day. This helped them stay close to God. Remaining in a prayerful attitude all day long is what it means to “pray without ceasing.”

If you haven’t begun to do so, start now to establish direct contact with your Creator. Pray to God every day. You’ll begin to experience blessings beyond measure. God delights in all those who talk to Him! ■



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Russian cadets march through Moscow's Red Square in May.

NATO can't stand up to Russia

IF RUSSIA INVADES ESTONIA, Latvia or Lithuania, NATO will be unable to defend these nations, though all three are full NATO members, German news-magazine *Spiegel* reported May 19, citing German government sources and leaked NATO documents.

Spiegel's report comes after NATO has consistently failed to confront Russia or take any meaningful steps to defend

Central and Eastern Europe, leading these nations to question the reliability of the American-led security alliance.

German Defense and Foreign Ministry officials told *Spiegel* it would take NATO six months to put together a response to any Russia action in the Baltics. "We wouldn't even show up in time for the Russians' victory celebration," one German official said.

German MEP Elmar Brok, head of the European Parliament Committee on Foreign Affairs, said plainly: "At present, the alliance could not protect the Baltic countries with conventional military means."

"Russia's ability to undertake significant military action with little warning presents a wider threat to the maintenance of security and stability in the Euro-Atlantic area," a draft copy of a restricted internal NATO assessment reveals. "Russia can pose a local or regional military threat at short notice at a place of its choosing. This is both destabilizing and threatening for those allies bordering or in close proximity to Russia."

"Six months ago, such words would have been inconceivable in a NATO document," *Spiegel* said. "But the crisis in Crimea and now in eastern Ukraine has called many certainties into question."

Meanwhile Russia is upgrading its military, conducting mass military

exercises and keeping its pilots flying. The Russians "now have capabilities and systems once again that cannot simply be brushed aside," *Spiegel* quotes Western experts as saying.

Even since invading Crimea, Russia is still giving Eastern Europe new reasons to worry.

On May 5, Moscow unilaterally suspended a deal under which it had agreed to provide information to Lithuania about Russian weapons and armed forces in the region of Kaliningrad. In the 2001 agreement, Russia was required to share data about its armaments in Kaliningrad Oblast—the Russian enclave between Poland and Lithuania and the home to Moscow's Baltic Sea fleet. Lithuanian Foreign Affairs Minister Linas Linkevičius called Russia's refusal to continue honoring the deal "upsetting."

So Eastern Europe continues to fret, while Western Europe and the U.S. deploy nothing but platitudes as reinforcements. Poland asked for 10,000 NATO troops to be stationed in its territory. It got a few dozen fighter jets. It asked the European Union to overhaul the way it buys oil and gas from Russia. It got a vague hope that the EU will be able to buy more gas from Norway.

Europe knows it has to do more. *Spiegel* compares the anxiety in European defense departments to the climax of the euro crisis in 2012. They are taking a hard look at how—or if—they can withstand Vladimir Putin's army.

The Ukraine crisis has forced Europe to fundamentally re-evaluate its defense and security—to the point of questioning NATO itself. Where will this shake up of European defense departments lead? Read Gerald Flurry's May-June cover article, "The Crimean Crisis Is Reshaping Europe!" ■

POPE TO UN: THE STATE MUST REDISTRIBUTE WEALTH

The state should redistribute economic benefits, Pope Francis told a meeting of senior United Nations' leaders, including Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, May 9.

The pope spoke to many of the world's top leaders at the UN's System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, the organization's most senior coordination forum, which includes the heads of all UN programs and agencies, as well as the International Monetary Fund, the World Trade Organization and the World Bank.

The pope devoted most of his speech to the economy. He focused on Christ's encounter with the wealthy tax collector Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10), after which Zacchaeus announced he would give half his goods to the poor. But rather than encouraging individuals to have compassion on those less well off than themselves, as this biblical passage promotes, he called for "the legitimate redistribution of economic benefits by the state." This is a different kettle of fish. It requires a big

government with a large welfare state and a heavy tax burden. But it is consistent with the pope's other pronouncements on the economy, which have caused some to view the pope as a Marxist.

Francis's economic philosophy, which he detailed in last year's *Evangelii Gaudium* exhortation, is rooted in Catholic social doctrine. In essence, it is to resolve the unchecked government power of Marxism and intrinsic selfishness of capitalism by creating a strong, almost-Marxist state with power to redistribute wealth to the poor, but under the authority of the Catholic Church. This way, benevolent Catholic rulers would ensure people are treated fairly.

This economic system is not new; the Vatican has promoted it for years. For what it looks like in practice, see "Church + State" in our March edition. But the pope is successfully using the current global economic crisis to breathe new life into this old Catholic power play. For more on the pope's ideas, read the March cover story, "Much More Than an Economic Plan."



A ballistic missile passes a portrait of Ayatollah Khamenei during an Iranian military parade.

Khamenei: More missiles!

IRAN'S SUPREME LEADER, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, spoke out on May 11 in favor of enhancing his nation's ballistic missile program. He made his comments just two days before the P5+1 nations convened to discuss possible ways to continue the negotiations on Iran's nuclear program.

The five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council (the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Russia and China) plus Germany are wary of Iran eventually putting nuclear warheads on its ballistic missiles, so they want to include the missile program in negotiations over Iran's nuclear program. But Tehran insists the missiles are merely a part of its conventional army and therefore not up for discussion.

The ayatollah bluntly declared that including ballistic missiles in the nuclear negotiations "is a stupid, idiotic expectation. The Revolutionary Guards should definitely carry out their program and not be satisfied with the present level," he said. "They should mass produce. This is a main duty of all military officials."

Iran already has one of the largest missile programs in the Middle East. If the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps responds to Khamenei's

call, every improvement to the missile program increases the potential places where an Iranian warhead could detonate.

Khamenei's claims that he supports the P5+1 negotiations are undermined by his raising the topic of Iran's ballistic program two days before the talks. In truth, Iran doesn't want to finalize a deal. It wants to continue talks and gain sanctions relief in return for promises and concessions that don't involve dismantling nuclear facilities. ■

Dangerous plan to counter Iran

AS NUCLEAR NEGOTIATIONS falter between Iran and the P5+1, the United States appears to be trying to encourage the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) to become a Middle Eastern counterbalance to Iran.

At a rare meeting of GCC defense ministers in Saudi Arabia on May 14, U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel urged Persian Gulf states to unite and increase their military cooperation to "address the threats posed by Iran." He surmised, "No one nation can address these threats alone."

Hagel hopes this meeting becomes an "annual security consultation" for GCC nations, which include Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Oman. Collaboration will include ramping up integration on air- and missile-defense and maritime security, as well as enhancing

cooperation on cybersecurity.

But is pushing for a strong, united Gulf Cooperation Council in America's best interest? Tension between the U.S. and Arabs is high. America's relations with Saudi Arabia are souring because of what the Saudis consider Washington's inept foreign policy.

This push for GCC unity is dangerous. Anti-American sentiment is high and rising in the Arab world, even in GCC states. It shouldn't surprise that the Bible prophesies in Psalm 83 that Persian Gulf Arab nations will ally with Turkey and Syria in an alliance that will turn against America.

Hagel concluded his speech with this quote from Arabic folklore: "[C]ooperation among friends is vital to their survival." For its own welfare and that of its traditional allies, America needs to choose its friends more wisely. ■

EGYPT CAUGHT SPYING ON ETHIOPIAN DAM

ETHIOPIAN security forces arrested three men on May 5 in separate locations across the nation, accusing them of being spies who were gathering intelligence on its dam system. The arrests constitute the latest escalation in tensions over the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam.

Ethiopia is constructing the massive hydroelectric dam on the headwaters of the Nile River, and the dam's geopolitical significance is immense. Egypt sees this dam as a direct threat to its own national stability. Almost 100 percent of Egypt's 83 million inhabitants live on the banks of the Nile, a significant portion of which flows north out of Ethiopia. Cairo sees the dam as the equivalent of a giant spigot that Ethiopia could turn on and off at will.



Egypt is eyeing the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam warily.

While Ethiopia claims the dam won't affect the water flow to the north, it hasn't convinced the Egyptians. The arrest of the three spies shows that despite its domestic struggles, Egypt is still wary of Ethiopia. Once Cairo regains its domestic footing, it will focus even more attention on defending its lifeblood: the Nile.



Xi Jinping and Vladimir Putin clinch the energy deal in March.

Russia, China: 'chaos strategy'

“CHINA’S GRAND STRATEGY Disaster” was the title of an article the *National Interest* published on May 20. In it, Brad Glosserman asked, “While Beijing’s power is growing, so are its problems. So why is it picking fights with so many of its neighbors?”

Glosserman says pressing domestic concerns should be drawing the full attention of China’s leaders, but instead they are ramping up their aggression on multiple fronts, including getting behind Russia’s push to upset the international order. China’s behavior baffles Glosserman and others. With

more than enough to worry about at home, why would China purposely sow chaos?

Earlier this month, Geoffrey Pyatt, the United States ambassador to Ukraine, said, “People in the East have been told that Kiev has been taken over by fascists, that they’re coming to steal your property ... and you have to mobilize to protect yourself. The thing that’s important to remember ... is that until February 22, there was no discussion in Ukraine about the Russian language or federalization. These were not topics of national debate. This was part

of this Russian strategy, which was intended to create chaos.”

Is there a connection between Russia’s combative behavior and China’s aggressive posturing? In a 2002 commentary called “Chaos as a Strategy,” P. H. Liotta said: “The chaos strategist thus targets the American national security decision-making process and, potentially, the American people, rather than American military force, in order to prevail. Such a strategist seeks to induce decision paralysis. In a strategy of chaos, the key objective will be to convince American political leaders that no clear solution, end-state or political objective (other than the cessation of chaos) exists in the strategist’s sphere of dominance.”

America’s lifeless response to Russia’s and China’s provocations suggests this is exactly what is happening. Current signs show that we can expect these assertive Eastern nations to continue to take full advantage of Washington’s decision paralysis. ■



Putin’s trolls

RUSSIAN PRESIDENT Vladimir Putin is exploiting a new avenue for pro-Russia propaganda: trolls. According to Britain’s *Guardian* newspaper, its comments pages are being overrun by “trolls”—Internet users who stir up contention by posting abusive and inflammatory comments online. It appears Putin has an army of them spreading Russian propaganda on article pages, blogs chat rooms and forums.

Allegations of the Kremlin paying Russians to champion Putin’s political activities and denigrate any opposition are not new. On Feb. 7, 2012, the *Guardian* reported that pro-Putin groups were being paid to dominate comments pages on news websites and blogs.

Since the Crimean crisis, however, the number of hateful, pro-Russian comments has spiked. The *Guardian* cited a number of telltale signs that clearly indicated that pro-Kremlin groups were making a determined and coordinated effort to spread propaganda through comment boards.

Trolling is just a small part of Russia’s larger initiative to delegitimize opposition to the Kremlin and its policies. The international community relies heavily on the Internet for information on the Ukrainian crisis. Putin knows it, and his trolls are bringing the battle online. ■

DON’T GET HOPEFUL ABOUT PROTESTS IN GEORGIA

On May 27, protesters stormed presidential headquarters in Abkhazia, a Russian-backed breakaway state in Georgia, to demonstrate against government corruption. The turmoil led to speculation over whether potential new leadership in Abkhazia might attempt to steer the state away from Russian alignment, or whether Vladimir Putin may decide to officially swallow the state as he did with Crimea in March.

Whatever the outcome of the protests, Michael Cecire of the Foreign Policy Research Institute says the world shouldn’t expect Abkhazia to distance itself from Moscow and gravitate to the West. “Anyone trying to find a pro-West angle in Abkhazia will be disappointed,” he wrote. He says that even if opposition leader Raul Khadjimba ascends to power, Abkhazia would remain aligned with Moscow.

In 2008, after Russia invaded Georgia, Moscow recognized Abkhazia as



Georgians protest at the presidential office in Abkhazia.

independent and exerted control over it. Just after that war, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote, “This was the first military strike of a rising Asian superpower—and there will be more! ... [Western leaders are] trying to bring Georgia and Ukraine into NATO. I don’t believe Russia will ever allow that to happen. ... Will a crisis occur over Ukraine? ... [S]urely [Russia] is willing to wage war over that as well.” Time has proven that prediction accurate.



First Lady Michelle Obama tries to convince Boko Haram terrorists to rethink their practice of abducting schoolgirls.

#BringBackOurGirls

ON APRIL 14, THE NIGERIAN Islamist terrorist group Boko Haram abducted more than 200 schoolgirls from their dormitory in northeastern Nigeria. The act prompted social media users to begin calling for their release. On May 10, U.S. President Barack Obama even had his wife take his place on his weekly presidential address to plead for their release. She also took to Twitter under the #BringBackOurGirls bandwagon, as did

other politicians.

Twitter diplomacy is not enough to persuade a group bent on establishing an Islamist state in Nigeria. It's impotent against a militia whose name means "Western education is forbidden." The group has threatened to trade the girls as slaves, arguing that they shouldn't have been in school anyway. Boko Haram leader Abubakar Shekau has taunted: "I abducted your girls. There is a market for selling

humans. Allah says I should sell. He commands me to sell."

These terrorists are "obeying Allah"—tweets won't sway them. Deranged radicals require more robust action.

America has been doing counterterrorism work for years within Nigeria, but even that clearly has not been enough. Boko Haram has killed far more people than it has kidnapped—over 1,500 this year alone, and over 10,000 since 2002.

Presently, Britain, France and China are the only other nations providing substantial assistance to Nigerians in efforts to check radical Islam. The threat is growing—not only within Nigeria, but also in Central and North Africa and the Mideast. We can expect the international presence within these latter areas to become predominantly European, considering Europe's vulnerability due to geographic proximity and unsettling historic associations.



Famine in South Sudan

A 'man-made disaster'

IN A BBC INTERVIEW ON MAY 19, South Sudanese President Salva Kiir identified the chief cause of famine in the world's newest nation: human conflict.

"It is a man-made disaster," Kiir acknowledged, "and that is why we want the war to stop, [to] allow humanitarian access to everybody in the country." Humanitarian agency Oxfam says 3.7 million South Sudanese need urgent humanitarian assistance. Of these, more than 200,000 are children suffering acute malnutrition. An estimated 7 million out of the nation's 10.8 million population could face starvation in the next few months.

"[T]he civil population is going to face one of the worst famines that has ever been witnessed in South Sudan," President Kiir said. And it's all "man-made."

As the *Trumpet* observed in 2005, "The greatest fundamental cause of world hunger, far outstripping weather or any other single cause, is internal political and social unrest and conflict." In *World Hunger: Twelve Myths*, agricultural economist Peter Rosset noted, "The true source of world hunger is not scarcity but policy; not inevitability but politics." Sen. Sam Brownback put it the most starkly at a Senate hearing in 2002: "[E]very famine is complicated by politics. ... Politics is killing people, literally."

UKRAINE'S PRESIDENTIAL VOTE DARKENED BY RUSSIAN SHADOWS

Ukrainians voted on May 25 in a presidential election which many hope will be a step toward resolving the nation's crisis. Petro Poroshenko, a Ukrainian billionaire businessman, won with 54.7 percent of the vote. He has long supported Ukraine's pro-European movement. Russian President Vladimir Putin has said Moscow will "respect the choice of Ukrainian people." But in light of his decided disrespect in Crimea, and since the vote was blocked in eastern Ukraine by pro-Russian separatists, many Ukrainians mistrust Putin's intentions.

"We're voting for the lesser of two evils," Kiev-based political activist Taras Revunets told the *Trumpet* on May 24. Revunets runs the Ukrainian Updates blog, which publishes developments about the Ukraine crisis. That crisis began late last year with protests that ousted President Viktor Yanukovich and grew into civil conflict among Ukrainians. Revunets was among the activists who stormed the presidential palace after Yanukovich fled.

Ukrainians successfully elected a president in May, but Russian troops stayed massed on Ukraine's border and pro-Moscow insurgents continued to attack and take over large sections of eastern Ukraine.

Revunets said Western powers should help Ukraine counter Russian aggression. "The West should know what's at stake here," he said. "Is it just the fate of one faraway country that's on the line? Not if you look at the big picture. And if you do, you'll see a potential global security crisis. In today's interdependent and interconnected world, we're one big neighborhood."

"If Ukraine doesn't resist," he said, Russia will "move on to the next target." "So far, Western sanctions have been spineless," Revunets said. "The world is watching and weighing its options. Will key U.S. allies that have big, aggressive neighbors continue relying on U.S. security assurances?"

It remains to be seen whether the messy election of a new president will be the step toward stability that many hope for or a step in the other direction.



South African voters cast their ballots in Cape Town.

Elections can't fix S. Africa

ON MAY 7, SOUTH AFRICANS re-elected President Jacob Zuma's African National Congress (ANC) party in the nation's fifth general elections since the end of apartheid 20 years ago. The ANC garnered 62 percent of the vote. The rest of the vote was shared between a divided opposition, consisting mostly of Helen Zille's Democratic Alliance (22 percent) and Julius Malema's Economic Freedom Fighters (6 percent).

Over its 20 years in power, the ANC has never received less than 62 percent of the vote and has averaged 65 percent (compared to an average of 16 percent for the runners-up). The ANC pulled off its most recent victory in spite of

Zuma's nose-diving personal ratings. The Zuma administration has been criticized for corruption. Zuma himself has been accused of misappropriating state funds for a \$23 million security upgrade at his private homestead. He has also been censured by retired Archbishop Desmond Tutu. A staunch supporter of former President Mandela and his cause, Tutu said he was glad Mandela was dead and thus unable to witness Zuma and the ANC's misrule.

Unemployment in South Africa is currently at 31 percent. The South African economy has recently been surpassed by that of Nigeria. The International Monetary Fund

reported on April 24 that economic growth is decelerating due to slothful private investment, feeble consumer and investor confidence, labor disputes in the mining sector and an erratic electricity supply. The South African Reserve Bank has warned that the economy risked significant capital flight from investors, and warning bells of a recession have already sounded.

Many people dislike Zuma—thousands booed him at Mandela's memorial service in December. But they remain loyal to the ANC brand. It is credited as the party that liberated the black majority from the apartheid regime—the redeemer that alone can guarantee and safeguard those freedoms. Voters don't let the actual results of that party and its leaders sway their votes more than a percentage point or two.

Ironically, South Africa is the world's largest producer of platinum and chromium and is potentially one of the wealthiest nations on the planet. But corruption within and without the ANC, racial strife, rape and murder are squelching its incredible economic potential—not to mention everyday life for millions of South Africans. ■

You call this a 'recovery'?

RECORD NUMBERS OF AMERICAN men have dropped out of the labor force, members of the U.S. Senate Budget Committee revealed in May.

The committee reported, "There are currently 61.1 million American men in their prime working years, age 25 to 54. A staggering one in eight such men are not in the labor force at all, meaning they are neither working nor looking for work. This is an all-time high dating back to when records were first kept in 1955."

Another 2.9 million men who are in the labor force are



One in eight American men are not in the labor force.

not employed. That means a total 10.2 million prime-age working men don't hold jobs in the U.S. economy today. This compares to 7.5 million in 2007.

Some attribute the shrinking labor force participation to the increasing pace of retirement of the baby boomer generation. But these new statistics confirm a trend that *Barron's* recently diagnosed: "The ratio of those over 55 in the workforce actually ticked up." In other words, older Americans are being forced to return to work in a poor economy to make ends meet while many younger Americans simply aren't working at all.

So the numbers are as bad as they seem: A record number of working-age Americans are not holding a job at all. ■

ARMING THE AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA's) mission statement is to "provide leadership on food, agriculture, natural resources, rural development, nutrition and related issues based on sound public policy, the best available science, and efficient management." To carry out that mission, it has recently requested an important agricultural tool: Smith & Wesson .40-caliber with ambidextrous semi-automatic submachine guns with front and rear Tritium night sights, flashlights and scopes, collapsible stocks, 30-round magazines, slings, and oversize trigger guards for gloved operation. That's from its official solicitation for commercial acquisition on May 7. The quantity? Undisclosed.

The Agriculture Department gave no rationale for why it needs combat-style weapons. It may be the same reason police forces provide for also acquiring military-grade hardware: to keep pace with citizens. Former Los Angeles police chief William Bratton said flatly, "We are a gun-crazed society."

It is true that gun purchases have skyrocketed in the United States. In recent years, even as gun and ammunition manufacturing has ramped up, it has been unable to keep up with ballooning demand. But when would a USDA employee encounter a situation where use of a .40-caliber submachine gun is an appropriate course of action?



A Life That Gets Better With Age

Can modern education bring the utopia we're all hoping for? **BY STEPHEN FLURRY**

IN A *NEW YORK TIMES* ADVICE PIECE TO HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES a few years ago, commentator David Brooks revealed his initial thoughts after being asked to give a commencement address: "I used to believe life got better as you got older, but now I realize this is untrue," Brooks lamented. He then lambasted higher education for its woeful inadequacy—though he left unstated the possible connection between these two points.

Brooks pointed out many of the things lacking in modern education: "The most important decision any of us make is who we marry. Yet there are no courses on how to choose a spouse. ... The most important talent any person can possess is the ability to make and keep friends. And yet here too there is no curriculum for this. The most important skill a person can possess is the ability to control one's impulses. Here too, we're pretty much on our own.

"These are all things with a provable relationship to human happiness," Brooks wrote. "Instead, society is busy preparing us for all the decisions that have a marginal effect on human happiness" (June 10, 2009). In other words, education today specializes in training young people how to *make a living*, without regard to *how* we ought TO LIVE.

Think about that: The pillar institution of society that is meant to help us solve our problems and face the future with confidence and optimism is failing us. Brooks is one of several commentators who can readily identify the uselessness of so much of the knowledge peddled by higher education.

Despite the best efforts of our educational system, the world it is creating is far from being the utopia it promises. Not only do we still see rampant division and strife, hatred and variance, disrespect and hostility toward authority, but as Brooks suggests, the state of families, the quality of friendships, even the depth of our own emotional maturity are woefully lacking. Yet this world's educators cling to the false hope that Christianity today can somehow make this PRESENT evil world a better place—even as today's brutal headlines are sure to be overtaken by tomorrow's even greater perversities and tragedies.



Herbert W. Armstrong College students prepare for class.

Make no mistake: The Christianity of the Bible DEFINITELY has *all* the answers to solve the mounting problems of this present evil world. But the plain truth of God's inspired Word is that He will solve our increasing evils and violence not by repairing or fixing our present civilization, but by building an *altogether* NEW and different world.

Literally hundreds of Bible passages describe this future utopian world. This was the focal point of Jesus Christ's message when He came to this world 2,000 years ago. God sent His own Son to preach a gospel message—"gospel" means GOOD NEWS—about the Messiah returning as King of kings and Lord of lords, and setting up a world-ruling Kingdom on Earth, headquartered in Jerusalem.

How will He do it? Through overwhelming power and through *right education*. One of the most important tasks Jesus Christ will undertake upon His return is REEDUCATING mankind. He will use a curriculum that relies on God's inspired Word as the FOUNDATION for the acquisition of all knowledge.

God's system of education in the World Tomorrow will specialize in the production of godly character—the development of the whole man, as Solomon wrote (Ecclesiastes 12:13). It will provide the indispensable, God-revealed instruction about *how to live*.

In fact, this wonderfully happy system has already been introduced—at Herbert W. Armstrong College. Here students are held to the highest standard of Bible-based conduct, which teaches them to control the selfish impulses of carnal human nature. The curriculum aims to prepare them for the most important

CAREER man can enter: the God-ordained institutions of marriage and family. Armstrong College students are taught to put God and His work above all else in their lives (Matthew 6:33).

Learning to live this way—even now, in the midst of this present evil world—is why our headquarters and college campus in Edmond, Oklahoma, is bustling with productive activity and joyous attitudes. Students and employees interact happily here because God's way of life is diligently taught, promoted and actively put into practice.

We strive for an overall environment similar to what God intends for every human being to experience—a life that gets better with age!

This education overhaul will be the first step in creating a new world—a world that really is peaceful and happy. In that World Tomorrow, this wonderful system of reeducation will blossom over all the Earth as God transforms waste places and deserts into Garden-of-Eden paradises. Mankind will be joyously singing, praising God and offering thanks for His many blessings (Isaiah 51:3). Finally, all human beings will know what it's like to experience an exhilarating life of true happiness, success and peaceful prosperity—real abundant living!

To read more about the inspiring, sure prophecies of this soon-coming future world, request a free copy of Herbert W. Armstrong's booklet ***The Wonderful World Tomorrow—What It Will Be Like.***





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RESPONSES FOR "BLOOD MOONS—DO THEY FULFILL BIBLE PROPHECY?"

"Lots of stuff flying around out there. Go to the *Trumpet* to get the truth!"

"Tell it like it is! Well done."

"Excellent research and a logical presentation of the biblical facts."

"Wow! Quite an awesome article and a thorough explanation."

"Great article showing us the truth about blood moons and what they don't mean."

"It's interesting to see it finally being discussed and that we need to follow God's order of events not man's. Thanks again for this clarification."

Gentiles Rise

So much for our "21st century" behavior ("What Are the Times of the Gentiles?" July). It is not about what time it is or how smart we think we are, it is about who the god of this world is. We were not made to be this way, like beasts, but we reject our Maker. Multiple-warhead ICBMs are dangerous toys in savage beasts' hands. May Christ come soon and take all of these things away! Thank you for shedding light on our identities and other important identities that we may see the truth of the Bible before it is too late to react.

Anonymous

What a powerful and stirring message! Thank you for always framing up exactly what is happening as the world braces for its descent into incomprehensible misery. I take comfort in knowing that all these things must be fulfilled in order for the Son of man to come through the clouds with power and great glory!

Virginia Eanes—NORTH CAROLINA

Russia's march

Fantastic article! ("Why Russia Is Marching—and Eastern Europe Is Afraid," July). Without the history you wrote about, it's impossible to understand what exactly is going on in Eastern Europe. You cannot understand what Putin is doing unless you know the history of Russia and the millions of Russians that have been slaughtered by invading armies from Europe.

History dictates that Putin cannot allow the EU and NATO to expand to Russian borders.

The Russians remember what Germany has done to them. Poland and other nations are caught in the crossfire. Let's remember a lot of these Eastern European nations like Lithuania, Estonia, Latvia and the Ukraine have blood on their hands; they were Nazi supporters and committed some pretty horrific acts against Jews and Russians. They are not innocent angels. As long as the EU and NATO continue to expand towards Russia's borders, then Russia has no option but to counteract that expansion. It would be an act of treason for a Russian leader not to do anything about it.

Bill Condoleon—AUSTRALIA

I truly love the factual and historical perspectives. It is mandatory reading in my home, even for my children. This particular article is right to the point. Russia will go to every extreme to protect what it believes to be its borders. Of course the irony is that Russia protects its own as it kills and oppresses them to no end.

Jim

Yes, the *Trumpet* is the only source that can prove God's Word through history. You hear a little from generals on Fox News, but you don't get the background and all the information to prove that by looking back at history, you can prove the future. The *Trumpet* gives a thorough analysis of history because it comes from God.

Michael Hutter—NEW YORK

Blood moons and Bible prophecy

People will believe just about anything written in a book, but the best-selling book of all time inspired by the Great Almighty God, our instruction book, the Holy Bible, people will not believe ("Blood Moons—Do They Fulfill Bible Prophecy?" July). Human reasoning has got us to the point where we have proved beyond doubt just how inept we are in managing our own affairs. We

think we're so clever that we can now wipe ourselves off the face of the Earth. Wow, how clever is that? We will do that rather than believe our Creator. **Simon Henderson—NEW ZEALAND**

Don't compromise your identity

What a timely message ("Don't Become Fred AlphonzoMuhomaZipski," July). I constantly warn our family about giving out too much information. Many people are far too trusting, and the technology available that allows these criminals access to our personal details is increasing exponentially. Facebook's constant requests for personal details are a trap for the gullible. Watch out for the something-for-nothing deals too.

Colin Jurd—AUSTRALIA

This is absolutely right! I had a situation where someone was able to change the address of a credit card. To this day I have no idea how they would have enough information to access my account. Thankfully that's all that happened, but it's still scary nonetheless. This is a great warning to heed!

Julia B.

A lesson for America's leaders

Your message is timely indeed, given the terrible news yesterday of the persecution and beating of an American pastor in Iran ("What Should a Nation Do When It Is Treated With Contempt?" July). He was being held in an Iranian prison, was beaten by both guards and inmates, taken to a hospital where he was also beaten and then back to prison for more of the same. It makes my heart break! Where is the concern amidst our people? It seems that unless it's an immediate danger, like a flood or a fire, people just look the other way. If only we had a leader like David today to handle these atrocities!

Carol Risen—OREGON

History of 1914 repeating itself?

What an apt description of the world we live in ("1914 All Over Again," July). Your article is like a huge wake-up call! This is one that every person on Earth needs to hear. Our modern world is so full of gadgets, games and entertainment that the average man on the street is clueless as to where things are really headed, just as it was in the days of Noah. This website is like a modern-day Noah, warning this world that we are on a train speeding toward the worst disaster Earth has ever seen. Thank you for the heads-up.

Ross Freeman—GEORGIA

Is there life out there?

The universe appears to be flat and if the recent discovery of gravity waves bears out

began as a singularity that inflated into something that now exists on cosmological scales ("Is There life on Kepler-186f?" July). The visible universe, that is the universe we can see with our telescopes, is but a tiny fraction of its actual size. The idea that God created a universe to fill it with life—well, maybe! The idea that God created the universe so we could go forth, multiply and do the same—you may as well believe in Peter Pan or Tinker Bell.

Robert

It's stunningly beautiful and so precise. The scientists are spending squillions of dollars looking at it all, and yet they can't see a thing.

Majella

Is Cliven Bundy a racist?

The unrestrained welfare mentality has gone wild under the present administration and threatens to bankrupt our nation economically and morally ("Throwing Gunpowder on the Fire," July).

Darold Oakleaf—ARIZONA

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Fascination with an Internet horror meme turned two 12-year-old girls into attempted murderers.

When horror stories turn real

WEARING PENITENTIARY jumpsuits and shackles on their wrists and ankles, two 12-year-old girls appeared in a Wisconsin court on June 2 to face charges of first-degree intentional homicide after stabbing their 12-year-old friend 19 times in her torso, legs and arms.

The two, who were charged as adults, had mulled over their horrific attack since February. Initially, they planned to muffle their friend with duct tape and then stab her in the neck while she slept. They then considered killing her in a bathroom instead, to make cleaning up her blood easier. They eventually decided on attacking their oblivious friend in a park while playing hide-and-seek.

What turned these pre-teens into homicidal monsters? They desired to please a mythical demon-like character from a website devoted to horror stories and legends. The girls hoped to become proxies of the fictitious character and live with him in his mansion. One of them claimed she saw the character in her dreams and that he watched over her. She believed he was telepathic and capable of teleportation.

In June, it emerged that two other attacks may

be linked to the same horror meme: a teenage daughter who stabbed her mother and a man who murdered two police officers and another person in Las Vegas.

In the May-June issue, the *Trumpet* wrote, “Interest in demons and the supernatural has gone mainstream. Is it harmless fun?” The plain truth is that preoccupation with demonism is spiritually, mentally and even physically destructive. The demon-like character that inspired these would-be child killers may not be real, but the spirit world behind it is very much so. ■

Britain’s crisis of masculinity

IT’S NOT LOOKING GOOD FOR men in Britain. The push for the parity of the sexes has left males far behind their female counterparts in pretty much everything. According to the *Spectator*’s Isabel Hardman, boys lag behind girls in every one of Britain’s official early learning goals, including listening, concentration, understanding, reading, writing, technology, mobility and dexterity.

At age 7, boys are 7 percent less likely to meet reading standards than girls. That gap widens to 8 percent by age 11 and 12 percent by age 13. While 66 percent of girls pass high school with a C average or higher, only 56 percent of boys do, and more girls apply for college.

On the other side of the coin, 77 percent of suicides in Britain are men. Since 1981, the female suicide rate has decreased by 50 percent while that of males has decreased only 8 percent.

Studies have shown that eating disorders are rising faster among men than among

women, and that men are less likely to seek help. In the workplace, on average, women in their 20s earn almost half a dollar less per day than their male colleagues. But this isn’t always the case in the public sector. Male workers at the University of Wales recently won an equal pay battle when they discovered that they earned \$6,700 less than women.

“The idea of women having a rotten deal,” wrote Hardman, “has become so firmly entrenched in British public life that we have become blind to the problem emerging for the boys [and men].” She concluded that while there is a political debate to push for “women’s issues,” there is a noticeable reluctance to do the same for men, or to worry about our sons” (May 3).

As we wrote in March 2013 (theTrumpet.com/go/10305), it is a documented fact that the male is shrinking from his role as brother, father, provider, protector and helper of society, particularly in Britain. ■

SINCE SANDY HOOK ...

According to CNN, since the December 2012 Sandy Hook massacre in Newtown, Connecticut, there have been 15 similar school shootings in the U.S. as of mid-June. 2013 witnessed nine shootings; the first half of 2014 has already seen six incidents. This means that, statistically, since Sandy Hook a school shooting has occurred every five weeks.

Some politicians will use these statistics as evidence to push gun control laws. After an Oregon school shooting incident in June, President Obama said that it was time for America to do some “soul searching” over gun regulations.

The real soul searching America needs is over the true cause: a cultural revolution that has ravaged our family life. Virtually all youth violence can be traced back to a home life that foments rebellion against traditional standards, clean living, high



Mourning after the Sandy Hook massacre

morals and all authority. We focus on the weapons because we are unwilling to address the failings of our family breakdown. Tragedies like these will continue until that changes.

Don't Just Sit There!

God made us to *move*. BY JOEL HILLIKER

What are you doing right now? You're probably engaged in a highly dangerous activity: *Sitting!* If you're like the average American, you sit at breakfast, you sit in the car, you sit in class or the office, you sit at lunch, you sit at dinner and you sit in front of the television—for a total of 14.5 hours every day!

"This is your body on chairs: Electrical activity in the muscles drops—'the muscles go as silent as those of a dead horse,' ... leading to a cascade of harmful metabolic effects. Your calorie-burning rate immediately plunges to about one per minute, a third of what it would be if you got up and walked. Insulin effectiveness drops within a single day, and the risk of developing Type 2 diabetes rises. So does the risk of being obese. The enzymes responsible for breaking down lipids and triglycerides—for 'vacuuming up fat out of the bloodstream' ... plunge, which in turn causes the levels of good (HDL) cholesterol to fall" ("Is Sitting a Lethal Activity?" *New York Times*, April 14, 2011).

Why is sitting so harmful? When you don't use your muscles, they don't contract. When muscles don't contract, they don't use as much fuel (blood sugar). Extra blood sugar accumulates in your bloodstream, which boosts your risk for diabetes and other diseases. Sitting also squishes your organs together so they don't function as well.

That *Times* article cited a study where researchers looked at 14 young, fit, thin volunteers. After *only 24 hours* of being sedentary, their bodies' ability to uptake glucose dropped 40 percent. Sitting also leads to back soreness, constipation and other problems.

Gretchen Reynolds, another *New York Times* writer, highlighted another study on the effects of sitting: "[T]hose who sat the most had a 112 percent increase in their relative risk of developing diabetes; a 147 percent increase in their risk for cardiovascular disease; and a 49 percent greater risk of dying prematurely—even if they regularly exercised" (*The First 20 Minutes*; emphasis added).

God made us to *move*. Physically, He designed our bodies to walk, lift, climb, run, jump, work. Even mentally and spiritually, God wants us to be active! Stagnating *always* causes problems.

So many people don't want to think or work—they just want to *sit!* Sit in class; sit on the job, if they can; sit on the couch and zone out. The average American somehow manages to sit and watch *nearly seven hours* of TV every day. He is letting his body and his mind just *shut down*. Mayo Clinic researcher Dr. James Levine believes that inertia "sickens more than just our body," it sickens our mind (op. cit.).

Just as our human nature wants to take it easy and have a seat *physically*, it also tends to pull us in that direction mentally and spiritually. God expects us to fight that tendency! Otherwise, we'll suffer the mental and spiritual corollaries of those negative

physical effects of the sluggish, sit-on-your-rear lifestyle.

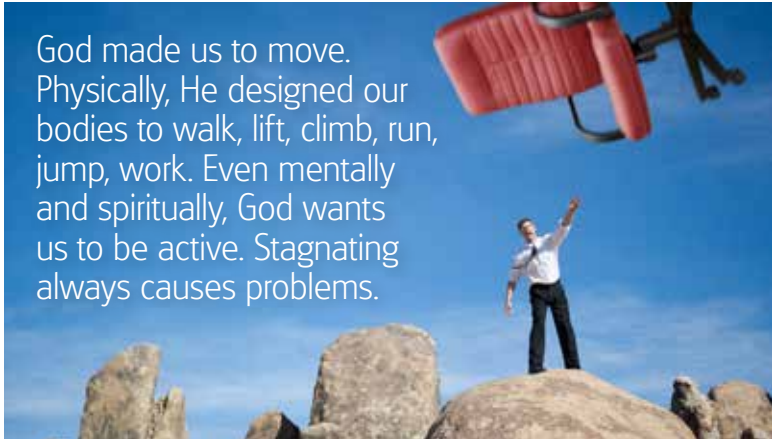
The Christian life is one of driving yourself, challenging yourself, remaining active in personal development, improvement, study, education.

Thomas Edison said, "Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work."

"He that gathereth in summer is a wise son: but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame" (Proverbs 10:5). Young people: *Keep busy*. Don't limit yourself to a spoon-fed education—handouts, worksheets, grades, teachers—seven hours a day, five days a week, from August to May. *Gather* experiences and education to keep active. *Set goals, plan and go after* your own LIFE-LONG education.

The same is true of those of us no longer in school. We have to set our own curriculum to ensure we're still stimulating our minds! Be active in study. Digest high-quality books—even lectures. (It's amazing what education is available on the Internet and in your local community—much of it for free.) Exploit contacts. Travel. Most important, *think* about what you hear and read. Keep active in order to avoid the *mental* equivalents of diabetes, disease and obesity!

"Lazy people want much but get little, but those who work hard will prosper" (Proverbs 13:4; New Living Translation). "[S]uccess is accomplishment. It is **DOING**," educator Herbert W. Armstrong



God made us to move. Physically, He designed our bodies to walk, lift, climb, run, jump, work. Even mentally and spiritually, God wants us to be active. Stagnating always causes problems.

wrote. "They say any old dead fish can float downstream, but it takes a live one to swim up. An inactive person will not accomplish. Accomplishment is **DOING**. . . . The fourth success law, then, is **DRIVE!** Half-hearted effort might carry one a little way toward his goal, but it will never get him far enough to reach it" (*The Seven Laws of Success*).

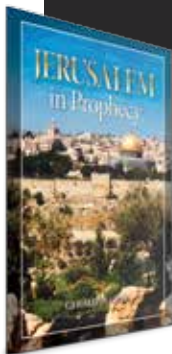
How much *drive* do you have? How do you use your hours outside of work or school? How much "me time" do you reward yourself with to relax and do nothing? Are you physically and mentally *sitting your life away*?

Push yourself forward! If you just sit around and allow your mind and body to shut down, you are basically just dying slowly—physically, mentally and spiritually. *Sitting* is lethal! Stagnating and wasting your time is *lethal*. Be diligent! Don't be a dead horse or an old dead fish. Get up and *do!*

God wants *all of us* to be "redeeming the time, for the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:16). He made us to *move*. Get active—physically, mentally and spiritually! ■

“To forget a
Holocaust
is to kill twice.”

—ELIE WIESEL
HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR



In their personal views and in their public elections, Europeans are revealing themselves to be anti-Semitic. Where will this lead? Find out where this trend begins and ends with our free booklet *Jerusalem in Prophecy*.

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collapse. We are seeing the same process today. Europe’s financial crisis has rocked its political structure. That structure has not fallen, but it has developed some major cracks. And that crisis is not over; though currently in remission, its fundamental causes have not been addressed. Europe’s traditional political system is struggling. How will it survive when conditions get even worse?

When this economic crisis resumes in earnest, Europe’s anti-Semitism is sure to take off. The tide of anti-Semitism that flooded the planet during the 1930s is rising again. If we understand history, we can know that this torrent of hate and violence, when it reaches its high-water mark and finally overflows its banks, will not only engulf the Jews and the Jewish state, but will also spill over and swamp entire nations and regions.

In fact, biblical prophecy shows that it will engulf the planet! Two prophecies in particular, one in Hosea 5, the other in Zechariah 14, indicate anti-Semitism—manifested in hatred for the Jewish state and a desire to purge Jews from Jerusalem—will play a central role in end-time events. Thankfully, these events are prophesied to immediately precede the return of Jesus Christ to this Earth! His government will finally put a stop to all racial prejudice (Acts 10:34).

The storms of the current crisis have now uncovered important traces of European anti-Semitism, like a long-hidden ancient ruin. The signs show that there is much more just beneath the surface. All it will take is another storm.

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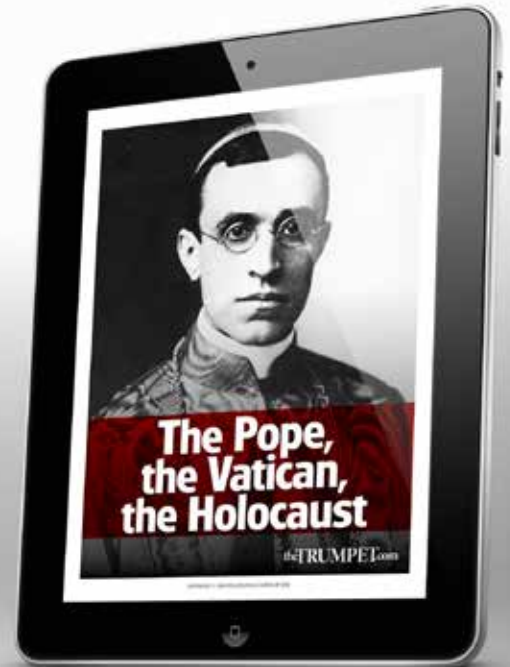
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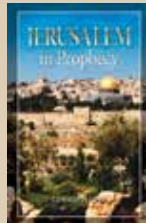
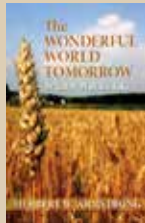
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