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Anti-Trump protesters flood the 101 Freeway in Los Angeles, California, on Nov. 10, 2016. (MARCUS YAM/GETTY IMAGES)

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# America's Coming Civil War

But Americans don't know *why* it is coming.

**A**FTER AMERICANS ELECTED A NEW PRESIDENT ON NOVEMBER 8, his opponents reacted fiercely. Their aggressive tirades are more dangerous than even they realize!

One of the worst post-election commentaries came from a man named Van Jones. An avowed Communist known for vulgarly attacking Republicans, Jones made his career out of stirring up racial guilt and agitation. He allegedly signed a petition demanding investigations into whether the George W. Bush administration intentionally allowed terrorists to murder 3,000 people on September 11. President Barack Obama appointed him as his "green energy czar" in 2009. Less than six months later, Van Jones resigned under pressure. CNN then hired him as a commentator.



**GERALD FLURRY**

In the early hours of November 9, just after it became final that Hillary Clinton had lost to Donald Trump, Jones said, "People have talked about a miracle. I'm hearing about a nightmare. ... You tell your kids: Don't be a bully. You tell your kids, don't be a bigot. You tell your kids, do your homework and be prepared. And then you have this outcome. And you have people putting children to bed tonight, and they're afraid of breakfast. They're afraid of 'How do I explain this to my children?' I have Muslim friends who are texting me tonight, saying, 'Should I leave the country?' I have families of immigrants that are terrified tonight."

That is wild fear-mongering! What is this man talking about? The only people who might be somewhat uncertain

AGAINST A BLACK PRESIDENT, in part. And that's the part where the pain comes" (emphasis mine throughout).

What does he mean by "a white-lash against a changing country"? He is hearkening back to the days of slavery—accusing many millions of white people as the worst kind of racists!

He also said it was a white-lash against a black president, in part. And that racist statement after white people elected Barack Obama for two terms by near landslides!

Van Jones is expressing the deepest kind of diabolical black racism. And CNN is helping him spread it!

Where is this leading America?

This is the kind of vile language we have heard over and over and over that has stirred up terrible bitterness and anger among minorities against this country! This kind of incitement is dividing the races all the more—and is leading to RACE WAR!

Why do so many of our people fail to see this simple truth?

## After the Election

The day after the election, President Obama made this statement: "Now, it is no secret that the president-elect and I have some pretty significant differences. But remember, eight years ago, President Bush and I had some pretty significant differences. But President Bush's team could not have been more professional or more gracious in making sure we had a smooth transition so that we could hit the ground running. ... So I have instructed my team to follow the example that President Bush's team set eight years ago, and work as hard as we can to make sure that this is a successful transition for the president-elect—because *we are now all rooting for his success* in uniting and leading the country. The *peaceful transition* of

**“This was a white-lash against a changing country ... against a black president in part. And that's the part where the pain comes.”** VAN JONES

after Mr. Trump's victory are those who have broken the law and are in America illegally. Mr. Trump said he would actually enforce existing immigration laws passed by Congress—which is the president's *duty*! But for Van Jones, supposedly this is a "nightmare"!

Jones's eyes were wet when he said: "This was a rebellion against the elites, true. It was a complete reinvention of politics and polls, it's true. But it was also something else. ... We haven't talked about race. THIS WAS A WHITE-LASH. This was a white-lash against a changing country. IT WAS A WHITE-LASH

power is one of the hallmarks of our democracy. And over the next few months, we are going to show that to the world."

These sound like good words. The next day, Mr. Trump accepted an invitation to meet Mr. Obama in the White House. They had an apparently cordial meeting.

However, just *three days earlier*, the day before the election, President Obama had been on a campaign stage shouting that Mr. Trump was "temperamentally unfit to be commander in chief"! He even implied that HE SYMPATHIZES WITH THE KU KLUX KLAN, a horrible, racist organization. President Obama was

calling Trump *a racist!* This same president hired Van Jones and chose Al Sharpton as his main “civil rights” liaison man.

President Obama’s nice words were at odds with everything he has been doing over the past eight years!

At the same time he was making some of those statements, thousands of people were demonstrating and even rioting to oppose the president-elect. Demonstrators vandalized property, started fires and blocked traffic. In one video posted online, a group of African-Americans pulled a white man out of his car, beat him and stole his car because he had a “Trump” bumper sticker. Spray-painted messages read, “We are ungovernable,” “Kill white people,” and “Die whites, die.” Enraged people scrawled, “Kill your local Trump supporter” and “Kill Trump” on walls and wrote awful things about his wife.

Protests occurred in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Washington, D.C., Miami and several other cities. Dozens of people were arrested. Many journalists reported these as if they were spontaneous, but everything indicated that they were all organized and planned. Many of these protesters are professionals who are *paid* to stir up demonstrations! Many of them don’t even live in the cities where they march and riot: Photos surfaced showing rows of large buses that allegedly transported protesters from out of town to make the unrest

**“[W]e are not going down without a fight, and Donald need to know that.”** AL SHARPTON

appear to be bigger than it actually is. More than half of those arrested did not even vote!

President Obama *said* he wants a peaceful transition of power. But when people called on him, and on Hillary Clinton, to calm the protests, they were met with *thunderous silence*. Democratic leaders mostly remained silent.

Several days later, the president did say the election results should be accepted. But it was a quickly made surface statement.

Is that “work[ing] as hard as we can to make sure that this is a successful transition for the president-elect—because we are now all rooting for his success in uniting and leading the country”?

Bernie Sanders, an open socialist who stirred up a far-left populist movement of his own when running against Clinton for the Democratic nomination, actually *encouraged* the protests!

Al Sharpton said, “[W]e are not going down without a fight, and Donald need *[sic]* to know that.” Liberal celebrities said similar things.

What kind of “fight” is Mr. Sharpton talking about?

### ‘We Got Our Country Back’?

Fox News commentator Bill O’Reilly asked, “Is A CIVIL WAR BREWING IN THE U.S.A.?”

That is an important question! Clearly there are many people who want a fight—a revolution—a race war! And they are going to get it—and a whole lot more!

As Americans are becoming their own worst enemies, what do you think our enemies abroad will do?

After the election, conservative commentator Rush Limbaugh said, “We just got our country back.” Then the riots began. This isn’t “getting your country back”—this is an alarm of war!

The fact that Limbaugh even covered the riots was enough to prompt one of his longtime listeners to call in angry because Limbaugh wasn’t dwelling on the election success, he was mentioning the riots. The caller just didn’t want to hear such bad news. He wanted to celebrate winning the election.

That is a dangerous attitude, an attitude that will ignore the disaster right up until it swallows you!

Average Americans just want everything to calm down so they can get back to their lives and their pleasures and so forth. But the shocks for America aren’t going to go away. You can see that if you are watching what is happening with open eyes.

But beyond that, you can be sure of it because of the prophecies in the Bible.

The Bible is full of passages describing what is about to happen to America. I have written a number of articles showing how a race war is prophesied. Chapter Five of my new booklet *Great Again* is titled “Where America’s Race Riots Are Leading” and explains many of these passages. (This booklet is free upon request, or you can read it online at [theTrumpet.com/go/ga](http://theTrumpet.com/go/ga).) You cannot understand the seriousness of this threat unless you know the Bible!

If you have never done so, you need to read Herbert W. Armstrong’s book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. It proves step by step how to identify America in biblical prophecy, and gives a stunning overview of what the Bible says on this subject. We will gladly send you a free copy of this important book.

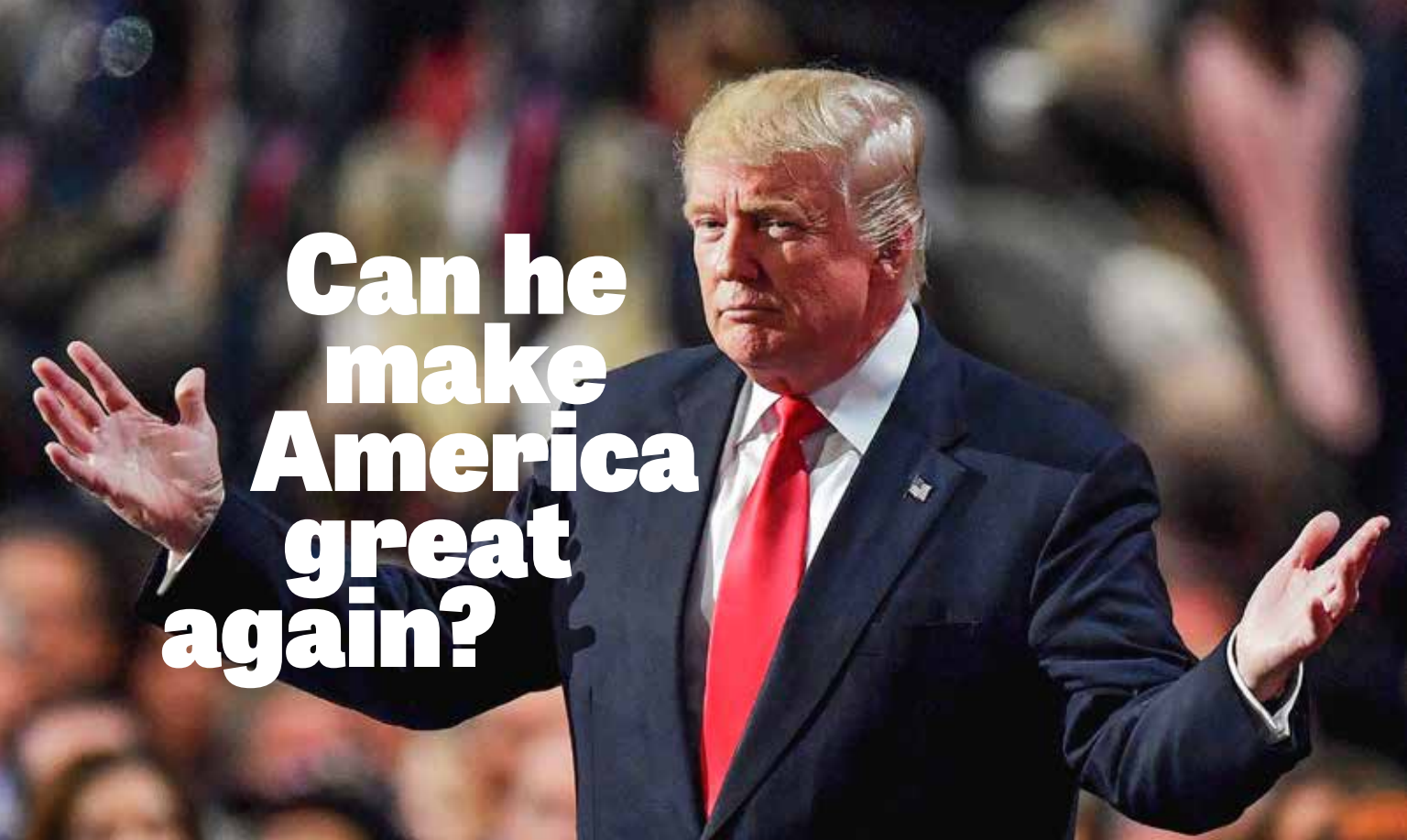
### Measured Destruction

The book of Amos has some very strong prophecies that every American should know about. In it, God condemns our nation for our sins and describes many punishments that will come upon us as a consequence. These include some curses that we have already seen to some degree, like drought in certain areas and flooding in others, and plagues on our food production. But there are also *nation-destroying* curses that have not yet happened, like *nuclear fire devouring our cities!*

Only deep repentance could prevent such a nightmare. But where do you see any indication of repentance in America today?

In Amos 7, the prophet writes, “Thus he shewed me: and behold, the Lord stood upon a wall made by a plumbline, with a plumbline in his hand. And the Lord said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A plumbline. Then said the Lord, Behold, I will set a plumbline in the midst of my people Israel [in prophetic terms, that is referring to the modern-day descendants of ancient Israel, which includes America]: I will not again pass by them any more: And the high places of Isaac shall be desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste; and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword” (Amos 7:7-9).

A plumbline is a measuring instrument. What is God using it to measure, in this case? He is measuring *destruction* to come upon America!



# Can he make America great again?

Or is there something that Americans need to realize first?

BY JOEL HILLIKER

**A**MERICA'S ELECTION campaign lasted over 500 grueling days. It was filled with insults and humiliations. It produced two of the most despised presidential candidates in the nation's history. The longer it lasted, the more degrading the revelations about them became.

On the eve of the election, as commentators contemplated what it all meant, *CBS News's* Bob Schieffer remarked that this campaign was uniquely horrible. "I have seen a few, but I've run out of ways to say I've never seen one like this. It's as if the nation is enduring some kind of CURSE. What should we expect next—that it will rain frogs? I wouldn't bet against it" (emphasis added throughout).

When Peggy Noonan wrote her last *Wall Street Journal* column before voters went to the polls, she was in a similarly reflective mood. "A closing thought: God is in charge of history," she wrote. "He asks us to work, to try,

to pour ourselves out to make things better. But He is an actor in history also. He chastises and rescues, He intervenes in ways seen and unseen. Or chooses not to. Twenty sixteen looks to me like a CHASTISEMENT. *He's trying to get our attention. We have candidates we can't be proud of. We must choose among the embarrassments. What might we be doing as a nation and a people that would have earned this moment?"* (Nov. 3, 2016).

It is highly unusual in modern America to hear mainstream commentators openly wondering whether the nation is being cursed, even chastised by God. But this is where the lead-up to this election left us.

It's one thing to ask the question, however, and another to seek a real answer. If this is a curse, what *should* we expect next? And *what might we be doing* to have brought chastisement upon ourselves? Peggy Noonan apparently doesn't know, or is unwilling to say.

Are *you* willing to consider the question honestly?

## **A Hypocritical Nation**

When Donald Trump won the November 8 election, many people were shocked.

The liberal half of American society—the Hillary Clinton supporters, mainstream media reporters and analysts, most of America's urban population, academics, majorities of college and even high school students, majorities of ethnic minorities—could scarcely fathom that some 61 million Americans had voted for such a loathsome human being, by their reckoning, as Donald Trump.

Early in the campaign they had dismissed him as a clown and a punchline. As he scored successes in the primaries, they characterized him as a bully and a sideshow. After he secured the Republican nomination, they branded him a bigot and a racist. As his support remained stubbornly buoyant, they tarred him as a sexist and a misogynist. They insisted he was temperamentally unfit for office. They called him an avowed enemy of everything America represents.

Then, the moment it started to become clear Mr. Trump would win the election, his opponents had a meltdown. "Objective" journalists openly voiced dismay and despair. For many people, these emotions quickly gave way to anger and hysteria. Soon America



became seized by demonstrations and protests—even violent and destructive riots—punctuated by chants of “Not our president!” and “We reject the president-elect!” And the media duly reported on the rebellion as if it were a noble pursuit of social justice.

What was it, exactly, that provoked these dissenters to so passionately storm the barricades and seek to overturn the system?

In essence, it was Mr. Trump’s presumed “message of hate.”

That is what fuels all the hostility, disgust and revulsion being expressed by these warriors for justice.

America today is simply “too righteous” to tolerate Mr. Trump’s egregious sins of intolerance, bigotry, racism, sexism, misogyny and homophobia. Today’s America is a land of enlightenment, acceptance, inclusion, fairness, equality, civility, respect and decorum—it is no place for such a rude, crude, crass, callous, ill-tempered, backward, barbaric, blustering bully as Mr. Trump. Or so we are supposed to believe.

But is all this indignation *really* so righteous?

In Isaiah 10:6, God calls America a “HYPOCRITICAL NATION.” The left’s sanctimonious attack on Donald Trump perfectly illuminates why God would use that terminology.

It also gives some clues as to what we might be doing to have earned God’s chastisement.

### Racism and Bigotry

The American left has a very specific definition of racism and bigotry. By its definition, Mr. Trump is the embodiment of these sins. And the 61 million people who voted for him exposed their own bigotry by doing so.

Reporter Wesley Lowery covers racial issues at the *Washington Post* and has just written a book called *They Can’t Kill Us All*. He believes that “our American existence ... is very largely premised on an original sin of slavery.



HATE-MONGERING  
People across the U.S.  
protest Donald Trump's  
election win.

We have baked in these ideas to the fundamental structures of our society.” These were his words in a National Public Radio interview after the Trump victory, referencing the words of President Barack Obama.

The NPR reporter asked Mr. Lowery whether it was fair to characterize all Trump supporters as racist. He responded, “I think one of the fundamental battle lines in this conversation is: Do you believe that racism requires intent, or do you believe that racism is about the outcome—the effect? That if a policy has the *effect* of racism, of creating a racial disparity, is that accurately described as racist—or does it require someone actively desiring to oppress a certain group of people?” He explained how a person could think, “No, I don’t have hate in my heart for people who aren’t like me” and still be racist because, as the left argues, “racism and prejudice are what occurs when, whether intentional or not, a structure or system is put in place that leaves one group of people behind.”

This is a fair representation of what passes for “enlightened” thought in today’s America on this subject. Racism isn’t hatred for someone because of skin color—it is something, perhaps intangible, that results from the establishment, possibly unintentional, of a structure or system that puts certain people at a disadvantage. This is radically different from the dictionary

definition of racism, and intentionally so.

According to this definition, it is practically impossible for the advantaged majority (white) to *not* be racist—and it is *absolutely* impossible for disadvantaged minorities to be racist.

It is by this perverse logic that Mr. Trump’s intention to enforce existing immigration laws is bigotry, and his pledge to prevent foreign criminals and terrorists from entering the United States

is tantamount to a declaration of war against Mexicans and Muslims. It is by this reasoning that addressing inner-city violence perpetrated by blacks against blacks is racist. It is how a black police officer shooting an armed black criminal is proof of systemic racism.

This is also the logic by which the media blamed Mr. Trump personally for a handful of post-election incidents where apparent Trump supporters expressed white-supremacist sentiment or committed crimes against minorities—yet the *same media* remained completely silent about the *violent* backlash among non-whites against Mr. Trump, his followers and whites in general. Black people *beating* and *assaulting* white people for voting for Trump, spray-painting KILL ALL WHITES, indiscriminately smashing shops and burning cars, tweeting assassination threats, screaming that it’s time for a black uprising—all this behavior is understandable and acceptable, and *nobody* labels it RACIST, thanks to modern “enlightened” understanding.

The left *says* it opposes racism. But it has defined that term in a way that justifies and encourages a tremendous amount of behavior that is *blatantly, openly, defiantly, unapologetically hateful, even violent, toward other people because of skin color.*

What does GOD think? He *created* the races, “And hath made OF ONE BLOOD all nations of men for to dwell on all the

face of the earth” (Acts 17:26). He Himself is not white, black, brown or any other color—He is radiantly bright, and He made all mankind, of all races, after His own likeness (Genesis 1:26). He is “no respecter of persons,” not favoring one race over another (Acts 10:34); He wants “ALL MEN [of every race] to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 2:4).

Further, God commanded in the Old Testament, “Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart ... but THOU SHALT LOVE thy neighbor as thyself” (Leviticus 19:17-18). In the New Testament, Jesus Christ made clear that your “neighbor” includes everyone, even someone of another race you may tend to consider an enemy (Luke 10:25-37). God views *all* hostility of one race against another as contemptible. In fact, *He considers hatred comparable to MURDER* (1 John 3:15).

The left *purports* to believe something akin to a secular version of this truth, but recent events have exposed the yawning gulf between its version and God’s. In its view, minority-against-majority hatred is justified, even honorable and moral.

The left holds whites today responsible for the slavery that was made illegal on American soil over 150 years ago. But it does not hold whole swaths of society responsible for the violence they are committing at this very moment.

The left vehemently condemns bigotry, yet it tolerates and encourages open, hostile contempt for others on the basis of ideology. Witness its treatment of the florist or county clerk who doesn’t actively support same-sex “marriage.”

A video emerged of several black people beating a white man and stealing his car after the election because he had a Trump bumper sticker. These people feel it’s perfectly *right* to assault this man *because of his presumed bigotry*. They see no irony in beating and robbing a white man because he voted for a “racist” candidate.

But God sees it. He recognizes hate and racism. He knows *hypocrisy* when He sees it.

Can the liberals in the media, academia and politics even perceive their own double standard? Will these people who ceaselessly label Mr. Trump as

racist, the ringleader for an irredeemably bigoted segment of America, take *any* responsibility for stirring up the hate-filled, race-based division playing out in America’s streets? Will they see that romanticizing lawlessness and encouraging retributive racial “justice” only makes the problem worse? Or will they continue, as they have been, pinning all the blame on Mr. Trump?

### Sexism and Misogyny

Liberals rained righteous wrath upon Mr. Trump for years-old boasts about his exploits with women. Hearing their damnation, one would think these people possessed Victorian-era prudishness in the delicate matter of sex.

In truth, these same people are passionate advocates of sexual license. Universities scrupulously school their students in the wickedness of a businessman using power privilege as sexual leverage, and their students have been vociferous in their condemnation of



Mr. Trump’s chauvinism. Yet these very universities turn around and host and sponsor abominably licentious, perverse, sexually themed events for these same students, who participate with abandon.

Today’s America piously condemns Mr. Trump for the sin of sexism. Yet it simultaneously promotes fornication, adultery and pornography. Americans proudly create and subsidize a popular culture that romanticizes misogyny that would have horrified prior generations.

Liberals denounce Donald Trump as a powerful billionaire businessman who preyed on women. Yet a great many of them—mainstream news outlets included—promoted and personally contributed to making a bestselling

book and movie phenomenon out of *Fifty Shades of Grey*, which glamorizes a powerful billionaire businessman bringing an unsuspecting young woman into *literal* bondage.

Where is the liberal outrage against the porn industry, which routinely depicts women being brutalized and abused in countless horrific ways? Why never a word of condemnation about the hip-hop industry, which is *saturated* with songs sexualizing, objectifying and debasing women? (article, page 22).

The weekend before the election, Hillary Clinton held a hip-hop-themed “get out the vote” fund-raiser. Performers included rappers like Big Sean, Chance the Rapper, J. Cole and Jay Z. Search *any* of their lyrics in *any* of their songs. At the concert, Big Sean rapped about women being whores and objects to gratify himself, describing chauvinistic sex acts in a torrent of vulgar misogyny. Jay Z (a darling of the left; President Obama has invited him to the White House several times) spilled out profanities, rapping about men and women and sex, for men using the n-word, and for women the b-word. His wife, Beyoncé, performed “Formation,” a song full of vulgar sex language. This song’s music video hints at a racist government conspiracy during Hurricane Katrina; she and her backup dancers performed it at the Super Bowl dressed to evoke the Black Panthers, an armed black nationalist Communist organization.

Jay Z and Beyoncé were then joined on stage by Hillary Clinton, who called Beyoncé a champion for women.

*These* are the people decrying Donald Trump’s treatment of women. How is it that the left manages to overlook the rat’s nest of immorality, misogyny and bigotry that is popular culture—and at the same time, priggishly hold Mr. Trump to a rigorous moral code? That is a baffling double standard. They see no irony in raising money for Hillary Clinton by having rappers boast about their sexual feats—while insisting that an unseemly conversational statement by Mr. Trump caught on videotape 11 years ago disqualifies him from public office.

But God does. He knows hypocrisy when He sees it.

None of this is to defend Mr. Trump’s behavior, which was wrong and

unacceptable. It is only to point out the outrageously glaring HYPOCRISY of the left's condemnation of this man.

### The Righteousness of God

Today's America has cast aside traditional moral codes and Bible-based moral law and replaced them with an alternate, highly exacting, extremely selective morality of its own invention by which to stringently judge, inconsistently, individuals of its own choosing.

This trend is perfectly described in Romans 10:3: "[T]hey being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish *their own* righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God."

God's Ten Commandments demand piety, preservation of what is holy, and respect for parents. They forbid idolatry and blasphemy. They prohibit murder and hatred, adultery and promiscuity, lying and deceit, theft and covetousness. They apply equally to everyone.

In today's America, these commandments are antiquated and irrelevant. America's new commandments outline a different set of cardinal sins, like racism (selectively defined), sexism (exemptions available for liberals), homophobia and transphobia. Wealth is also immoral, unless it is accumulated by a liberal who professes socialist principles.

Biblical values like hard work, personal accountability, parental responsibility, self-sacrifice, respect for the elderly, honesty and integrity have been shoved aside. In fact, some of these virtues are actually labeled as "microaggressive" "code words" for, you guessed it, racism. In their stead we have embraced new standards and expectations: government welfare, blaming society for personal failure, following your heart, self-actualization and personal fulfillment, exalting youth, manipulating the system and knowing how to play the game.

Biblical instruction in letting offenses go and living peaceably with all men is now passé. Today's virtues include being hypersensitive to offenses, nurturing a sense of victimhood, speaking out at even the slightest grievances, and demanding personal rights. The scriptural injunction to forgive and forget, to turn the other cheek, to let

the man who took your cloak take your coat also, is seen as weakness. Today's social justice warriors insist that the more righteous path is the warpath. Peace can only be achieved through revolution—bloody if necessary.

Modern America is *far* more righteous than God.

And it is hurtling down the road to disaster.

God is the only true Lawgiver (James 4:12). "[M]y thoughts are not your thoughts," He says, "neither are your ways my ways .... For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts" (Isaiah 55:8-9).

America really ought to recognize the truth in these statements, and seek to think more like God does!

God hates all sin. But of all sins, *self-righteousness* must be one of the most pernicious. The people waving LOVE TRUMPS HATE signs while they burn effigies of the president-elect apparently see no irony in their actions. But God sees it. He recognizes their epic lack of self-awareness. How can He rid people of self-righteousness, when it makes them so blind?

With the evidence of our failure piling up around us, half of the country is growing even *more* convinced of its own rightness. And the other half is hoping against hope that a new president will be able to reverse the nation's course and avert disaster.

Is anyone really looking to GOD?

As Peggy Noonan said, *He's trying to get our attention*. He is chastising and cursing us, not out of frustrated anger, but out of a desire to *wake us up!*

### God Is in Control

As Noonan also said, God is an actor in history. He intervenes in ways seen and unseen, including putting people into political office. "[T]he most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men" (Daniel 4:17).

God is ultimately in control. He directs affairs to fulfill His purposes. At this most dangerous time in our history, you can be certain that He nudged and steered events in America just enough to bring Donald Trump to power. (For explicit and detailed information on

this subject, request a copy of a special letter on Amos chapter 7, written by *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry.)

But His intent is *not* to use this man to make America "great again."

When you look at this nation and wonder if it is being cursed, if it is being chastised—there is a reason for that. This is *exactly what is happening!*

"What might we be doing as a nation and a people," Noonan asked, "that would have earned this moment?" Surely we should be able to answer that question!

Look at America today! Try to see it from the point of view of *the God who is in charge of history*, and ask yourself if you see anything we are doing that would cause Him to be chastising us and *trying to get our attention!*

God has been trying to get America's attention for decades—and we have ignored Him, defied Him, and openly blasphemed Him. We are suffering *curses* for doing so—curses that are destined to intensify, no matter who is president.

You need to know why. Don't let this tumultuous election go by without learning the lesson! Let God get *your* attention. He has spelled out in biblical prophecy exactly what is going to happen to this nation because of the course we have chosen. You can read all about it in Herbert W. Armstrong's book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. Anyone who ignores that forewarning is about to experience a series of shocks far more devastating than an election upset. If you know biblical prophecy, you know that the surprises in America are just getting started.

Yes, America is CURSED today. But as bad as that sounds, God allows curses for a reason! They are actually intended to *open our eyes* to recognize our SINS—our immorality, our lawlessness, our *self-righteousness*, our HYPOCRISY. They are intended to achieve God's ultimate goal for us, and for all people of all nations: He is "not willing that any should perish, but that ALL should *come to REPENTANCE*" (2 Peter 3:9). God wants to *turn America around*—so we can begin to receive His blessings and favor once more.

Once He gets the nation's attention, and once we respond, America will truly be on the path to becoming great again. ■



# America's Election and Europe's New Order

European leaders brace themselves for a Trump presidency.

BY STEPHEN FLURRY AND RICHARD PALMER

**F**OR THE SECOND TIME IN FIVE months, a democratic election has shaken the geopolitical order in Europe. First came Brexit, then Donald Trump being elected U.S. president.

Mr. Trump's stated vision for America is very different from his predecessor's. And Europe's reaction hasn't been enthusiastic.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Europe's de facto leader, offered only conditional cooperation with the new U.S. president. She listed values that she said bind Germany and America together: "democracy, freedom, respect for the law and for human dignity, regardless of ancestry, skin color, religion, gender, sexual orientation or political leanings. On the basis of these values, I offer the future president of the United States of America, Donald Trump, close cooperation."

Since the end of World War II, the U.S. has been responsible for *rebuilding* Germany, *protecting* Germany—even *reunifying* Germany. Yet now Germany's leader offers only tepid *conditional* support for an incoming U.S. president!

This is more than just one leader's reaction to an election she disagrees with. This is a signal of the fact that the geopolitical order in Europe—in the whole world, in fact—is changing *fast*.

## Europe Is Vulnerable

Since World War II, Europe has been dependent on the U.S. for its security. After the war, British and American leaders considered it too dangerous for Europe to arm and defend itself. A decade later, nations like Germany were once again allowed an army, but Europe's militaries remained divided and much weaker than America's.

Now Donald Trump is questioning NATO, the organization that institutionalized this system and thus underpins Europe's security. This has some leaders terrified. Guy Verhofstadt, a former

Belgian prime minister and a pro-integration leader in European Parliament, warned in *Project Syndicate*, "The EU's territorial integrity itself is now at stake" (Nov. 10, 2016).

"Trump has made it abundantly clear that his foreign-policy priorities do not include European security," he wrote. "He doesn't recognize NATO's strategic necessity, and he has shown an interest in transatlantic relations only when he has alluded to unpaid bills. A Trump presidency will lead to an epic geopolitical shift: For the first time since 1941, Europe cannot rely on the U.S. defense umbrella; it now stands alone."

Mr. Trump's economic policies also threaten Europe. The uncertainty in the financial markets after his election could be enough to knock the fragile euro back into crisis. Moreover the EU is, at its core, a free trade zone. Mr. Trump rose to the presidency on an anti-free trade platform. If his movement spreads, it could rip the EU apart. Leaders already feel vulnerable after Brexit. That referendum caused many to declare the EU doomed. After Trump's victory, they are desperate to push for further unity if only to prevent their beloved project from fracturing apart.

## A Cry for an Army

It is little wonder the European leaders are saying they urgently need to defend themselves.

"Trump knows that the EU has the money, technology and know-how to be a global power equal to the U.S., and it is not his problem that Europe lacks the political will to harness its full potential," wrote Verhofstadt. "The EU should treat Trump's election as a wake-up call to take charge of its own destiny" (ibid).

Verhofstadt said the EU could no longer wait to build its own military and

develop its own security strategy. "This is a difficult but vital decision that the EU has postponed for too long," he said. "Now that Trump has been elected, it can wait no longer."

This European M.P. is hardly the only voice speaking along this line. Within hours of Mr. Trump's victory, German Defense Minister Ursula von der Leyen and President of the European Commission Jean-Claude Juncker both called for European nations to do more on defense, and do more *together*.

It is possible Mr. Trump will back away from abandoning NATO once he takes office. He certainly wouldn't be the first politician to flip-flop on campaign promises. But regardless, Europe *will* continue to seek a united military. In many ways, the damage is already done. European leaders no longer take American support for granted. They—and the public—are now well aware that America not only can pull its support, but that its president is inclined to do so. Europe's integrationists will intensify their calls for a united military no matter what Mr. Trump does.

Furthermore, European leaders were pushing for a stronger, more united military even before Mr. Trump

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was elected. That push has accelerated in recent months, with EU leaders now meeting regularly to plan for the union.

Germany-Foreign-Policy.com noted that in the weeks before the U.S. election, voices from within Berlin's foreign-policy establishment had been demanding "that Germany enhance its position within the framework of the transatlantic alliance" (Nov. 9, 2016).

Long-time diplomat and chair of the Munich Security Conference Wolfgang Ischinger made a similar call in the November-December issue of *Internationale Politik*. "We need ... more urgency in the establishment and development of effective European defense structures," he wrote.



In many ways, Mr. Trump's stated policy is merely an intensification of President Barack Obama's. Mr. Obama has already pushed Europe in this direction; now it is moving.



## “America is consciously retiring as a world policeman and also as a champion of free world trade. Europe has to enforce its own interests.”

EDMUND STOIBER, FORMER BAVARIAN STATE PREMIER

Finally, some within Europe are welcoming Mr. Trump's election. They have wanted an EU army for years and see this as an opportunity to finally realize that dream.

“Europeans need a shock,” said Eugeniusz Smolar, former president of the Center for International Relations in Warsaw. Mr. Trump's election “is one which might be very helpful to concentrate their beautiful minds,” he said.

“Joseph Stalin was the first unifier of Europe,” said Elmar Brok, the chair of the European Parliament Committee on Foreign Affairs. “In a certain sense, Trump has the opportunity to be the second.”

Former leader of the Christian Social Union and elder German statesman Edmund Stoiber said that a Trump presidency may prove better for Europe than a Clinton presidency would have been, because under Mr. Trump, “we will have to take on a lot more responsibility than before.”

“America will retreat a bit from the overarching world policy and will only defend its own interests,” he said in an interview with Focus Online. “Hillary Clinton would also have moved into that direction; it already started under Obama. America is consciously retiring as a world policeman and also as a champion of free world trade. Europe has to enforce its own interests” (Nov. 10, 2016).

Mr. Stoiber has long wanted Europe to play a more powerful and independent role in the world. Mr. Trump's election pushes it closer to Stoiber's goal.

### A Cry for Leadership

The U.S. has done more than provide security for Europe. It has provided leadership. Whenever there has been a crisis in the region—be it Russia,

Afghanistan, wherever—the U.S. has taken a leading role. European leaders might have disagreed with or complained about that leadership at times, but they never took the lead themselves.

That era is now ending, which is all the more reason why Europe desperately needs a strongman of its own.

“The phrase ‘leader of the free world’ is usually applied to the president of the United States, and rarely without irony,” wrote historian and *Guardian* columnist Timothy Garton Ash. “I'm tempted to say that the leader of the free world is now Angela Merkel” (Nov. 11, 2016).

For Germany to even be considered as an alternative to America reveals a massive geopolitical shift. And Garton Ash is far from being the only one making the connection.

The *New York Times* published an article titled “Donald Trump's Election Leaves Angela Merkel as the Liberal West's Last Defender.” “An increasingly divided Europe is looking to Germany, its richest power, to cope with its many problems,” it said (Nov. 12, 2016).

“Never before has so much ridden on the Germans,” said Simon Tilford, deputy director of the Center for European Reform.

The *Times* noted that Mr. Trump's anti-NATO rhetoric means “there is pressure on Germany to take a greater role in European security—*always a delicate matter*” (ibid; emphasis added).

“With the U.S. election results, the pressure on Germany has increased dramatically,” Olaf Boehnke, an expert on international affairs, told the *Local*. “There is a need [for] leadership, and if the U.S. will not be the leader for the time being, then everybody looks to other leading nations or those with the potential. It is up to Merkel and to Berlin to step up at least for the European crowd and take on much more responsibility than she already has” (Nov. 9, 2016).

Again, this shove from the U.S. comes as many important voices within Germany are already saying it needs to

step up and lead. “In the current crises, Germany has shown that it is willing to take responsibility in security policy,” wrote Defense Minister von der Leyen in a 2016 white paper on German security policy and the future of the Bundeswehr. “We have also shown that we are prepared to take the lead.”

### A Momentous Shift

It's still early, but it's already clear Mr. Trump's election is driving a massive wedge between Europe and America. The criticism of him coming from European leaders has been unparalleled.

Ms. Merkel's conditional message of support for Mr. Trump won much applause. And she was much more restrained in her concerns about Donald Trump than other German leaders:

■ **“I don't want to sugarcoat it: Nothing will be easier and much will be more difficult.”**—Frank-Walter Steinmeier, foreign minister

■ **“Trump is a warning to us as well. He is the harbinger of a new authoritarian and chauvinistic international movement.”**—Sigmar Gabriel, vice chancellor

■ **“The world won't end. It will only get crazier.”**—Heiko Maas, justice minister

■ **Mr. Trump is “completely inadequate” to be president. “That Trump's election could lead to the worst estrangement between America and Europe since the Vietnam War would be the least of the damage.”**—Norbert Röttgen, chairman of Germany's parliamentary committee for foreign policy

Clearly a lot of the *emotion* surrounding Mr. Trump's election will soon fade. The United States remains a superpower, and European leaders will not refuse to cooperate with that superpower merely to spite Donald Trump.

Former President George W. Bush was not at all popular in much of Western Europe, and the public animosity toward him endured. France's and Germany's refusal to support his invasion of Iraq was a clear break between Europe and America. That European dislike and

that refusal were both symptoms of significant and fundamental differences between Mr. Bush and European leaders. The same is true with Mr. Trump. European leaders' stinging response to the U.S. election reveals a deep divide between the two power blocs.

It is also true that Europe has "Trump" of its own. Some leaders in Eastern Europe and challengers in the West draw on similar rhetoric. However, such similarities are unlikely to result in abiding friendships with America. No matter how similar France's "Trump" may be to the U.S. president, it's clear that a leader whose motto is "America First" will never have a deep, harmonious relationship with one whose *modus operandi* is "France first." If America and Europe are not united in upholding free trade and liberal values, what common interests hold them together?

Furthermore, there is much about Mr. Trump's rise that is uniquely American. It seems unlikely that a man who sits on a golden throne and boasts about his humility will ever win favor from European leaders.

"Europeans should show that they are able to hedge their bets and build alliances with others," wrote Mark Leonard, director of the European Council on Foreign Relations.

"Rather than waiting for Trump to marginalize the EU over Russia and China, Europeans should fly some kites of their own," he wrote. He asked if Europe should reach out to China and perhaps end its arms embargo.

The German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP) called for Europe to distance itself from America even before the U.S. election. In an October 2016 analysis, it warned that Europe was completely dependent on America regarding foreign policy. The government, it wrote, needs to "ponder the reaction, should U.S. behavior become counterproductive from a German perspective."

"Without the will to argue with the U.S. government, many options for gaining influence are excluded from the outset," SWP continued. Instead, "Germany and Europe should not leave stability policy proposals up [to] the U.S.A."

This highly influential think tank already wanted Europe to be willing to "argue with the U.S. government." Again we see how Mr. Trump's election is ACCELERATING an established trend.

This is leading to a complete break between Europe and America—something that seven decades of U.S. leadership has tried to prevent.

### Accelerating World Events

Donald Trump's election is accelerating some of the most vital prophetic trends the *Trumpet* has followed for decades.

Warning about the cooling of relations between Europe and the U.S., *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote in October 2014 that this "is a significant development. It is about the dismantling of a relationship that has helped to preserve peace in Europe for nearly seven decades!"

He continued: "Bible prophecy warns that a German-led European empire is going to rise up. We have said for over 50 years that it will probably be more powerful than both America and Russia!"

"The age of American global leadership is drawing to a close. While the Germans might not come out and say so, they are reveling in that fact. The U.S. may try and repair relations with its former lover, but irreversible damage has already been done. The breakup, which started with the spying scandal, is going to continue to worsen until one of America's greatest allies since World War II becomes, once again, its greatest enemy!"

"What makes the German-American split especially important is this: *It is*

We have said for decades that Germany will lead Europe. And we have warned that the EU would develop a common military. In 1978, Herbert W. Armstrong wrote, "The Europeans are far more disturbed about their safety in relying on United States military power to protect them than Americans realize! The United States is *not* loved in Europe. European confidence in U.S. protection against their next-door Communist neighbor has been lessening and lessening."

"EUROPEANS WANT THEIR OWN UNITED MILITARY POWER! They know that a political union of Europe would produce a THIRD MAJOR WORLD POWER, as strong as either the United States or the USSR—*possibly stronger!*" (*Good News*, Aug. 28, 1978). That applies more than ever to Europe today! Europeans are, right now, saying almost exactly that!

Meanwhile Mr. Trump's election is building the sense of crisis in Europe. The whole continent is crying out for strong leadership. Germany is the strongest nation, but Chancellor Merkel is isolated and has proved that she is not the leader for the job. We have forecasted for years that this will lead to the rise of a strong leader within Europe.

It's clear that when Mr. Armstrong was writing in 1978, he expected to see this European military power within his lifetime. It did not happen on the timescale he anticipated. But world events are moving forward at a dramatic pace, and the election of Donald Trump will accelerate them greatly.

Bible prophecy is becoming increas-



**"Germany has shown that it is willing to take responsibility in security policy. ... We have also shown that we are prepared to take the lead."**

URSULA VON DER LEYEN, GERMAN DEFENSE MINISTER

*exactly what biblical prophecy told us would happen!*" Mr. Flurry wrote. He elaborated on one of those prophecies, in Ezekiel 23, which describes America and Britain as having a lover-type relationship with the modern Assyrians—Germany—a relationship that will end with a massive double cross.

This German-American split is clearer than ever—and will accelerate further in the coming months.

ingly hard to ignore. Already Herbert W. Armstrong's decades-old forecasting has been proven right on Brexit. You need to become familiar with what he wrote—it is filling more and more of your newspaper headlines. ■

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## JAPAN<sup>1</sup>

The Japanese displayed fanaticism before and during World War II. After the war ended in 1945, the United States introduced Article 9 into the Japanese Constitution. This clause outlawed war as a means for Japan to settle international disputes. Seven years later, the U.S. and Japan signed the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security, which obliged America to defend Japan by stationing troops near potential conflict zones in the region.

Following the Communist takeover of China in 1949, Japan proved to be a strategic buffer for America. From Japan, America could work to limit Communist expansion. In the years since, though America has slowly allowed and even encouraged Japan to militarize, it has always recognized the strategic importance of an alliance with Japan in enabling it to project American power within the region. With Mr. Trump, that could change.

During the first presidential debate, Mr. Trump singled out Japan as a nation the U.S. may stop defending if it didn't pay up: "Just to go down the list, we defend Japan, we defend Germany, we defend South Korea, we defend Saudi Arabia, we defend countries. They do not pay us. But they should be paying us, because we are providing tremendous

service, and we're losing a fortune. ... We can't defend Japan, a behemoth, selling us cars by the million."

Without American backing, Tokyo knows it would be unable to defend itself against China. So comments like these, especially as China's expansionistic behavior near Japanese territory becomes more aggressive, are making some Japanese leaders nervous.

More troubling is Trump's proposed solution to the situation. Rather than leaving Japan high and dry, he suggested making up for America's withdrawal by allowing Tokyo to build nuclear weapons. In a town hall meeting, he said, "You have so many countries already—China, Pakistan, ... Russia— ... right now that have [nuclear weapons]. Now, wouldn't you rather, in a certain sense, have Japan have nuclear weapons when North Korea has nuclear weapons?"

Though the Japanese government followed up Mr. Trump's remarks by affirming its commitment to never own or build nuclear weapons, these are startling statements. If America does withdraw and Tokyo reverses its position on nuclear weapons, the region could plunge into a nuclear arms race.

## What Donald Trump Means for Asia

**A staggering restructuring of power is coming to this volatile region. BY TYREL SCHLOTE**

**T**HE ELECTION OF DONALD TRUMP as president of the United States is convulsing America, but it is also sending shock waves overseas, rocking America's allies and enemies abroad. In Asia, the existing balance of power has already been shaken by two of Trump's campaign promises: his pledge to scale back America's policing of the world, and his threats to reduce support for America's allies and require them to pay for more of their own defense.

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## SOUTH KOREA<sup>2</sup>

South Korea also relies heavily on American power in maintaining its security and independence. Having suffered a Communist-empowered invasion that conquered the northern half of the peninsula, South Korea is all too aware of what could happen if Trump decides it is too expensive to invest America's military there.

In 2014, South Korea paid \$850 million for U.S. base maintenance. But according to Mr. Trump's foreign-policy adviser Pete Hoesktra, this may not be enough: "The threats that they face—if they're not willing to pay for it or if they just go into it saying, 'We don't have to worry about it, the United States is going to pay for it,' that is not a healthy relationship."

Following his election, Mr. Trump called South Korean President Park Geun-hye to affirm his commitment to protect the nation. However, this reassurance did not stop her from calling an emergency meeting with her national security council to plan for what the

future may be without American protection.

If America pulled out of South Korea, Seoul would likely feel compelled to obtain its own nuclear weapons. Reuters said on November 10 that already, "some members of the South Korean parliament have suggested that the country has little choice but to consider nuclear armament if U.S. forces are withdrawn."

Another troubling implication of a U.S. retreat from the nation is the security concern to America itself. Currently America and South Korea have an agreement to deploy a Terminal High Altitude Area Defense antimissile system in the nation to counter missile threats from North Korea. When deployed, it would provide an added layer of defense against possible North Korean missile launches against the United States. However, if the United States pulls out of South Korea, it could lose the antimissile system.

# PHILIPPINES<sup>3</sup>

Since the election of Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte earlier this year, relations between the U.S. and the Philippines have suffered. Duterte has repeatedly railed against America, and openly cursed and insulted President Barack Obama.

Duterte has threatened to end dependence on American power, announcing that the joint military exercise between the Philippines and the U.S. in October was the last one under his watch, canceling a small-arms deal with the U.S., and saying he wants all U.S. troops out of the Philippines in two years. Though he backtracked on his threat to sever ties with Washington, Duterte's distrust of

America remains clear. Duterte has also expressed a desire to strengthen relations with China and Russia.

After Mr. Trump's election victory, Duterte was quick to congratulate him. Duterte seems to respect the president-elect more than President Obama. But that may not be enough to stop Duterte's shift to China. Bloomberg reported last week that "at an early morning briefing in Davao, Duterte said that while the U.S. would remain a friend and ally, the Philippines' foreign policy was now geared toward China and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations."



# RUSSIA<sup>4</sup>

Trump's election elated Russia's parliament and President Vladimir Putin. When the election results were broadcast, the State Duma broke out into applause, and Putin sent Mr. Trump a congratulatory telegram.

The Kremlin announced shortly after the election victory that Mr. Putin hoped "to work together for removing Russian-American relations from their crisis state." Why is a country that is viewed as a major threat to the United States celebrating the election of Mr. Trump? Simply examine what the president-elect has openly said. While campaigning for the presidency, Mr. Trump made numerous statements supporting Russian actions in the Middle East and Eastern Europe. On multiple occasions, he expressed his desire to

reduce U.S. commitment to NATO. The NATO alliance is a check against Russian power. If Trump decides to reduce U.S. support of the organization, it will represent a major victory for Moscow, apparently requiring little or no political or economic cost. Trump also stated that he will consider lifting sanctions imposed on Russia in connection to its annexation of Crimea and that he will officially recognize it as Russian territory. This would make him the first Western leader to legitimize the Kremlin's conquest of Crimea and Eastern Ukraine.

All these moves would embolden and empower Russia, tipping the balance of power in Moscow's favor in Europe and the Middle East.

# CHINA<sup>5</sup>

Chinese President Xi Jinping was among the first to congratulate Mr. Trump on his election. The Chinese leadership rejoiced at the prospect of an America eager to further retreat from its historic role as policeman of Asia and the world.

But the Chinese are also concerned about Mr. Trump's "Seven-Point Plan to Rebuild the American Economy." In this plan, Mr. Trump has promised to "use every lawful presidential power to remedy trade disputes if China does not stop its illegal activities, including its theft of American trade secrets." Trump has also said he might impose a 45 percent tariff on Chinese imports in order to bolster the U.S.

economy. Some commentators warn that implementing such trade policies toward China could lead to an all-out trade war.

China's state-run *Global Times* said if Trump imposes tariffs on China, there would be consequences: "When the time comes, large orders for Boeing planes would switch to Europe, U.S. auto sales in China would face setbacks, Apple phones would essentially be crowded out, and U.S. soybeans and corn would be eradicated from China."

While it remains to be seen what Mr. Trump will do when he takes office, a clash between the world's two largest economies would disrupt the entire global economy.

## What's Next?

Right now, the world is waiting to see how much of Mr. Trump's campaign rhetoric will become reality. Any number of policies could change the balance of power in Asia and the world.

America's Asian allies face the possibility of abandonment that could put them at China's mercy. The nations that wish to bring an end to the stability that America has long maintained could be empowered.

While we can't yet know all that Mr. Trump will do, the *Trumpet* has long forecast that a major reshaping of power in Asia is coming. Bible prophecy forecasts the emergence of an enormous Asian power bloc, referred to as the kings of the east. At the head of this alliance will be Russia and China, and many smaller Asian nations will be compelled to join as well. Could Donald Trump's policies of disengagement from the region hasten the formation of this bloc? As *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote in our July issue, "China is intimidating the nations of Southeast Asia into submission to its will. It is forcing these countries to do what it wants. EVERYTHING IS HEADED IN THE DIRECTION OF WAR."

Events in Asia will have a devastating effect on the entire world. See "China Is Steering the World Toward War" in our July 2016 edition ([theTrumpet.com/go/PT0716](http://theTrumpet.com/go/PT0716)).







RAGING EMOTIONS  
Protesters march in  
Seattle and Los Angeles  
(inset) the day after the  
U.S. presidential election.



administrators advised students not to wear certain costumes on Halloween. One professor gently suggested by e-mail that students should make their own decisions, take responsibility for them, and handle any offenses

through mature discussion. Some Yale students were so offended by this notion that they began skipping class and coursework, claiming they were losing sleep and suffering emotional breakdowns. They vulgarly and publicly attacked the e-mail's author and her husband, demanding that they be fired.

Whatever young liberals are learning or not learning right now in American institutions of higher education, they are definitely learning *how to be offended*—and how to let their emotions slip from the leash.

Giving offense can certainly be a form of evil, but *so can taking offense*. Victim-thinking and hypersensitivity isn't limited to rampaging elitist college students. It is a spirit that *fills our age*. We are all susceptible to it.

If you do not recognize it and kick it out, it will fill your mind. The fact is, *if you fail to master your emotions, you are not really running your own life*. You are susceptible to emotional manipulation from all directions: from people you hate, from people you like, and from forces far beyond your control. Proverbs 25:28 sums it up: "He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls."

Headlines today teem with evidence of this truth. Unrestrained emotion is a force so potent that it can engulf and endanger entire countries! It is endangering America and other nations today.

### What Is Emotion?

When we take offense, we naturally react with negative emotion. Emotion is not a weakness or a flaw in human beings. It is not an evolutionary quirk. It is a characteristic created by God: It is part of what makes us human!

# LOVE TRUMPS HATE

The same spirit that is whipping Americans into a rage also affects you. Here is how to control it. **BY JOEL HILLIKER**

**D**URING THE SECOND WEEK OF November, students at some American universities were so emotionally distraught they simply could not take a test, and professors accommodated them by postponing examinations. What major life trauma struck these students, and perhaps their professors, all at the same time? The electoral victory of Donald Trump.

Elsewhere, weeping Hillary Clinton supporters cried on the sidewalks or marched through the streets screaming

profanities, or posted hateful threats of rape and murder online or with spray paint on the sides of buildings.

This was the most recent example of a trend of young liberals "catastrophizing"—having the-sky-is-falling emotional meltdowns over normal, non-apocalyptic events.

Greg Lukianoff and Jonathan Haidt wrote about this phenomenon in the *Atlantic*. In "The Coddling of the American Mind" (September 2015), they noted the example of Yale University, where



Emotion can be one of the most enjoyable blessings we possess. Without it, our lives would be bland, flat, colorless—hardly worth living. Our relationships would be boring, our jobs monotonous. God gave us the power of feelings so we can experience *joy* and *love*; *deep relationships*; and even *anger*, *jealousy*, *fear* and *sadness*. Through emotion, we experience increased variety, strength and depth of thought.

The Creator of human beings is Himself emotional. God experiences *love*; He *is* love (John 3:16; 1 John 4:8, 16). He experiences *joy* (Matthew 25:21, 23; Galatians 5:22), *hatred* (Psalm 11:5; 45:7), *anger* (Judges 10:7; Psalm 7:11), *indignation* (Isaiah 34:2), *jealousy* (Exodus 20:5; 34:14), *concern* (Deuteronomy 5:29), *grief* (Genesis 6:6; Psalm 78:40), *sorrow* (Isaiah 53:3) and *compassion* (Matthew 9:35-36).

God does not have the physiological changes we experience when we have emotions. Yet He has deep, powerful, profound states of mind. God created the human race in His likeness (Genesis 1:26) for the purpose of growing to become like Him (Matthew 5:48).

The Bible implies that God gave us these physiological changes to help us understand the depth of His thinking. Therefore, *learning to manage your emotions means learning to think like your Creator*.

Emotion is not an opposite and a counter to *reason*. These two motivational tools perfectly complement and enhance each other when you master your emotions.

How skilled are you at handling this critical part of life? Are you easily offended? Are you prone to emotional outbursts over small issues? Are your emotions immature and harmful? Are you constantly buffeted toward the extremes of the emotional spectrum? Or, on the other hand, are you casual or indifferent about things you *should* feel deeply about? Are your emotions founded on reality, or are they based on assumptions, misperceptions and lies?

### The Source of Offense

Perhaps you don't scream demands that people be fired for upholding freedom of speech, or riot over election results you don't like. But it's important to think about how you take offense, and

the subtler ways you react with emotional immaturity.

Why do you get offended? Perhaps it is because you feel someone is criticizing something you did. Or you feel someone should have given you more credit. Or you feel someone is not giving you the respect you deserve. Or you are sensitive about problems in your life that you have not dealt with. Or you are upset by someone else's superficial quirks or imperfections. Or you are agitated when someone fails to measure up to your expectations. Or you assume someone else's actions are caused by the worst motives.

There is a common thread in all these situations. It is *vanity*—self-love—self-righteousness—the wrong kind of pride. And the Bible reveals the author of such thinking: Satan the devil.

Satan is the “god of this world,” who “deceiveth the whole world” (2 Corinthians 4:4; Revelation 12:9). It was in him that sin was first conceived (Ezekiel 28:14-15). And the *essence* of that sinful attitude was *self-love*—his heart was lifted up because of his beauty, which God had created (verse 17). This attitude is the opposite of the outflowing love of God.

Under the devil's influence, the world today *exalts* self-love. It promotes tak-

ness—rather than submitting to God's righteousness are ignorant and will suffer for it (Romans 10:3). The self-righteous person is highly attuned to what he perceives as everyone else's flaws. In any conflict, he feels the other person is to blame. He takes quick offense and often feels like a victim. Exactly the way Satan himself does.

### How to Overcome Offense

Psalm 119:165 says, “Great peace have they which love thy law: and *nothing shall offend them*.” This is how to avoid becoming caught in the trap of being offended: Love God's law. Follow the *outflowing law of love*.

What does God's love look like? “Love is very patient, very kind. Love knows no jealousy; love makes no parade, gives itself no airs, is never rude, never selfish, never irritated ...” (1 Corinthians 13:4-5; Moffatt). *Self-love* can be very impatient. It is easily provoked, and can be rude and selfish. God's love is none of these things.

Obedying God's law of love helps you remain calm, stable and unoffended. Submitting to God means always loving the other person. It also makes you more compassionate. You have a clearer perspective of your own faults, which helps you recognize your own contributions to interpersonal conflicts,

## Are your emotions immature and harmful? Are they founded on reality, or are they based on assumptions, misperceptions and lies?

ing offense as a kind of pursuit of justice, as if it will make the world better, fairer, more peaceful. It will not. In fact, that wrongful self-love can be found at the source of all offense, interpersonal friction, conflict, hatred, emotional pain and suffering. Nurturing and encouraging it will *always* lead to more problems! *Always!*

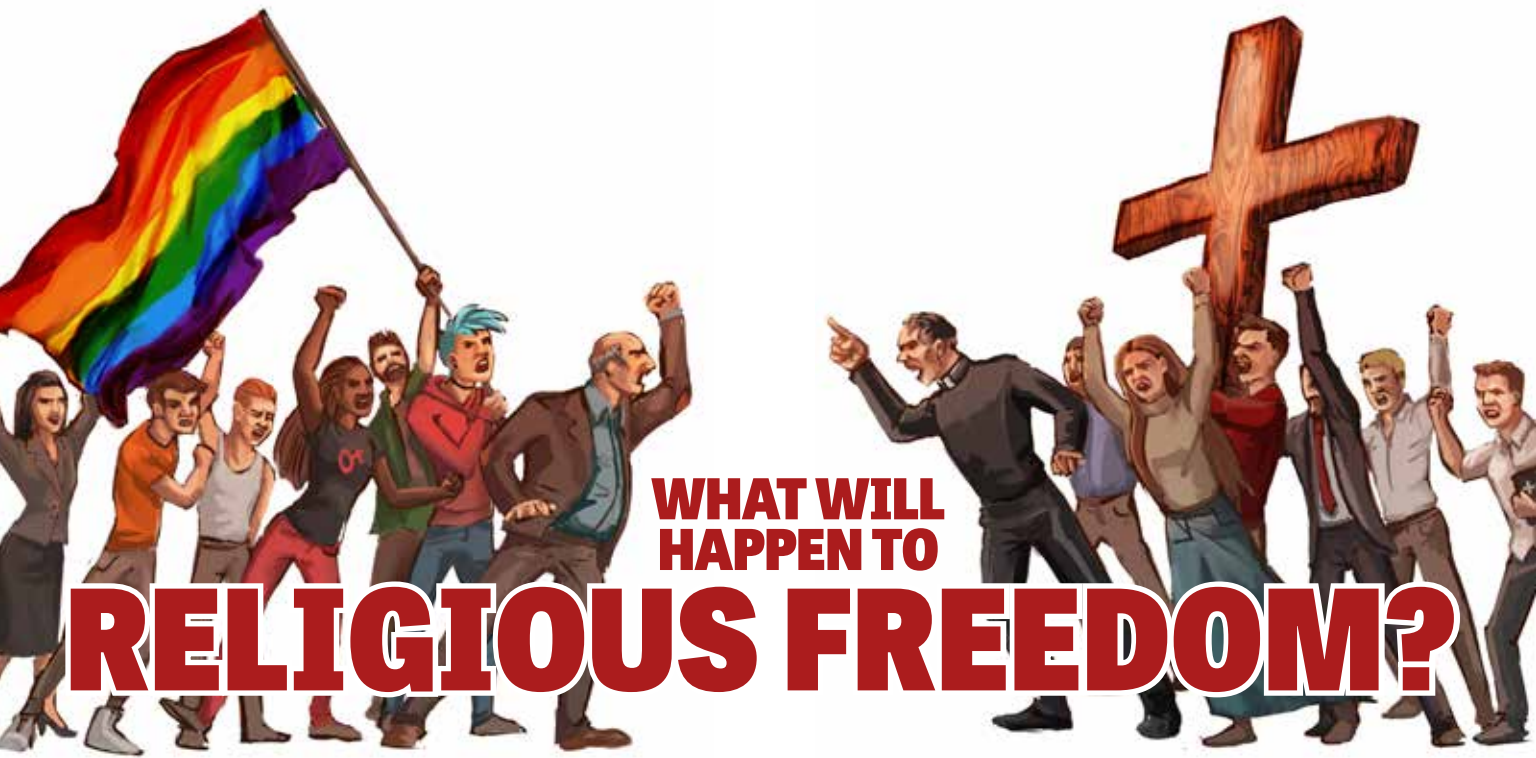
In the Bible, the Greek word for offended, *skandalon*, can refer to the trigger of a trap. If you take offense, it's a trap—*for you!* You succumb to negativity, resentment and debilitating emotion.

Those who go about establishing their own righteousness—*self-righteous-*

and makes you much less judgmental toward others in their struggles.

“[R]esist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloke also. ... Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you” (Matthew 5:39-40, 43-44).

Is this difficult? Yes! It is completely



A radical secularist movement has been attacking America's 'first freedom' for decades. Now the new president-elect is vowing to fight back. Will he succeed? **BY ANDREW MILLER**

**R**ELIGIOUS FREEDOM IS RARE IN THIS world. For most of human history, people have been forced to conform to the national religion of their country or live in fear of persecution. Even today, about three out of four people in the world live in a nation where serious restrictions are placed on the free exercise of religion. In many Middle Eastern nations, people can even be fined, jailed or killed for crimes of blasphemy or apostasy.

For the fortunate few living in a nation that guarantees religious freedom, it is easy to forget how historically unique it is to be able to live according to the dictates of their conscience without fear of persecution. As recently as two centuries ago, Europeans were fleeing across the Atlantic Ocean in search of religious freedom.

Even in the New World, however, religious freedom wasn't ensured until Rhode Island became the first place in the world to guarantee religious liberty as a tenet of its royal charter. A century after the death of Rhode Island's founder, Roger Williams, this principle of "separation between the garden of the church and the wilderness of the world" stirred the framers of the United

States Constitution to guarantee religious freedom in the Bill of Rights.

The Baptist preacher and evangelist John Leland worked tirelessly alongside American founders Thomas Jefferson and James Madison to convince the Virginia State Legislature to guarantee Virginians the same religious freedom as already existed in Rhode Island. Their efforts finally bore fruit with the passing of the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom on Jan. 16, 1786. It was the text of this statute that served as the primary blueprint for the First Amendment of the United States Constitution.

This is why Americans commemorate January 16 each year as National Religious Freedom Day.

Despite the lip service paid to religious freedom each January, however, most Americans take freedom of religion for granted. Because the general populace doesn't understand what America's founders meant when they wrote about the "separation between church and state," a radical secularist movement has convinced millions of Americans that "freedom of religion" actually means "freedom from religion." Building on this premise, government officials have dismissed religious concerns as

irrelevant and used the power of the state to coerce Christians to act contrary to their faith, such as subsidizing abortion procedures and participating in homosexual wedding ceremonies.

In recent years, this erosion of religious freedom has advanced rapidly. While President-elect Donald Trump has promised to protect the rights of Christian denominations from this secularist assault, many wonder if he can and will actually restore religious freedom.

Whatever twists and turns American politics takes in the months ahead, however, the infallible word of the Bible reveals that RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION AGAINST TRUE CHRISTIANS IS GOING TO INTENSIFY.

### Fight Over Abortion

During the eight years of Barack Obama's presidency, the federal government spearheaded the greatest assault on religious freedom in modern American history. Instances and examples of this assault are abundant.

To take one example, the Affordable Care Act enacted on March 23, 2010, mandated that employers provide employees with contraceptives, abortion-inducing drugs and sterilizations.



Even though several U.S. religious organizations believe that contraception and abortion are sin, the Obama administration refused to exempt religious institutions from its sweeping health-care mandate. Washington insisted that a woman's right to abortion-inducing drugs is *more important* than employers' right to act in accordance with their religious beliefs.

In response, the Pentecostal business owners of Hobby Lobby and an organization of Catholic nuns challenged the Affordable Care Act in court, and the Supreme Court granted Hobby Lobby a religious exemption. However, several other religious organizations are still awaiting the final outcome of their lawsuits challenging this Obamacare provision.

In September 2016, Hobby Lobby founder and CEO David Green endorsed Donald Trump in the presidential election after initially opposing him solely because of the candidate's promises to appoint federal judges who would defend the religious freedom of Christians.

"The Christians are being treated horribly because we have nobody to represent the Christians," said Mr. Trump in a May 2015 interview with the Christian Broadcasting Network. "Believe me, if I run and I win, I will be the greatest representative of the Christians they've had in a long time."

Some have interpreted promises like this as a sign that Donald Trump may prioritize the rights of evangelical Christians above the rights of religious minorities. Muslims and Mormons in particular have expressed such concerns. While it is still too early to know how a Trump administration will deal with issues involving freedom of religion, this much is sure: A fight is brewing between evangelical Christians and radical secularists over a range of issues.

### Endorsing Homosexuality

At the state and local level, Christians have been forced to provide homosexual couples with wedding cakes and photography services against their deeply held religious convictions.

Aaron and Melissa Klein ran a bakery in Portland, Oregon, for seven years before a lesbian woman asked the

Christian couple on Jan. 17, 2013, to bake a cake for her same-sex wedding. Mr. Klein said his business didn't cater same-sex weddings due to his religious beliefs. Later that day, the woman's mother challenged him about his belief in the Bible. He responded by quoting Leviticus 20:13: "If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination."

Soon after, Oregon officials informed the Kleins that they were being prosecuted for violating the Oregon Equality Act of 2007. The lesbian couple had filed a claim with the state, stating that the Kleins' refusal to bake them a cake had caused them to suffer from 88 symptoms of mental anguish including "doubt," "surprise," "uncertainty," "worry" and a "dislike of going to work."

The Kleins protested that the ruling violated their religious liberty. But their case wasn't even tried by a judge from the Oregon judiciary; it was tried by a bureaucrat from the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries, who ruled that the Kleins owed the lesbian couple, Rachel Cryer and Laurel Bowman, \$135,000 in damages.

Labor Bureau Commissioner Brad Avakian told local media that the real reason for the fine was to persuade the couple to change their religious beliefs. "The goal is to REHABILITATE," he said. "For those who do violate the law, we want them to learn from that

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experience and have a good, successful business in Oregon" (emphasis added).

Although Rachel Cryer could have easily found another cake supplier, the Oregon government deemed it important to make an example of the Kleins. According to the official catechism of the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries, a Christian couple's right to religious freedom takes a backseat to a lesbian couple's right to a cake.

The Kleins are not alone in being forced by the government to choose between remaining faithful to their religious views and facing punishment.

A baker in Colorado, a florist in Washington and a photographer in New Mexico have all been convicted of violating state antidiscrimination laws for refusing to offer same-sex couples the same services they offer to heterosexual couples.

The people being prosecuted weren't denying services to customers because they were homosexual, but out of a religious conviction against participating in a same-sex wedding. The government is outlawing free moral agency in such matters of conscience.

This is a serious issue that the Trump campaign hasn't addressed. As recently as the year 2000, Mr. Trump suggested amending the federal Civil Rights Act to include a ban on discrimination based on sexual orientation. While such an amendment would likely make it a federal crime for Christians to refuse to participate in homosexual wedding ceremonies, it is again much too early to know how a Trump administration will deal with this issue. Many of the LGBT antidiscrimination laws on the books in America are incompatible with Trump's pledges to restore religious liberty.

### Controlling Sermons

Government control over the content of religious sermons is something usually associated with the Islamic Republic of Iran or the Communist Party of China. Yet state officials in both Iowa

and Massachusetts have claimed the power to forbid Christian pastors from expressing biblical views on human sexuality in public.

In 2007, the Iowa State Legislature passed a Civil Rights Act that bans places of "public accommodation" from expressing their views on human sexuality if they would "directly or indirectly" make "persons of any particular ... gender identity" feel "unwelcome." Since there was some confusion over whether or not religious institutions counted as places of "public accommodation," the Iowa Civil Rights Commission released



a brochure in 2012 stating, “Iowa law provides that these protections do not apply to religious institutions with respect to any religion-based qualifications when such qualifications are related to a bona fide religious purpose. Where qualifications are not related to a bona fide religious purpose, churches are still subject to the law’s provisions.”

In short, this law means that pastors who work for “religious institutions” can only express their views on human sexuality if an Iowa bureaucrat decides these views are related to a “bona fide religious purpose.”

The Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination explained its restriction more clearly in a pamphlet released in September 2016. The state ruled: “[P]laces of public accommodation may not discriminate against or restrict a person from services because of that person’s gender identity. ... Even a church could be seen as a place of public accommodation if it holds a secular event, such as a spaghetti supper, that is open to the general public.”

Massachusetts also makes it a crime to “discriminate” against individuals who identify as transgender *by refusing to use their preferred pronoun*. Thus, a Massachusetts church could be prosecuted if one of its members won’t refer to a man with female pronouns during a church spaghetti dinner.

As in Iowa, it is up to a state bureaucrat to determine which church-sponsored events are “secular” and which serve a “bona fide religious purpose.” If this seems confusing, it’s because the U.S. Constitution doesn’t actually guarantee religious institutions constitutional rights—it guarantees *people* constitutional rights. A person’s freedom to express religious opinions holds true whether inside or outside a church. As long as a person’s behavior doesn’t violate someone else’s constitutional rights, it doesn’t matter whether that behavior takes place in a church or not.

So-called antidiscrimination laws across America have subverted freedom of religion and freedom of speech in a bid to give homosexuals and transgenders “freedom from being offended.”

The absurdity of this new freedom should be obvious. There probably isn’t an opinion in existence that couldn’t

offend somebody. Should businesses be banned from serving alcohol at events open to the public because that offends Muslims? Should atheist groups be banned from criticizing religion in public since that offends Christians?

These questions reveal that the agenda behind these “antidiscrimination” laws isn’t protecting the constitutional rights of homosexuals. The ultimate agenda is to force Christians to accept that homosexuality is natural, normal and healthy. America’s Christians may soon start to push back against such stifling government regulation, but to what extent a Trump administration will actually help them remains to be seen.

### Persecution

There is a lot of confusion surrounding the future of religious freedom in America. Many are hopeful the Trump administration will make religious freedom great again. Others are pessimistic about the prospects of a thrice-married casino owner actually caring about the freedoms of conservative Christians. Still others are fearful that Trump will swing to the opposite extreme from Obama and start persecuting religious minorities in the name of evangelical Christians.

Regardless of what political analysts may say, however, Jesus Christ prophesied that in the time just before His return to Earth, His followers would be persecuted for their beliefs.

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

When Christ said His followers would be “hated of all nations,” He certainly

included America among them. This means the First Amendment protection Americans have enjoyed for over two centuries will erode to the point where true believers can once again be persecuted for their beliefs.

The Prophet Amos wrote of a time when a leader of end-time Israel would expel out of the nation those who declare God’s prophecies (Amos 7:10-13). This isn’t just a warning for an ancient nation; it is a prophecy of events in modern times. In particular, two nations represent biblical Israel in this end time: the United States and Britain. (Request a free copy of Herbert W. Armstrong’s book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, which contains abundant proof of this truth.)

Amos’s prophecy shows that the persecution culminates in a “famine of the word”—a time when God’s truth would no longer be readily available—caused by deliberate suppression of that message (Amos 8:11-12).

Based on these prophecies, we can know that the current assault on religious freedom will continue and intensify—not just in America, but also in every nation.

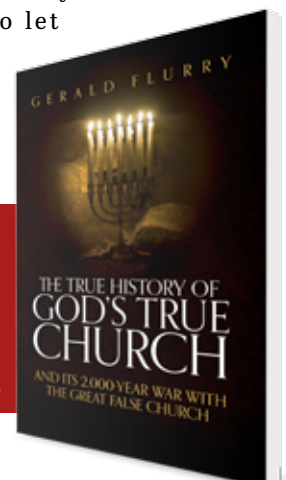
Thankfully, this persecution, and the famine of the word, is prophesied to be exceedingly short. The planet will undergo a time of immense suffering after God’s warning message is temporarily halted in America and Britain, but this time of great tribulation will be cut short by divine intervention. As Jesus Christ explained in Matthew 24:27, “For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.”

After accumulating 6,000 years of evil and suffering, the human race will finally be ready to listen to God and to let

Him show them the path to true freedom! ■

## The gates of hell will not prevail.

Jesus Christ prophesied that His Church would be small and persecuted. To learn the epic history and the immediate future of the true Church of God, request your free copy of Gerald Flurry’s book *The True History of God’s True Church*.



Think about this. The coming destruction is spoken of in many Bible prophecies. But it will not be wild and indiscriminate. God is measuring it precisely and carefully in order to accomplish something specific and wonderful!

Whenever God punishes, He does so to *correct people*, to turn them away from sin! As He said through the Prophet Ezekiel, “As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?” (Ezekiel 33:11).

We are living in the time frame of Amos’s prophecy—and notice what God says there: “I WILL NOT AGAIN PASS BY THEM ANY MORE”! God has given *many* warnings over a period of *many years*, but America has ignored those warnings. So God says, *This is the LAST WARNING. I’m not going to pass by again!*

That shows you just how urgent these times are!

As my booklet *Great Again* points out, as well as my booklet *America Under Attack*, we have been living in the time of an end-time *type* of Antiochus, a leader who has done tremendous damage to the most powerful nation on Earth. Read these booklets to understand the spiritual dimension to the decline America has been suffering for the past eight years.

The Amos 7 prophecy indicates a different time—a period with a different man in charge: an end-time *type* of King Jeroboam. I believe the shift in administration is a transition into this time prophetically. This means America has very little time left—and you have very little time to respond to God’s final warning!

Many Americans are troubled by the divisions and hatreds being expressed right now. But they need to be a lot more concerned than they are! The problems are going to get worse and worse UNTIL PEOPLE GET THE MESSAGE, and they learn *why* these disasters are happening!

Donald Trump’s win is a prophetic sign of impending civil war and anarchy, followed by America’s worst military defeat ever! But don’t blame the politicians or the race-baiters or the professional rioters. This situation exists in America only because of *the sins of the nation—of all Americans!* We can no longer ignore what *we have reaped* by giving ourselves over to sin. This is a reckoning!

The good news, though, is that the destruction about to sweep over us is all for a purpose. It is precisely measured, and it is purposeful. It is preparing our people to come to *know God!*

Even the book of Amos, which contains a lot of bad news, concludes by showing the inspiring outcome. “Behold, the days are coming,’ says the Lord, ‘When the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him who sows seed; the mountains shall drip with sweet wine, and all the hills shall flow with it. I will bring back the captives of My people Israel; they shall build the waste cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink wine from them; they shall also make gardens and eat fruit from them. I will plant them in their land, and no longer shall they be pulled up from the land I have given them,’ says the Lord your God” (Amos 9:13-15; New King James Version).

There are dark days ahead—but never lose sight of **WHY** God is allowing it—and the inspiring conclusion! ■

opposite to the spirit of this world. But the power to choose your own reaction is completely under *your* control.

With this take-no-offense attitude, a nasty e-mail, a cold look or a criticism won’t hurt you. In fact, you will become bulletproof against emotional manipulation.

Jesus Christ was mocked, ridiculed, beaten, tortured and crucified—yet His response was to pray, “Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do” (Luke 23:34). This is the absolute opposite of the hypersensitive, exacting, vindictive attitude this world is deliberately cultivating and which is ripping society apart!

### Master Your Emotions

How do you respond to slights and insults? Do you think like Jesus Christ—or like the devil?

We all need to monitor and regulate our responses to what happens in our lives. We must develop real awareness of our own emotions—become attuned to what is going on in our mind—to identify what is causing our emotion and recognize when we are getting emotional in a destructive way. Proverbs 14:29 gives this rock-solid advice: “He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding; but he that is hasty of spirit [or quick-tempered] exalteth folly.”

Mastering your emotions is not just about being slow to wrath, however. It is also about *cultivating and using* emotion. Philippians 4:8 is a powerful summary of how to do that: “Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.”

In stark contrast to self-love, God’s love “is never glad when others go wrong, love is gladdened by goodness, always slow to expose, always eager to believe the best, always hopeful, always patient” (1 Corinthians 13:6-7; Moffatt). This is how we need to respond to slights, offenses, problems and conflicts. This is the emotional mastery we should work to develop.

This is true emotional maturity! And someone with godly emotional maturity can not only avoid the drastic extremes we see in society today, but also build a powerful, vivid, meaningful life growing closer to the Creator of emotion! ■

**For more Bible-based instruction on mastering your human nature, request our free booklet *How to Be an Overcomer*.**



# GET GRIT

## The secret ingredient you find in successful people

In determining who will excel in work, school, competitions and life, grit outweighs talent and genius hands down. Grit is obviously a desirable trait for a person to have in abundance, but many have assumed that a person's grittiness is like height or eye color: fixed and unchangeable. This is not the case. Angela Lee Duckworth, author of new book *Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance*, says grit is something each of us can develop. "You can grow grit from the inside out," she writes. Through more than a decade of extensively studying and interviewing soldiers, athletes, musicians, businesspeople, students and more, Duckworth has identified four main qualities that gritty people develop in abundance.

▶ Once the bedrock of disciplined, continual interest has been laid, a person seeking to boost his grit levels must *practice*. But it can't be just any kind of practice. *Kaizen* is the Japanese term for avoiding the plateaus of stagnation. It translates literally to "continuous improvement." And for practice to yield grittiness, the person practicing must exude copious quantities of *kaizen*. In other words, the practice must be *deliberate*. And deliberate practice is hard work.

"Deliberate practice," Duckworth writes, is "more effortful, and significantly less enjoyable" than other types of practice. It is "working at the far edge of our skills with complete concentration." It is about "trying to do things [you] can't yet do."

Whether your interest is in dance or design, sprinting or sailing, writing or wrestling, flute or falconry, blacksmithing or songsmithing, landscaping or cityscaping, to become excellent you need to become gritty. And to become gritty, you need days and years of deliberate practice.

## TWO Practice deliberately

**"[Deliberate practice is] working to find your Achilles' heel—the specific aspect of the music that needs problem solving."**

— Roberto Díaz, world-famous Chilean-American violinist

## THREE A polished purpose

**"Everything I do is in a spirit of service. I feel driven by it. It's a moral imperative."**

— Jane Golden, artist/altruist



◀ Once you have a keen interest that you are committed to sticking with and a method of deliberate practice that lets you steadily improve in it, the next step to building grit is developing purpose. In this context, purpose means *giving to others*.

"At its core," Duckworth writes, "purpose is the idea that what we do matters to people other than ourselves." It is "the intention to contribute to the well-being of others."

When Duckworth interviews "paragons of grit" about the purpose of their work, they always—always—mention other people. "Sometimes it's very particular ('my children,' 'my clients,' 'my students') and sometimes quite abstract ('this country,' 'the sport,' 'science,' 'society')," she writes. "However they say it, the message is the same: The long days and evenings of toil, the setbacks and disappointments and struggle, the sacrifice—all this is worth it because, ultimately, their efforts pay dividends to *other people*."





## ONE Bear down on your main interest

◀ Grit begins with people who enjoy what they do. Some aspects of their work may be less enjoyable, but “gritty people are captivated by the endeavor as a whole,” Duckworth writes. In order for interest to be of the type that develops grittiness, it can’t dwell on one thing for a few months and then scamper off to the next. Instead, it has to be steadfast.

Instead of perpetually shifting your attentions from one interest you have grown bored with to another interest that you will soon grow bored with, you must strive to discover a *new facet* or a *new level* of the subject you are already focused on. That will inject your old interest with thrilling new challenges.

If your interest is in the ukulele, incorporate flamenco strumming patterns into your skill set. If it is in cooking, expand your menu with some new ethnic flair. If your interest is canvas painting, consider tackling a full mural. If it is in Asian geography, it may be time to expand your borders into Europe. If your interest is in welding, add a little MIG to your TIG.



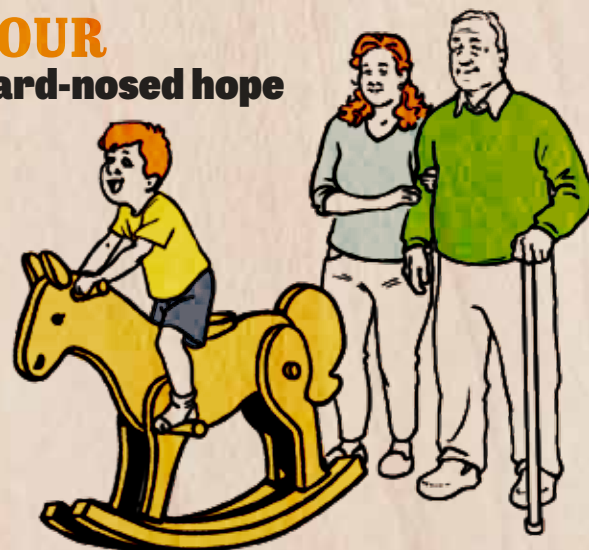
▶ The final component of the grit formula is hope—even when all seems lost. It is not the type of hope that places the onus on “the universe” to sand rough circumstances smooth. Instead, it must be the kind of hope that “rests on the expectation that *our own efforts* can improve our future,” she writes.

People who believe they are victims of circumstances are seldom gritty and seldom achieve excellence in their field. “The hope that gritty people have has nothing to do with luck and everything to do with getting up again,” she writes.

“You really do need hope from beginning to end,” Duckworth said in an interview. “No matter where you are in your journey, there are going to be potholes and detours and things that might make you think that it’s not worth staying on this path.”

Hope, in this context, is the view that we have the power to rebound from challenges and stumbles—small and large alike. Whether the rough patch requires P40 grit sandpaper or P400 grit, this kind of hope stays sure that it can be smoothed.

## FOUR Hard-nosed hope



# Before Digging, Call the UN

The United Nations has threatened the future of archaeological discovery in one of the world's most historic cities. **BY BRENT NAGTEGAAL**

JERUSALEM

**O**FTEN WHILE WORKING JUST below the Southern Wall of the Temple Mount over the past few years, I'd look up from the dirt and notice a camera crew setting up. They did not seem to be Jews, but rather reporters from Palestinian news crews. Unlike most others who walked past the dig site, these journalists would rarely ask questions about what we were finding or what we were doing digging there. Instead, they would simply set up their cameras in a particular location. There, with one simple pan upward, they could tape the excavation site along with the black dome of the Al-Aqsa Mosque in the background. After a few more minutes and a few more shots, they'd pack their gear and head back up the street. There wasn't any need to ask questions or to investigate further. They already had their story: The Jews are trying to undermine Al-Aqsa.

Thus the myth of Israeli atrocities against an Islamic site is further perpetuated. For most people who are at all familiar with the situation, the thought of the Israeli government directly supporting the destruction of Islamic history in Jerusalem

seems a little far-fetched. However, that's not the case for the world's foremost body charged with the protection of such historical sites.

In October, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) approved two shocking resolutions that condemned Israel (identified not-so-subtly as "the occupying power") for egregious violations against the Al-Aqsa Mosque and the al-Haram al-Sharif. The resolutions refused to employ the better-known term of "Temple Mount" to describe the area, as that would have ascribed historical validity to both Jewish and Christian claims that this was once the site of the first and second temples of Israel and Judah.

In fact, UNESCO Director General Irina Bokova had to release a follow-up statement in which she conceded that the location was also sacred to the Jews. She wrote that "the Al-Aqsa Mosque/al-Haram al-Sharif, the sacred shrine of Muslims, is also the Har HaBayit—or Temple Mount—whose Western Wall is the holiest place in Judaism."

There was some outcry to the resolution and its conspicuous omission of the phrase "Temple Mount," but there is a far more worrying aspect of this resolution, and it has been mostly overlooked.

## The Resolution's Real Intent

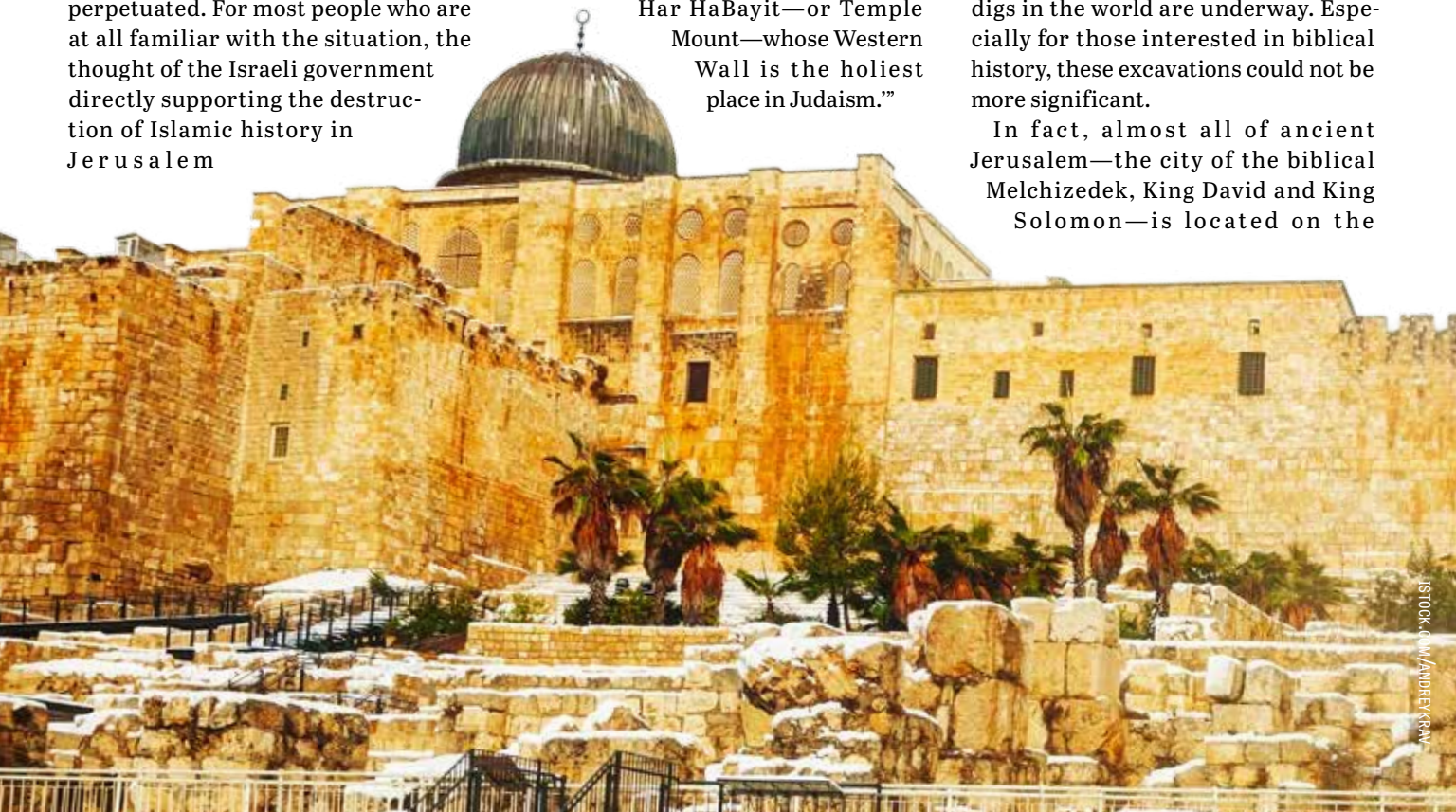
Section five of the October 13 UNESCO resolution states that UNESCO "[d]eeply deplores the failure of Israel, the occupying power, to cease the persistent excavations and works in East Jerusalem particularly in and around the Old City, and reiterates its request to Israel, the occupying Power, to prohibit all such works in conformity with its obligations under the provisions of the relevant UNESCO conventions, resolutions and decisions ...."

Notice that the resolution is not just for protecting the al-Haram al-Sharif itself, but for preventing the "persistent excavations and works in East Jerusalem, particularly in and around the Old City."

UNESCO and its Arab sponsors are resolved to shut down all archaeological excavations in and around the Old City of Jerusalem.

This is critical. Because just outside the walls of the Old City, south of the Temple Mount in an area that is technically part of East Jerusalem, some of the most important archaeological digs in the world are underway. Especially for those interested in biblical history, these excavations could not be more significant.

In fact, almost all of ancient Jerusalem—the city of the biblical Melchizedek, King David and King Solomon—is located on the





half-mile-long hill immediately south of the Temple Mount wall. This location is where the very earliest settlement of Jerusalem is found.

It would be convenient if ancient Jerusalem were located in West Jerusalem, which is considered by most as sovereign Israeli territory. Yet, much to Jewish and especially Arab chagrin, the location where the most significant archaeological discoveries testify to an ancient Jewish presence (more than 1,000 years before Mohammed was conceived) is located in East Jerusalem.

This is why in 1968, just one year after the Six-Day War ended and left Israel with control of East Jerusalem, a massive dig began just *outside* the Temple Mount. Led by Dr. Benjamin Mazar of Hebrew University, these excavations continued for a decade, carried out by local Israelis and by hundreds of volunteers from around the world. At last, the most ancient part of Jerusalem was open for Israeli-led excavation.

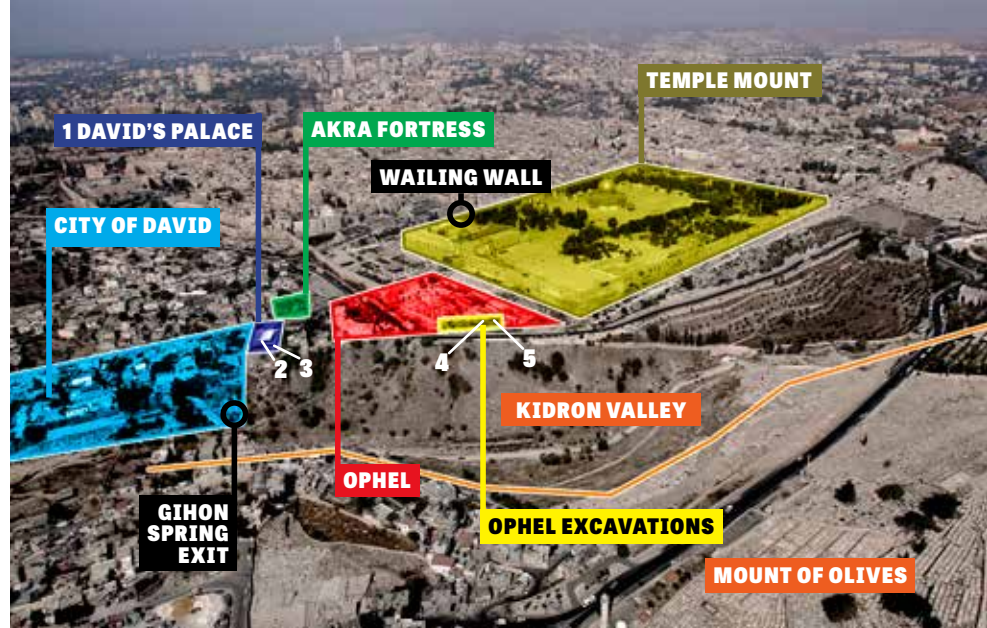
Israel certainly desired to excavate inside the Temple Mount, but it was deemed too sensitive to even touch with a spade or trowel.

Instead, in an act of extreme benevolence, Israel allowed Jordan (the defeated power) to maintain day-to-day control of the Temple Mount. Since that time, no Israeli excavation has taken place on the Temple Mount, or the al-Haram al-Sharif.

### Burying History

The Israelis haven't excavated on the Temple Mount, but that is not to say it hasn't been excavated.

In the late 1990s, the Jordanian body charged with the protection



**1 DAVID'S PALACE**  
Massive structure from 10th century B.C. First uncovered in 2005.



**2 NEHEMIAH'S WALL**  
Portion of the famed 52-day project, fifth century B.C. Discovered 2007.



**3 JEREMIAH'S CAPTORS BULLAE**  
Seals of Gedaliah and Jehucal (Jeremiah 38:1). Sixth century B.C. Discovered 2005 and 2008.



**4 MENORAH TREASURE**  
Golden medalion featuring menorah and torah scroll. Sixth century A.D. Discovered 2013.



**5 HEZEKIAH BULLA**  
Personal seal of king of Judah. Eighth century B.C. Discovered 2015.

and maintenance of the site allowed a massive "excavation" in order to create the El-Marwani Mosque to the east of the Al-Aqsa Mosque *inside* the Temple Mount. Instead of carrying out painstaking archaeological procedures, the Jordanians rolled in diesel-powered excavation equipment: bulldozers, front-end loaders and dump trucks. These excavators hauled out truckload upon truckload (400 in all) of some of

the most important earth on the planet. This complete disregard for antiquity was not perpetrated by Israelis, but rather Palestinians. It was left to a handful of Jewish archaeologists to locate where the Temple Mount earth had been dumped, so they could start sifting the material in an attempt to salvage as much knowledge from the finds as possible.



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# LAND OF THE FREE, HOME OF THE 33,000 VIOLENT STREET GANGS

America's gang problem is growing.  
Where is it leading? **BY JEREMIAH JACQUES**

**W**HEN 8-YEAR-OLD GABRIELLE Hill-Carter was shot and killed while she played by the street in front of her home in Camden, New Jersey, on August 24, there was some local mourning and outrage. But for the most part, America yawned.

After all, she wasn't killed by a police officer or by an Islamic terrorist. Her death was "just" the result of gang violence: A member of a drug gang was trying to retaliate against a member of a rival gang, and, as Gabby rode her bicycle along the sidewalk, she happened to get caught in the crossfire. A stray bullet ended her life. It was nothing personal. Happens all the time.

The FBI says that altogether, the United States is now home to about 33,000 violent street gangs, with a presence in all 50 states. There are an estimated 1,350 gangs in Los Angeles alone. And there are at least two gangs in Springfield, Tennessee, where the total population is less than 17,000.

There are a total of 1.4 million criminally active gang members across the country. That means for every two sworn law enforcement officers in America, there are three gang members.

The number of violent gang members today is 40 percent higher than in 2009, and 25 times higher than in 1975. And the figure keeps growing each year.

"We don't see a drop in the key gang magnitude indicators," said James

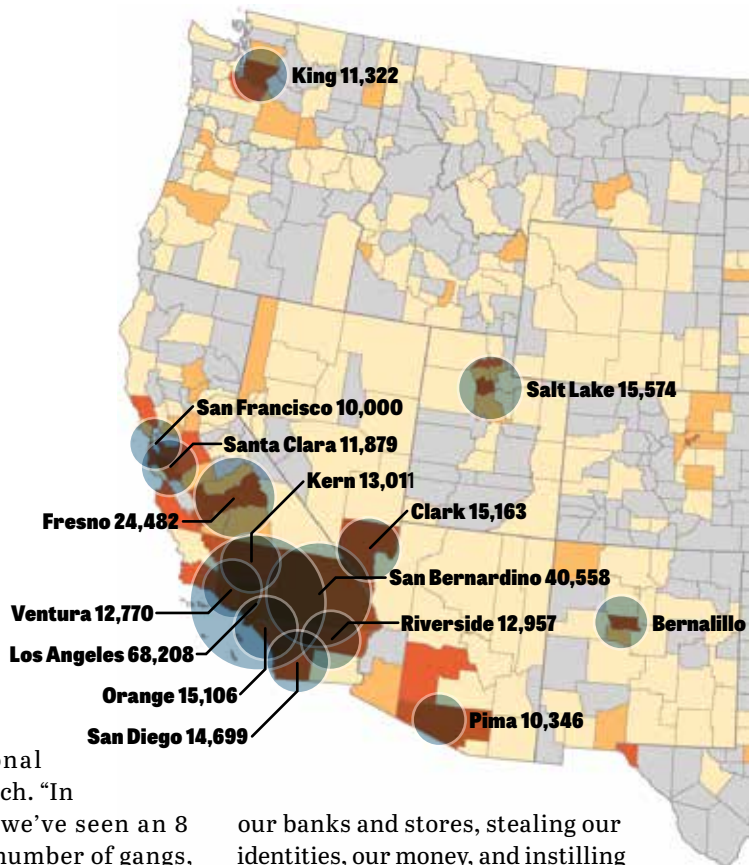
Howell of the National Gang Center last March. "In the past five years, we've seen an 8 percent increase in number of gangs, an 11 percent increase in members and a 23 percent increase in gang-related homicides."

Of the 15,500 murders that happen in America each year, an average of 2,000 are gang-related. Though gang members make up less than half a percent of the population, they commit 16 percent of the total homicides and a quarter of homicides in cities of 100,000 or more people. Most victims are themselves gang members, but many, like Gabrielle, are bystanders caught in the crossfire.

Murders, however, are only part of the story. These groups use violence and coercion of all kinds to rule over neighborhoods and to carry out illegal economic operations, such as drug and weapons trafficking, alien smuggling, prostitution, identity theft, robbery, fraud and human trafficking. In many communities, gangs are responsible for a staggering 80 percent of total crime.

## Multiplying and Morphing

In a report to Congress, the FBI said "gangs are morphing, multiplying, migrating and entrenching themselves in our inner cities, suburbs and rural communities. They are selling drugs to our kids, shooting up our neighborhoods, invading our homes, robbing



our banks and stores, stealing our identities, our money, and instilling fear and violence everywhere they go."

Part of the reason for the "multiplying" and "morphing" is that in recent years, traditional large gangs have splintered into several smaller ones.

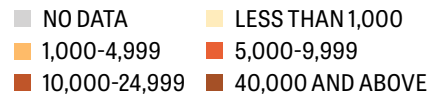
For example, Chicago for decades was controlled by just a handful of large, powerful gangs. But in 1997, the leadership of the largest and most powerful, the Gangster Disciples, was arrested. Almost immediately, infighting and territorial battles erupted among the remaining members. These disputes have gotten more intense with each passing year. Now Chicago has more than 600 gangs, spawning the violence that gives the city the nickname CHIRAQ.

"They once were massive organizations with powerful leaders and hundreds of members who controlled large chunks of territory," the *Chicago Tribune* wrote on July 1. "Now small cliques battle for control over a few blocks."

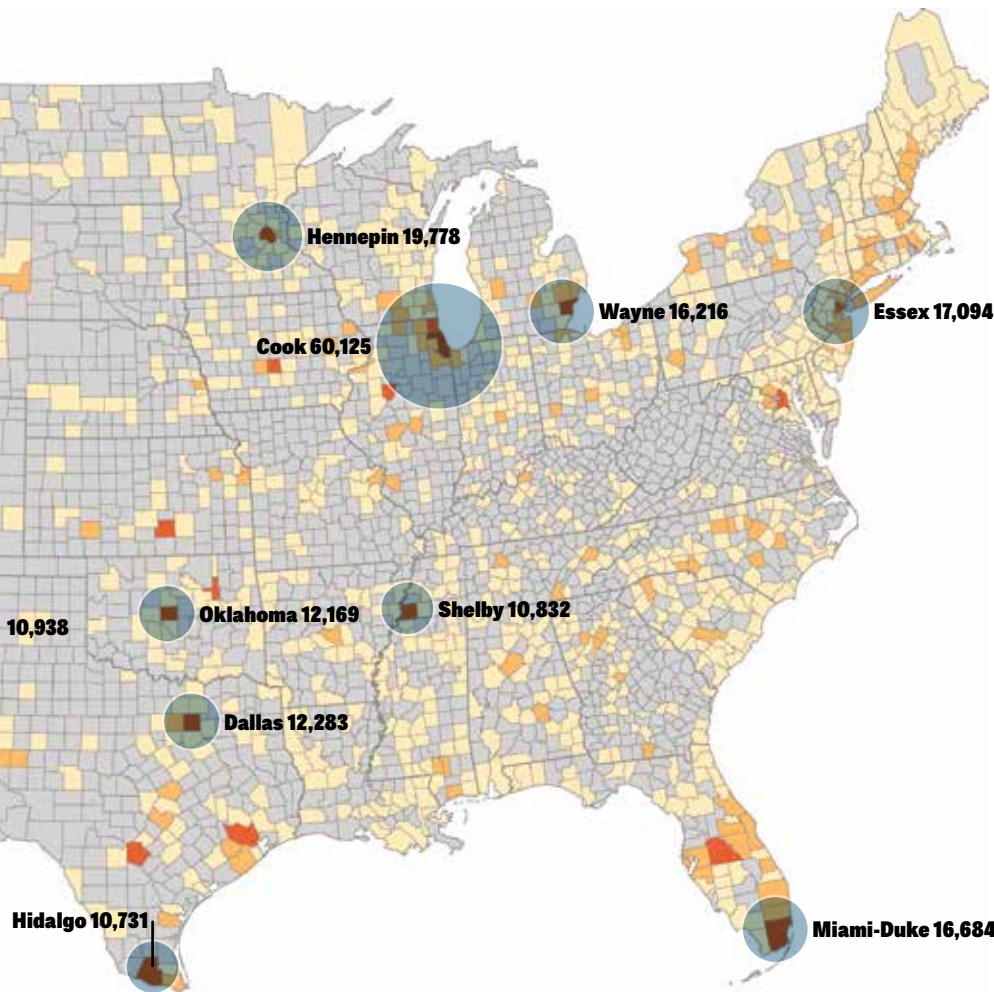
This trend means rival gangs often operate just a few streets away from each other. This has multiplied the number of disputed borders, making the city a patchwork of battling territories. This has made life in parts of Chicago and elsewhere significantly more chaotic.

The trend has also led to an increase in gang activities outside of cities.

## GANG MEMBERSHIP BY COUNTY BASED ON LOCAL ESTIMATES



● CIRCLE SIZE REFLECTS MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS IN COUNTIES WITH 10,000 GANG MEMBERS OR MORE.



“Gangs are not just an inner city or urban problem,” wrote the Stop Houston Gangs website. “Gang movement to suburban areas can be attributed to several factors including ... an abundance of wholesale illicit drug suppliers and the expectation of high profits from new suburban drug operations.”

Expanding drug distribution territories due to America’s growing addictions are also contributing to the diffusion of gangs. The result is that many suburban and rural areas are suffering higher and higher rates of gang-related violence and crime.

Robert Vilchez, the coordinator for the Regional Gang Task Force in Arlington County, Texas, says, “Nobody is immune from this gang problem.”

### What’s the Appeal of ‘Thug Life’?

A person’s decision to join a gang generally springs from social and economic factors. Gangs offer a sense of family and support that is often absent in the lives of young people, especially as the number of stable families in America continues to drop. The risk of

imprisonment, violence or death that comes with gang life is the price that members are willing to pay for the sense of belonging and community. Staving off boredom is also often a factor.

The appeal of gangs is further multiplied by society’s glamorization of them.

The U.S.’s second most popular music genre is hip-hop. Its subgenres include narco-rap, mafioso rap, horrorcore, and gangsta rap. In many inner city communities, it would be unusual for a young person to listen to any music other than hip-hop. And in these songs, they hear endless boasts about drug use and dealing; clever rhymes about misogyny, promiscuity and even rape; and torrents of lyrics promoting violence toward rival gangs, police officers and others.

This music makes thug life seem sexy. It glamorizes gangsta culture.

And it’s not just a few songs from a few obscure hip-hop artists. A study led by Dr. Brian Primack from the University of Pittsburgh’s Department of Medicine found that of the 62 hip-hop songs that made it onto Billboard’s most popular hits for 2005, a staggering 77 percent

discussed substance abuse, often in the context of wealth and sex. A 2001 analysis in the *Journal of Criminal Justice and Popular Culture* found that 22 percent of all hip-hop songs contain misogynistic themes, including depictions of assault, rape and murder. If you expand this to include all forms of violence, the figure jumps to 60 percent. In some subgenres, it is as high as 71 percent.

Over the last two decades, the most successful hip-hop stars have made hundreds of millions of dollars graphically extolling sexual assault and rape, drug culture, gun violence and subversion. “Ya’ll nervous knowin’ them guns on full service, ready to fire; One body, two body, three body, four; Young sittin’ on paper, I’m above the law,” Jay Z said on *The Blueprint*<sup>2</sup>, an album that sold more than 2 million copies.

In her book *The Hip Hop Wars*, Brown University professor of Africana Studies Tricia Rose says it is plain to see that such music perpetuates violence. “It is silly to claim that what we consume, witness and participate in has no impact on us as individuals,” she writes. “The depths of the commercial success associated with violent, gang and street culture as ‘authentic’ hip-hop has given violent black masculinity a seal of approval, thus encouraging these behaviors among the kids who are most at risk, and who ‘need’ to embrace this model if manhood is to survive. ... We can’t constantly make violence sexy for young people ... and expect them not to valorize violent action.”

Rose names those she believes are some of the most dangerous voices in the genre: “Far too many of the most financially successful lyricists in hip-hop—Jay Z, 50 Cent, T.I., and Lil’ Wayne among others—overemphasize and glorify violent tales and gang personas

because these are profitable. ... [T]here is too much getting rich from the exploitation of black suffering. ... Where is all the media-supported outrage about this?"

That's an important question. Why is gang culture and the music that promotes it off limits for criticism? Why do prominent politicians—most notably President Barack Obama—endorse the music of Jay Z and others who glorify thug life? Gang culture brings suffering and death to *hundreds of times more people* than police misconduct does. Why don't people rally against that with the same kind of persistence and force?

### 'Your Cities Are Burned'

On July 1, the *Chicago Tribune* said part of the reason for the rising rates of gang violence in the Windy City is that accusations of police unjustly killing black people has police officers "under the harshest light." Many officers feel that "no one has their backs," the president of the city's police union said. This "has led many officers to feel unsure about stopping anyone," the *Tribune* wrote.

Editor in chief Gerald Flurry looked at this trend in the August 2015 *Trumpet*. "Police are pulling back from doing their jobs for fear of attack, or losing their jobs or going to prison for doing anything that could be perceived as racist," he wrote. "What happens when fearful police pull back? Criminals run amok!"

## A time is coming when the violence that is now mostly localized in gangs will fill America's cities and beyond.

It becomes a self-perpetuating cycle in which criminals are emboldened by police timidity, and emboldened criminals causes police timidity.

The National Alliance of Gang Investigators' Associations says that not only do America's multiplying gangs "adversely impact the quality of life within our communities with violence, drugs and associated criminal activities," but they also pose "a clear and present danger to our internal national security."

At present, that last bit may seem hyperbolic. But as the health of U.S. families keeps deteriorating, more young people will seek the support of a gang. And as America's demand for illegal drugs, prostitution and other

outlawed trade keeps growing, the gangs supplying these illicit goods and services will become still more powerful. And if an economic siege is brought against America—which the *Trumpet's* July 2016 issue explained is prophesied in your Bible to happen soon—it could result in a massive surge in gang membership and power.

A time is coming when the kind of violence that is now mostly localized in gangs will fill the streets of America's cities and beyond. And its savagery will surpass anything currently on the scene.

In his book *Ezekiel: The End-Time Prophet*, Mr. Flurry points to several specific Bible prophecies to prove that, in the near future, the United States will suffer societal breakdown on an unprecedented and utterly devastating scale.

He points to a prophecy in the book of Isaiah of a terrible period just before Jesus Christ's return in the "last days" (Isaiah 2:2). Referring mainly to the U.S., Isaiah 1:4-5 state: "Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward. Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint."

The "whole head is sick" refers to the corrupt and intellectually diseased

leadership of the U.S. The "whole heart faint" means the general population is in the same condition. "Neither the leaders nor their followers have the will or the strength to get to the roots of race riots or terrorist attacks and solve them once and for all," Mr. Flurry writes. "Their 'heart' is so weak and unhealthy that the governmental system is about to 'faint,' or collapse!"

Verse 7 describes this future breakdown: "Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers."

This is a sobering description of what is building in America and what the

future holds. Since the people of America are laden with sin, and since the leaders are "sick," Mr. Flurry says, "we will experience desolation and burning."

On the streets of America today, the lawlessness of gang culture is expanding, darkening and ruining more and more lives. As this lawlessness becomes ever more prevalent, it will contribute to wide-scale societal breakdown. As Mr. Flurry has said, this points to some terrifyingly dark times ahead.

But that darkness will not last long.

### 'Boys and Girls Playing in the Streets'

The same Holy Bible that warns about these rapidly approaching dark times also says that just on the other side of those years will come the return of Jesus Christ. The Bible makes clear that, at His return, His radiant light will confound and obliterate the darkness of this world.

Jesus Christ will force everyone alive to relinquish tribalism and violence. He will usher in an age filled with the peace and safety that has always eluded mankind. He will bring about an era of stable, happy families. It will be a time of purpose, abundance and joy for all people. In that beautiful future, no child—like little Gabrielle Hill-Carter—will be found next to a bicycle on the sidewalk in a pool of blood.

God inspired the Prophet Zechariah to write a moving description of some aspects of that future world: "There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand for very age. And *the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof*. Thus saith the Lord of hosts; If it be marvellous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be marvellous in mine eyes? saith the Lord of hosts" (Zechariah 8:4-6).

What a beautiful picture! Cities will be "full of boys and girls" like Gabrielle "playing in the streets thereof." They will play and be safe. They will learn and grow. And when they enter their teenage years, they won't have to fear being sucked into the vortex of toxic gang culture. That evil will not exist.

God says this reality will "be marvellous" in His eyes. This vision can be real to us, and stirringly marvelous in our eyes, too. ■



# Thyroid Disorder: The Silent Disease

Your health problem could be connected to this little-known gland. **BY JORG MARDIAN**

**A**RE PERVERSIVE TIREDNESS AND FOGGY MINDEDNESS hijacking your life? Do aching muscles and stress make you feel like life is draining away? If so, you may be suffering from a persistent, frustrating misery shared with about 27 million other Americans: thyroid problems. Mounting research shows that 10 to 40 percent of people have poor thyroid function, and 60 percent of them are unaware of it.

## Meet Your Thyroid

Your thyroid is the master gland of the body, responsible for metabolism and energy. It produces two key hormones: triiodothyronine ( $T_3$ ) and thyroxine ( $T_4$ ). Thyroid function is interrelated with every system of the body, so a glitch in hormone secretion can cause multiple health problems.

For example, insufficient hormone production by the thyroid gland leads to hypothyroidism, a condition in which your body works too slowly, causing muscle weakness, fatigue, depression and weight gain. Excessive thyroid hormone production leads to a condition called hyperthyroidism, which is where your body idles too fast, causing possible heart and bone problems, irritability, weight loss, vision and sleep problems. Of the two conditions, the most common is hypothyroidism.

## Causes of Thyroid Imbalance

The thyroid gland needs iodine-rich foods to create thyroid hormones. But data by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention suggests that millions of people suffer from low iodine levels, with a 50 percent decrease in iodine intake over the past 35 years. This makes sense, as many are reducing their iodized salt intake because of the supposed health benefits. People are also consuming more processed foods, which have far less iodine than their more natural counterparts.

Iodine deficiency is also linked to Hashimoto's thyroiditis, an autoimmune disease characterized by antibodies attacking healthy body tissue and impacting proper thyroid function. A preventative remedy is to consume whole-food iodine sources to supply the body's normal iodine needs, including fish, seaweed (kelp, nori, kombu and wakame), cranberries, plain yogurt, navy beans, strawberries, eggs, cheese, potatoes, some grains and unrefined sea salt.

Unfortunately, those with autoimmune thyroid disorders (Hashimoto's thyroiditis, Grave's disease) or low thyroid function are often advised to avoid certain foods deemed injurious

to thyroid function. Cruciferous vegetables, spinach, radishes, peaches and strawberries are said to interfere with iodine uptake. But avoidance of these foods is not well justified because: 1) Leafy greens and cruciferous vegetables help the body produce the antioxidant glutathione, which helps fight Hashimoto's; and 2) cruciferous vegetables reduce the risk of cancer (even thyroid cancer).

Another concern is that eating processed foods exposes you to genetically modified organisms, unhealthy sugars and fats, antibiotics and toxic chemicals, putting your digestive tract under daily attack. An estimated 80 percent of the immune system is located in the gut, and just about every known disease, including thyroid dysfunction, links back to imbalanced gut bacteria.

## The Root Cause of Dysfunction

Because the thyroid is such an important organ, the medical use of synthetic hormones can seem like an appealing course of action. These apparently instant solutions seem to yield some short-term positive results, but they lack long-term effectiveness.

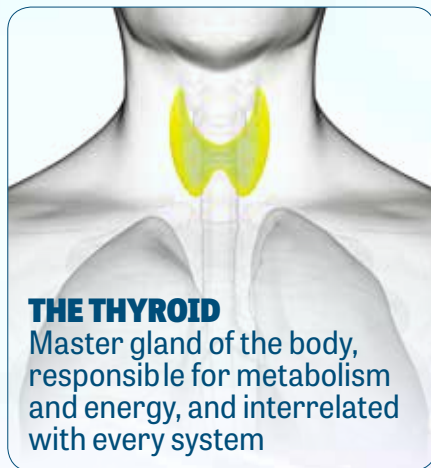
The best that medical science can do is deal with the effect and ignore the cause. The use of synthetic hormones is simply trying to remove the penalty of breaking physical laws without removing the cause.

While medicines do not necessarily cause our problems, they cannot solve them, and they often exacerbate them. They do not deserve our faith.

A more prudent course of action is centered on understanding and practicing healthful principles. Just as there are foods that can cause great harm to the body, there are many that will nourish, sustain and strengthen. The booklet *Principles of Healthful Living* shows how to choose proper foods: "Two basic factors to remember in selecting foods are to avoid those foods which have been corrupted or perverted in man-made 'food' factories, and to maintain a balanced diet containing all the elements the body requires to sustain and build health."

This statement is key to maintaining long-term health. Stop thyroid problems before they start. These days, it takes some effort to eat a balanced diet of natural foods. With continued exposure to toxins, many do suffer from thyroid issues. It can become easy to get lost in complex details and anxiety about this serious health problem. While there is a lot of research centered on supposed cures, it is best to strive for balance and avoid extremes.

To have a truly healthy life, understand and deal with the causes of good health, the third law in Herbert W. Armstrong's booklet *The Seven Laws of Success*. He stressed the importance of consistent whole-food nutrition and other laws, such as "sufficient sleep, exercise, plenty of fresh air, cleanliness and proper elimination, right thinking [and] clean living," to allow the body to recover. In the end, your thyroid will thank you. ■



**THE THYROID**  
Master gland of the body,  
responsible for metabolism  
and energy, and interrelated  
with every system



# How Electronic Money Will Change Your Life

Bitcoin, fintech, blockchain—will it affect me? **BY JOSUÉ MICHELS**

**M**ANFRED HAS A BIT OF ADVICE for Heinz, who owns a bakery in Frankfurt, Germany: “The world is rapidly changing, my friend! If you don’t adjust your business today, you might be out of it tomorrow! Start digitalizing.”

Heinz isn’t sure what digitalization means, so he starts researching. He learns that it describes the integrating of digital technologies into everyday life. Heinz scratches his head. *I already have a full electronic cashier system; all my price tags are digital, and I use software to keep track of much of my business. What more could I be doing?*

He forgets about it and puts another batch of Brötchen in the oven.

A week later, Manfred stops by to see how his friend is doing. Seeing that Heinz has not acted on his advice, Manfred tries again to persuade him of the need to adapt. “Heinz, the world around you is changing,” he says. “You are one of the few businesses where customers still largely pay with cash. Cash-free payments are becoming more and more attractive to the everyday shopper. And all those paper contracts you store in your office will soon be redundant. You have to adjust—the world around you is changing.”

Manfred has the inside scoop because he works in Frankfurt’s banking sector, where these technologies

are starting to receive increasing support politically and economically.

## A Revolution in Banking

Electronic currencies like Bitcoin attempted to be independent from the banking system and the government. They failed to achieve that goal, but that doesn’t mean electronic currencies will not be part of the future. Bitcoin raised awareness of the new banking technology. The established giants are now looking for ways to make use of digital currencies. More and more people believe the efforts will lead to a revolution in all forms of business.

For many years, banks and start-ups considered each other threats. The start-ups hoped to totally replace the banking system; the banks hoped to totally stamp out the rising start-up scene. But the fact is, the banks have the power, influence and money—and the start-ups have the technology, innovation and vision. Now they are starting to see how they can complement each other.

Manfred is thrilled about the looming revolution and shares his excitement with Heinz. “The banking world is about to get its revolution,” he explains. “We want to establish a network where we are all so interconnected with each other that transactions will just take seconds, and the money will be immediately available for our trading partners!

New contracts based on and executed by these technologies will save billions! A shared registry will make the so-called ‘clearing houses’ null and void. This will make our work much more efficient.”

Heinz still isn’t convinced. He struggles to see how abstract changes to the banking sector will affect his small business. “I’m a baker, not a banker!” he tells Manfred. “Financial technologies? What does that have to do with me?”

“Many business owners like you make the mistake of thinking you won’t be affected by the banks’ decisions. But that’s ignorance,” Manfred answers. “Did you know that the big central banks—those at the very top—are already preparing for a world without cash? Quite a few monetary authorities of the G-20 countries are looking for ways to replace the current currency with an electronic one! This financial crisis might actually lead them to try something innovative, even revolutionary, to solve their problems. It may be something that enables them to start all over, maybe with fewer nations involved.”

Manfred further explains that early on, financial technologies (“fintech”) were seen as something that would only impact banks and trading firms. But it has now become evident that they will fundamentally alter the personal and commercial finances of the everyday man.

In 2015, \$330.5 million was invested in the German fintech scene. And that was just the spark of a growing revolution in the country’s banking sector. Frankfurt and Berlin are gearing up to take the lead in this revolution. Brexit, Britain’s June 2016 decision to leave the European Union, made victory for German entities all the more likely. One can expect Europe’s financial capital to shift from London to Frankfurt, where major trades will soon be conducted. Before Brexit, London led the start-up scene for new digital technologies, but this too is shifting to the Continent—with Berlin and Frankfurt leading the way.

With both the financial capital and the start-up scene moving toward Germany, Europe is rising to become a tightly interconnected financial center. This will usher the world into a new age. London never wanted Europe to unite in this way, since it would grant vast power to Germany.



The puzzled Heinz still struggles to understand how this will affect his bakery.

Manfred starts to explain: “Blockchain technology makes it possible. You can imagine it just like a chain that connects all the transactions you ever made. This means you don’t need physical contracts anymore. You don’t need cash or middlemen. All you need is to be a part of that technology. It’s basically a digital record of every step you and your business partners take. It leaves a digital fingerprint, and all involved leave their signature. If a payment is not made or a condition is not fulfilled, it’s noticed immediately, and you always have evidence of each transaction.

“If you are not part of that technology, nobody will want to trade with you,” Manfred continues. “In today’s business world, blockchain has become a buzzword. The impact it might have is hard to fathom. Some compare it with the Internet revolution, others with the innovation of the wheel! It’s still unclear how it will revolutionize the world, but few experts doubt that it will. And what we know so far gives us a good indication of what to expect.”

### What the Digit-World Will Look Like

By 2020—just a few years from now—Heinz the baker may live in a world whose finances look like those of a science-fiction movie. Cash is obsolete. Paper contracts are nearly nonexistent. Bureaucracy is handled digitally. Transactions are made within seconds. Everything is digital.

A customer enters Heinz’s bakery and swipes his chip or phone to pay for a box of Käsekuchen. At the same time, the customer signs up for a “smart contract” offer, where he agrees on purchasing two loaves of bread each week, getting a third one free. The technology is preprogrammed and makes sure that all due payments are made and that the customer receives his purchases on time.

In an article for *Handelsblatt*, former German economics and defense minister Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg described how the installment payment for a new sports car could also be based on such a contract: “Suppose in a few years, because of your midlife crisis, you buy a wickedly expensive sports

car from a slick car dealer, and you pay it in installments. However, your divorce is expensive and you cannot manage the third installment. Nonetheless, you want to cruise through Italy in summer; maybe [you want to] even stay there until your dealer or his lawyer notices that you are already over the hill—quite some time could pass [without notice] in the present year of 2015. The following could never happen with the blockchain technology: When you want to break up, your sports car remains closed. Here, not a classic contract (which can be easily bypassed) or a third party, but a digital “smart contract” prevents you from breaking the contract. The individual constituent parts are ensured self-sufficiently and digitally—triggering the installment payment, but also the digital closing of the sports car in the event of default” (Nov. 28, 2015; *Trumpet* translation).

Let’s imagine that a few more years pass, and Heinz’s business hits a low point. He finds himself unable to pay his bills. In this digital world, his unpaid bills cause his smartphone, laptop and TV to deny him access. His electricity and water supply are automatically canceled. After failing to pay rent for three months, his card key will no longer open his apartment. He finds himself excluded from all public services as he refused to pay taxes to the system he now abhors.



## If a government leads such a nationwide digitalization, as Mr. Guttenberg often suggests, a revolution could take shape in just a few years.

On the other hand, an electronic currency based on such a technology might revolutionize the merchandising between nations.

Remember the euro? It was quite a revolution in Europe. Without the euro, Europe would not have been nearly as successful as it is today. It made trading far easier because it eliminated the need to constantly switch from one currency to another. Now imagine if the next currency is electronic. Money transfers would take seconds instead of days. And instead of having centralized authorities to confirm transactions,

everybody that has access to the blockchain would confirm them together.

What that means is that the world of trade would get its highway. Businesses and banks would not have to wait days to get the money for their goods. They could deliver immediately after a smart contract is made. Transfers overseas could be concluded at a much faster rate.

But the current problem that undermines the whole innovation is that different enterprises try to implement the technology in different ways. There are no set standards and regulations that businesses go by, so everyone tries to do their own thing. Here might be an open door for a government to take control of this innovation. Such control would give everyone in the market standards, regulations, relative trust and also security from cyberattacks.

If a government leads such a nationwide digitalization, as Mr. Guttenberg often suggests, a revolution could take shape in just a few years. And there is indication that this is happening.

### Revelation Completes the Picture

Back to Heinz and his bakery. He managed to adjust to the technological advances and still marvels at the world around him. The nations in Europe have become much more interconnected, and, for a short time, it seems like they all get along pretty well. Within a few

years, the implemented technologies allowed the European nations to rise to new heights, and they find themselves to be the financial center of the world.

Since Europe was first to implement these technologies, Europeans received an advantage in the business of merchandising. Their trade with each other is soaring, and so is their trade with the rest of the world. Their long history with Latin America and this new age of technology allows them to make trading deals with ease and on a scale that the world has never seen. Suddenly,



# Catholic Church strides toward unity

**T**he pope and archbishop of Canterbury prayed together publicly for the first time since the churches split nearly 500 years ago. Pope Francis and Archbishop Justin Welby held a combined Anglican evensong and Catholic vespers service on Oct. 5, 2016, at the church of San Gregorio, the church from which St. Augustine was sent to convert England to Catholicism in A.D. 597.

The archbishop was visiting Rome to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Anglican Center, an embassy of sorts for the Anglican Communion in Rome. Archbishop David Moxon, the director of the center, said the two churches are “85 percent” in agreement. He said that seeking unity is “part of our DNA.”

During the weeklong unity celebration, the churches commissioned 19 pairs of bishops, each with one Anglican and one Catholic, to work on unity around the world. They will look at practical ways to unite the churches, and may even preach from each other's pulpits.

The meeting came just two weeks after the Catholic and Orthodox churches reached an important agreement that will pave the way for greater unity between the churches that formerly split in 1054. On Sept.

21, 2016, the Joint International Commission for Theological Dialogue between the Orthodox Church and the Roman Catholic Church agreed on a document titled “Synodality and Primacy During the First Millennium: Towards a Common Understanding in Service to the Unity of the Church.”

Catholic World News said the agreement “represented a substantial victory” for the joint commission: “The agreement on the historic function of primacy is significant because the question of papal primacy is one of the key stumbling blocks in Catholic-Orthodox ecumenical discussions” (Sept. 22, 2016).

Speaking in Georgia on October 1, Pope Francis told Catholics not to try to convert Orthodox Christians. “There is a very grave sin against ecumenism: proselytism,” he said. “We should never proselytize the Orthodox! They are our brothers and sisters, disciples of Jesus Christ.”

Accusations that the Catholic Church is trying to poach Orthodox members is another wedge dividing the two. In strongly rejecting this, the pope is attempting to remove another barrier to unity.

On October 31, the pope traveled to Sweden to mark

the beginning of the 500th anniversary year of the Protestant Reformation. That event began what will be a yearlong series of trips and scheduled events designed to foster unity between the Catholic Church and Lutherans.

Lutheran leaders have said that they hope to fully heal their divide with Rome during this 500th anniversary year. Both the pope and Lutheran leaders said they wanted to use the anniversary to accelerate efforts to completely heal the rift between the churches, so that a Lutheran could take communion in a Catholic church and vice versa.

Catholic-Lutheran unity has already taken great strides in recent decades. In 1999, the Lutheran World Federation signed a Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification with the Vatican. The doctrine of justification was at the heart of Martin Luther's disagreement with the Catholic Church, which led to his excommunication. Now that disagreement has been overcome.

In 2007, the Catholic, Lutheran, Orthodox, Methodist, Anglican and Armenian-Apostolic churches in Germany all agreed to recognize each other's baptisms as valid.

“Five hundred years ago, wars were fought over the very issues about which Lutherans and Roman Catholics have now achieved consensus,” said Elizabeth A. Eaton, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Some points of disagreement remain, and talk of achieving full communion in 2017 has died down in recent years, but many of the major divides have already been bridged.

This push for unity with Christians of all different kinds has been one of the biggest themes of Francis's papacy.

In 2013, America's largest Presbyterian church, along with other major Protestant groups, signed an agreement with the Catholic Church recognizing each other's baptisms. The Catholic Church is even making progress with Pentecostals. Pope Francis has also held receptions with top American televangelists, including Joel Osteen in 2014.

In November 1963, in the midst of the Second Vatican Council, the *Plain Truth* reported: “Today, the time is ripe—according to official Catholic views—for making the final effort to unite the church bodies of the Christian world. The mighty problem of achieving unity is twofold. First, it involves reconciliation of the Orthodox Schism that officially commenced in 1054 and divided the churches in the East—Greece, Russia, the Balkans and the Near East—from Rome. Second, it involves restoration to the Roman communion [of] all Protestantism, which developed from 1517 onward.”

Both these divides are now very close to being bridged. For more on what this unity will mean for the world and how it will be achieved, read the chapter “Returning to the Fold” in our free booklet *He Was Right* ([theTrumpet.com/go/7094](http://theTrumpet.com/go/7094)). ■



PAPAL BLESSING  
Pope Francis welcomes  
Maduro to the Vatican.

## A Vatican solution for Venezuela?

**A**fter a tour of four oil-producing nations in the Middle East, Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro made an unannounced visit to the Vatican on Oct. 24, 2016, to meet with Pope Francis.

Six days later, under Vatican supervision, Venezuela's government and the opposition met for the first time since early 2014.

It was evidence of the Vatican's influence in Latin America, a prophetic trend the *Trumpet* has pointed to for years.

The meeting followed months of mounting pressure from the opposition against Maduro's presidency. On Sept. 1, 2016, opposition supporters flooded the streets of the Venezuelan capital to push for a recall referendum on Maduro. The demonstrations were dubbed

"The Taking of Caracas." On October 20, the nation's electoral council suspended the recall referendum campaign, further angering Venezuelans.

The Vatican-sponsored talks came at a good time for Maduro: The opposition had planned hearings to seek the embattled president's ouster.

"At the start of this journey," Vatican envoy Archbishop Claudio Maria Celli said as talks between the government and the opposition began, "I ask you in the name of Pope Francis that each side agrees to some concrete gestures to give credibility to this process." He added: "The country is waiting for authentic signals to comprehend that dialogue is a reality."

Fifteen parties belonging to the Democratic Unity opposition alliance refused to participate in the talks. Other opposition parties were not even invited. Leading opposition leader Henrique Capriles wrote on Twitter, "I don't believe Maduro even when he says 'Good morning.'" He also wrote, "They are devils capable of anything. But I do trust Pope Francis and believe in the church." ■



LET'S MAKE A DEAL  
Prime Minister Trudeau chats with EU  
Council President Tusk as they sign CETA.

## Wallonia almost derails trade talks

**A** free-trade deal between the European Union and Canada that was seven to eight years in the making was halted, not by a small group of nations, not even by an individual nation, but by Wallonia, a region of Belgium. Soon after, on Oct. 26, 2016, Belgian officials announced that a deal with Wallonia had been reached and the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) could proceed. But the fact that one of three regions in one of the EU's smallest and least powerful countries could hold a major deal to ransom is adding to the sense that the EU's current situation is unworkable.

"It's crazy. If we allow a regional parliament to block a trade deal that will benefit the whole EU, where does this lead us to?" asked Christoph

Leitl, president of the Global Chamber Platform. "CETA is not just a deal with Canada, it has model character for Europe's future trade relations."

"If the EU is like a fleet of ships, then it can only travel as fast as its slowest ship, and at the moment great cruise liners are seeing themselves being held back by a rowing boat," wrote Belgian Member of the European Parliament Sander Loones for the *EU Observer*. "How long before they decide to cut the rowing boat loose and dash for the horizon?" (Oct. 19, 2016).

For decades, the *Trumpet* has forecast that a much smaller, more tightly knit group of nations will emerge from the EU. Wallonia's attempts to hold the whole Union to ransom is increasing the urgency of EU leaders to forge a more efficient system. ■

## Pirates try to take over Iceland

**N**ew and fringe parties keep rising in Europe, including Lithuania's Peasants and Green Union (LPGU) and Iceland's Pirate Party.

The LPGU is now Lithuania's biggest party, going from just one seat in parliament to 54 in October elections. The party was founded by billionaire farmer Ramunas Karbauskis, who has promised to form a technocratic government and to slow the exodus of Lithuanians from their country.

In Iceland, the Pirate Party, founded in 2012, came in third place in October 29 elections. Before, it had three

seats in Iceland's 63-member parliament. Now it has 10.

The Pirate Party is part of a global movement that began in 2006 that opposes copyright restrictions and demands more privacy and less regulation on the Internet. "Though most of its members skew libertarian to anarchist, the party is officially non-ideological and sets its platform through online polls," wrote Joshua Keating (*Slate*, Oct. 24, 2016). The rise of the fringe parties shows how fed up so many have become with Europe's mainstream parties, and how they are open even to radical alternatives. ■

## Cold war between Russia and Europe heats up

**O**n October 26, NATO head Jens Stoltenberg announced that NATO would send thousands of troops to the Baltics and to Romania in 2017. The deployments are the biggest military build-up on Russia's borders since the Cold War. The alliance will station four NATO battalions in the Baltic states and Poland, starting in



2017. Germany, Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom will each lead a battalion. Germany, Canada, the Netherlands, Poland, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United States will also contribute to a new NATO brigade in Romania. ■

UNDER FIRE The USS Mason glides through the Atlantic.

## The Iranian threat to the Red Sea

On Oct. 1, 2016, Iranian-sponsored Houthi rebels fired an antiship missile at a United Arab Emirates-operated advanced transport vessel at the Yemeni port of Mokha. The Houthis said they hit the Emirati HSV-2 Swift with a Chinese-designed C-802 missile. Security experts believe Iran purchased missiles from China and then reverse-engineered them into its own variant called the Noor.

Stratfor reported on October 5 that the missiles have a 75-mile range that sets “a sizable stretch of the area near the Bab el-Mandeb Strait connecting the Red Sea with the Gulf of Aden in the line of fire.”

According to Stratfor, the attack “indicate[s] that the group has acquired new capabilities, raising questions about the security of shipping in the waters off the Yemeni coast and the effectiveness of an arms embargo against the Houthis. If not the sign of a new weapon, the attack could suggest a shift in the group’s tactics that may equally threaten ships in the Red Sea.”

A week after that attack, the Houthis revealed more of their capabilities. On October 9, they fired a ballistic missile toward Saudi Arabia’s King Fahd Air Base, about 40 miles from Mecca. The same day, they fired two missiles at the USS Mason, an American destroyer operating just north of the Bab el-Mandeb Strait. On October 12, the 16th anniversary of the

attack on the USS Cole, Houthi rebels fired again on the USS Mason, but caused no physical damage to the destroyer.

There is overwhelming evidence that the Houthis are an Iranian tool for establishing an Islamic caliphate. In 2014, an official for the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps boasted that his nation controlled four foreign capitals, including the capital of Yemen, which was then controlled by Houthis.

Over the past year and a half, U.S. warships intercepted five shipments of Iranian weapons to Houthi rebels in Yemen. On October 20, Reuters reported that Iran was using Yemen’s eastern neighbor, Oman, as a transit point for shipping sophisticated weaponry to the Houthis.

Stratfor’s report concluded: “[T]he Houthis have demonstrated an ability to strike effectively at costly coalition assets deployed in the waters near Yemen. Whether they did so by obtaining new advanced weaponry, or by deploying their existing weapons in an innovative way, the apparent threat they pose to coalition vessels and civilian shipping in the Red Sea is clear.”

In April 2015, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote: “The Houthi takeover in Yemen proves that Iran is implementing a bold strategy to control the vital sea lane from the Indian Ocean to the Mediterranean Sea. We need to understand the gravity of this new situation in Yemen!”

## China’s economic offensive in Europe

China has been looking to break into Europe economically for decades; over the past five years, its efforts have begun to pay major dividends.

From 2010 to 2014, Chinese investments in Europe grew from \$6 billion to \$55 billion. The European Union is China’s preeminent trading partner; in 2014, the two exchanged goods worth \$621 billion.

American trade with the EU still tops Chinese trade with the EU by a significant margin. But China’s persistence is closing the gap: China’s One Belt, One Road initiative continues to make significant gains.

In December 2010, the *Trumpet* wrote about the biblically prophetic significance of the burgeoning China-Europe relationship: “Isaiah 23 warns of an end-time ‘mart of nations’ that acts in economic alliance. This alliance includes the nations of China (Chittim) and Tyre (representing the commercial center of the European Union, also called the ‘king of the north’ in other prophecies). This chapter, along with other scriptures, makes it evident that these two powerful economies are prophesied to work in confederacy to dominate global trade for a short period of time—at America’s expense.”

## ‘America, get out ... but maybe not just yet’

On Nov. 7, 2016, Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte canceled an order for 26,000 police rifles from America after it was rumored that the U.S. State Department would cancel the sale due to human rights abuses happening under Duterte.



The cancellation came just two weeks after Duterte announced, while on a state visit to China, that the Philippines

was “separating” from the U.S. “I will break up with America,” Duterte said, adding that he would instead “go to Russia and to China.” Duterte later softened his statement.

Washington and Manila have shared close ties for decades. The ties had taken on more importance as disputes in the Asia-Pacific have grown more heated. “Breaking up” with America would be difficult and risky, but if Duterte begins backing up his rhetoric, America loses an vital foothold in Asia, to Russia and China’s advantage.

## Russia unveils ‘Satan 2’ bomb

Russia announced its updated RS-28 Sarmat intercontinental ballistic missile—also known as the “Satan 2”—on Oct. 23, 2016. It will be in full service in 2018.

Sputnik, a government-controlled news agency, said the missile weighs up to 100 tons and can carry a nuclear payload weighing 10 tons. A warhead

this size can cause an explosion 2,000 times more powerful than the bombs dropped on Japan. Sputnik says the explosion would devastate an area “the size of Texas or France.”

“Satan 2” has a range of up to 6,800 miles. It is impossible to intercept by modern missile defense systems since it does not travel on a set trajectory.



# Universities resegregating

'SAFE SPACES'  
Protesters call  
for a renewal of  
segregation.

**I**n an attempt to combat “microaggressions” and “racially insensitive remarks,” an increasing number of universities are adopting a policy of racial segregation.

In September, the University of Southern California honored a request from its Black Student Union to issue a proposal to provide segregated housing as a means of shielding black students from “racially insensitive remarks.”

African-American students on several college campuses have also demanded racially segregated “safe spaces.” University officials are now actively encouraging students to voluntarily segregate themselves in these “safe spaces.” The president of Northwestern University, for example, said that it is understandable that black students would not want white undergraduates joining them in a cafeteria. “We all deserve safe spaces,” he wrote, and “black students had every right to enjoy their lunches in peace.”

Minority student demands for racial segregation intensified at the University of California on Oct. 21, 2016, when students literally formed a human chain to stop white students from getting to class. These demonstrators were caught on video blocking the entrance to Sather Gate at the university’s Berkeley campus while holding banners demanding “safe

spaces” segregated by race and gender identity.

Demonstrators reportedly hollered, “Go around!” to white students attempting to walk through, while receiving minority students with calls of, “Let him through!”

Rather than trying to foster dialogue and understanding, university officials are actually encouraging students to protest against “microaggressions” and minor misunderstandings. By fostering a culture of intolerance, these college students and university officials are exacerbating racial tensions that are ready to explode into rioting and violence. ■

## Where are the men in America’s workforce?

**T**he official United States unemployment rate stood at 4.9 percent in October 2016, about half of what it was at the height of the Great Recession in 2010. Yet at the same time, 7 million working-age men have simply disappeared from the workforce. They are not counted as unemployed because they are not actively looking for a job.

According to the *News Herald*, in the decade after World War II, only 6 percent of working-age men were neither employed nor looking for work. The figure has more

## Marijuana wins big on election night

**O**n November 8, voters in California, Maine, Massachusetts and Nevada legalized recreational marijuana. These states joined Colorado, Washington, Oregon and Alaska in approving the psychotropic drug for recreational use.

Voters in Florida, North Dakota, Montana and Arkansas cast a ballot to legalize marijuana for medical use only. Taken together, these new ballot measures mean that marijuana is now legal in some form in 28 states. Opponents of these legalization measures point out that such legalization is creating a popular perception that cannabis is good for your health. A Gallup poll from October shows that 60 percent of Americans now favor legalizing marijuana, despite evidence that the plant contains more than 400 known chemicals, many of which are toxic to the human body.

The amount of tar and carbon monoxide inhaled by those who smoke marijuana is three and five times greater respectively than among tobacco smokers,

regardless of tetrahydrocannabinol content. And unlike alcohol, where the ethanol is eliminated within a few hours, marijuana residues can stay in the body for weeks. Marijuana use can also seriously damage respiratory and cardiovascular health, causing chronic coughing, wheezing and bronchitis. Smoking a relatively small amount of marijuana has



a similar impact to smoking five to seven times the amount in cigarettes, one after another.

Numerous studies prove that smoking *anything* is harmful to our lungs. God says we should glorify Him in our bodies: “Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body” (1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Revised Standard Version). ■



than doubled in the past seven decades. Today, 14 percent of men ages 25 to 54 have simply abandoned the workforce.

Even as these prime working-age men have given up on finding work, women have flooded into the paid-labor market. The proportion of 25-to-54-year-old women in the paid workforce today is double what it was in the late 1940s. One major reason for this change has been an economic shift from “brawn power” to “brain power.” Technology has rendered many agricultural and manufacturing jobs obsolete,

while millions of young men have not put in the time and effort to develop skills that would make them employable.

The Bible prophesied that God would take away the great leaders, warriors, judges, teachers, engineers and skilled workers in this end time (Isaiah 3:1-3). The fact that millions of American men are either unwilling or unable to work and support families is a major fulfillment of this prophecy. ■

it seems like all global trade is getting channeled through Europe. Everybody that wants in on the big deals has to talk with Europe. The Europeans become the merchants of the world. People start wondering: *Who can challenge this superpower?*

Heinz sees that he made the right decision to digitalize early on. His bakery is booming, enabling him to take over many other bakeries. One morning, he sits in his main office enjoying his goodies and a cup of coffee while reading the newspaper.

An ad grabs his attention. It reads: "The world you live in was prophesied in your Bible."

Heinz is keen to find out what that is about. He thinks that such an age of incredible innovations could hardly have been foreseen by ancient writers.

Nonetheless, his interest is sparked, and he orders the literature offered in the ad. In it, he reads that the Prophet Isaiah foretold that Europe would become the "marketplace for the nations" (Isaiah 23:3; New King James Version). He also sees that the book of Revelation warned of a rising merchant power in the heart of Europe more than 2,000 years before it happened. He sees that in Revelation 18, the word "mer-

chants" is used four times to describe the people of modern Europe.

WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO EARN A LIVING, TO EARN A WAGE OR SALARY, OR TO ENGAGE HIMSELF IN BUSINESS" (emphasis added).

Suddenly, Heinz remembers the words of his friend Manfred who told him years earlier that if he would not be part of that new technology, he would be out of business.

Fascinated by his discovery, he talks to Manfred about these prophecies. But Manfred dismisses them as "crazy conspiracies." "Bible prophecies? Who put that nonsense in your mind? Do you want to be out there like all those other crazy fellas shouting, 'THE END IS NEAR, THE END IS NEAR'? Or do you want to keep making good money?"

Heinz is shocked: *Why can't he see that these things that are happening are directly described in the Bible?*

This is discouraging to him, but he continues his study.

### The Mark of the Beast

Heinz then finds out that the Bible prophesied that Europe would unite, and that it would be pared down to 10 nations (Revelation 17:12-13). He is even more fascinated to learn that even Europe's relationship with Latin America was prophesied. And that it was prophesied Europe would replace America and Britain as the world's top

receive the MARK of pagan ROME—the Sunday observed by the pagan Roman Empire—and the penalty for disobedience was DEATH! Fifty million or more were put to death—so says history."

Referring to Revelation 13:16, Mr. Armstrong continued: "The Sabbath commandment is the ONLY commandment the world will not accept in its MIND (forehead) and OBEY (by work or rest, with the HAND). It is the ONLY commandment that can distinguish between those who have the MARK of the BEAST or the SIGN OF GOD. ...

"Yes, the MARK OF THE BEAST once again will be enforced! No one will be able to hold a job or engage in business without it. ... But if you OBEY God—if you are watching, praying without ceasing—you shall be accounted worthy to ESCAPE—and come under GOD'S PROTECTION (Luke 21:36)."

Heinz remembers that over the years he was always encouraged to close his bakeries on Sunday, but that nobody was able to force him to.

But if the government would now enforce a six-day week and establish Sunday rest as it often promises, then everybody would either accept that "mark" or be out of business the very next day. Hence this new technology is not the prophesied "mark of the beast," but it could be a powerful tool used to enforce it.

Heinz decides to trust the Bible more than the government and promises himself to never take on that mark, but to instead rely on God's protection.

If that sounds like a good decision to you, request our free booklet *He Was Right* to find out about the future prophecies concerning Europe and this world. Also request our free booklet *Which Day Is the Christian Sabbath?* by Mr. Armstrong to find out how to receive God's protection in this rapidly changing world. ■

## The Europeans become the merchants of the world. People start wondering: Who can challenge this superpower?

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Then he reads Revelation 13:17: "[N]o man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name." What could this mean?

This literature explains by quoting what world-renowned educator Herbert W. Armstrong wrote in 1952: "Everyone wants to be able to 'buy or sell.' In this scriptural usage, the expression 'buy or sell' more literally indicates being able to buy—not that stores or those from whom one might make purchases of the necessities of life would refuse to accept the money, but that the one refusing the 'mark' WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO BUY,

superpower, financially and otherwise.

Now he wonders what exactly the "mark of the beast" is. He requests Herbert W. Armstrong's booklet *Who or What Is the Prophetic Beast?* and finds out that the mark of the beast is setting aside Sunday as a day of worship.

Mr. Armstrong's booklet reads, "The Roman church caused people to

### The 'mark of the beast' explained

Without it, you can't buy or sell. With it, you suffer the seven last plagues of God! What is the "mark of the beast"? Your Bible reveals it! To find out what this mark is, request your FREE copy of *Who or What Is the Prophetic Beast?* by Herbert W. Armstrong.



# The Foundation of Leadership

A personal lesson you can take from America's presidential election

**Y**ES, THE 2016 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION WAS EXTREMELY divisive. But as much as the two sides violently conflicted with each other, they and their combined 120 million supporters agreed on one thing: *Character* has no place on the presidential ballot.



JOEL HILLIKER

For more than a year, a churning, convulsing struggle over leadership has swirled through the conscience of America and of the world. The central question has been: Who will be the best leader? The answer has boiled down to: Who will give the nation the right mix of jobs, taxes and bombs?

What we saw in this election was the logical result of voters having some time ago rejected the *foundation* of true leadership: the ability to lead *yourself*.

The Bible discusses the qualities required in leaders of families, cities and nations. It almost completely ignores job creation, policy sophistication and even military administration. It almost completely focuses on one thing: personal character!

For a few occasional news cycles, the presidential election involved notions of being “fit for office” or “presidential.” But voters considered these to be sideshows to the qualifications that “*really* matter.” The Bible, by contrast, says personal character is *the* qualification that really matters!

So many of those in authority have never learned this fundamental character principle. As a result, they are making an absolute mess of this world.

“He that hath no *rule over his own spirit* is like a city that is broken down, and without walls” (Proverbs 25:28). Here is where rulership must start: *Ruling your own spirit*. You must govern yourself!

Millions of people today believe that weak personal character has nothing to do with a leader's success. God knows that weak character *disqualifies* someone from high office. If a man cannot rule himself, how can he rule others? As Jesus said, “[I]f the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch” (Matthew 15:14).

To a young man who is looking ahead to having a family, forging a career, taking his place as a contributor to and builder of society, what was the Apostle Paul's advice? “[U]rge the younger men to *control themselves*” (Titus 2:6; Revised Standard Version). The Moffatt translation states, “Tell the young men also to be *masters of themselves at all points*.”

A person who lacks self-control renders himself unfit to lead in many ways. He caves in to peer pressure easily. He is too concerned about what others think of him. He prioritizes appearance over substance, leading to forms of cheating and corner-cutting. He is susceptible to unsound judgment, favoritism, partiality and unpredictability. He wrestles with feelings of depression and inferiority. He gets jealous easily, especially when someone around him succeeds. He can become terribly manipulative and political. He loses his temper. He acts arrogantly—even tyrannically—to mask his insecurities. He is self-destructive and succumbs to bad influences. He has difficulty controlling his own passions and lusts.

The more authority such a person has, the more damage he can do to more people!

Someone who truly conquers himself and successfully administers his own self-rule can successfully take on more



**Learn to truly govern yourself.**

**Then you can influence your family,  
your country, your world.**

and more authority, doing more and more good for more and more people. Proverbs 16:32 says, “He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.” If you are faithful in small matters, Jesus Christ said, you will be faithful in the big ones.

Learn to truly govern yourself—*then* you can influence your family, your country, your world. It will begin unlocking your potential for leadership and genuine success.

Notice this proverb about godly leadership: “Mercy and truth preserve the king, and by lovingkindness he upholds his throne” (Proverbs 20:28; New King James Version). The word *lovingkindness* can mean good deeds or kindnesses. *Truth* refers to trustworthiness. The Living Bible renders this verse, “If a king is kind, honest and fair, his kingdom stands secure.”

If you asked 100 world leaders to list the most important qualities contributing to the longevity of an administration or kingdom, how many would mention honesty and lovingkindness?

The fact is, the Bible trains people in a *different* type of government—one that works! God isn't calling the governors of this world, who, for all their expertise and experience, cannot solve problems, cannot make people's lives better, cannot even successfully enact decent jobs, tax or defense policies.

If you want to learn to build a government that actually works, study the scriptural instruction God outlines in 1 Timothy 3:1-13 and Titus 1:5-9. These leaders are individuals who rule themselves by submitting to God. They then rule over those who follow them by *servicing*.

Yes, these qualifications for leadership are vastly different than those used today. But so are the results. ■



**Thank you for this great article (“Will Europe Rediscover Its Christian Identity?”, [theTrumpet.com/go/14249](http://theTrumpet.com/go/14249)). I think the reason Europe will “rediscover its Christian identity” is the push by Islam and Islamic terrorism. The reaction is already occurring, especially after the latest terrorist attacks in Belgium, France and Germany. Europeans do not want to live with the threat of terrorism, and they will eventually rally around the Catholic Church and demand it react to this threat! I wish universities provided history courses as informative as *Trumpet* articles.**

**Angelo O’Klanis**



**Prowl through history**

Fantastic article (“The Bible: Legend or Literal?”, [theTrumpet.com/go/14250](http://theTrumpet.com/go/14250)). I am now on the prowl for these secular texts to scour through and help my understanding of biblical history.

**Emma Morris** QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA

**The real drug dealers**

I used to work for a market research company (“Drugging America for Profit,” [theTrumpet.com/go/14251](http://theTrumpet.com/go/14251)). A lot of the studies being conducted were paid for by American pharmaceutical companies. Not only do they study patients, but they study doctors to learn how they prescribe things, in order to get them to prescribe their products more.

**Michelle Dell** CANADA

What a shockingly sad revelation this horrific situation is. May God’s Kingdom

come very soon to release mankind from its self-inflicted bondage.

**Johnet Smith** JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

A few years ago, I was “diagnosed” with Type 2 Diabetes. I didn’t have any of the symptoms (dizziness, intense hunger, stinging foot pain), but the all-knowing doctor insisted and prescribed about \$800 worth of medicine to help me deal with my “illness.” The funny thing is, those drugs caused all the symptoms of Type 2 Diabetes—stinging pain, etc. I resolved not to renew my prescriptions. Three years later, I have no symptoms and not the slightest hint that I may have Type 2.

**John Hopkin** INDIAN TRAIL, NORTH CAROLINA

**Who’s crazy?**

Very informative article (“How Dangerous Ideas Crumbled France in Six Weeks”, [theTrumpet.com/go/14253](http://theTrumpet.com/go/14253)). I didn’t know that history of it. Very sobering indeed. If

you say this country is very vulnerable right now to possible civil unrest and instability, you’re right, but no one wants to hear that. Could it be that because war on any scale has never happened on American soil in our lifetime we have been lulled into complacency about our issues, like we’re immune to anything happening here?

**Linda**

**Wonderful advice**

A wonderful piece of advice which should be at the center of the modern education system! (“Take Responsibility,” [theTrumpet.com/go/14258](http://theTrumpet.com/go/14258)). The failure to take responsibility is prevalent at all levels of modern society and is a big source of many problems at all levels of society.

**Daniel**

**The glue is gone**

As many of us have heard recently, there’s nothing holding the countries of Ephraim and Manasseh together anymore (“False Alarms, True Terror,” [theTrumpet.com/go/14259](http://theTrumpet.com/go/14259)). No substance, no power and no strength. We are an ever growing lawless people, and all of God’s promises, both for blessings and curses, are sure.

**Howard Lieberman** BRADENTON, FLORIDA

As I study God’s Word and the teaching of His Church, comparing them to what is in the news every day, it grows more obvious that man has no clue how to solve his problems. Only God can supply us with the answers, but mankind rejects God’s way of life based on His law, the only way of life that works.

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# A House Divided

**'Every city or house divided against itself shall not stand.'** BY ANDREW MILLER

**T**HE DAY AFTER DONALD TRUMP WAS ELECTED AMERICA'S 45th president, tens of thousands of demonstrators took to the streets in protest. In the weeks that followed, they burned an American flag in Salt Lake City, torched a papier-mâché effigy of the president-elect in Los Angeles, threw rocks at police in Indianapolis and blocked traffic in Miami.

These protests and riots highlight America's sobering ideologically divide. Even though Mr. Trump gained enough state victories to claim a win in the U.S. electoral college, a *Washington Post*-ABC poll conducted just after the election showed that one in three Hillary Clinton supporters view his victory as illegitimate since he lost the popular vote.

Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders and former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder have both suggested that in order for America to unite, the electoral college must be abolished. Yet the electoral college was designed to prevent a few densely populated counties from ruling the rest of America. Abolishing the electoral college would tip the balance of power back toward Democratic Party-controlled urban population centers, but would do nothing to heal the dangerous ideological divide that afflicts the nation.

This ideological divide is now wider than at any point in U.S. history since the post-Civil War Reconstruction Era ended in 1877.

James Lo, an assistant professor of political science at the University of Southern California, says the ideological divide between Republican and Democratic lawmakers in Congress began to narrow after the end of the Reconstruction Era. By the 1960s, there was significant bipartisan consensus between the two parties. Republicans and Democrats worked together to lower taxes, fight communism and expand civil rights.

Beginning in the 1970s, however, the divide began to widen once again as the New Left faction of the Democratic Party sought to fundamentally change America through cultural reforms on issues like income redistribution, abortion rights, homosexual rights, gender roles and drug legalization.

Today, there is almost zero overlap between Republican and Democrat political positions in Congress. The recent United States presidential election highlights this fact perhaps more than any event in the past century. Republicans are convinced that a Hillary Clinton victory would have meant the end of America's constitutional republic, while Democrats denounce Donald Trump as a racist, misogynist, xenophobic demagogue on par with Adolf Hitler.

How far back in America's history do you have to go to find a time when we were this divided? The Civil War. In the mid-1800s, Americans were so at odds with each other that they resorted to warfare, costing more American lives than all other American wars combined.

Unlike the lead-up to the Civil War, however, the division in the United States today is not between a Republican north and a Democratic south. Instead, the divide is between urban and rural areas. The Republican Party represents geography: rural America. The Democratic Party represents demography: urban America.

This urban-rural ideological divide is more dangerous than the north-south divide that resulted in the War Between the States. America's metropolitan areas cannot secede from the union like a state can. This means that unless something is done to heal the deep ideological differences in America, the protests and riots currently engulfing America's cities will only escalate. It appears more and more likely that this unrest will escalate into full-scale revolution and urban war!

President Abraham Lincoln famously quoted Jesus Christ when he said, "A house divided against itself cannot stand." History shows that when a nation falls into division and infighting, it quickly becomes consumed by internal crises that leave it vulnerable to attack by foreign enemies. This is exactly what God prophesies will happen to America in the



YOU SAID IT, GIRL  
High schoolers  
demonstrate against  
Donald Trump outside  
his hotel in Washington.

**This urban-rural ideological divide is more dangerous than the north-south divide that resulted in the Civil War.**

near future. Why? Because Americans have rebelled against His law. In Ezekiel 5, God reveals that there will be a time of violent rioting in the cities of America (as well as Britain) just before they suffer a foreign invasion. The dangerous level of ideological division in modern-day America is leading to the ultimate fulfillment of this prophecy.

The grand lesson of all history is that the law of God is the only law that leads people to peace, unity and prosperity. As people seek unity with God, they also achieve unity with each other. As political division and civil unrest grips America, as hostile foreign powers rise, it's time to look to the same Bible Abraham Lincoln did and *seek the Eternal while He may be found, and call upon Him while He is near* (Isaiah 55:6). ■



If ever there was a time for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to speak out, it would have been then.

Even so, the years of sifting that discarded Temple Mount earth has produced a wealth of artifacts that would have been otherwise lost. Muslim artifacts have been found, such as an 18th-century seal of the prominent Muslim Qadi (Judge) Sheick 'Abd al-Fattah al-Tamimi, who was also the grand mufti of Jerusalem. But Jewish artifacts have also been discovered—dating to *two millennia* earlier. Artifacts have been dated to the lifetime of King Solomon onward: thousands of pottery fragments, the seventh-century B.C. Hebrew seal of “Immer” (potentially the same personality found in Jeremiah 20:1), many half-shekel coins from the Second Temple period, a potsherd from 2,000 years ago bearing an engraving of a menorah, and a multitude of other items. All of these overwhelmingly confirm a Jewish connection to the Temple Mount—and prior to the Muslim periods.

However, as noted earlier, UNESCO and its supporters are not just interested in disregarding the Jewish attachment to the Temple Mount, but also the Jewish history of all Jerusalem. This would include the excavations in the City of David as well, where King David's palace is being slowly unearthed.

The Palestinians have long coveted their own capital in East Jerusalem. Archaeological digs proving a prior Jewish claim to the area only make that harder to achieve. And so, they have marshaled UNESCO to push the claim of Israeli destruction of Muslim sites in an effort to shut down these excavations.

The UNESCO resolution comes at precisely the same time that more and more evidence of the Jews' long history here has come to light. Since 2006, the organization behind the *Trumpet* has sponsored its college students and graduates to travel to Jerusalem and excavate these exact areas directly south of the Temple Mount. Working with Benjamin Mazar's granddaughter, Dr. Eilat Mazar, students from Herbert W. Armstrong College located in Edmond, Oklahoma, have put their hands in the dirt to rediscover ancient Jerusalem. These areas are rich in artifacts that not only testify to a Jewish presence spanning three millennia, but also, time and again, confirm the historicity of the Bible.

To learn more about those discoveries, read *Archaeology Thunders: 'Behold Your God!'* by editor in chief Gerald Flurry ([theTrumpet.com/go/archaeology](http://theTrumpet.com/go/archaeology)).

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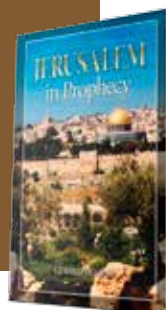
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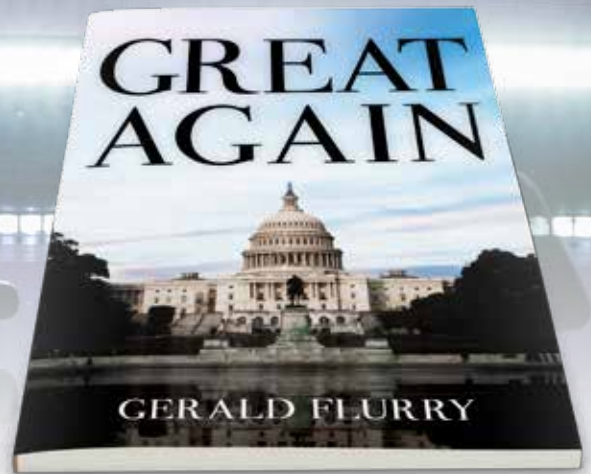


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