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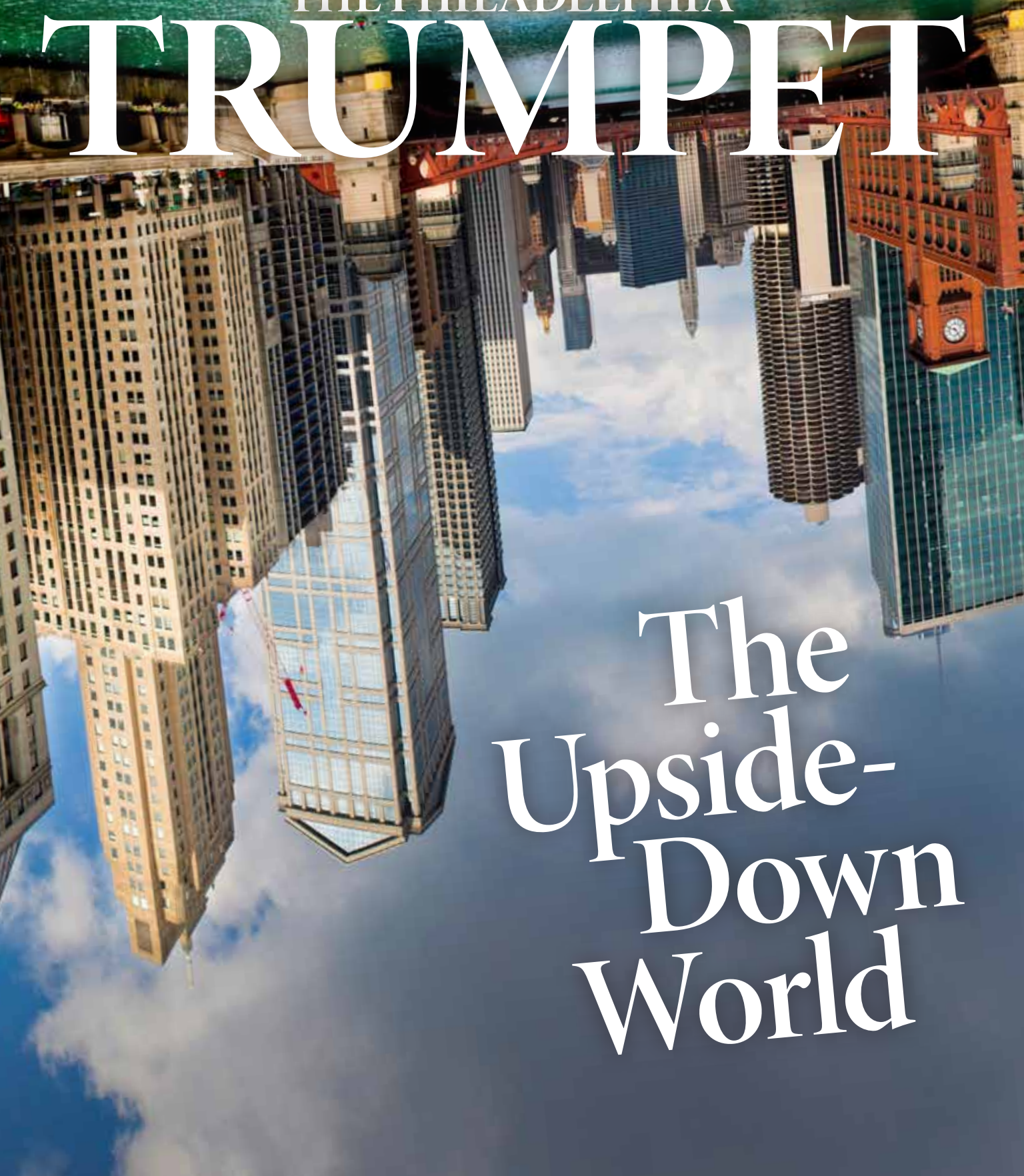


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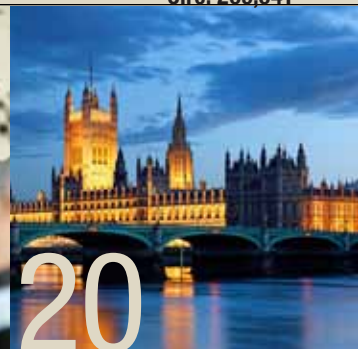
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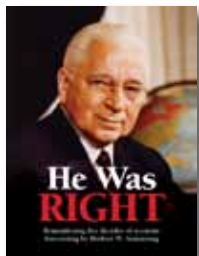
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## He Was Right

**M**ANY READERS OF THE *PHILADELPHIA TRUMPET* magazine tell us they recognize the same message the *Plain Truth* carried for 52 years under the direction of its founder, Herbert W. Armstrong. Subscribers even point to similarities between our style of writing and presentations compared to the *Plain Truth* in its heyday.

Mr. Armstrong was one of the most prominent religious leaders of the 20th century. He was watched, read and followed by millions of people worldwide. At the time of his death in 1986, the newsmagazine he founded was being produced in seven languages; global circulation peaked at 8.4 million. (By comparison, *Time* magazine's circulation that year was 5.9 million.)



The sheer number of prophetic statements made by Mr. Armstrong and his editorial team, and their accuracy, WILL ASTOUND YOU. We have compiled many of these prophetic statements into a booklet, titled *He Was Right* (request your free copy). If you read it carefully, I guarantee that you will be astounded! This booklet is by no means exhaustive. But it does pretty well encapsulate what the *Plain Truth* was about for more than 50 years.

### Our Financial 9/11 Was Prophesied!

In March 1964, Mr. Armstrong wrote a letter discussing the catastrophic economic conditions that would plague the U.S. and Britain in the end time. “If the dollar is devalued, inflation will almost surely result,” he wrote, “and eventual *economic collapse* for the United States” (co-worker letter, March 26, 1964; emphasis mine throughout).

Referring to prophecies such as those in Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28, he continued: “Those of you who truly BELIEVE the prophecies of your Bible know such economic collapse is prophesied to happen! ... We have shown how God prophesied a virtual trade war will get under way against the United States and Britain—and how our national economies will falter, and then collapse!” Remember, that was in 1964.

Over the next 20 years, Mr. Armstrong's forecast became even more specific. In 1984, he wrote that a *massive banking crisis in America* “could suddenly result in triggering European nations to UNITE AS A NEW WORLD POWER larger than either the Soviet Union or the U.S. That, in turn, could bring on the Great Tribulation suddenly. AND THAT WILL LEAD QUICKLY TO THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST AND END OF THIS WORLD AS WE KNOW IT” (co-worker letter, July 22, 1984).

So all of this bad news is a SIGN of the best news you could possibly hear!

In a sermon on July 7, 1984, Mr. Armstrong said, “I believe that some event is going to happen SUDDENLY, just like out of a blue sky, that is going to shock the whole world, and is going to cause the nations in Europe to realize they must unite! ... Now I think I can see what may be the very event that is going to trigger it, and THAT IS THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IN THE WORLD.”

Mr. Armstrong made those statements 24 years ago!

Look how *suddenly* we've had the financial meltdown. Look how *suddenly* this world is changing. *Sudden crises* are like the theme of this age.

The events of September 2008 dealt a deathblow to America's reputation as a stable economic superpower. “It really does look as if THE FOUNDATIONS OF U.S. CAPITALISM HAVE SHATTERED,” observed the German daily *Der Spiegel*. For the United States, September 2008 was more of a turning point than Sept. 11, 2001! It was a blaring announcement to the world that the *American economic system* had PASSED THE POINT OF NO RETURN.

Note this accurate forecast from a 1983 *Plain Truth* edition. After a G-7 economic summit, it noted “just how important confidence in America is to the stability of the entire Western world.” A crisis of confidence in America was bound to have dramatic global ramifications, it said—a forecast that proved frightfully true right before our eyes. Then that article made this additional, *more specific* remark: “The lack of confidence in American leadership must ultimately lead to a *parting of the ways* between the United States and Western Europe ...”

The inevitability of this stunning split is abundantly clear in biblical prophecy. Still, the insight that it would be caused by convulsions in the U.S. that would shatter global confidence is remarkable. And the September 2008 economic calamity fulfilled this prediction with uncanny accuracy. Where it rocked America's reputation, it brought on a very different series of events for Europe. European leaders took it as a sign to unite quickly, and then step into the vacuum being created by America's crumbling financial system.

German Finance Minister Peer Steinbrück summed up European sentiment in October 2008 when he stated that “the origin and the center of gravity of the problem is clearly in the U.S.” German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Nicolas Sarkozy agreed, both making it clear that they believed the global financial crisis was *America's fault*. Pope Benedict XVI threw his voice behind the Europeans too. In a July 2009 encyclical, he joined the chorus calling for a *new world financial order* independent of the U.S.

### Germany Domineers Europe

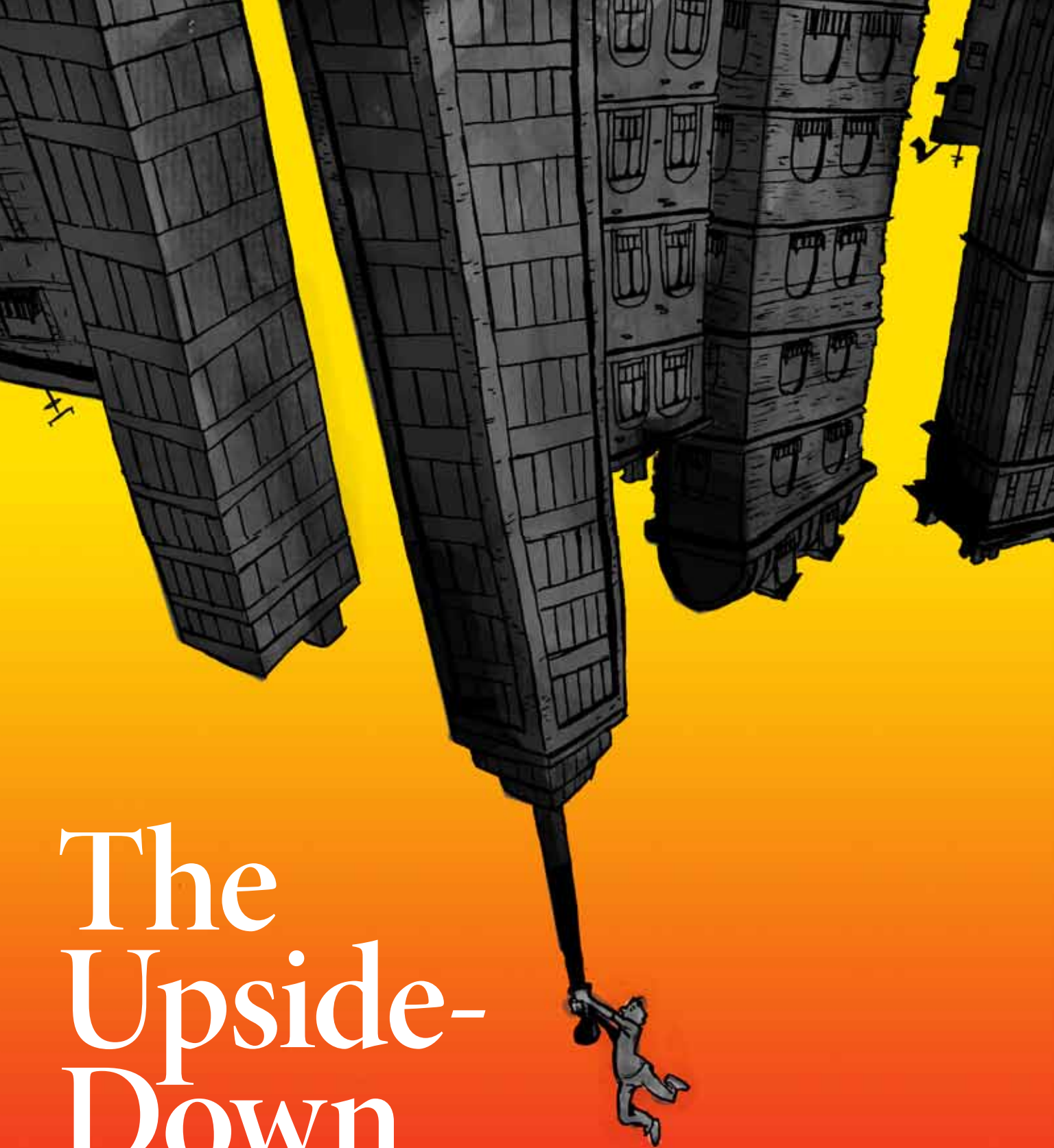
For more than five decades under Mr. Armstrong's leadership, year in and year out the *Plain Truth* powerfully and consistently shouted a warning in print about the revival and unification of Germany. It proclaimed that Germany would be the dominant force behind a powerful union of European nation-states that would surpass the Russian bloc and even Britain and America in power and hegemony. IMAGINE PREDICTING THAT WHEN GERMANY LAY IN RUBBLE AFTER WORLD WAR II. BUT THAT'S WHAT THE *PLAIN TRUTH* DID!

In 1945, Franklin Roosevelt and Winston Churchill signed a document stating how Germany would *never again* be allowed to disturb the peace of the world. At the same time, Mr. Armstrong was saying *just the opposite!* While Washington and London promised that Germany would never again be able to strike,



**GERALD FLURRY**  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

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# The Upside- Down World

Good is evil, sin is virtue,  
left is right, war is peace.  
Has the world gone mad? BY JOEL HILLIKER

**B**ACK IN APRIL, A STREET-CORNER preacher in Britain mentioned to a passing shopper that the Bible calls homosexuality a sin.

The comment got him thrown in jail.

An atheist homosexual policeman contended that since Dale McAlpine's remark was loud enough to be overheard, he had broken the Public Order Act—a law passed in 1986 to control violent rioters and football hoodlums. Police carted McAlpine off, and he spent seven hours in a cell for causing “harassment, alarm or distress.”

It was quite the crackdown, considering what happened elsewhere on Britain's streets at about the same time. After an Israeli official gave a lecture at the University of Manchester, she was attacked by pro-Palestinian protesters. Police responded to *this* provocation by escorting the official from the premises in a police car. The protesters climbed onto the hood of the vehicle and tried to break the windshield. They were not prosecuted. Apparently in Britain, this is “protected speech.”

Welcome to the Upside-Down World.

It's a world where truth is trashed and lies are lauded. Where the honorable are despised and the depraved are empowered. Where sound morals and strong character are relentlessly mocked—while immorality is praised, paraded and protected.

“Self-evident common sense appears to have been turned on its head,” writes Melanie Phillips in her book *The World Turned Upside Down*. “[S]elf-designated ‘victim groups’ have turned right and wrong, victim and aggressor inside out. Their ‘right’ not to be insulted or discriminated against in any way has become the basis for discrimination and injustice against the representatives of majority values. ...

“Nothing is really as it is said to be,” she writes. “Society seems to be in the grip of a mass derangement.”

Has the world gone mad?

There is a *hidden* cause for this bewildering trend that very few are willing to acknowledge. It is a remarkable reality that explains a whole array of seemingly paradoxical problems that bedevil our world.

### Protect Muhammad, Mock Jesus

In this world, everything is twisted in knots. The solution to debt problems is increased spending. The antidote to government waste is more government. “Freedom of speech” is used as a shield for vulgarity and filth—and a bludgeon against godliness and virtue.

Comedy Central cartoons mock

everything. They delight in committing sacrilege. Back in April, one poked fun at the furor over depictions of Muhammad, founder of Islam, by showing him dressed in a bear suit. A radical New York-based Islamic group didn't like that one bit. On its website, RevolutionMuslim.com, it posted a warning along with a graphic photo of Theo van Gogh, the Dutch filmmaker brutally murdered in 2004 by a Muslim; it warned that the show's creators might suffer the same fate.

Comedy Central's executives got the message. They censored the cartoon and removed all record of it online.

Then they turned around and proceeded with plans to create *JC*, a cartoon aimed squarely at garnering laughs at Christians' expense. The show will depict God and Jesus Christ as regular guys who move to modern-day New York City, where Jesus adjusts to big city life while a deadbeat God sits home and plays video games.

These two seemingly incongruous decisions are hardly unusual. In fact, both follow a pattern increasingly playing out in America and Britain. In societies that value free speech, many decision-makers are shutting down even mild criticism of Islam. And though these same societies also value freedom of religion, public and even private expression of Bible-based Christianity is coming under fierce attack.

Leaders and officials kowtow to bullies and thugs on one hand, then become bullies and thugs on the other. They accommodate evil and vilify good.

### A New Orthodoxy

The first words uttered when a baby is born are either “It's a boy!” or “It's a girl!” That is because sex is biological reality—and none too difficult to detect.

None too difficult, that is, *except for intellectuals*. In their Upside-Down thinking, NOTHING is either/or, black-or-white—not even male or female! Gender is a choice, a state of mind, a construct, and always open for reinterpretation. Using this warped logic, they exalt homosexuality, bisexuality and varying degrees of transsexuality including surgical “sex change.”

How brazen are intellectuals at rewriting reality? British law now mandates that transsexuals be allowed to receive a *new birth certificate* saying they were *born* the opposite sex. *If this person BELIEVES he was born female, then HE WAS BORN FEMALE! And anyone who says differently is a bigot!* is the message.

Proponents of such policies think they are creating a world free from oppression

and hate, a world of tolerance and understanding, where everyone is accepted, where no one is condemned and no one's feelings are ever hurt. In truth they are intolerantly imposing their Upside-Down reality, creating a nightmare world where discomfort with moral deviancy is punishable by law.

In this world, morality has been flipped on its head. Freedom of *religion* is being beaten to death by the “freedom” to practice aggressive homosexual activism. State and local laws criminalizing behavior deemed discriminatory against cross-dressers, bisexuals and homosexuals are forcing businesses, schools and publicly funded organizations to embrace perversion. Last December, a British registrar was forced to resign for refusing to conduct same-sex “weddings.” A pediatrician had to leave an adoption panel because he wouldn't approve homosexual couples for adoption. In February 2009, a Scottish couple were denied their request to adopt their two grandchildren—so that the children, ages 4 and 5, could be adopted by a gay male couple; when the grandparents objected, the judge told them to hush up if they ever wanted to see the children again.

Such bullying is perpetrated in the name of “tolerance”—when in actuality it bears the hallmarks of history's despotic regimes. Phillips argues that the religious tyrannies of the Middle Ages and the political tyrannies of the 20th century have been replaced by something just as pernicious: cultural totalitarianism. “Medieval Christianity—like contemporary Islamism—stamped out dissent by killing or conversion; Western liberals do it by social and professional ostracism and legal discrimination,” she writes.

“It is a kind of secular Inquisition. And the grand inquisitors are to be found within the intelligentsia—in the universities, the media, the law, the political and professional classes—who not only have systematically undermined the foundations of Western society but are heavily engaged in attempting to suppress any challenge or protest.”

In this world, “reason” supposedly reigns. The reality, however, is that false and empty values have become the new dogma—at the *expense* of reason. The most intellectual—those who purportedly believe in the unassailable omnipotence of rationality—have become shockingly *irrational*. Facts that don't fit the party line, they discard or ridicule. Biblical orthodoxy has simply been replaced by a rabidly *secularist* orthodoxy.

## Power to the Little People

Mountains of evidence show the benefits of traditional marriage to both husband and wife, as well as society at large—and the high costs associated with its dissolution. It proves the enormous advantages to children—in personal safety, academic performance, financial well-being, emotional stability, self-respect, and assimilation into law-abiding adult life, among other things—of growing up under the same roof with both biological parents, a living arrangement built upon a strong, stable relationship between a sperm-producing adult male and an egg-producing adult female.

But because this evidence contradicts the secularist agenda, it is routinely overlooked, ignored, dismissed and scorned. The Upside-Down World keeps cranking up the pressure to popularize deviant sexuality—while removing pressure on singles to marry, pressure on married people to remain together, pressure on parents to make sacrifices for their children, and pressure on children to view their parents as authorities. All history proves that strong societies begin with strong marriages and families, yet intellectuals continue heedlessly striking blows at the pillars of family life.

In the Upside-Down World, families are bottom-up: Children rule, and parents take orders. Legitimate efforts to safeguard children from abuses have been overwhelmed by hostile efforts to undermine parental authority and dismantle the family structure. All physical discipline—an indispensable tool that the Bible *commands* parents to use to correct bad behavior—is considered cruel and abusive.

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of a Child requires signatory countries to enact legislation to stamp out “all forms of physical or mental violence”—including spanking. But even beyond that, the convention emasculates parents by guaranteeing children the right of privacy, even within their own home, as well as “freedom of thought, conscience and religion.” Yes, Upside-Down leaders in the world’s foremost international body are convinced that children thrive best when parents abdicate their duty to educate their children spiritually.

Like-minded authorities have stripped authority from professional educators as well. With teachers unable to discipline students, classrooms increasingly become hatcheries of churlishness and rebellion. Apparently the students’ right to misbehave in school is more important than their right to actually learn.

The ominous vision of the Prophet



Isaiah is now reality: “I will give children to be their princes, and babes shall rule over them. ... [T]he child shall behave himself proudly against the ancient, and the base against the honourable” (Isaiah 3:4-5).

Yet, consider the irony. While Upside-Down legal minds work to empower children at their parents’ expense in many areas, there is one issue on which they stand firmly, even belligerently, with parents over their children: They passionately defend parents’ right to *kill* their own children before they are born.

## Wage War to Help the Enemy

The routine murder of innocents may be protected in the clinic—but in the Upside-Down World, it is to be avoided *at all costs* on the battlefield. Even if it costs *victory*.

In the Afghanistan war—where the government and people are demonstrating sympathy for the Taliban—the top NATO commander, Stanley McChrystal (before he resigned in June), was looking for ways to protect Afghan civilians. He considered

a new military honor that recognizes soldiers who *refrain* from fighting: an award for “courageous restraint.”

Radical Muslim groups love it. They are *far less* concerned about civilian deaths; in fact, they invite them. They use a hodge-podge of vile, despicable tactics—purposefully embedding themselves among locals, even using schools and hospitals as staging grounds for rocket attacks—aimed specifically at provoking retribution that kills civilians (who, in many cases, actually sympathize with their cause), which they then broadly publicize for propaganda purposes. And the media and political classes eagerly trumpet that propaganda—even in cases where it is demonstrably false.

Clearly, Muslims aren’t the only ones who sympathize with terrorists; liberal intellectuals do as well.

Common sense says that someone trying to kill you and your family, someone trying to destroy your country, is an enemy. But such reasoning is far too barbaric for Western thinkers. Black-and-white



and its allies in absolutely impossible efforts to rebuild and rehabilitate those nations it defeats.

Success in warfare used to benefit the victorious nation; in the Upside-Down World, “victory” comes with inexhaustible, unachievable moral obligations. War can never be won.

### Heroes and Villains

Hamas runs Gaza as a theocratic police state; it silences dissent; it allows no religious expression outside radical Islam; it uses terrorism to advance its foreign policy, which is to annihilate Jews. Israel, by contrast, is a liberal democracy; it has an independent judiciary and an independent press; it protects religious freedom, even for the 16 percent of its citizens who are Muslim.

Which of these two do you suppose Western elites increasingly view as a political partner—and which as a villain?

It is positively bizarre. What possesses apparently intelligent, reasonable people who value political freedoms and respect for human life to defend the terrorist cause? Why are they so willing to overlook the barbaric acts of misogyny and murder—so seemingly contrary to liberal ideals—that plague radical Islamist culture? And why, then, are they so *unforgiving* as Jews try to defend themselves against it?

There is no reasoned public debate over these questions. Throughout academia, the media and political circles, the supposed rightness of the Palestinian cause over that of Israel is considered irrefutable.

In Upside-Down downtown Manhattan, a retail store damaged by shrapnel from the 9/11 terrorist attacks was razed—in order to make room for a new 13-story mosque. “In the ruins of a building reduced to rubble in the name of Islam, a temple to Islam will arise,” commented author Mark Steyn.

The increasingly universal immunity to reason vividly showed this past May when authorities foiled a bombing attempt in New York City’s Times Square. As always happens when a Muslim commits or tries to commit a terrorist act, politicians and press in America and Britain disregarded facts, threw out the religion connection and searched for a cause within trivialities like the would-be bomber’s struggle to pay his mortgage. New York’s mayor speculated that he was probably a right-winger, “somebody with a political agenda that doesn’t like the health care bill.” Wrong. Turns out the perp was on orders from the Pakistani Taliban. The mayor responded

to the news by praising his city’s Pakistanis and gravely stating, “We will not tolerate any bias or backlash against Pakistani or Muslim New Yorkers.”

The rush to exhibit such multicultural sanctimony has become so predictable after such incidents. *The more that Muslims attack, the louder we praise them.* The same Upside-Down reaction was on parade five years ago, after Islamic suicide bombers killed 52 Londoners on their morning commute. British officials didn’t blame Islam—but *Islamophobia*. London’s mayor asserted that the true fault lay in “80 years of Western intervention into predominantly Arab lands because of the Western need for oil.”

Reality is screaming in their faces, and they are closing their eyes, plugging their ears, and saying “La la la la la.”

Why are efforts to merely enforce existing immigration law in order to curb rising kidnapping and murder branded as racist? Why are illegal immigrants in Britain guaranteed welfare benefits by law? Why is it against the law to deport dodgy foreign terrorist suspects back to their home countries out of concern that their human rights might be violated there?

These are senseless, dangerous policies—yet intellectuals will rise up in full-throated indignation against any who dare question them.

Political correctness—a bramble bush of self-contradicting doctrines—has so ensnared the self-declared scholarly that even when facts are presented that expose the error in their thinking they will not budge.

“Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!” Isaiah lamented. “Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!” (Isaiah 5:20-21).

He couldn’t possibly have described the Upside-Down World with more penetrating precision.

### Science Meets Paganism

A few more examples get us closer to understanding the hidden *cause* that has flipped our world Upside-Down.

Remarkably, in our modern world supposedly dominated by reason, *primitive religions and paganism* are enjoying a renaissance. The fastest growing religious category in America is witchcraft and paganism. In Britain, where the Church of England is fading from significance, the 1990s saw a 20-fold increase in the number of practicing pagans. “Whereas

morality has been replaced by a world of grays, of relativism, where even the most depraved behavior can be explained and excused. The Western mind has become deeply ambivalent about evil. Even words like *evil* and *enemy* are considered simplistic and backward.

A pillar liberal doctrine is that the perpetrators of evil acts are not responsible because they are actually victims of a far greater evil: Western ideals. Thus, “victim” groups are considered incapable of wrongdoing, while “privileged” classes are incapable of good. Muslims cannot be held responsible for terrorism—their Western targets must be the real cause.

As a result of such ridiculous moral reasoning, the very nature and purpose of warfare has been flipped topsy-turvy. War is now something a nation must do for its enemy. Humanitarian goals trump self-defense. All efforts to seek the nation’s own interests are branded immoral and shameful. An oxymoronic “humanitarian war” approach has embroiled America

paganism would once have been seen as inimical to religion, it is now viewed in Britain's multicultural nirvana as just another faith," writes Melanie Phillips in her book; she cites examples of hospitals, prisons and even the police making special provisions for the polytheists and nature worshipers in their ranks, such as getting leave for holidays like Halloween and the summer solstice.

One contributing factor to this trend is the rise in another cause célèbre of the intelligentsia: *environmentalism*. Run-of-the-mill proponents of "saving the Earth" have found their goals meshing nicely with those of pagan Earth worshipers. For

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example, one man said he was drawn into environmental campaigning during his studies at the University of Essex, which led him to paganism and later to witchcraft; he went on to found the Dragon organization, which practices "ecomagic"—which is "rituals and spells to oppose road-building programs and other projects with negative environmental impact."

"God was dead, apparently; and yet secular progressives were seeking spiritual expression by going backwards in time to the paganism that had preceded the Hebrew Bible and Christianity—texts which they called reactionary," Phillips writes. They rejected and attacked the "male God" revealed in Scripture in favor of "Mother Earth" and varying versions of female-dominated spiritualism.

"The pantheism or nature-worship that had characterized the most regressive movements of thought since the Enlightenment now resurfaced in an eruption of primitivism, which purported to be at the cutting edge of radical thought," Phillips writes. Thus, in typical Upside-Down fashion, the archaic is considered avant-garde.

The nature-worship that feeds and informs the environmental movement goes far beyond the God-given command for mankind to exercise responsible stewardship of creation, "to dress it and to keep it." At the root of such thinking, in fact, is the heretical notion that the *greatest enemies* of the planet are *human beings*.

Environmentalism's most extreme

proponents are not content with antipollution efforts, for example; they advocate a revolutionary return to hunter-gatherer primitivism. Some have compared humans to an infectious disease, a cancer on the planet. Valuing humans over other animals is branded as "speciesism," a sin as unforgivable as racism or sexism, if not more so. Paul Watson, who founded Greenpeace and directs the Sierra Club, said that "earthworms are *far* more valuable than people," and the "world will be a much nicer place without us." Unsurprisingly, many of them are big believers in population-control methods like compulsory sterilization and abortion. Even John

Holdren, adviser to President Barack Obama and director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, wrote a book in 1977 approving of these despotic policies.

As Phillips says, where Judaism and Christianity show man to be the center of creation, "the religion of ecology ... aims to knock him off that perch by undoing civilization."

Such self-sabotaging perversity begins to unmask the dark reality of Upside-Downness. At its heart is an assault on truth as defined in Scripture. If the Bible calls something evil, this world calls it good. If God explains something a certain way, this world is certain *anything other than that* is possible.

### Little Green Men

The Apostle Paul recorded a scathing rebuke that has shown itself to be remarkably prophetic: He described scholars and academics "Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever" (Romans 1:25).

These are hallmarks of the Upside-Down World: truths changed to lies; material things exalted above the God who made them; plain, clear, scriptural understanding scorned and irrational human reasoning worshiped.

These traits represent a fundamental hostility to reason. Yet they are manifestly present in the supposedly irreproachable, objective realm of science: Consider the evidence-defying, data-manipulating commitment to the man-made global warming doctrine and the impassioned vilification of skeptics; or the blacklisting

and excommunication of scientists who so much as acknowledge the possibility that the elegance and predictability of the material world suggests intelligent design. The scientific establishment brusquely closes the curtain on anything that challenges the ridiculous notion that there are no answers whatsoever beyond *matter itself*—what Democritus called "atoms and the void."

As a result, the establishment must turn its back on a great many facts—and simultaneously embrace some ludicrous fictions. Befuddled by the majesty of life, and the impossible perfection of the Earth to support it, scientists have entered the realm of fantasy in order to sustain their belief in a godless universe. They have suggested, with nothing to offer as proof but their own ideologically driven imaginations, that perhaps there are an infinite number of universes—magically making statistical impossibilities possible. Famous atheist zoologist Richard Dawkins—who delights in ridiculing religious believers and calling faith "a virus of the mind"—says he believes life may have been deposited on Earth by beings from outer space.

That's right. In the Upside-Down World, superintelligent little green men from some great beyond (whose origin also must require an explanation, we might add) are easier to believe in than God. "[F]or scientific triumphalists mere facts apparently cannot compete with the doctrines laid down by the scientific priesthood," Phillips explains.

The Apostle Paul put it this way: "Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools" (verse 22).

Harvard geneticist Richard Lewontin made this self-condemning admission in 1997: "We take the side of science [as opposed to the supernatural] *in spite of the patent absurdity of some of its constructs*, in spite of its failure to fulfill many of its extravagant promises of health and life, in spite of the tolerance of the scientific community for unsubstantiated just-so stories, because we have a prior commitment, *a commitment to materialism*. ... Moreover, that materialism is absolute, for WE CANNOT ALLOW A DIVINE FOOT IN THE DOOR" (emphasis mine).

That is the crux of it: *God must be kept out*. Why?

### Deceived

These trends all contravene or undermine the truth as defined in Scripture. Yet it is this widely dismissed and disparaged Book that exposes and explains the *cause* for society's violent departure from logic



and sense.

It reveals the very real existence of a spirit realm, invisible to us. “[W]e wrestle not against flesh and blood,” wrote Paul, “but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places” (Ephesians 6:12).

Yes, the Bible speaks of a benevolent and omnipotent God. But it also tells of a malevolent spiritual force that we must be on guard against.

As Paul worked to spread the truth of the gospel throughout hostile, Gentile cultures, he encountered resistance that he explained this way: “[I]f our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost, in whom *the god of this world* hath blinded the minds of them which believe not ...” (2 Corinthians 4:3-4).

The “god of this world” to which he referred was not the Creator. It was the same “god” the Apostle John described as “the great dragon ... that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, *which deceiveth the whole world*” (Revelation 12:9).

Is it possible? The fact is, the volatile and deteriorating state of the world today—and the descent into ever more mad and crazy reasoning—cannot be fully comprehended without this understanding.

Read “Who Is the God of This World?” on page 28 for a scriptural explanation of how this “great dragon” came to have such a stranglehold on society. Herbert W. Armstrong described this biblically revealed reality as “the colossal kidnapping of all time”—in which the captives have been brainwashed into preferring and embracing the life and evil philosophy of the archkidnapper. “The willing victim ... is the world that inhabits this planet Earth!” he wrote. “Yet this world has been so completely deceived that it cannot realize what actually has happened to it” (*A World Held Captive*).

The devil’s Upside-Down thinking is everywhere on display. He is a master at cloaking his motives, dressing up his destructive ambitions, making them appear noble and upright. “Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light,” Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 11:14. But when his lies are compared against the right-side-up revelation in Scripture, the truth becomes clear.

### The Upside-Down Mind

“How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!” God wrote through Isaiah of this once-great angelic being who became the devil. “For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God ... I will be like the most

High” (Isaiah 14:12-14).

Satan believes he knows better than God. He has his *own* ideas about what is good, what is evil, how the universe should operate.

God created human beings in His own image and likeness, and placed them in dominion over the rest of the material creation on Earth (Genesis 1:26-30). He created them male and female and instituted marriage and family as a wonderful means of *preparing* them for life in His eternal Family. (These profound truths are thoroughly explained in Herbert W. Armstrong’s book *The Incredible Human Potential*, which we will send you for free upon request.)

**The longer that people fail to submit themselves to the righteousness of God—who is the one and only true Lawgiver, who alone determines right from wrong—and the harder they work to establish their own righteousness, the more haywire this Upside-Down world will grow.**

Satan *hates* human beings and is trying to destroy us. “He was a murderer from the beginning”; he is father of lies, Jesus explained (John 8:44). *Satan* inspired the notion that human beings are just like animals, less valuable than earthworms. *He* loves terrorism, violence and bloodshed. *He* promotes sterilization and abortion.

The Upside-Down attack on marriage and family is authored by this miserable being. He *hates* marriage and family because they are so *central* to God’s master plan for man! Angels were never offered that potential (e.g. Matthew 22:30; Hebrews 1:4-5). Satan has trampled on God’s laws about sex—laws against fornication and adultery, pornography, homosexuality, gender confusion and so on, all intended to safeguard the family—because angels cannot have sex, and sex produces more human beings.

This great dragon has flipped government within families Upside-Down because he hates authority and loves anarchy. God tells children to obey their parents and to honor old people—so Satan encourages them to rebel against their parents and mock the aged. The devil wants emotion-driven, unbalanced young people to dominate society so we lose our perspective, our heritage and our memory.

*Satan* pushes the impression that the whole of the mind-bogglingly impressive material creation exists by mere happenstance—that there is no order or purpose for any of it. He has befogged people’s

understanding of *evil* because *he* is the epitome of evil and *yet doesn’t believe it!* He disagrees with God’s assessment of him.

In fact, that old serpent disagrees with *everything* God thinks, because he has allowed his thinking to become so twisted up with hate. Of all the Upside-Down reasoning he has fobbed off on this world, at the root of it all is that satanic idea: *God is wrong—I am right*.

As Paul expressed it, “For they [the self-professed scholar, under the influence of satanic thinking] being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and going about to *establish their own righteousness*, have

not *submitted themselves* unto the RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD” (Romans 10:3). As Lucifer said in his heart, *I will exalt my throne—I will be like the most High*.

This world is hoodwinked. So many of the people feverishly turning the world on its head are going about to establish what *they* think is RIGHT! “All are united by the common desire to bring about through human agency the perfection of the world,” Phillips writes, “an agenda which history teaches us leads invariably—and paradoxically—to tyranny, terror and crimes against humanity. Remarkably, all happen to be united also by a common and fundamental hostility to the central precepts of [biblical] religious belief ...” (op. cit.).

The longer that people fail to *submit themselves* to the *righteousness of God*—who is the one and only true Lawgiver, who alone determines right from wrong—and the harder they work to establish their *own* righteousness, the more haywire this Upside-Down world will grow.

Thankfully, the sure Word of God promises that Jesus Christ WILL return and set this world RIGHT-SIDE UP. The Apostle Peter called this “the times of refreshing” and “the times of restitution of all things” (Acts 3:19-21). Christ Himself called it “the *regeneration*” (Matthew 19:28). You can read more about *that* WONDERFUL Upside-Up World in the article on page 8.

Jesus instructed His disciples to pray, “Thy Kingdom come.” As far as I’m concerned, it can’t get here fast enough. ■

**W**E ALL WANT IT. A better world. A world that makes sense. We want more peace, more safety, more prosperity. We yearn for no disease, no murder, no theft, no lying, no divorce.

Why can't we have a better world? And why is this world so *far* from it?

Human beings have tried every way we could think of to make the world better. In every age, in every iteration, in every cohort, in every style imaginable. We've debated Plato's philosopher kings, Cicero's republic, More's commonwealth, Augustine's City of God. We've read Locke's treatises on government, Hobbes's social contract, Rousseau's principles of politics. Christians believe in some form of it; so do Jews, Muslims and others.

For millennia, we tried to find paradise lost, sail to the new island utopia, get back into the Garden of Eden. We've looked for a natural Shangri-La on the lost horizon. Or we've dreamed of a world where "everything is achievable through technology," as one recent movie character said.

We put it to the test. In Germany, the United States, Canada, Israel, Russia and would-be paradises beyond, we've taken the bold step of putting it into action. It's been totalitarian and anarchist, communist and capitalist, natural and industrial, classless and classed, religious and atheist, multicultural and mono-cultural, technological and ecological, open and closed, restricted and free, fictional and real.

It failed. One hundred percent of the attempts, one hundred percent of the time: *utopia*.

Paradise has been confined to the pages of fiction. Yet even there it has gone awry. Writers have explored utopias in antiquity, utopias in space, utopias populated by humans, by single-gender beings, by sexless beings, by homosexuals. Even fictional utopia is dissonant, ringing of a *Nineteen Eighty-Four* dystopia, *Lord of the Flies*, or something worse.

Even a discussion about mankind's greatest goal, a perfect society, is depressing. All the more so when we realize just how far our real society is from even that imperfect, self-conflicting ideal.

What would life be like if you *knew* what a perfect world was like? What if you *knew* it actually is coming, and coming *soon*? What if you knew how to get there?

There is hope. Not in reforming this world. But in the wonderful World Tomorrow.

**Had enough of the  
Upside-Down World?**

**Something better  
is on the way.**

# The World Turned Right-Side Up

BY PHILIP NICE

## **It Is Coming**

The Bible is actually full of prophecies—*certain* prophecies—pointing to a better tomorrow.

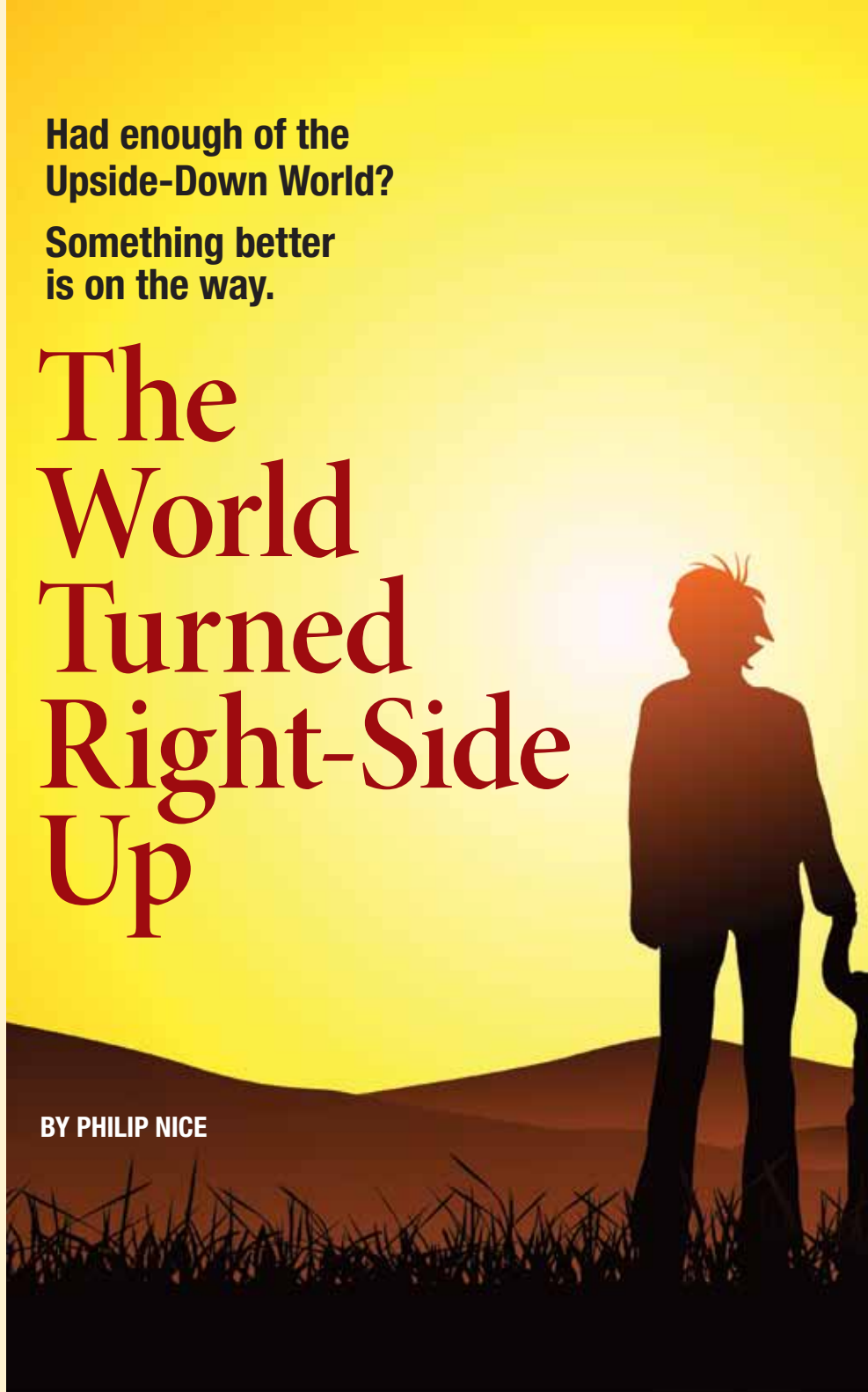
Against all odds, against a literal world of evidence to the contrary, God says this wonderful World Tomorrow *will happen!* Read His bold prediction in Isaiah 2 and 11. *It is coming*, God says!

People will be unified, war will be abolished (Isaiah 2:1-4); sickness will be

healed, deserts will blossom; prosperity will flourish, honesty will thrive (Zechariah 3:10; 8:16); people will love each other (Matthew 22:37-39).

But how can any of that ever occur? How could you get just one nation, just one state, just one *town* to live in harmony for even one year?

There is an important reason the world will be this way. It's *how people think*. We live in a carnal world ruled by carnal peo-





ple who insist on finding their own carnal way through life, who define right and wrong for themselves.

Since that original paradise, the Garden of Eden, human beings have rejected following God and letting *Him* define what is right and wrong. They have followed instead the god of this world (2 Corinthians 4:4), the real author of God-rejecting human nature. Finding “utopia” under the influence of Satan (Ephesians

2:2) is more impossible than even the most calloused skeptic imagines.

*Man simply cannot govern himself.*

God can. And God will. After man proves how inept he is at bringing a better society and plunges himself into a horrific tribulation, God will intervene and save man from *himself* (Matthew 24:22). Then, He will depose the evil god of this world and take over Himself to rule humankind righteously (Revelation 20; Micah 4:3).

When the only government official truly qualified to do so rules the Earth, He will start to build a new world, a better world. He will give man what he has been so sorely missing for thousands of years: His way of life (Isaiah 11:9).

Imagine a world—a *real* world, not a fantastical dream—of happiness.

### Rules That Work

A new birth of *character* will uplift the entire world—education, business, science, agriculture, health, sports, literature, language, music, art, even the average backyard barbecue conversation—to heights that will make the early 21st century look barbaric by comparison. This isn’t reform. This is a different world.

No more indefinable, masquerading “morality,” or sliding-scale “standards,” or “personal preferences,” or “lifestyle choices,” or “codes of conduct,” or even “family values,” as if righteousness were a neutral mathematical

variable. Mankind will live according to one *way of life*.

With Satan’s influence eliminated, finally, people will know that yes, there is such a thing as right. Yes, some things are absolutely wrong. What “feels right” is not the same as what actually *is* right. And we are required to find out *what that is* and *do* it.

It’s not just that the world will share one way of life—dictatorships can accomplish that. The key is that this way of life is

the *right* way of life.

*It’s the truth.*

Just as laws govern biology and physics and astronomy and mathematics and every other part of the universe, *laws govern people*. It’s only rational. Certain causes have certain effects. Something *causes* happiness. There is one right law of life that produces happiness. It’s out there. So the question becomes, *how do we find it?*

Are we sure we can trust *ourselves* to do it? Do you really know the right way to live? Do I? Does some guy in his living room somewhere? No. The only authority that can define the right way of life for humans is their *Creator*. His “definition” of right and wrong applies to everyone. And He allows—actually requires—people to think and decide for themselves whether or not to follow it.

The truth, after all, is not a religion. It’s not a political platform. It’s not a philosophy. It’s *the way things actually are*—scientifically, socially, spiritually.

### A World of Love

It’s simple. The principle of this way of life is so plain you can memorize it: *give instead of get*. Read the Ten Commandments in Exodus 20. Christ summed them up in one word, *love*: “[T]hou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind . . . Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself” (Mark 12:30-31).

Imagine that world. No rampant crime. No horrific terrorism. No ugly warfare. No fragmenting cultures. No racism. No self-destruction. No gender confusion. No victims groups. No poisoned tongues. No scientific dishonesty. No intellectual intimidation. No political correctness. No insane religions. No killing, no lying, no stealing, no coveting, no adultery, no excuses.

If you’re stuck upside-down in the early 21st century, this world might seem beyond belief. But you can take a step toward it. Look at the world around you. Judge the results of this carnal experiment and its failed utopias. You can be a part of this world—or you can take a step toward something better. Something that makes a lot more sense.

It’s not too good to be true. A better world, a wonderful World Tomorrow, is coming—soon. ■

**To learn more about this future, request a free copy of Herbert W. Armstrong’s booklet *The Wonderful World Tomorrow—What It Will Be Like*.**





**JOIN THE PARTY** Geert Wilders celebrates his Party for Freedom's victory in June. Dutch voters boosted the anti-Muslim party's parliamentary seats from nine to 22.

# How to Be Popular in Europe

**Politicians embracing anti-immigration platforms are proving that the right wing is all the rage.** BY RICHARD PALMER

**I**F MUHAMMAD WERE ALIVE TODAY and living in the Netherlands, Geert Wilders says he would have him “tarred and feathered as an extremist and deported.” Wilders calls the Koran “an inspiration for murder” and wants radical mosques shut down. In 2008, he produced a 15-minute film that links violence-promoting passages from Islam’s holy book with quotes from radical Islamic preachers and footage of Islamic terror attacks.

Unsurprisingly, since then, Wilders has had to be protected by an armed guard at all times due to death threats from Muslims. He was once banned from visiting Britain—though that ban was quickly overturned—and even his own government is prosecuting him for inciting hatred.

What makes this especially awkward is that he is a parliamentary leader, and his popularity and power are growing.

Wilders’s anti-immigration Party for Freedom (PVV) won a stunning 24 parliamentary seats out of 150 in the Netherlands’

national elections on June 9. This nearly tripled the nine seats the PVV had previously.

More importantly, it put Wilders in a remarkably strong political position. “We really want to be part of government, we want to participate,” Wilders said. “I don’t think the other parties can escape us.”

Apparently not. The PVV’s sturdy showing in the election was made even more potent by losses for other parties. The Christian Democratic Appeal, which had led in parliament, suffered a shocking defeat: It plunged from 41 to 21 seats, going from the largest party in parliament to the fourth largest. The conservative Liberal Party won 31 seats, closely followed by the Labor Party, with 30 seats.

The results were a surprise. Pundits assumed Europe’s financial troubles would cause the election to be dominated by economics, not immigration. They were wrong. Clearly, many see the Netherlands’ immigration problems as being more important than the nation’s financial troubles.

The Netherlands’ election-day stunner is just one example of a continent-wide trend. Europe’s political landscape is in turmoil. Once-mighty political parties are being relegated to third or fourth place. Fringe parties are rising.

Of these, Wilders’s party is probably the most benign; his policies could be seen as a reasonable response to problems caused by Islam and immigration. Many of the other fringe groups, however, are neo-Nazis.

## Party Like It’s 1939

In April, the far-right, anti-Semitic party Jobbik won 17 percent of the vote, and 26 seats, in Hungary. Jobbik has strong links with the paramilitary Hungarian Guard; its leader, Gabor Vona, was one of the Guard’s co-founders. The Guard, whose uniforms copy those of Hungary’s fascist party during World War II, has attacked Roma settlements and vilified Jews. This radical nationalist movement was banned in 2008.

In September 2008, two pro-Nazi parties won a third of the seats in Austria's national election. Six months later, Austria's main far-right party, the Future of Austria (BZÖ), won a landslide victory in regional elections in the state of Carinthia—taking 45 percent of the vote. As well as being anti-Semitic, both parties are anti-Islam.

The head of the BZÖ, Stefan Petzner, has said he will not deviate “one millimeter” from the path of his predecessor, Jörg Haider, who led the party until his death in 2008. Haider admired SS soldiers as men of honor and once praised Hitler's economic policies as being superior to those of the current Austrian government. He called Nazi concentration camps “punishment camps.” Spiegel Online reported that his popularity derived from his “constant, often xenophobic, attacks on immigration and his vocal opposition to accelerating European Union integration” (March 2, 2009).

Elsewhere on the Continent, mainstream parties are enacting laws that would have once been seen as extreme. Switzerland banned the construction of new minarets after 57.5 percent of voters supported the measure in a national referendum. In Belgium, a ban on wearing the burka has just become law. France is considering a similar ban.

### Is Europe All Right?

Despite their meteoric rise, these extreme parties are far from being able to form national governments. But they represent a trend—an atmosphere within Europe—much larger than the number of their voters might suggest.

For years, liberal European politicians have bent over backward to accommodate Muslims, who have migrated to the Continent in enormous numbers. Now, many Europeans are surveying the results of that policy and don't like what they see. Frustration and anger over what they perceive as an assault on local and national traditions is bubbling to the surface.

A failing economy only aggravates the problem. While native Europeans fear for their jobs and the ranks of the unemployed swell, they are increasingly troubled by the growing number of immigrants in the workforce.

Politicians are pushing these buttons like virtuosos. “[I]f the 2008 economic crisis has revealed one thing,” wrote think tank Stratfor, “it is that nationalism is slowly becoming politically convenient, and a successful political strategy” (April 13).

“We are witnessing a process in which the elite—once happily co-opted by EU

solidarity—turns toward nationalism,” Stratfor continued. “We can therefore expect to see not only a rise in far-right nationalism, but also a reorientation of center-right parties ... toward a more traditional nationalist platform.”

This is not a problem that involves a few fringe parties. Even the “elite” and “center-right parties” are shifting toward the extreme. This would suggest that the surge of right-wing groups is just a foretaste of things to come.

Last year in Italy, for example, the mainstream center-right party, the People of Freedom bloc, merged with the pro-fascist National Alliance party, whose leaders have openly praised Benito Mussolini. Even Italy's Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi has defended Mussolini, saying “Mussolini never killed anyone,” and “Mussolini sent people on holiday to confine them.”

### Nationalism: Hate for Others

Wilders has said that the Western world is in “an undeclared war”—a clash of civilizations. With mainstream parties supporting burka bans, European governments are starting to push back against Islam on the domestic front.

But again, this is only the start. A Europe that will stand up to Islam domestically will stand up to Islam internationally. Some Muslim immigrants have been constantly pushing at their European host nations, and now those nations are beginning to turn on them. The same thing will soon happen on the international scene.

Nationalism is tied to war. French leader Charles de Gaulle once said, “Patriotism is when love of your own people comes first; nationalism, when hate for people other than your own comes first.”

When European voters see immigrants threatening their way of life, their traditions and their prosperity, they will start looking for a champion of their way of life. Currently they're finding that in nationalist parties. But another entity is positioning itself to become the standard-bearer for Europeans: the Roman Catholic Church.

The church is telling Europe that it must return to its Catholic roots or be overrun by Islam. “Europe has denied its Christian roots from which it has risen and which could give it the strength to fend off the danger that it will be conquered by Muslims—which is actually happening gradually,” said the outgoing archbishop of Prague, Cardinal Miloslav Vlk, in an interview published January 6. “If Europe doesn't change its relation to its own roots, it will be Islamized.”

As anti-Islamism becomes more mainstream, expect the Catholic Church to set itself up as the bastion of European values. The surge in anti-Islamic popularity shows that support for such a move exists.

### The Final Push

Daniel 11 prophesies of a “king of the north” attacking a southern king “like a whirlwind.” This king of the north is a European empire, and the king of the south, radical Islam—led by Iran (for more information and proof of this, write for our free booklet *The King of the South*).

Perhaps you can't imagine Europe attacking Iran. But five years ago, could you imagine minarets being banned in Switzerland by popular vote?

It is already popular in Europe to stand up to Islam when provoked. All that is needed is a major international provocation. Europe is showing that it *will* react.

Imagine a Europe led by nationalistic parties, looking to an imperialistic, anti-Islamic Catholic Church. This would be a Europe completely different to that of the past 50 years. It would be more akin to the Europe of Hitler, Napoleon, the Habsburgs and Charlemagne.

This will be a Europe that is more than simply unfriendly to Muslims. History and prophecy show that this will be a Europe where a common identity—the Roman Catholic religion—is imposed by force. Sunday worship will be mandatory. Anyone who thinks differently will be persecuted.

Many of these parties that are attracting 15 or 20 percent of the vote are violently racist. Wilders's party, which simply *opposes* Islam, is actually in the minority: The majority of right-wing fringe parties are anti-Semitic and would gladly bring back concentration camps.

Is that unthinkable? These parties are already coming close to being a part of national and regional governments! Their ideas are becoming mainstream. Their thoughts point to Europe's future.

More nationalistic sentiment may lead to increased squabbling and division over the short term. But as the economy totters, Russia rises, and the world grows more dangerous, European nations will be driven together—with right-wing leaders at the helm. The Catholic Church is waiting to step in and create a common European identity for the new nationalism to revolve around.

The rise of the right is just beginning. Its political gains today are a harbinger of a new, nationalistic, anti-Islamic, expansionist Europe to come. ■

**B**AD TIMING. ON JUNE 15, JUST hours before President Barack Obama addressed the American people about the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, one of BP's tankers was struck by lightning and had to temporarily suspend its siphoning operations.

It was yet another setback for a cleanup effort that has been almost as disastrous as the spill itself. "From the beginning," the *New York Times* wrote, "the effort has been bedeviled by a lack of preparation, organization, urgency and clear lines of authority among federal, state and local officials, as well as BP" (June 14).

This is the worst environmental disaster ever to strike the United States of America. Experts now say the gushing leak is spewing 2.5 million gallons of oil per day into the Gulf. It's like having an Exxon Valdez spill *every four days*. And this has been going on for *months*.

#### "Everything We've Got"

In his national address, President Obama declared war on the disaster. First, he compared the Deepwater Horizon explosion to 9/11. Then, during his Oval Office speech, he unveiled his "battle plan" aimed at the oil he said is "assaulting" America. This is something "we will be fighting for months and even years," the president said.

In order to win this war, he's appointed a Nobel Prize-winning physicist to head up a team of engineers working to plug the hole. He has 30,000 people working in four states to help clean up the mess. And he's deployed 17,000 National Guard members along the coast.

"We will fight this spill with everything we've got for as long as it takes," the president said.

*Whatever it takes—no matter the cost.* By now, that exhausted phrase must have its own function key on the president's keyboard. Just 18 months into office, President Obama has *already* promised to do **WHATEVER IT TAKES** to revive the economy, send Americans back to work, stem the tide of foreclosures, help small businesses survive the recession, eliminate the threat of piracy off the coast of Somalia, stop the spread of swine flu, defeat al Qaeda *and* rebuild Haiti.

America keeps pledging everything it has, and the disasters keep right on coming—and *intensifying*.

Consider this statement, from President Obama: "We're moving forward with one of the largest relief efforts *in our history*—to save lives and to deliver relief

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that averts an even larger catastrophe" (emphasis ours).

What does it say about the state of America today when, at first glance, you can't tell if a statement *like that* refers to the oil spill or an earthquake that happened just *five months* before? (It's the latter.)

Two thirds of Americans know full well that their nation is headed in the wrong direction, according to a Rasmussen Reports survey taken in June. They sense that something has gone *terribly* wrong.

Talk about a mess that isn't being cleaned up! America's shores are being assaulted—and not only by toxic waters. Americans are being **POUNDED** by waves of unprecedented *curses*. And the Bible says they will *increase and intensify*. "[A]ll these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee," God says in Deuteronomy 28:15, before outlining all manner of economic, weather, military and social disasters.

**OVERTAKEN BY CURSES.** *But why?*

The answer is found in America's astonishing history—specifically Louisiana's.

#### The Greatest Real-Estate Deal Ever

Go back to 1803. Napoleon is in dire need of money to fund his conquest of Europe. So desperate is he for funds that he offers an incredible take-it-or-leave-it offer to sell New Orleans and the Louisiana territory for \$15 million to the United States.

For the fledgling States, it was an opportunity of a lifetime. On a global level, the deal was one of the most important inflection points in world history.

Herbert W. Armstrong once said the Louisiana Purchase was the seminal event enabling the U.S. to suddenly rise from its status as a small nation of little geopolitical influence to that of the greatest single nation in history. "By 1804 London had

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**America's president pledged "everything we've got" to solve the Gulf oil crisis. It's the ninth emergency he's addressed that way since coming to office! Why are the nation's problems piling up so quickly?** BY STEPHEN FLURRY AND ROBERT MORLEY

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become the financial hub of the world. The United States had exploded out of its swaddling clothes of the 13 original states and had acquired the expansive Louisiana Purchase. It was fast sprouting up to become the mightiest nation of all time” (*The United States and Britain in Prophecy*). At just 3 cents an acre, the Louisiana Purchase was probably the greatest real-estate deal ever. Thomas Jefferson called it “a transaction replete with blessings to unborn millions of men.” Henry Adams also wrote that this purchase was “an event so portentous as to defy measurement.”

With the stroke of a quill, America—small and relatively unproven in affairs of state—nearly doubled in size overnight. The Louisiana Purchase removed a competitor and potential enemy from America’s unprotected borders, and simultaneously opened up the great river superhighways to American farmers,

explorers and nation builders. It set the country on course to becoming the greatest single nation ever to exist.

The vast bulk of the nation’s road, rail and goods distribution infrastructure, the veins and arteries of commerce, are all geared to one major clearing point—New Orleans—located on the southern end of the mighty Mississippi River.

Today, New Orleans houses the largest port complex in the U.S. (and the Western Hemisphere). It is the entrance and exit to a river network that stretches from the Gulf of Mexico to Canada. For 200 years, it has been the aorta of America’s economy.

Thus in 1803, America took its first of many rapid steps toward superpower status.

No nation in the world even comes close to rivaling the blessings America has enjoyed—whether agricultural, geographic, military or economic.

How is it that such a small, largely insignificant nation—surrounded by superpowers like Great Britain, France, Russia and Spain—so quickly grew to surpass them all?

It is a question that puzzles many scholars because there is hardly a precedent for it.

Yet to those who know their Bible, there is a clear explanation as to why America (and Great Britain before it) so quickly became a global superpower—and why it is so rapidly losing that power today.

America’s prowess is a direct result of promises God made close to 4,000 years ago and recorded in Scripture.

### He Never Breaks a Promise

In the book of Genesis, God promised the patriarch Abraham that his descendants would receive untold blessings of national greatness and globe-encircling empire. These promises were never fulfilled in ancient Israel.

By 721 to 718 B.C., the 10 northern tribes of ancient Israel were conquered by the Assyrians and carted away into captivity, from where they began migrating into northern Europe. Yet long before the national captivity, through the Prophet Moses, God told the Israelites that unless they remained obedient, He would allow their captivity and punishment for a 2,520-year duration before conferring upon them the blessings of global greatness He had promised to their forefathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. (For more information on this prophecy, and proof that it specifically concerns the U.S., read our free book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, especially Chapter 10.)

If you do the math, counting 2,520 years from 718 B.C. (remember to add a year be-

cause there is no year zero) *brings you to exactly 1803*—and the Louisiana Purchase.

God’s promises cannot be broken.

Yet God did *not* promise to keep America a superpower forever. In fact, He specifically warns in His Word that disobedience will always result in *curses*.

It is these curses that America is experiencing today.

God has fulfilled His end of His promise to Abraham. National greatness began with Louisiana. But due to America’s disobedience to His law, national greatness is now ending there too.

### Whatever It Takes

But why, exactly, does God send curses? How could a God of love permit disasters to persist and to spread like the oil slick in the Gulf?

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are *your ways* MY WAYS, saith the Lord” (Isaiah 55:8). Unfortunately, man has *chosen* to go his own way. And for that, we are simply reaping what we sow!

God allows it because in order for Him to reproduce His own holy, righteous character *in us*, we must *voluntarily* CHOOSE to follow His ways—to submit to His laws. *He will not force us to follow His ways*. Think of the howling protests there would be if God actually did *force* man to accept His laws and go the way that would automatically result in blessings of peaceful coexistence with God and with fellow man, of joyful abundance and contented wellbeing.

Deuteronomy 30 says we must *choose* the way of blessings or curses. If we choose to reject God’s laws and go the way of curses, God ALWAYS sends a warning in love, to *plead* with man to wake up and to consider his ways and repent (Haggai 1:5-7). If we ignore the warning, then God pleads with man in the form of ever increasing, intensifying curses.

What we are experiencing now is the outer edge of a violent storm that will soon engulf the entire world—called the Great Tribulation (Matthew 24:21-22). Even that—as horrific and widespread as the suffering will be—is God’s last-ditch effort to warn man of the error of his ways.

As Mr. Armstrong wrote in *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, “God is going to keep multiplying chastening—correction—upon our peoples *until* they do turn from their evil ways—until they turn to the ways that *cause* peace, happiness, prosperity, all the *good things*!”

He won’t force us, but He will do **WHATEVER IT TAKES** for us to turn to Him in humble submission and obedience. ■

# Cavemen Are People Too!

**As it turns out, Uncle Jed really was a caveman. One hundred and fifty years of evolutionary theory unravels. BY ROBERT MORLEY**

**A**FTER YEARS OF ANTICIPATION, the genetic code of Neanderthal “cavemen” is being decoded. And it is unraveling the theory of evolution. Apparently Neanderthals are a little more closely related to humans than expected. How close? Let’s just say that the man Aunt Thelma married may really be a “Neanderthal” after all.

According to a May 7 *Science* article, the Neanderthal genome sequencing is nearing completion. It is not complete yet, but what scientists have found so far is astounding: Humans and “Neanderthals” are practically identical at the DNA code level.

The researchers used DNA captured from the nucleus of cells found in three bone fragments from three different female Neanderthals discovered in Croatia. The scientists then compared the Neanderthal genome to the human at 14,000 protein-coding gene segments that differ between humans and chimpanzees. In doing so, they looked at over 3 billion combinations of four key protein molecules.

What did the scientists find? Simply put: Neanderthals are human. There was virtually no difference between the two codes. The few differences they did find were so slight that researchers say that they are functionally irrelevant—and that if more Neanderthal genomes could be compared there might be no differences at all!

But that is not all the scientists found. The data suggests Neanderthals are as closely related to humans as Chinese are to Germans, or French to Javanese. Fur-

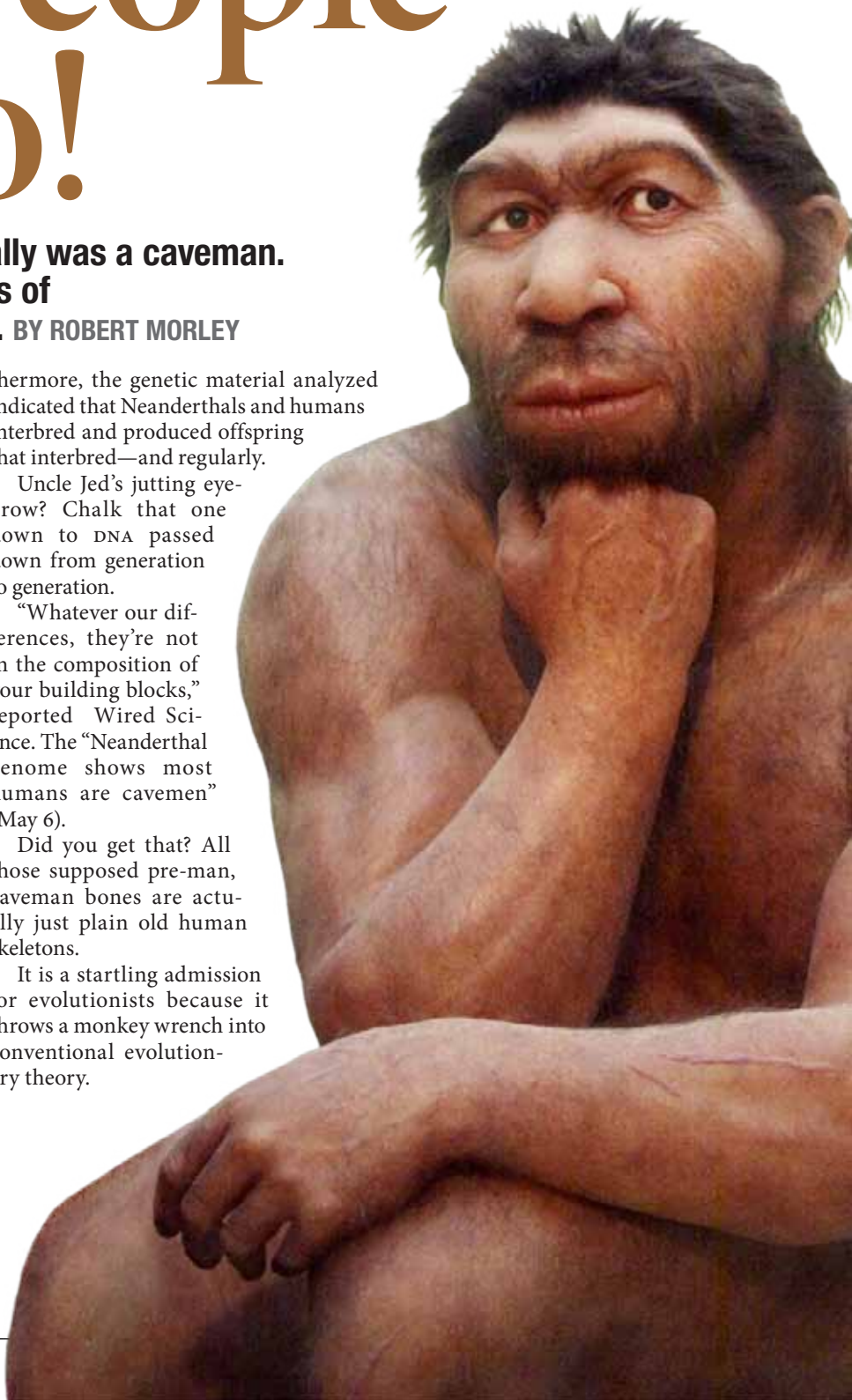
thermore, the genetic material analyzed indicated that Neanderthals and humans interbred and produced offspring that interbred—and regularly.

Uncle Jed’s jutting eyebrow? Chalk that one down to DNA passed down from generation to generation.

“Whatever our differences, they’re not in the composition of your building blocks,” reported *Wired Science*. The “Neanderthal genome shows most humans are cavemen” (May 6).

Did you get that? All those supposed pre-man, caveman bones are actually just plain old human skeletons.

It is a startling admission for evolutionists because it throws a monkey wrench into conventional evolutionary theory.





## Half Humans? Oops, Actually Full Humans

According to Darwinian thought, millions of years ago ancestral monkeys began unwittingly evolving along a path that would eventually produce humans. Along the way, about 400,000 years ago, the first Neanderthal was born. Ancestral humans, however, supposedly continued evolving separately along a divergent evolutionary branch, becoming modern around 40,000 years ago.

According to this theory, Neanderthals and humans lived and coexisted together for tens of thousands of years before the less robust but smarter humans killed off, or out-competed, the Neanderthals. But because Neanderthal and human ancestors diverged into separate species so long before, interbreeding would have been impossible, even though, skeletally speaking, scientists admit that Neanderthal frames fall within examples of modern living humans.

This idea that Neanderthals represent an intermediate branch between humans and apes is critical evidence commonly offered by evolutionists to prove that evolution is occurring.

Thus, many evolutionists will be loath to accept the recent genetic findings.

Here is the problem: Evolutionists can find lots of monkey bones. And they can find lots of human bones. They just can't find the half-monkey, half-human bones.

This presents a huge problem for them because if man was evolving from monkeys for millions of years, you would expect to find millions of these intermediary half-monkey, half-man bones.

Neanderthal bones, even though relatively few of them have been found, were held up as the most hopeful proto-human candidate. The recent DNA evidence grinds this theory to bone bits.

## Smart Neanderthals

But it was a theory that was becoming thoroughly discredited anyway.

Over the years, as more Neanderthal bones have been dug up, a far different picture from the brutish, ignorant, unhygienic ape-caveman has emerged. Most scientists now admit that Neanderthals walked upright with a posture and gait like humans today. They cared for their families, buried their dead, used many types of tools, and cooked their food. Recent discoveries also show that at least

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some women carried compacts and used different types of makeup including foundation layers and blush.

The main difference is that Neanderthals are slightly shorter than average, but have larger hands, thicker arm and leg bones and were significantly more muscled. They also had larger skulls, and brains about 11 percent larger than the typical human, but well within the range found today.

The scientists that now admit Neanderthals were fully human have reclassified them as *Homo sapiens neanderthalensis*—which is just the scientific way of saying the bones are a variety of true humans.

So much for the Neanderthal as an ancient monkey-man theory.

But perhaps the most amazing but unreported facet of the Neanderthal story is that if scientists had just looked at the Bible, they would have known that Neanderthals were fully human in the first place.

## Were Neanderthals the Genesis “Giants”?

The Bible describes a race of pre-Flood humans that grew to dominate the cultural landscape before being wiped out.

Genesis 6:4 talks about “giants” in the land before the flood. The English word *giants* is translated from two original Hebrew words: *Rephaim* and *Nephilim*. The Rephaim are mentioned only after the Flood; they were tall men, like Anakim (Deuteronomy 2:11, 20).

As Roy Shultz brings out in *Exploring Ancient History*, the word *giant* in Genesis 6:4 comes from the word Nephilim, which means “a feller,” or one who fells a tree because of his unusual strength. The term implies a “tough,” or a bully, *an individual of great physical might*. In other words, the pre-Flood Nephilim were *giants in strength but not in tallness of stature*.

The description of the Nephilim of pre-Flood times matches perfectly with the large-boned, exceptionally muscled Neanderthals.

The Bible even indicates how these Nephilim or Neanderthals were killed off.

Prior to the Flood, the Earth became filled with evil and violence. It was a time of intermarrying between the different races God had created. It was also a time of rapid technological advancement.

The Bible talks about a great leader named Tubalcain. He was the first to work with metal and develop instruments of war (Genesis 4:22). And in those days violence filled the Earth (Genesis 6:11, 13). The Neanderthals were no match for the swords, spears and arrows of Tubalcain's armies.

According to Shultz, the “violence” that filled the Earth refers to a great war that took place before the Flood—a war that God allowed because of the degeneration and gross wickedness of the Neanderthals and other humans. This too fits with the archaeological evidence that indicates that many of the Neanderthal sites that have been uncovered show indications that cannibalism was common. Bones found at Neanderthal cave dwellings often show the telltale signs of cut marks and splitting indicating that the Neanderthal were eating the marrow of the bones. Another Neanderthal site in Germany offers more proof of the violence. Thirty-three skulls were unearthed all huddled together in a circle. Their owners' heads had been cut off with a stone ax and buried together.

Eventually the violence and degradation became so intense that God decided to destroy all humans except Noah, his three sons and their wives in a worldwide Flood.

Is it fragments of this pre-Flood genetic code that have been transferred down through the ages and generations that scientists are now detecting in people today? Adam and Eve are common ancestors to all humans.

Once again, science proves the Bible correct.

That is certainly good news for Aunt Thelma and Uncle Jed—but not so good for the evolutionists. They will just have to modify their theory again. ■

## 1 Why Europe could turn ugly

EUROPE'S FINANCIAL crisis continues to dominate the news. The euro, and therefore the whole EU, is on the brink of collapse, German Chancellor Angela Merkel told the German parliament on May 19. She announced a unilateral ban on risky trading practices, including short-selling—essentially betting that the price of a stock will go down—on Germany's most important stocks. The move triggered panic over the future of the euro: Shares in London, Paris, Berlin and Madrid all fell by about 3 percent, and the euro fell to its lowest-ever value, though it made a slight recovery shortly after.

On June 4, Hungary announced that its budget deficit for 2010 is projected to be over 7 percent of gross domestic product—almost double the earlier estimate of 3.6 percent. On June 8, Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban unveiled new austerity measures to



bring the country back on target.

Also in June, fears arose that Spain was in talks with the EU, the International Monetary Fund and the United States concerning a €250 billion rescue fund—a bailout over twice as large as the €110 billion Greece received. European leaders met on June 17 but denied that a Spanish rescue package was being discussed. That didn't stop traders worrying, however. Foreign banks refuse to lend to Spanish banks, firms and the government. A Spanish financial crisis would be far worse than a Greek one, simply be-

cause Spain's economy is five times larger.

As they react to the crisis, leaders across the Continent are slashing their budgets. Germany is leading the way, with over €80 billion in cuts planned by 2014. Greece and Italy are planning to cut €24 billion each, France and the Netherlands €45 billion each, Ireland €2 billion, and so on. Naturally, trade unions are not happy, raising the specter of nationwide or even continent-wide strikes. The months ahead could be extremely volatile politically and socially for Europe.

■ German President Horst Köhler resigned on May 31. Though the role is largely ceremonial, the surprise move shook the government. Merkel's coalition, which helped install Köhler in 2004, was already struggling. It has lost elections in Germany's most populous state and in its upper house of parliament.

## 3 'Repeat of the 1930s'

EUROPEAN LEADERS agree. European Commission President José Manuel Barroso and the general secretary of the European Trades Union Congress, John Monks, have said that Europe is headed for a repeat of the 1930s, though they disagree on how this will come about.

"This is extremely dangerous. This is 1931, we're heading back to the 1930s, with the Great Depression, and we ended up with militarist dictatorship," Monks said in a June 14 interview with *EU Observer*. "I'm not saying we're there yet, but it's potentially very serious, not just economically, but politically as well."

Monks fears the austerity measures being enacted across Europe will push the Continent to the brink of dictatorship. Barroso believes instead that *without* the austerity measures, Europe is bound to fail.

"I had a discussion with Barroso last Friday about what can be done for Greece, Spain, Portugal and the rest, and his message was blunt: 'Look, if they do not carry out these austerity packages, these countries could virtually disappear in the way that we know them as

democracies. They've got no choice, this is it,'" said Monk. "He shocked us with an apocalyptic vision of democracies in Europe collapsing because of the state of indebtedness."



The two opinions of these men illustrate the catch-22 Europe has found itself in. If it implements the cuts necessary to put its economy in order, it risks triggering massive unrest, leading to the rise of extreme parties and policies and a return to the 1930s.

Yet if it *doesn't*, then entire nations could go bankrupt, leading to chaos and unrest, which could also usher in the dictatorships of the 1930s.

These well-informed leaders are warning of a real danger: that 1930s-style dictatorships could well return! Think about what this could mean: 1930s-style dictatorships lead to 1940s-style war.

## 2 A partnership to keep an eye on

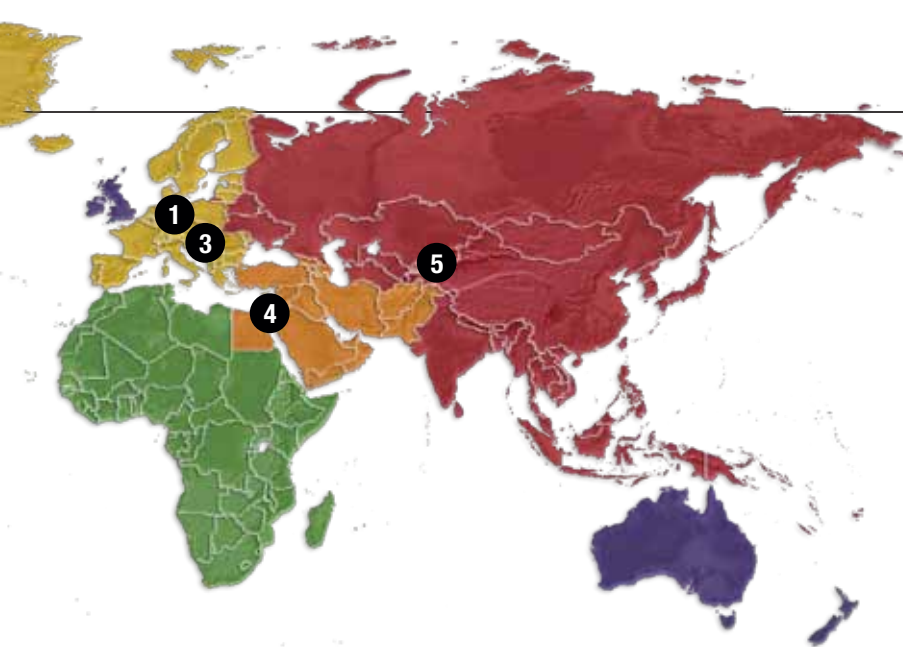
THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THE South American trading bloc Mercosur agreed May 17 to resume free-trade talks that stalled in 2004.

The EU also formed its first-ever free-trade agreement with Central American nations—Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama—the next day at a summit in Madrid between European leaders and leaders from Latin America and the Caribbean.

The EU is the largest investor in Latin America and the region's second-largest trading partner. Eu-

ropean President Herman Van Rompuy said, "EU and Latin America are natural partners and allies. Our countries are linked by strong historical, cultural and economic ties."

In May 1962, the *Trumpet's* predecessor, the *Plain Truth*, declared that "the United States is going to be left out in the cold as two gigantic trade blocs, Europe and Latin America, mesh together and begin calling the shots in world commerce." For more on Europe's role in Latin America, request our new booklet *He Was Right* and read "Europe's Latin Assault."



## 4 How not to have peace

**P**ALESTINIAN AUTHORITY Prime Minister Salam Fayyad has been photographed burning Israeli products as a means of boosting the PA's political standing among Palestinians.

"The PA prime minister did not choose to be photographed next to children, nor among factory workers, nor at a hospital, but while burning Israeli-made products," the *Jerusalem Post* reported June 12. "It is an act that involves more than a small degree of incitement against a country with whom, as he claims, he wishes to establish peaceful and neighborly relations."

The PA government has been running an aggressive campaign over recent months against products that originate in industrial areas beyond the Green Line, the *Post* reported.

In addition to burning Israeli products, this campaign involves "the boycott of these products from stores, the seizure of trucks with these goods and even threats of imprisonment against those who dare to engage in the trading of such products" (*ibid.*).

How this is meant to benefit the 25,000 Palestinians who work in these Israeli factories and have no alternative employment is clearly not a consideration. Evidently this is a political act aimed at competing with the radical group Hamas for Palestinians' support. It is yet another in-



**SMOLDERING**  
Salam Fayyad and others burn Israeli goods.

dication that the Fatah-controlled PA is not the moderate force for peace that much of the Western media and governments portray it to be.

■ Germany and the Palestinian Authority (PA) began the new German-Palestinian Steering Committee on May 18. German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle and PA Prime Minister Salam Fayyad co-chaired the meeting. The committee is set to meet once a year, similar to the joint cabinet meetings Germany holds with Israel. Westerwelle also announced that Germany would give the PA \$62 million in aid for 2010. Watch for Germany to continue seeking ways to get more involved in the Mideast peace process.



**GET OUT** Kyrgyzstanis with Soviet flags protest America's Manas air base in 2007.

## 5 Key U.S. base could get axed

**A**MID ETHNIC VIOLENCE in Kyrgyzstan, interim Deputy Prime Minister Azimbek Beknazarov threatened on June 17 to shut down the U.S. military airbase in Manas. His demand: that the United Kingdom extradite Maxim Bakiyev, the son of the country's former president. Kyrgyzstan accuses the exiled former president of fomenting chaos in the country and wants Britain to stop giving him and his family members asylum.

The Kremlin has been pressuring Kyrgyzstan to close Manas, America's last military base in Central Asia. Speculation is rife that Moscow is awaiting Kyrgyzstan's commitment to shut Manas down before it agrees to intervene and bring an end to the ethnic violence. With 50,000 American troops passing through Manas on their way to and from Afghanistan, the base is vital to Washington, but Moscow hates the U.S. presence in its backyard.

Whether because of London's refusal to extradite Bakiyev, or as a means of securing Russian assistance, Bishkek appears prepared to close the base. Even the mass instability in Kyrgyzstan is threatening operations at the base.

On Aug. 8, 2005, the *Trumpet.com* wrote, "The eviction of America from Central Asia will constitute a severe geopolitical defeat for the U.S. and significant win for Russia and China. ... We can expect Russia and China to succeed in evicting America from Central Asia."

Whether blatantly or subtly, Russia will use its growing leverage to accelerate the demise of U.S. influence and to further tip the scales of power toward Moscow.

■ Japan's Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama announced his resignation on June 2 after he came under fire for failing to keep campaign promises to remove a U.S. military base from Okinawa. Two days later, former Finance Minister Naoto Kan was named the nation's fifth prime minister in less than four years. Kan has pledged a "big and sustained" effort to reduce Okinawa's burden in hosting the U.S. base. He could be key in re-orienting Tokyo's foreign policy away from America and toward Beijing.

## ● EUROPE

■ German Defense Minister Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg says he is rethinking conscription. To cut defense spending, Guttenberg plans to suspend the draft, an official said on June 2. Guttenberg has called for cutting €1 billion from the budget, 100,000 troops, and some major purchases. The last thing he wants is massive defense budget cuts, but by seizing the initiative and threatening drastic cuts, he has guaranteed to make defense a hot issue for Merkel's struggling coalition government. At the same time, he is bringing **Germany's** military profile before the public for more open discussion.

■ GERMAN CHANCELLOR MERKEL

**"The euro is in danger. ... If the euro fails, then Europe fails."**

## ● MIDEAST

■ **Turkey, Syria, Lebanon** and **Jordan** agreed to establish a High Cooperation Council and free-trade zone at the Turkish-Arab Cooperation Forum on June 10. As the trade between Turkey and the three Arab countries is small, the deal represented more of a political statement than an economic development. Ankara is seeking to use its newfound popularity resulting from the Turkish flotilla incident to increase its influence in the region.

■ The UN Security Council on June 9 approved a fourth round of sanctions on **Iran** for its nuclear efforts. Unsurprisingly, Tehran said it would continue with its uranium enrichment. The sanctions were weak; Stratfor noted that after years of haggling, "to

■ ISRAELI MOSSAD CHIEF DAGAN

**"Bit by bit, Israel is becoming less of a strategic asset for America."**

achieve these sanctions, the United States had to remove almost any teeth they might have." In fact, the resolution simply enables Tehran to keep defying the world.

■ **Iraq's** two largest Shiite coalitions finalized their merger in June to form the biggest bloc in parliament, the National Alliance. The alliance between Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's State of Law (SoL) coalition and the Islamist Iraqi National Alliance (INA) was announced June 10. The move establishes a political bloc that can form a government, pushing out the winning party in the March elections, the Sunni-supported centrist alliance, al-Iraqiya List. The merger further strengthens Iran's influence in Iraq.

■ Washington seeks to build up "the more moderate elements" of Iran's Lebanese terrorist proxy, Hezbollah, said John Brennan, assistant to the president for homeland security and counterterrorism, on May 18. Reuters pointed out that Brennan "did not spell out how Washington hoped to promote 'moderate elements' given that the organization is branded a 'foreign terrorist organization' by the United States." Brennan's comments reflect the U.S. administration's philosophy of appeasement and working with enemies.

## ● ASIA

■ The March 26 sinking of a South Korean warship created a security crisis on the Korean Peninsula and illuminated Beijing's expanding regional power. Seoul produced evidence that **North Korea** was behind the attack, which killed 46 sailors. But the fact that **China** has refused to blame Pyongyang cripples **South Korea's** ability to marshal support for punishment of North Korea. Beijing's support of Pyongyang is concerning to South Korea, **Japan** and the U.S., and an indication that China's rapidly growing influence is not the benign force many Western analysts imagine it to be.



**VOTE** The UN Security Council sanctioned Iran in June.

■ On June 13, officials from **Taiwan** and China decided on the structure of a trade agreement that would entwine the two economies closer together. The deal will remove many of the economic obstacles currently between Beijing and Taipei. Since Taiwanese President Ma Ying-jeou took office in 2008, Taiwan and China have made a series of cross-strait deals, and are now



fast-tracking negotiations to bring about a bilateral free-trade agreement. Over 50 years ago, Herbert W. Armstrong predicted that China would recapture Taiwan. This warming relationship is a step toward the realization of this prediction. As it forges deep inroads into the Taiwanese economy, China is "invading" through soft power and diplomacy.

## ● AFRICA/ LATIN AMERICA

■ Two bombs exploded at a crowded political rally in Nairobi, **Kenya**, on June 13. The blast and the subsequent stampede killed five people and wounded over 100. It brought back memories of the bloody 2008 post-election violence. The rally was organized to oppose a new constitution that will be put to a vote in August. This attack could be a prelude to more violence as voting gets underway.

■ The Honduran government announced on June 15 that the 2009 assassination of Gen. Julian Aristides Gonzalez, director of counternarcotics operations, was the work of a



**VICTIM** A man injured by a terrorist bomb at a political rally in Kenya

subsidiary of the Mexican drug cartel, the Sinaloa Federation. The fact that a Mexican cartel can murder a high-ranking official of another government is proof of the cartels' growing strength and reach.

■ Stratfor reported an alleged meeting between representatives of 12 insurance companies and a member of the Gulf cartel at the end of May. The cartel member proposed a "business agreement" in which the companies would pay a monthly fee to avoid being targeted. As the still-massive flow of drugs through **Mexico** has been restricted by Mexican President Felipe Calderón, crime rings have expanded their "business" into other areas, including kidnapping and extortion.

■ **Cuba** and **Venezuela** may have become much closer than previously realized. According to Associated Press, Cuban officers have "sat in

high-level meetings, trained snipers, gained detailed knowledge of communications and advised the military on underground bunkers built to store and conceal weapons" in Venezuela (May 31). Venezuelan President Hugo Chávez himself claims the two countries are so close as to be "one single nation." Retired general Antonio Rivero warned that Cubans could become part of a guerrilla force if Chávez were voted out of office. The two countries, both led by outspoken enemies of the U.S., are definitely drawing closer to each other—and to Iran.

## ● ANGLO-AMERICA

■ On June 9, a massive drug investigation in the U.S. culminated in a 15-state sweep that resulted in the arrest of 429 suspects and seizure of nearly 3,000 pounds of mari-

juana, 247 pounds of cocaine, \$5.8 million in U.S. currency and 141 weapons. During its 22 months, Project Deliverance seized 62 tons of marijuana, 2.2 tons of cocaine, and about a thousand pounds of methamphetamines.

■ In early June, "Super Tuesday" primaries in several states saw a host of women win their party's nominations for governors' and U.S. Senate seats, including Republican nominees **Meg Whitman**, Carly Fiorina, Sharron Angle and Nikki Haley and Democrat Blanche Lincoln. Expect both parties to put forth more and more women for top leadership positions.

■ On June 2, the U.S. Treasury Department reported that federal government debt had exceeded \$13 trillion, more than 90 percent of the country's gross domestic product. According to the White House, the public debt will exceed 100 percent of GDP in the next fiscal year.

■ Less than two weeks after U.S. drones killed one of the highest-ranking terrorists in **Afghanistan**, the United Nations in June issued a blistering report attacking the legal basis for drone operations. The UN criticizes the use of private contractors at the CIA to operate the craft in other nations, warning against a "PlayStation" mentality (referring to a popular video game console) that could spiral out of control if the 40 other countries with drones join in.

■ Advocates of Internet safety raised concerns June 15 that children are being exposed to pornography on the Web of "epidemic proportions." At the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center, researchers decried the lack

of enforcement of existing obscenity laws that protect children. The *Washington Times* reported that 7 in 10 children have accessed pornography on the Internet accidentally and 3 in 10 had accessed it intentionally. One in four accidentally saw Internet pornography though innocent word searches. The average age of exposure was 11, with some viewing it as early as 8 years old.

■ The British government has axed £10 billion in commitments that the previous administration had made, the *London Times* reported in mid-June. Two dozen

projects were cut by the Treasury, which said the decision was "difficult and painful" but that the Labor administration had promised to spend money "it simply did not have."



■ In May, it emerged that the **United Kingdom** will pay the EU 60 percent more next year. Its net contribution to the EU will rise from £4.1 billion this year to £6.4 billion in 2010/11. Although the figure was released with a minimum of fanfare, it will fuel the debate over whether or not Britain gains from being in the EU. More than a quarter of UK voters in the 2010 European elections supported parties that want to take Britain out of the Union.

■ Britons started watching the first-ever television advertisement for abortions on May 24. An international charity that performs 65,000 abortions per year in Britain is airing the ad. About half of Britain's 42,000 teenage pregnancies each year end in abortion. One third of British women have had an abortion. More than 90 percent are funded by the National Health Service.

### ■ JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER NAOTO KAN

"[W]e need to ... maintain a trusting relationship with the United States and at the same time to consider China as equally important."



# A Heartfelt Request to the Leaders of Britain

**Please start teaching the world about your divinely inspired heritage.** BY BRAD MACDONALD

**S**PEAKING AT THE OXFORD Center for Islamic Studies in June, Prince Charles of England declared: “The *Islamic world* is the custodian of one of the greatest treasures of accumulated wisdom and spiritual knowledge available to humanity.”

It was quite a statement, and from the future king of *England*, no less. Ironic too, considering radical Islam is working zealously to destroy the Western world, and of all nations, this process is noticeably well advanced in Britain.

For nearly an hour the prince invoked Islam as a moral and spiritual compass

that ought to be teaching the Western world in its quest to save the environment. As the guardian of one of the largest pools of “accumulated wisdom and spiritual knowledge,” he stated, *Islam* possesses a “PRICELESS GIFT TO THE REST OF THE WORLD” (emphasis mine).

Talk about an upside-down world. Here’s the Prince of Wales—the future king of England and guardian of the Church of England, a born-and-bred son of Judeo-Christian Britain, one of the most advanced democracies in history—unashamedly endorsing *Islam* as one of the world’s foremost moral and spiritual authorities.

Of course, the Prince of Wales is not the only leader in Britain with a proclivity for endorsing foreign or non-traditional principles and ideologies. These days it is fashionable among all of Britain’s elite in politics, academia and the media to value and endorse multiculturalism and secularism—while ignoring or even trashing their nation’s own history.

Britain has one of the most enthralling and important histories in the world, yet British leaders today prefer to sing the praises of other nations, other races and other histories. Instead of focusing on Islam, Prince Charles and the rest of Britain’s leaders ought to be thinking on their own glorious heritage. As politically incorrect as it is to say it, it is the “accumulated wisdom and spiritual knowledge” embodied



within British history, specifically the history of the British monarchy, that is truly a “priceless gift to the rest of the world.”

Here is a heartfelt plea to the political leaders and members of the royal establishment of Britain: Start teaching the world about your royal heritage. Share this history.

### A Throne Founded on a Promise

Before England became a constitutional monarchy in the 17th century, it was ruled by kings and queens under a *monarchical* government. Historians generally agree that King Egbert, an Anglo-Saxon leader of the house of Wessex during the early ninth century, was England’s first king. But when it comes to tracking England’s monarchy *prior* to the ninth century, most history books go silent.

The world’s oldest and most reliable history book, however, does not. In the Holy Bible, we can learn the absolute truth about the royal house of Britain.

The chronicle of England’s royal family begins in Genesis, with the ancient patriarch Abraham. Many people will be surprised to learn how absolutely central Abraham is to world history, particularly the histories of America, Britain and England’s royal household. Let’s investigate this enthralling narrative. It begins with a vital promise God made to Abraham in Genesis 12.

In verses 2-3, God said, “And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.” In *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, which we will send you free upon request, Herbert Armstrong explains thoroughly how world history turns on this promise.

Notice how this is a twofold promise. First, God tells Abraham that He will “make of thee a great nation,” which, as Mr. Armstrong explained, is a “national, material promise that [Abraham’s] flesh-born children should become a great nation.” Second, God tells Abraham that “in thee shall *all families* of the earth be blessed.” This, as Mr. Armstrong explained, is a “spiritual promise of grace,”

a promise that salvation would come to all men through Jesus Christ, who was a descendant of Abraham.

In Genesis 17, God confirms His promise to Abraham, especially the first part about national and material greatness. In this passage, God fleshes out the details, promising Abraham explicitly that “*kings shall come out of thee*” (verse 6).

The Bible clearly shows that God promised Abraham that he would be the patriarch of a royal line!

### Established Forever

We now turn to the ancient Israelites, the descendants of Abraham, who fled Egypt and entered the Promised Land in the mid-15th century B.C. Roughly 400 years after that, God began to fulfill His promise to Abraham that “*kings shall come out of thee.*”

Saul, a descendant of Abraham, was the first human king to sit on the throne of Israel. Sadly, he proved to be a poor king. As the sun set on Saul’s dismal kingship, God began preparing a young lad from the tribe of Judah, another of Abraham’s descendants, to take his place.

Around 1000 B.C., God established David as Israel’s king. The kingdom of Israel thrived under the divinely guided, although imperfect leadership of King David. Through David, God subdued Israel’s enemies, expanded the boundaries of Israel’s territory and established the Jebusite city of Jerusalem as the seat of the kingdom.

But God did even more: Through David, He perpetuated His promise to Abraham of a royal line. Read 2 Samuel 7, where God clearly confers the promise He made to Abraham onto righteous King David. “[W]hen thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep [meaning die],” God told King David, “*I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom*” (verse 12).

Note that: God promised King David that He would perpetuate his ROYAL “seed”—or progeny!

Truly, the explicit nature of God’s promise to David is inspiring. Beginning in verse 13, God continued: “He [David’s son Solomon] shall build an house for my name, and I will ESTABLISH THE THRONE OF HIS KINGDOM FOR EVER. I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit

iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: *But my mercy shall not depart away from him .... AND THINE HOUSE AND THY KINGDOM SHALL BE ESTABLISHED FOR EVER BEFORE THEE: THY THRONE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED FOR EVER*” (verses 13-16).

What a promise! God told King David, a direct descendant of Abraham, that He would perpetuate his kingdom, his royal line, FOREVER. Notice, this promise was absolutely UNCONDITIONAL. God promised explicitly that *nothing*—not even disobedience and rebellion—would cause Him to break His covenant with David!

Men break promises all the time. God does not! For going on 3,000 years, God has literally bent world history around His promise to Abraham and David. Governments have been overturned, armies have been destroyed, wars have been won and lost, leaders have been installed and removed—all so God could keep His promise to perpetuate David’s royal seed.

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### Enter Britain

In *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, Mr. Armstrong employs a host of scriptures to explain in detail how God has fulfilled His promise to David (and Abraham) and has overseen the perpetuation of this royal heritage. Indeed, one of the most unique and riveting truths in that book is the truth about BRITAIN’S ROYAL FAMILY, and the fact that it is *descended directly from the line of King David!*

Of course, it’s intellectually unfashionable today to rely on the Bible (but not the Koran, apparently) as a source of knowledge. So let’s set aside the Bible for a moment and consider some of the secular evidence showing that the British royal family traces its lineage all the way back to King David.

First, consider the coronation of an English sovereign. A coronation is an event of international importance, a captivating occasion filled with pageantry and grand celebration. Beyond the pomp and circumstance, as the official website of the British monarchy admits, it is also a “solemn religious ceremony.” Each coronation is replete with fascinating detail and tradition, much of which “has remained

essentially the same over a thousand years” ([www.royal.gov.uk](http://www.royal.gov.uk)).

For example, before being crowned, the sovereign is seated on King Edward’s throne, where he is *anointed with oil*, then blessed and consecrated by the archbishop of Canterbury. The monarch then receives the royal orb and scepters, then the royal crown, after which the audience bursts into enthusiastic shouts of “God save the King! Long live the King.” If you’ve wondered where these details originated, read the details surrounding the coronation of King David’s son Solomon in 1 Kings 1. Verse 39 reads, “[T]he *priest* took an horn of oil ... and *anointed* Solomon. And they *blew the trumpet*; and all the peoples said, *God save king Solomon*.”

British monarchs are crowned according to the tradition of Solomon!

One especially moving moment toward the end of the coronation ceremony of an English king or queen is the full-throated performance of Handel’s “Zadok the Priest.” Handel composed this masterpiece for the crowning of George II in the 18th century. Who is this “Zadok” that Handel invoked? Verse 39 of 1 Kings 1 says that it was “ZADOK THE PRIEST [who] took a horn of oil ... and anointed Solomon.”

The signature choral performance during the coronation of a British monarch invokes the memory of the priest who ordained King Solomon of Israel!

Now consider the worn, oblong rock, often termed the Stone of Scone, which currently resides in Scotland. This rock enamors tens of thousands of people who visit Edinburgh Castle, where it currently resides. Why? Because of its history. For as long as historians can remember, this rock has been a central component of the coronation ceremony of British monarchs. It was under the throne when Elizabeth was crowned in 1953, just as it was under the throne when English, Scottish and even Irish sovereigns were crowned in centuries past.

Until recent years, this stone was widely known as “Jacob’s pillar stone.” Still today, in articles and discussions, and even on the *official website of the British royal family*, it is referred to as the “stone of destiny.” These are intriguing names, especially considering they are for a hunk of stone. What are the origins of this internationally renowned *rock*? What makes it so special? Why is it critical that it be under the throne at *every* royal coronation?

Again, we must venture back into the annals of ancient history. Jacob was the son of Isaac and the grandson of Abraham.



**WHY?** Britain’s monarchs are coronated with great ceremony over a rock known as “Jacob’s pillar stone,” along with references to Solomon and Zadok. Superstition? Or something more?

In Genesis 27 you can read how God’s two-fold promise to Abraham was conferred onto Jacob. Genesis 28 then recounts Jacob’s trek to the land of Haran to find a wife. On this journey Jacob had a remarkable dream in which God showed him how He would fulfill His promise to Abraham.

When Jacob woke the next morning, he was deeply moved by God’s presence in his dream. Notice how he responded: “And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took *the stone that he had put for his pillows*, and SET IT UP FOR A PILLAR, and poured oil upon the top of it. ... And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go ... [then] this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God’s house ...” (Genesis 28:18-22).

It was a remarkable morning in the history of Israel: THIS WAS THE MOMENT JACOB’S PILLAR STONE CAME INTO EXISTENCE!

From this point forward, this stone became a renowned feature in Jacob’s family and in the history of ancient Israel. Notice, Jacob called this stone “GOD’S HOUSE.” It was a constant reminder that God was present in Jacob’s life and in the lives of his descendents. JACOB’S PILLAR STONE BECAME A MAJOR SIGN IDENTIFYING GOD’S PRESENCE IN THE NATION OF ISRAEL.

It also became an important feature in the coronation of monarchs! Consider the dramatic events surrounding the coronation of King Josiah, a direct descendant of David, in the seventh century. 2 Kings

11:12 records Josiah being crowned king. Immediately afterward, the mother of the previous king came into the hall. Verse 14 describes what she saw: “And when she looked, behold, the king [Josiah] *stood by a pillar*, AS THE MANNER WAS, and the princes and the trumpeters by the king, and all the people of the land rejoiced, and blew with trumpets.” Incidentally, verse 12 says that after Josiah was crowned, the audience sang, “God save the king.”

Bible commentaries agree that this was not your everyday pillar, or just a structural feature in the palace. It was, in fact, “the place or throne on which they were accustomed to put the kings when they proclaimed them,” *Adam Clarke’s Commentary* notes. Notice too, the king was crowned on the pillar, which was *Jacob’s pillar stone*, “as the manner was,” or as was customary.

Truly this is amazing. To this day, more than 2,500 years after Josiah’s coronation, it IS STILL CUSTOMARY FOR ENGLISH MONARCHS TO BE CROWNED OVER JACOB’S PILLAR STONE!

Even those who discard the Bible ought to be struck by the similarities between the customs of the British monarchy and the ancient practices of David’s royal family. For the more open-minded, all this secular evidence, when considered in the context of God’s promise to Abraham and David, causes Britain’s royal heritage to take on a new, more thrilling dimension!

Based on what we have covered, it is



logical that England's royal family today is descended from King David, and is therefore the living embodiment of God's promise to Abraham and David. Indeed, even the similarities in customs and traditions demonstrate this reality.

But questions may still remain. For example, how did David's royal seed in the Middle East end up ruling over the throne of England? Also, how was it that the pillar stone in David's palace in Jerusalem came to find itself, three millennia later, in Edinburgh, Scotland?

### Did God Keep His Promise?

After King David died, his son Solomon became king of Israel. After Solomon's death, the nation of Israel divided into two separate nations, which were both subsequently invaded and taken into captivity. Despite the wars and chaos that unfolded, God—holding fast to His promise to Abraham and David—ensured the continuation of David's throne.

In Jeremiah 1, before the kingdom of Judah went into captivity at the end of the sixth century B.C., God gave Jeremiah the prophet an important commission: He essentially told Jeremiah to take a daughter of King Zedekiah, *a king in the royal line of David*, and travel to Ireland.

About Jeremiah's diverse crew, Mr. Armstrong wrote, "This royal party included the son of the king of Ireland who had been in Jerusalem at the time of the siege. There he had become acquainted with [King Zedekiah's daughter]. He married her shortly after 585—when the city fell. Their young son, now about 12 years of age, accompanied them to Ireland. Besides the royal family, Jeremiah brought with them some remarkable things, including a harp, an ark, and A WONDERFUL STONE CALLED 'LIA-FAIL,' OR 'STONE OF DESTINY'" (op. cit.).

Soon after their arrival in Ireland, this Irish king, his wife Tea Tephi (Zedekiah's daughter, of the line of David) and their son set down permanent roots. Jeremiah did too, even establishing a renowned college that royalty from around Europe visited. As time passed, David's descendants intermarried with Scottish and English royals. Eventually, as the genealogies of England, Scotland and Ireland's monarchies show, the royal lineage of David was established in what became, in the 19th century, Great Britain.

As Mr. Armstrong explained, Jeremiah had in his possession the Stone of Scone, or Jacob's pillar stone. After being transported to Ireland in the sixth century B.C., the stone of destiny for the next 2,500 years

remained with David's royal line. Over the centuries it made stops in various castles, but it *remained in Britain* and was nearly always under the throne at the coronation of an English or Scottish monarch.

Consider the significance of this history. If we can locate Jacob's pillar stone today, and the royal line crowned on that stone, then we will have found the LIVING DESCENDANTS OF KING DAVID!

### Wait, It Gets Better

It is evident that the members of Britain's royal family are descendants of King David. Now consider what other truths we uncover along with this discovery. By locating the royal household of King David (and Abraham), we have uncovered the history of GOD FULFILLING HIS PROMISE to Abraham, and King David!

That means BRITAIN'S ROYAL FAMILY IS LIVING PROOF OF THE EXISTENCE OF GOD!

That may be hard to fathom, particularly considering the jaded character and the antics of some in the royal household. Yet it's the truth. Like all men, Britain's monarchs are imperfect. History records that King David himself committed some terrible sins, though he repented deeply. Over the centuries, the monarchy has only grown more stained. Despite these sins and all the hurt those in the royal line have inflicted on God, the great Creator *never* blotted out the royal dynasty. He punished the royals at the hands of men, BUT HE NEVER BROKE HIS PROMISE TO DAVID!

That God perpetuates Britain's monarchy today—despite the Prince of Wales rejecting this history and virtually worshipping Islam—reveals His supreme commitment to keep His promises!

Why is God so committed to perpetuating the throne of David? The answer to that question is absolutely spectacular.

The Bible reveals why: It is because *that throne is the very throne from which Jesus Christ will soon rule this Earth*.

Believe it or not, the spectacular future of this throne actually far outshines its spectacular past!

Notice the prophecy of Christ's return in Luke 1:31-33: "And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a

son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the LORD GOD SHALL GIVE UNTO HIM THE THRONE OF HIS FATHER DAVID: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end."

There it is, clear as day: God's promise of salvation through Christ, WHO AT HIS SECOND COMING WILL INHERIT "THE THRONE OF HIS FATHER DAVID."

This verse alone proves that the dynasty of David has to continue until the return of Christ!

Now consider a prophecy in Isaiah 9, which also speaks of Christ ruling from David's throne: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end,

UPON THE THRONE OF DAVID, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this" (verses 6-7).

Could the future of the throne of David be any more spectacular?

The Prince of Wales ought to dwell on this royal heritage. Christ is about to rule the universe with splendor and

power from the throne of David—the *very throne Prince Charles could soon inherit!*

Outside of God's true Church, no institution on Earth—no church, no university, no ideology, no religion—possesses knowledge so visionary, so saturated with hope, as Britain's royal family. Forget Islam: It is Britain's royal family—not by their own doing, but by heavenly design—that is the "PRICELESS GIFT TO THE REST OF THE WORLD."

Again, our heart cries out to the leaders of Britain: Teach us the inspiring history and prophecy of Britain's royal family! ■

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# Is the European Dream Dead?

A biblical prophecy gives clarity and hope to the tumult unfolding on the Continent. BY BRAD MACDONALD

EUROPE'S GRAND POSTWAR EXPERIMENT with unification is dead.

At least that's what a slew of analysts surveying Europe during its ongoing financial crisis believe. "Whatever happens in the short run," noted Stratfor CEO George Friedman, "it is difficult to envision any further integration of European institutions. And it is very easy to see how the European Union will devolve from its ambitious vision into an *alliance of convenience* ..." (May 25, emphasis mine throughout). Even many *inside* the ailing combine confess the EU is on the brink. In May, German Chancellor Angela Merkel warned that if the euro fails, "then not only the currency fails ... Europe will fail, and WITH IT THE IDEA OF EUROPEAN UNITY."

In many ways, this "moment of truth" was inevitable. The Continent, as anyone who has traveled it or read European history knows, is a patchwork of diverse and oftentimes conflicting races and religions, languages and cultures. For nearly six decades, Europhiles defied this reality and systematically—and to a certain extent successfully, at least politically, financially and institutionally—forged integration. But when the financial crisis erupted, reality hit and the dream of a stable, united Pax Europa died.

In spite of this entirely rational conclusion, the *Trumpet* teaches with unswerving persistence that a globally dominant German-led European superstate is right now being born. To some it sounds irrational and unfounded, but we firmly believe EUROPEAN UNIFICATION is imminent!

Who is right—the host of seasoned analysts, or the *Trumpet*? By forecasting the imminent integration of Europe, is the *Trumpet* ignoring reality? As radical as these differing forecasts appear to be, can they possibly be reconciled?

## A Perfect Analogy

The answers to these questions are revealed in one of the many specific bibli-

cal prophecies about end-time events in Europe. We find this nugget of understanding in Daniel 2, which is *the* central prophecy to understanding world history.

In this chapter, the young Jewish Prophet Daniel recounts a dream that the Chaldean King Nebuchadnezzar had in the late sixth century B.C. In his dream, King Nebuchadnezzar saw a magnificent statue comprised of four distinct parts: its head of gold, its breast and arms of silver, its belly of brass, and its legs of iron (image, page 25).

In verses 31-35, God reveals to the king, through Daniel, that these successive materials represent four successive world-ruling empires. The head of gold represented the Babylonian/Chaldean Empire, which dominated in the sixth-seventh centuries B.C. The chest of silver represented the Medo-Persian Empire, which replaced the Babylonians as the dominant power in the fifth century. The belly of bronze represented Alexander the Great's Greek Empire of the fourth century.

The legs of iron picture the Roman Empire that began in 31 B.C., and which, as history books attest, had capitals in both Rome and Constantinople. Prophecies in Daniel 7 and Revelation 13 and 17 complement this prophecy in Daniel 2,

and plainly reveal that this fourth empire, the Roman Empire, would exist and dominate the world in successive stages, or resurrections. (For more information on this image, request our free booklet *Daniel Unlocks Revelation*.)

It is the last resurrection of the Roman Empire—or the "Holy" Roman Empire, as it is described in Revelation 17—that the *Trumpet* forecasts is emerging in Europe. The Daniel 2 image reveals the chronological succession of world powers, beginning with Nebuchadnezzar's Babylonian Empire, pictured by the head of gold, and concluding with the last resurrection of the Roman Empire, represented by the feet of the image.

So how, exactly, are the feet of the image described?

Read it in verses 41-43: "And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, *part of potters' clay*, and *part of iron*, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the STRENGTH OF THE IRON .... And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be *partly strong*, and *partly broken*. And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay ... they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay."

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Mull that over for a moment: IS THERE A MORE APT DESCRIPTION OF EUROPE TODAY?

Politically and economically, and even culturally, Europe is a continent of iron and clay. Some nations, like Germany, are strong and robust. Others are weak and fragile. The European Union is a mixture of both iron and clay—making it “partly strong” and “partly broken.”

But remember, the feet and toes of iron and clay *are* integrated—but *only for a brief moment*.

Based on this prophecy, the *Trumpet* forecasts the emergence of this *short-lived* and *crumbly*—yet overwhelmingly powerful, possessing the “STRENGTH OF IRON”—European superstate!

### He Was Right!

Notice what the late Herbert W. Armstrong wrote in 1956 about this final resurrection of the Roman Empire: “It will possess greater military might by far than the Rome of old, *but it will also inherit fatal weaknesses*. Prophecy symbolizes this admixture of never-equalled military might and unprecedented weakness with the apt phrase, ‘iron mixed with miry clay.’ The European nations will unite militarily—but *they are suspicious and envious of each other*—they hate one another.”

You see, Mr. Armstrong (and the *Trumpet* today) was not ignorant of the rudimentary differences between many of Europe’s countries, cultures and peoples. He understood and consistently took into account geopolitics and international relations, which is partly why he concluded that the European states that comprised the last resurrection of the Roman Empire would be “suspicious and envious of each other.” In this sense, Mr. Armstrong, decades ago, anticipated and warned of the current tumult besieging Europe.

Neither Mr. Armstrong nor Gerald Flurry and the *Trumpet* have ever taught that Europe would coalesce into a *long-term* and *stable* power. Rather, we have prophesied consistently that while Europe *will* unite, its bonds will be weak and short-lived, like the bond between clay and iron.

“[T]he last, final, *brief* resurrection of the ‘Holy Roman Empire’ by 10 European groups or nations” is forming, Mr. Armstrong wrote. “[A]nd they shall last but a *very* short space, possibly no more than two to three and a half years” (*Plain Truth*, May 1979).

If you think on it a while, this truly is mind-staggering. This prophecy was

written *more than 2,500 years ago*, yet it describes present-day Europe perfectly. Moreover, it reconciles the seemingly contradictory viewpoints about Europe espoused today by the *Trumpet* and other analysts.

Yet this prophecy has value far beyond merely being informative.

### The Most Inspiring Detail

Verses 34-35 show that King Nebuchadnezzar in his dream saw a giant stone fall from heaven and smash the image’s feet of iron and clay. The image then toppled, with each part—the gold, silver, bronze, iron and clay—being pulverized into dust-size pieces, after which the entire structure was blown away by the wind like “chaff.” The entire image vanished. It was like it had never existed.

Of all the magnificent details in this vivid prophecy, the stone that strikes the feet of the image is by far the MOST SIGNIFICANT and MOST INSPIRING detail of all. This stone is the *focal point* of this entire prophecy!

Daniel explains the stone in verse 44: “*And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom*, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, AND IT SHALL STAND FOR EVER.”

This hurtling stone, which is the fifth and final kingdom, is actually the KINGDOM OF GOD!

Notice too, unlike all the deeply flawed, humanly devised and operated empires before it, God’s empire is *not left* to human beings to govern. This final empire is divinely governed, which means that in every way its quality—its leadership, its laws and culture, and the conduct of its citizens—is far superior to every human kingdom that came before it. (You can learn more about this kingdom by requesting a free copy of *The Wonderful World Tomorrow—What It Will Be Like*.)

Finally, notice *when* this heavenly kingdom will be established on Earth. Daniel says that in “the days of these kings”—or *at the time of the feet of iron and miry clay*—God will establish this fifth and final world-ruling empire!

Talk about an inspiring message of clarity and hope! Keep watching Europe, and as you do, *always* remember: The more Europe takes on the features of clay and iron, the closer we are to the establishment of God’s Kingdom on Earth. ■





# Israel the **Outcast**

Its desperate turn to Germany for help is drawing near. **BY STEPHEN FLURRY**

**T**HE TERRORISTS WHO SPONSORED the Gaza-bound “humanitarian” mission in early June got exactly what they were aiming for: a lethal retaliation from Israel’s navy, followed by a tidal wave of international outrage against Israel. It doesn’t matter that 50 passengers on board the Mavi Marmara were linked to terror groups, or that the “peace activists” attacked Israeli commandos with metal rods, broken bottles, knives and stun grenades, or that three of the Turks killed by Israeli commandos actually *wanted* to die as martyrs, or that investigators discovered bulletproof vests, night vision goggles and gas masks on board the ship, while finding nothing that constituted real humanitarian aid.

All that matters is that Israel, once again, is the bad guy.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy was “profoundly shocked” by the Israeli “military option.” Britain’s new prime minister, David Cameron, said the way Israel responded to the attack was “completely unacceptable.” The UN Security Council met for an emergency session to hurriedly pass a resolution condemning Israel’s “use of force” and demanding an investigation. Iran called for Benjamin Netanyahu to stand trial. Turkey, once regarded as Israel’s closest ally in the Middle East, condemned Israel’s action (sidebar, page 28) and rebuked the United States for not immediately joining the chorus of condemnation.

If Washington’s criticism seemed muted at first, it soon got louder. For one, the U.S. refused to veto the UN resolution. Then, according to a *New York Times* report, an official close to the Obama ad-

ministration said Israel needed to employ a new approach on Gaza, calling the current blockade “untenable.”

On June 20, the capitulation began. In an attempt to ease international condemnation, Israel announced that it had effectively ended the land blockade. From now on, Israel will allow anything into Gaza as long as its primary purpose is not military. Even dual-use material will be allowed in.

Global pressure on Israel keeps getting worse. The time is coming when this tiny nation will no longer hold out against it. More capitulations are coming.

Already Israel is now seriously considering asking the EU to send monitors to Gaza’s border crossings (*Jerusalem Post*, June 21). This would be “a first step towards surrendering its sovereign control over its borders,” explained Caroline Glick.

It would also be the first step to another war. From 2005 to 2007 the European Union Border Assistance Mission supervised the Rafah crossing between Gaza and Egypt. Under the EU's careful supervision, Hamas managed to smuggle enough weaponry into Gaza to take over the government in a violent coup. Terrorists snuck in from Iran, and \$68 million in cash was smuggled through the checkpoint in one year alone. Yet Israel is now considering letting these same border protection officials play a role in all of Gaza's crossing points.

### Strengthening Hamas—and Iran!

The Gaza embargo, keep in mind, never prevented humanitarian aid from reaching Palestinians—*only weapons from falling into the hands of the genocidal government that controls Gaza*. That is why Israel demanded the “freedom flotilla” to dock at an Israeli port—so shipments could be offloaded, inspected and then delivered to the people of Gaza.

But by demanding that the coastal blockade be lifted, the international community is basically saying Israel has no right to inspect shipments intended to re-supply

Hamas—an untenable arrangement *from Israel's perspective*, if ever there was one.

By siding with Hamas against Israel, as Glick noted on June 15, the West also backed Hamas against Fatah. This is why, in a meeting with President Obama after the flotilla incident, Fatah leader Mahmoud Abbas insisted that the West should not act in a way that could be construed as a Hamas victory. He actually said the blockade should *not* be lifted—and that additional aid should be delivered through land crossings rather than by sea!

But rather than side with the more moderate Palestinian faction, U.S. President Barack Obama chose to stick with Hamas. During Abbas's visit to Washington, President Obama announced that America would be sending \$450 million in aid to Hamas. “So too,” Glick wrote, “Abbas is forced to cheer as Obama pressures Israel to give Hamas an outlet to the sea. This will render it impossible for Fatah to ever unseat Hamas either by force or at the ballot box. Hamas's international clout demonstrates to the Palestinians that jihad pays.”

It also boosts the international clout of Hamas's state sponsor in Iran. Even before the flotilla conflict, Mahmoud Abbas said

on Egyptian television that unity between Hamas and Fatah is impossible because Iran has “hijacked” the Palestinian people.

And so what did the United States do? It sided with Hamas, which only strengthens Iran's position. Iran is now hard at work arranging its own “humanitarian aid” flotillas. And Israel, of course, will be expected to clear the way for ships sailing from Iran to Gaza.

It gets worse.

### Has the World Lost Its Mind?

In May, at the United Nations, a U.S. delegation broke a long-standing U.S.-Israeli agreement by endorsing a UN resolution *calling on Israel* to join the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). Since 1969, Israel had agreed not to publicly reveal its nuclear weapons capabilities as long as America promised not to pressure it to join the NPT. As recently as May 2009, Obama assured Netanyahu this agreement still held.

But now, *it is Israel*—NOT IRAN—that heads the list of existential threats in the Middle East. Now, Israel, the only free democracy in the Middle East, is singled out as dangerous—not the number-one state sponsor of terror that openly threatens to annihilate the Jewish state. And now, it is Israel that must disarm—not the regime in Tehran, which already has enough uranium for two nuclear bombs. Iran wasn't even *mentioned* in the NPT resolution.

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According to the *Washington Post*, the Iranian delegation was *so surprised* by America's endorsement of the UN resolution that it asked for the session to be postponed by four hours so that its diplomats could consult with leaders in Tehran.

These mind-boggling developments, as journalist Yossi Halevi noted in the *Wall*

*Street Journal*, have many Israelis wondering: “Has the world lost its mind?” In fact, we ARE living in a world gone mad—one in which there is “a growing sense of empowerment among jihadists, and a growing sense of desperation among Israelis” (June 4).

This growing sense of empowerment among the jihadists will result in the emergence of Iran as the preeminent regional power in the Middle East—the biblically prophesied “king of the south” that will soon clash with the German-led European Union (Daniel 11:40).

At the same time, the Bible also foretold the “growing sense of desperation among Israelis”—and what this will lead to.

### Dangerous Desperation

This latest PR disaster for Israel comes atop a string of defeats and setbacks that have left it increasingly isolated: the Gaza war, housing developments in Jerusalem, failed diplomacy with Turkey, a warming Iran-Egypt relationship, a strengthened Hamas and Hezbollah. It also further isolates the Jewish state from America. The Obama administration reportedly even told Prime Minister Netanyahu to return home early from his North American trip instead of visiting Washington as planned, because the Obama administration didn't want him to use the White House as a stage to present Israel's side of the story.

Caving to U.S. pressure, Israel agreed to allow foreigners to oversee an Israeli investigation into the Mavi Marmara conflict and took steps to ease the blockade. None of this, of course, will erase Israel's bad-guy image in the world.

The growing desperation of the Jews as they lose their few allies; the peace process that continues to sap their strength; the severed alliance with the U.S. are all prophesied—as is the country Israel will turn to in its desperation.

More than 2,500 years ago, the Prophet Hosea wrote about Israel turning to its old enemy Germany for help: “When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah saw his wound, then went Ephraim to the Assyrian, and sent to king Jareb: yet could he not heal you, nor cure you of your wound” (Hosea 5:13).

The context of this passage shows that this is a prophecy for the end time. Avid *Trumpet* readers will have proved that Ephraim, Judah and Assyria are the biblical names for the nations of Britain, Israel and Germany, respectively. If you haven't done this yet, you can do so by requesting your free copy of *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. This scripture is talking *specif-*

ically about the current German-Israeli relationship and an impending double-cross.

One of Jesus Christ's signature prophecies regarding the end of this age was that there would come a point when Jerusalem would be "surrounded by armies"—and that this would be a signal "that the desolation thereof is nigh" (Luke 21:20). Put this together with Hosea 5:13 and other proph-

ecies regarding the downfall of the Jewish state, and it can be determined that these armies are, in fact, European armies, and that their presence around Israel signals an imminent and catastrophic betrayal.

Yet there is good news for the Palestinians, for Germany and for the tiny nation of Israel. As our free booklet *Jerusalem in Prophecy* details, these developments

are all leading up to the fulfillment of the greatest prophecy of all. The passage in Luke 21 concludes in verses 27-28: "And then shall they see the Son of man [Jesus Christ, at His return!] coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."

## A Good Excuse to End a **Bad Relationship**

**A**FTER America, Turkey has been Israel's strongest ally. This relationship has protected Israel from a neighborhood of enemies as much as any other factor. It has suffered in recent years under the leadership of Turkey's Islamist prime minister, Recep Tayyip Erdogan. Now, this man has used the "Free Gaza" flotilla incident to jam a stake into its heart.

The Turkish-Israeli alliance is dead, and Israel will bleed for it.

This calls to mind an intense and almost bewildering biblical prophecy that is about to unfold before our eyes.

After the incident, protesters storming the streets of Istanbul by the tens of thousands shouted, "Damn Israel!" "Murderer Israel!" and "We are all Hamas!" They were carrying Palestinian flags. They were demanding Turkey cut ties with Israel, boycott its products and impose sanctions.

And as far as Turkey's leaders are concerned, this ugly picture actually worked to their advantage. They want to resurrect Turkey as a great power. In order to do that, they must first lead within the region, which means establishing their Islamic credentials. Nothing does that better than some telegenic anti-Israel protests—over Turks having been killed by Israeli soldiers, no less. In this way, the flotilla incident was a slam-dunk.

The folks who organized it knew what they were doing. The Turkish group that staged the "humanitarian" mission to Gaza had ties to terrorist networks. It invited dozens of terrorists with ties to Iran, Hamas and al Qaeda to participate. It specifically sought to bust a naval blockade solely intended to limit Hamas's ability to turn the Gaza Strip into a military bunker. It forced a confrontation, banking on the ability to turn it into a public relations disaster for the Jews.

Israel could see what was coming. Before the convoy set sail, Israeli leaders pleaded with Turkish officials to stop it; they offered to allow the supplies to be delivered through an Israeli checkpoint. But Erdogan's government let it go anyway. Thus, Israel had no choice but to intervene directly. And those on the boat made sure it turned violent.

Afterward, Turkish leaders milked the event for all it was worth. They accused Israel of state-sponsored terrorism. They said it was Turkey's "9/11." They called it a crime against humanity and said Israeli-Turkish relations will never be the same. Turkish armed forces announced several cutbacks in cooperation with Israeli forces. The government also offered to supply Turkish naval protection for the next "aid" convoy to Gaza—what would amount to an *act of war* by a NATO member against Israel!

Amazing the turnaround from just a few years ago. But Erdogan's Turkey has been looking for a way to sever its alliance with Israel, and this opportunity was practically gift-wrapped.

Now to the prophecy. What will become of this exploding antipathy for Israel? The book of Obadiah vividly foretells.

**PROPHESIED**  
Turks rally against Israel.



"Thus saith the Lord God concerning *Edom*," it begins. *Edom* is another name for the descendants of Isaac's son Esau (see Genesis 36:8). Esau's descendants comprise the nation of Turkey today.

Remarkably, the prophecy describes an end-time repetition and closing chapter of the rivalry between Esau and his younger twin, Jacob. After Jacob swindled Esau out of his birthright and his blessing, Esau vowed to kill him (Genesis 27:41). He failed, and Jacob went on to father the 12 tribes of ancient Israel. In his book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, Herbert W. Armstrong proved that the modern descendants of these tribes are, among other nations, Britain, America and *Israel*.

Obadiah's vision primarily shows God's *anger* with modern Edom over its brutal *betrayal* of its brother Jacob. Combined with other biblical prophecies, it shows that when the enemies of Israel rise up to destroy it, Turkey will align with them, even cutting off the escape routes of those trying to flee!

It is one of the most grotesque acts of treachery revealed in Bible prophecy—and it will be committed by Turkey against Israel.

The breach in this alliance today is but an ominous foreshadowing of that soon-coming event. Obadiah forewarns of God's severe judgment against the Turks in response. See also Ezekiel 25:12-13.

The *Trumpet* has been watching Turkey with this prophecy in mind since well before Islamists took over the government. That is why we have always recognized that the Israeli-Turkish alliance was ultimately doomed. Before us, the *Plain Truth* magazine, under Mr. Armstrong's direction, did the same—as far back as 1966!

Yes, for most of the six decades of partnership binding Turkey to the Jewish state, we have used biblical prophecy to forecast the horrifying demise of this alliance. Such is the unflinching predictive power of "the more sure word of prophecy."

**JOEL HILLIKER**

# Who Is the God of This World?

And how will his rule come to an end? BY STEPHEN FLURRY

**W**HY SHOULD THERE BE so much ignorance about Satan the devil? Many people scoff at the thought of his existence. Others, while they accept his existence, grossly underestimate the devil's AWESOME power. They assume that his deceptive influence over the world is limited and easy to detect. On the other hand, there are those who think God and Satan are engaged in a tug-of-war over the "souls" of men. In this scenario—judging by the sheer number of people who have lived and died without ever having accepted Jesus as their Savior—Satan is clearly depicted as being stronger than God.

The reason for this ignorance is because Satan, as the god of this world, has blinded the minds of men from the truth about his existence, his rule on Earth and his fate in God's master plan.

## Lucifer's Rebellion

Let us go back, even before the beginning of man, to the time when Lucifer was being trained at the very throne of God. Notice Ezekiel 28:14: "Thou [Lucifer] art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire."

"Lucifer was the supreme masterpiece of God's creative power, as an individually created being," Herbert W. Armstrong wrote in *Mystery of the Ages*. God made His masterpiece and then "set" him as an anointed cherub over His heavenly throne. This is where Lucifer was trained in the administration of God's law.

Lucifer's first field assignment was to take what he had learned at God's throne

and apply it to this Earth, where he would be given charge over one third of the angels. Besides administering the government of God, Lucifer is responsible for maintaining and beautifying God's material creation on Earth.

God's purpose for His angelic creation was derailed the moment Lucifer turned against God's law to the way of lawlessness and rebellion. "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!" (Isaiah 14:12). Yes, HOW could something like this ever happen?

The prophet answers: "For thou hast said *in thine heart*, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt MY THRONE above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north" (verse 13). This important verse reveals that Lucifer's sin began in his heart. It started with a corrupt attitude that came to violently rebel against God's authority.

In the course of this rebellion, Lucifer even attempted to raise his earthly throne—yes, *he has a throne*—above his own Maker's! "I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High," he said (verse 14). But God, in a literal sense, brought Lucifer back down to Earth. He changed his name to *Satan*, which means *adversary*. And the angels who rebelled with Lucifer became demons.

In all of this, however, *God did not remove Satan from the throne of this Earth*. This is why, when Satan offered Jesus Christ "all the kingdoms of the world" in Matthew 4, Jesus did not deny that Satan was now ruling over the nations of men. This is why Scripture refers to the devil as prince of the world (John 12:31; 14:30). And

this is why, in 2 Corinthians 4:4, Satan is referred to as this world's GOD.

## Satan Is a Broadcaster

If Satan is the god of this world and the whole world is deceived, as it says in Revelation 12:9, let us now consider *how* Satan maintains his deceptive influence over the minds of men.

In Ephesians 2:2, the Apostle Paul wrote that the course of this world flows in the direction of Satan, who is the "prince of the *POWER of the air*."

Satan, in other words, is a *broadcaster*. He transmits his signal imperceptibly through the air, much like a radio or television signal is transmitted invisibly across the airwaves. "He does not broadcast in words or pictures," Mr. Armstrong explained, "but in attitudes of self-centeredness, of vanity, lust and greed, of jealousy and envy, of competition, strife and violence, of hate, resentment, bitterness, of rebellion and resentment against authority. We call it human nature but it is actually Satan nature" (*Good News*, Aug. 28, 1978).

Human beings acquire this satanic nature soon after birth because the human spirit is *AUTOMATICALLY* tuned into Satan's wavelength (see Job 32:8; 1 Corinthians 2:11; Romans 8:7). This satanic influence explains why man, even though equipped with a mind that is vastly superior to the animal brain, is utterly incapable of solving even the simplest of problems.

From the beginning, God intended for man's mind to combine with His mind—the Holy Spirit—thus completing man's spiritual creation. He offered man the Holy Spirit through the tree of life. But Adam and Eve rejected that way of life and instead took from the tree of the

knowledge of good and evil. And so, as it says at the end of Genesis 3, God “drove out the man” and “sent him forth” from the Garden of Eden.

Ever since, man has been CUT OFF from God and His Spirit. He has been held captive to the evil influences and deceptive sway of the prince of the power of the air.

This is why the world is upside-down.

### God's Government to Be Restored

Against this backdrop, isn't it now clear WHY Jesus came into Galilee preaching the gospel of the KINGDOM OF GOD? (See Mark 1:14-15.) Jesus was a messenger with good news about a world-ruling government to be set up on Earth—one that would replace the administration currently occupied by Satan and his demons.

Yet Christ did not set up that Kingdom immediately at the time of His first coming. He plainly told Pilate in John 18:36, “My kingdom is *not* of THIS world.” Pilate then asked Him in verse 37, “Art thou a king then?” Jesus responded, “To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world ....” Jesus Christ was BORN to be the King (Luke 1:30-33). *But His coronation won't happen until He returns to this Earth.*

In the first century, because the Jews misunderstood Christ's gospel message, they failed to grasp the vital purpose for which Christ came in their day. “The Pharisees KNEW JESUS WAS THE MESSIAH!” Mr. Armstrong wrote in *Mystery of the Ages*. “They were familiar with Isaiah 7:14, Isaiah 9:6-7, Isaiah 53. The Pharisees KNEW Jesus was the prophesied Messiah. But they understood only one Messianic appearance. So they supposed he was planning

to overthrow the Roman Empire *then!*” They didn't want a conquering King to overthrow Rome because they rather like the petty positions of governance the Romans allowed them to maintain in Palestine. And so, because they misunderstood the purpose of Christ's first coming, they fought against Him every step of the way.

Even Christ's own disciples thought He intended to establish God's Kingdom at His first coming, which is why Christ set them straight in Luke 19: “He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return” (verse 12). The nobleman here refers to Christ. He went away to a far country, heaven, to receive for Himself a Kingdom—“and to return,” which hasn't yet happened.

Why not? Because God hasn't yet finished preparing the saints for their positions in the Kingdom of God.

This is where the Church comes in. In order for the chaotic problems of this world to finally end, there must be a completely new government established by Christ as the supreme Ruler—but with many other servants ruling under Him, fulfilling other governmental responsibilities. Christ is coming as the King of kings and Lord of lords (Revelation 17:14; 19:16). Scripture plainly reveals that there will be many other kings and lords serving under Him.

So, after Christ qualified to replace Satan on the throne of this Earth, and after He offered Himself as a Lamb sacrifice for the world, He then ascended to heaven and received “all power” from the Father (Matthew 28:18). At His return, those servants who have been called out of this evil world

will be commanded to come before Christ to learn where they will be serving in the Kingdom of God on Earth (read the rest of the parable in Luke 19).

The Bible refers to this as a time of REFRESHING—of REGENERATION. Notice Acts 3:20-21: “And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began” (verses 20-21). The word *restitution* means a time of restoring something that had been taken away. *Gesenius' Hebrew Chaldean Lexicon* defines it as a “restoration of true theocracy.” God's theocratic form of government was once here on Earth until Lucifer abolished it when he became Satan! But God's government will soon be restored to this planet. Jesus Christ is preparing to lead that Earth-wide restoration. When He does, He will see to it that Satan is banished and his malevolent broadcasting into human minds is stopped (Revelation 20:1-3, 10).

Isaiah prophesied of that soon-coming King who would restore God's government. “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6). The government is placed on His shoulder because He is King! After Christ turns this world RIGHT SIDE UP, that government and peace, it says in verse 7, will continue to grow—even out into the universe! ■

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# Is Australia's Housing Bubble Bigger Than America's?

BY ROBERT MORLEY

**I**F YOU LIVE IN AUSTRALIA, YOU'D BETTER find some hearing protection: A massive popping noise could hit when a housing bubble of California dimensions explodes—and takes the whole economy with it.

Australians don't seem worried, but Californians used to feel the same way. Everyone from secretaries to engineers quit to become real-estate agents during California's bubble years. For a while, they seemed like geniuses. Sell one house for \$500,000, collect your 6 percent fee, and pocket a cool 30 grand. You don't need to sell very many houses before you are sitting on a beach drinking mai tais at 3 in the afternoon.

Now, the only ones sitting on a beach in California are those living in tents. With house prices down 40 percent from their peak in cities like Los Angeles—and with one of the highest jobless rates in the nation, record food stamp usage, and a budget that can't be balanced even with massive federal handouts—California is dreaming of the good old days. Even the illegal immigrants are leaving.

Pay close attention, Australia. Los Angelification is coming to a city near you.

## Unaffordable Houses

It is shocking how much Australia resembles bubbly, pre-bust California. The Australian Bureau of Statistics' House Price Index shows that on average, house prices are up an astounding 20 percent in each of Australia's capital cities compared to a year ago. Last year's average \$500,000 fixer-upper in Sydney now costs \$600,000. In Melbourne, the median house price jumped by \$116,917 to \$549,980. Want to buy in Canberra? Get ready to fork over \$495,000.

Property prices in Australia are going berserk. Even remote Darwin saw house prices rise 175 percent. The slowest growth was in Brisbane—a sizzling 9.1 percent.

These gains are compounded on top of last year's average 13 percent rise. For comparison, for the 70 years leading up to 1995, house prices only increased by 3 percent per year on average.

With prices so high, how can the average family in Australia afford to buy a home? Realistically, they can't. Yet, like

sheep to the slaughter, buy them they do.

The Sixth Annual Demographia International Housing Affordability Survey: 2010 ranked 272 housing markets in Australia, New Zealand, Ireland, Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States according to affordability. *Of the top 20 most unaffordable markets, 12 were in Australia—including three in the top five.*

Twenty-two out of 23 major urban markets in Australia were considered "severely unaffordable," with the remaining one considered "seriously unaffordable." Moreover, *all but one of Australia's smaller markets were considered "severely unaffordable" too.*

In Sydney and Melbourne, house prices have risen so high that it would take more than half of the average median household income to make just the mortgage payments of a median-priced home—and that doesn't include upkeep or taxes.

A typical house in Australia now costs 6.8 times the typical annual household earnings. Homes in Newcastle, Mandurah and Darwin cost around 7.1 times. Wollongong and Adelaide cost around 7.5 times annual household earnings. The most expensive areas are Sydney and the Sunshine Coast, where homes cost an astounding 9 times average household salaries.

How bloated have home prices become? Historically, houses cost around 3 times household salaries (and for much of Australia's history, there was only one salary earner in the household). Financial planners advise not paying more than 20 to 30 percent of your salary *on all* housing-related costs—around half of what Australians are paying now.

Australian homes are so unaffordable

that banks are now promoting loans *in which borrowers never pay off the principle*. Borrowers make payments, but will never—as in never, ever—pay back the borrowed money.

ING Direct, Australia's fifth-largest lender, is marketing these loans with the idea of creating a "mortgage partner for life." In reality, unless house prices keep going up *ad infinitum*, these borrowers will be *debt slaves for life*.

Politicians are making the housing bubble worse too. Giving thousands of dollars to first-home buyers and reducing stamp-duty costs only encourages people who cannot afford a home to go into debt to purchase one. This artificial increase in demand has pushed prices even higher.

Economic analyst Mike Shedlock says Australia's housing bubble "exceeds the height of the bubble that long ago burst in the U.S." (*Market Oracle*, February 3).

So why do people continue buying homes when they are so obviously overvalued and unaffordable?

## Greed

It is all about the "greater fool," says Shedlock. Just like the stock market, people are buying houses now because they think they'll sell them for more later—hopefully a lot more. But inevitably, "the pool of greater fools runs out." There is no one left willing to pay an even higher price in the speculation that prices will keep rising.

What happens next?

The bubble bursts. And the next thing you know, you look a lot like California: a landscape of broken banks, taxpayer bailouts, tent cities, rows of vacant homes and people living in their cars.

Australia's housing market has the hallmarks of a national bubble. The only question is, how long can it last? ■



## BUBBLE

In Melbourne, a  
a **\$433,063** home in 2009  
now costs **\$549,980**

In capital cities,  
house prices are up **20%**  
compared to one year ago.

**22** out of **23**  
major urban markets  
are considered "severely  
unaffordable."

Herbert Armstrong was preaching to the whole world that Germany would rise again, with greater power than ever before!

“One thing you can count on. In fact it is so sure you can bank on it: The cry of a political union in Europe will get louder and before long we will see the Common Market develop into a *United States of Europe*. You won’t have to wait long!” (*Plain Truth*, September 1967).

“For nearly 30 years the *Plain Truth* magazine and the *World Tomorrow* broadcast have been telling the world that Europe would unite—that a *United States of Europe* was as certain as the rising of tomorrow’s sun” (ibid., February 1970).

“Biblical prophecy revealed that this empire would start as an economic movement—that it would bring an era of unusual prosperity to Europe. It did start in March 1957, when six European countries—West Germany, France, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg—signed the Treaty of Rome, creating the European Economic Community. . . . How did I know, as far back as 1927, that this coming United States of Europe would spring up—in our time? I knew because I saw it clearly revealed in *biblical prophecy*” (ibid., March 1973).

In a 1999 book called *On the Next War With Germany*, French author Philippe Delmas, a senior civil servant, argued that “*feared Germany is back*.” He wrote that “Germany seems *threatening*, despite itself, and nowhere more so than in France!”

Consider as well this startling statement by Mr. Armstrong in the *Plain Truth* way back in 1952: “The United States is determined, now, to let NOTHING stand in the way of building up a re-armed, independent GERMANY. This will be *the heart and core of the united Europe* that will revive the ROMAN EMPIRE” (June 1952).

“*Heart and core of the united Europe*”—how closely those words were paralleled by America’s ambassador to Germany, Philip Murphy. On Dec. 1, 2009, Ambassador Murphy “called on Berlin to work closely with Washington,” the *Local* reported. It quoted him as saying at a speech in Berlin, “We need strong partners—and nowhere are there better or more committed partners than in Europe. And *Germany is the centerpiece of the European Union*.” Without realizing it, the ambassador endorsed the prophetic words of Herbert Armstrong, declared well over 60 years ago when Germany was anything but the “centerpiece” of Europe! How powerfully that prophecy has been fulfilled!

Today, Germany is, by far, the EU’s leading economy.

Judicially, Germany is the only nation boasting a high court, THE GERMAN CONSTITUTIONAL COURT, WHOSE POWER EXCEEDS THAT OF THE EUROPEAN COURT OF JUSTICE! THE POWERS OF THE LATTER TRUMP ALL JUDICIAL POWERS OF THE INDIVIDUAL HIGH COURTS OF THE OTHER EU MEMBER NATIONS. Then there’s the Financial Stability Board, a German idea, embraced by the G-20 group of nations as future regulator of the global economy. The EU has the majority vote on that board.

In an interesting development, however, Germany’s Federal Constitutional Court determined that, unless a contrary law was enacted before the Lisbon Treaty was ratified, that treaty would disempower the German parliament. The court quickly acted to ensure that German law would override EU law. It determined that the Bundestag must have ultimate say over whether the German Army participates in an EU military operation. The remarkable upshot of this trick is that, now, *Germany must give the “go” on any deployment of any EU battle group*. So not only are the most vital EU parliamentary committees now dominated by Germany, but the deployment of EU battle groups is also essentially at the direction of the German High Command under German parliamentary approval!

## Returning to the Fold

“Protestant churches everywhere are gravitating toward union with the Roman Catholic Church. These religious movements are speeding the fulfillment of the prophecies of the resurrected Roman Empire. For 30 years I have been proclaiming this tremendous event over the air and in print,” Mr. Armstrong wrote in 1963.

In recent years, many Anglicans have been angered by their church’s liberal stance on issues such as the ordination of female clergy and homosexual priests. Now, thanks to an invitation from the pope at the end of 2009, they may flock to the Catholic Church.

This process has not been limited to the Anglicans. The Vatican is making great strides toward bringing every major Christian denomination, especially in Europe, under the authority of Rome.

This is exactly what Herbert Armstrong said would happen. Through the pages of the *Plain Truth*, Mr. Armstrong prophesied of this coming church unity. Notice, again: “The final—albeit short-lived—triumph of Catholicism is recorded in literally dozens of Bible prophecies. Right now—whether we want to believe it or not—the stage is being set for the greatest revolution in religion the world has witnessed” (November 1963).

In the 1930s, when future church unity was being prophesied, nothing was further from the minds of Protestants. They would have said, “Unity? NEVER!” But what do we see today, over 70 YEARS after Mr. Armstrong first broke that news to the world? We see the Anglican Church and Rome’s other Protestant daughters returning to the fold!

“[W]e need to understand that the one great, overall, ultimate goal is the reuniting of all Christianity into one cohesive unit under one head—the Roman pontiff—in an attempt to bring to the world the Catholic concept of peace. THIS PLAN ENVISIONS THE FULL USE OF THE NEW EUROPE!” (ibid., January 1963). This church-state combine is called the *Holy Roman Empire*.

That statement was made 47 years ago!

In July of 2007, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith restated the doctrines of “*Dominus Iesus*,” a document Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger had signed in 2000 to proclaim that non-Catholics were “gravely deficient” and that Protestant churches are “not churches in the proper sense.” The restatement added that Orthodox churches suffer from a “wound” because they do not accept the pope’s authority.

In October 2007, Orthodox leaders signed an agreement with Vatican officials that established the primacy of the pope over all Catholic and Orthodox bishops.

## The Asian Kings

As early as April 1952, even while West Germany was rebuilding after being bombed to ashes in World War II, the *Plain Truth* wrote, “Russia may give East Germany back to the Germans and will be forced to relinquish her control over Hungary, Czechoslovakia and parts of Austria to complete the 10-nation union.”

What a shocking prophecy to be made 58 years ago! And all of it has been fulfilled or is being fulfilled before our eyes.

Notice what Mr. Armstrong wrote in a booklet first published in 1955—over 4½ decades before Eastern Europe split from the USSR: “Some of the Balkan nations are going to tear away from behind the Iron Curtain. Russia has lost already, to all appearances, Tito’s Yugoslavia. Russia probably will lose still more of her Eastern European satellites.”

Not many would have believed that statement then, or this *Plain Truth* report the following year: “Communist oppression in Eastern Europe is being overthrown. . . . We have shown years

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# Dare to Be Square

A simple formula that adds meaning and purpose to life

**H**OW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE 25 PERCENT MORE EFFECTIVE in everything you do? Everyone's capable of doing more—producing at a higher level. *But how?* The formula is actually quite simple. But it's not easy.

Find a piece of paper and a pen. In the middle of your paper, draw a good-size square. Now let's consider each side of it.

God designed our physical bodies to function according to definite physical laws. When those physical laws are broken, the penalty is sickness and disease, sluggishness and debility.

In 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, we are admonished to glorify God *with our bodies*. This includes attending to physical health.

Exercise is one important key to living healthy, which is why 1 Timothy 4:8 says bodily exercise is profitable. Added to that, proper diet is huge. We ARE what we eat. As Herbert W. Armstrong wrote, "Since you ARE merely food converted into a human body and mind, is it not plain that whatever food you put into your mouth has a very great deal to do with what you are—and with your health, or lack of it" (*Plain Truth*, December 1967).

God is our Creator. He *made* us. He knows what our bodies were made to utilize as good, healthful foods and what foods aren't good for us. He set laws in motion regulating clean and unclean meats. Obey them, like Jesus and the apostles did.

"I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth," the Apostle John wrote (3 John 2). *Above all things* he wished for the brethren to be in good health. Why? Because this is foundational to SUCCESSFUL LIVING! Too often, healthful living is not truly appreciated until it's gone.

So, on your square, next to the line on the left, write "PHYSICAL STATURE."

"Wisdom is the principal thing," says Proverbs 4:7. But we have to go get it. "No one is going to get far these days unless he thinks for himself. This is going to take time and hard work, but the joy you will discover in knowing one thing well will more than repay you," William Danforth wrote in his book *I Dare You!* "Most of us would like to be a Bernard Shaw or a Thomas A. Edison today. But how many would have been willing to be a Shaw or Edison many years ago when they were constantly laboring, studying, training, and devouring all they could find which would fit them for the fame that was to be theirs?"

Characteristics of a sound mind include right mental habits, intellectual curiosity, mental discipline, clear and independent thinking and a love of truth. All of those character attributes—if based on *truth*—are characteristics of a SOUND, BALANCED MIND.

Next to the *right* side of your square, write "WISDOM."

God's law of love is the way of unselfish concern for the good and welfare of others. God was so concerned about the welfare and future of others that He gave up His ONLY SON! (Romans 5:8). God is a *people person!* What about you?

God made man in His own likeness and image—to be like Him! Learn to *share* yourself with others—your spouse, your children, your church congregation, your co-workers. Share your *warmth*, your *love*, your *plans* and your *dreams*. Give kindness and encouragement to those in distress. Offer sincere praise for those who perform something well.

You can *never* give away too much love. The beauty of it is, the more you give away, the happier you will be and the more you will grow. The Bible teaches that when we give, it **AUTOMATICALLY** brings blessings into our lives (Acts 20:35).

Proverbs 18:24 says, "A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly." This says *everyone* can enlarge their circle of friends, and positively impact more lives.

"I dare you to develop that magnetic personality that will lead and inspire others. You can have that personality if you have a great enough desire," Danforth wrote. "Can you imagine a young man with a sincere and earnest desire to make friends ever turning out a grouch?"

On your square, above the top line, write "FAVOR WITH MAN."

Even with three sides of our square filled in, we are woefully incomplete. What good is vibrant health, discerning wisdom and social magnetism without purpose?

Why are we here? What is man's purpose in this life? Mr. Armstrong answered these questions, and many more, in his profound work *Mystery of the Ages*.

Understanding man's purpose begins with how we relate to God. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments" (Psalm 111:10). God tells us to fear Him and to obey His commandments *first*, and then deep understanding will follow.

Put God to the test by *doing* (1 Thessalonians 5:21). Danforth wrote, "Physical strength demands exercise. Mental alertness demands study. Winsome personality thrives on service. Religious growth requires action, the actual doing of right things instead of the wrong. We advance only by doing. Say your prayers tonight, but unless tomorrow you can act on them, they are not worth much."

On the final side of your square, on the bottom—the *foundation*—write, "FAVOR WITH GOD."

So there you have it—the *square life*. Jesus Christ perfectly exemplified this balanced lifestyle. As a young man, it says in Luke 2:52, He increased in physical strength, wisdom and stature, "and in favor with God and man." Christ set a perfect example, but He also said it wouldn't be easy to follow in His steps (Matthew 7:13-14). Because of the difficulty, most people choose the easy way—a life of poor health, lazy thinking and strained relationships.

Choose the difficult road—answer Danforth's challenge: "How dare you have within yourself these four-fold capacities and not use them?" "[L]ife is a four-sided affair," he continued—"your daring program is going to lead you into physical adventures, mental adventures, social adventures, spiritual adventures. You have not one, but four lives to live—a four-fold opportunity to grow. ... It is helping you touch life at all angles, absorb strength from all contacts, pour out power on all fronts.

"And here is another interesting thing. The more you pour out, the more you find to pour."

Go ahead and try it—I dare you.



STEPHEN FLURRY

## Yet Another Curse

IT IS TIME FOR AMERICA TO WAKE UP—God knows exactly what He is doing!

("Yet Another Curse," July). He is in control of the water currents, underground rivers and wind currents. After all, He created them. People need to realize that this is more than a "natural disaster" with extreme implications. I often wondered how all the events that the Bible predicts would unfold, but I do know that God's Word is sure and they will happen.

It is such a comfort to also know God's greater plan and purposes for mankind, and that is where I try to keep my eyes as I watch these predicted events unfold.

*Diane White—SOUTH CAROLINA*



THE BOOK OF REVELATION IN THE HOLY Bible vividly describes how one third of sea life will perish prior to the Second Coming of Christ. It also describes water becoming bitter and so on. A disaster like this oil rig explosion proves that the so-called fantasy tales of the book of Revelation are not so far-fetched after all. It is bound to happen! ... Corrective punishment is the only way to bring mankind to repentance. This year has proven to be extraordinary. A series of devastating quakes and now this oil spill. And we have not even reached the halfway point of the year yet! ...

*Peter Thomas—SARAWAK, INDONESIA*

## Rekindle Your Love

I THOROUGHLY ENJOYED YOUR ARTICLE ("Rekindle Your First Love," July). I have read *The Missing Dimension in Sex*, and I have been following the *Trumpet* for quite a while now. I am happily engaged to a wonderful woman whom God has graced me with. You see, after reading *The Missing Dimension in Sex*, I've finally found who I am. I've been saved from the homosexual lifestyle and blessed with this new loving relationship that shines

## Correction

In the July article "What's the Emir Doing in Berlin?" we misspelled the name of the biblical patriarch of the modern nation of Germany. It is not "Asher," who was a son of Jacob, but "Asshur," who built ancient Nineveh (Genesis 10:11).

light on my life rather than darkness. I still struggle a lot, but hopefully with God's help I can continue to grow and prosper. Perhaps we will even have a family someday.

*Paolo*

## Britain's Choice

AN ARTICLE FOR THE AGES, but who will listen? ("Britain's Choice," July). And here I sit in a nation that is financially, morally, spiritually and politically bankrupt too, but who will know? Better yet, who will act? The USA, like Britain, has a deadly wound, and there is only one cure, and that does not involve Germany! No cure will be given for this wound, unless and until we as a nation get on our knees in true repentance and beg forgiveness from our loving yet angry, Almighty God! Sadly I see no evidence of that happening anytime soon.

*Richard Jenkins—OHIO*

## Crisis in Europe

KUDOS ON A GREAT ARTICLE! ("Crisis in Europe: A Classic Whodunit," July). Unfortunately most people in this world are too preoccupied with their own lives and gross materialism to be aware of the insidious machinations within Europe.

*Kon Mu—BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA*

## Teaching Us to Drink

FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, THE "SOCIAL norm" continues to shift. Let us look at the recent period when I was in college (1980s). While alcohol was available, you had to be very controlled in its consumption. If one was drunk and underage, you went before the dean. That disciplinary action was followed by a letter home. A classmate of mine was actually sent home—never to return. When the government lowers their expectations, the student standards drop even more. It used to be a stigma to be drunk in public, now it seems to be a badge of prestige. ... Manasseh reached its pinnacle of power and influence in the 1960s. Ironically, that is when the cancer—Timothy Leary, John Lennon and that ilk—started to metastasize in the brains of those easily influenced. ...

*Steven—VIRGINIA*

## Outside the Stadium

I KNEW THAT SOUTH AFRICA WAS IN A bad way but had no idea of any of the history contained in this article ("Outside the Stadium," July). It just goes to show

what happens when you shut God out of your life. It is as though all sense of reality and propriety is shut out as well. I just long for the day when this horror will end.

*E.M.—AUSTRALIA*

## Arizona Bill Sparks Racism

THANKS FOR THE ARTICLE ON THE ILLEGAL immigrants issue in Arizona ("How Arizona's Immigration Bill Sparks Racial Hate," July). It's nice to read in print what I was feeling when I heard about this on the news. Mr. Obama certainly is "true to form" as you say in regards to playing the race card. Here in Australia, illegal immigration is a big election issue again. People must think: "Might as well try to enter illegally as it seems so much easier (and cheaper) than applying for it legally."

*N.M.—AUSTRALIA*

I OFTEN READ YOUR ARTICLES AND THE PCG material, and feel that you are living in Australia. It is amazing how our two countries have identical issues and spineless approaches. ... We live with one absolute: There are no absolutes anymore. Race is now a dirty word. And the modern-day approach is let's be race-less. ... I suppose if you wish to destroy a nation, tearing everything down that made it great until it is unrecognizable is the most absolute way to go.

*Tony Haddad—AUSTRALIA*

## World Without Nukes

THE PROBLEM WITH US IS THAT WE ARE too blind to realize that people have the capacity to be evil ("How Not to Have a World Without Nukes," May-June). We don't believe that people can be evil, so we ignore their faults and inadvertently let them walk over us. The U.S. didn't believe that Saddam Hussein would do what he did, but he did it.

*Maxine Wilson—CANADA*

## Beautiful Music

BEAUTIFUL MUSIC SUCH AS MOZART, Beethoven, Schubert, Chopin, etc., has a wonderful way of balancing the physical, emotional, and spiritual dimensions of human beings ("Well-Toned: A Whole New Meaning," July). The healing power of beautiful music is remarkable!

*Kim Hector—GRANTS PASS, ORE.*

## Comments?

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# Ever Hear Your Child Say This?

“This is too hard!” gives you a great opportunity. **BY RYAN MALONE**

**W**HEN I STARTED TEACHING COLLEGE, I HAD TO help my students with some sizeable mental blocks. “I’m not good at this,” one would say. “This is just not my thing.” “I can’t do that.”

That was daunting—but understandable, considering our tendency to get more set in our ways as we grow older. But I was even more surprised to see something else when the college opened a sister primary and secondary school (K-12, as we call it in the U.S.). I was amazed at how much of this same thinking was coming from developing high school students, impressionable middle schoolers, and even wee elementary pupils.

Though we express it differently at varying stages of life, it is all essentially the same attitude: “This is too hard!”

No teenager should make such concrete, negative pronouncements about his or her abilities. No adolescent should be so sure about what he or she just can’t do.

If our infants knew any better, they might say at age 11 months, “I just can’t walk. This walking thing is just not for me.” But they don’t. We expect them someday to get off all fours and keep their balance with the rest of us. And they embrace the task.

When should that change? At what age should our children shy away from challenges?

Yes, it’s harder to learn certain things as we get older. Yes, every child has certain aptitudes as well as mental and physical strengths; certain subjects *will* come more easily to a child than others. And yes, there may be times when it *would* be better for him to shift to something he has a knack for rather than bullishly persisting in a doomed effort.

But what’s the attitude? Are our children simply settling for what comes easy? What kind of life do we doom them to if, after they try something once or twice without success, we allow them to give up, resigned to “just not being good at that”?

When even 7-year-olds comfortably slip into this attitude, it is clear this is part of our *human nature*. We naturally opt for what comes easily with the least effort and the most instant gratification.

In our “it’s too hard” world, we must constantly prod ourselves never to quit—to stick with something through whatever challenges stand in the way.

Our children can take lessons from history. They should know about the inventors who failed thousands of times before creating their masterpieces. We have to teach them about great men and women who ignored the naysayers—

even their *inner* naysayer—and built great institutions. They must learn that anything worth having is worth struggling for—that only when it is “too hard” is it good enough to go after.

One of those persevering historic figures was Herbert W. Armstrong, who founded several enduring institutions despite severe obstacles. In his booklet *The Seven Laws of Success*, Mr. Armstrong outlined two laws to overcome failure: **DRIVE** and **PERSEVERANCE**. The first of these is the positive,

internal-combustion engine that propels us to vigorous action. The second is the determination to stick with a task even in the face of the inevitable obstacles that will arise.

No one can expect to be a success without developing these qualities. Our children especially need these two laws of success. They need help to push themselves to overcome their mental blocks and the gravitational pull toward lethargy.

We are all born knowing *nothing*—we must be taught

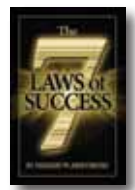
*everything*. How many of our “mental blocks” come from us simply never learning what we need to know? Our children—and *we*—must never give up on a concept before even starting!

Mr. Armstrong said he learned more in the last 10 years of his 93-year life than in all the years before. He also wrote that, in general, ages 16 to 25 are vital preparatory years for the mind: “At age 25 a more definite adulthood of mind, attitude, interests, is reached. The mind becomes more ‘set’ in its ways. The years between ages 16 and 25 are the *vitaly important* years of adult preparation for life’s work. These are the *crucial* years of *PREPARATION*. During these years the mind is capable of *acquiring* faster than at any other stage of life the advanced knowledge needed before *beginning* one’s adult career ....”

What budding college student should resign himself to failure in certain subjects he thinks he is “not cut out for”? What child should say, “I just can’t”?

Our children’s paths to success will include obstacles that need to be overcome. Let us not obstruct that path by removing all hindrances. Teach them how to drive themselves and to persevere. Not everything will come naturally and easily to them. The endeavors that require them to break through or surmount obstacles are generally the ones that come with the greatest rewards.

**Request a free copy of Herbert W. Armstrong’s booklet *The Seven Laws of Success*.**



in advance what would happen to Russia's ill-fated empire in Eastern Europe. These prophecies have been in your Bible for the past 1,900 years. But THE WORLD, AND THE CHURCHES OF THIS WORLD, HAVE REFUSED TO BELIEVE THEM" (December 1956).

In January 1957, Mr. Armstrong wrote, "When the right psychological moment arrives, a number of these nations will break away from Moscow ...."

In July 1966, this startling prediction was made: "India knows Red China is completing massive troop buildups on the Indian border. India knows Red China has the atomic bomb, and possibly the hydrogen bomb. That means, in the most urgent considerations of national security, *India must have the bomb!* Purely as a defensive measure against Red China, of course. But then there's Pakistan ... [which is] one nation, born of violent hatreds between Hindu and Muslim. *Should India build the bombs, Pakistanis would turn in desperation to the big powers—they would be forced to obtain nuclear weapons!*"

Herbert W. Armstrong was able to see and publicly declare many prophecies because he was willing to submit to the authority of the Bible. We have highlighted only a few of those that concern major events now shaping the future of our existence. You urgently need to study this mind-staggering booklet, *He Was Right!*

One of the earliest prophecies of which he spoke, however—possibly the first and certainly the *most important*—has only been touched on here. It is an event that will bring the final, PEACEFUL end of all the prophecies spoken of. It is a prophecy he began teaching back in the 1930s: the prophecy of the soon-coming government of God in the wonderful World Tomorrow.

Mr. Armstrong first determined to broadcast "the wonderful news of the World Tomorrow" in 1933. Later he wrote, "All I had in mind, as the *World Tomorrow* program was being planned late in 1933, was to serve God faithfully wherever He should lead" (*Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong*, Volume 1).

"YOU DON'T HAVE TO BELIEVE IT! It will happen, regardless. It is sure—the world's only sure hope. This advance good news of tomorrow is as certain as the rising of tomorrow's sun. Humanity won't bring it about—it is going to be done to us. Humanity is going to be forced to be happy—to enjoy world peace—to see universal abundance and joy fill the Earth" (*The Wonderful World Tomorrow—What It Will Be Like*). ■



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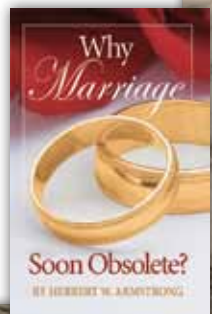
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